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Sustainable Cultural Insights

The transcending qualities of excellence in fine art and high culture are theoretically accessible to all seekers. But for many reasons, this pathway is dramatically under accessed.

The allure of great museums, Sister Wendy's marvelous inquiries, San Francisco's abundance of art students, all are reflections of society's longing for creative solutions and awakened sensitivity. Ethics and beauty are more closely integrated than assumed because an aesthetic awareness helps us to practice and realize the harmony of life, and is key to society's health and balance as a whole.

The Mystery of Vision

Drawing upon the practice of creation by going before nature and art, open and eager, sensitive and alert, this is the essential pathway toward becoming sublime in one's art. Seeing beauty helps us to create a more beautiful existence.

Yet, apart from the rare exception, people don't notice art. Very few people can name a recognized living artist. The remaining few, Stella, Wyeth, Marden, Hockney (and a few others), are old or passing. The artist today (in newspeak) is an actor, a musician, a writer, a celebrity, but rarely an artist. In a society which has diminished the role of artist to inconsequence, there is general unease, lack of style or vision. A narrow emphasis on consumerist entertainments, linear science, and pseudo "free-market" economics contributes to a crass culture of conflict and ecological imbalance. The abundant folly and resignation of modern culture crowds out a joyful, lighthearted tone. The Modern Age longs for Art (Empathy) to Harmonize Technology.