



VOICES

AN ARTIST'S LIFE MANIFESTO

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An artist's conduct in his life:

- *An artist should not lie to himself or others*
- *An artist should not steal ideas from other artists*
- *An artist should not compromise for himself or in regard to the art market*
- *An artist should not kill other human beings*
- *An artist should not make himself into an idol*
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An artist's relation to his love life:

- *An artist should avoid falling in love with another artist*
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An artist's relation to the erotic:

- *An artist should develop an erotic point of view on the world*
- *An artist should be erotic*
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An artist's relation to suffering:

- *An artist should suffer*
- *From the suffering comes the best work*
- *Suffering brings transformation*
- *Through the suffering an artist transcends his spirit*
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An artist's relation to depression:

- *An artist should not be depressed*
- *Depression is a disease and should be cured*
- *Depression is not productive for an artist*
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An artist's relation to suicide:

- *Suicide is a crime against life*
- *An artist should not commit suicide*
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An artist's relation to inspiration:

- *An artist should look deep inside himself for inspiration*
- *The deeper he looks inside himself, the more universal he becomes*
- *The artist is universe*
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An artist's relation to self-control:

- *The artist should not have self-control about his life*
- *The artist should have total self-control about his work*
- *The artist should not have self-control about his life*
- *The artist should have total self-control about his work*

An artist's relation with transparency:

- *The artist should give and receive at the same time*
- *Transparency means receptive*
- *Transparency means to give*
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An artist's relation to symbols:

- *An artist creates his own symbols*
- *Symbols are an artist's language*
- *The language must then be translated*
- *Sometimes it is difficult to find the key*
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An artist's relation to silence:

- *An artist has to understand silence*
- *An artist has to create a space for silence to enter his work*
- *Silence is like an island in the middle of a turbulent ocean*
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An artist's relation to solitude:

- *An artist must make time for long periods of solitude*
- *Solitude is extremely important*
- *Away from home*
- *Away from the studio*
- *Away from family*
- *Away from friends*
- *An artist should stay for long periods of time at waterfalls*
- *An artist should stay for long periods of time at exploding volcanoes*
- *An artist should stay for long periods of time looking at fast-running rivers*
- *An artist should stay for long periods of time looking at the horizon where the ocean and sky meet*
- *An artist should stay for long periods of time looking at the stars in the night sky*

An artist's conduct in relation to work:

- *An artist should avoid going to the studio every day*
- *An artist should not treat his work schedule as a bank employee does*
- *An artist should explore life and work only when an idea comes to him in a dream or during the day as a vision that arises as a surprise*
- *An artist should not repeat himself*
- *An artist should not overproduce*
- *An artist should avoid his own art pollution*
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An artist's possessions:

- *Buddhist monks advise that it is best to have nine possessions in their life:*

1 robe for the summer

1 robe for the winter

1 pair of shoes

1 begging bowl for food

1 mosquito net

1 prayer book

1 umbrella

1 mat to sleep on

1 pair of glasses if needed

- *An artist should decide for himself the minimum personal possessions he should have*
- *An artist should have more and more of less and less*
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A list of an artist's friends:

- *An artist should have friends who lift his spirit*
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A list of an artist's enemies:

- *Enemies are very important*
- *The Dalai Lama has said that it is easy to have compassion with friends but much more difficult to have compassion with enemies*
- *An artist has to learn to forgive*
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Different death scenarios:

- *An artist has to be aware of his own mortality*
- *For an artist, it is not only important how he lives his life but also how he dies*
- *An artist should look at the symbols of his work for the signs of different death scenarios*
- *An artist should die consciously without fear*
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Different funeral scenarios:

- *An artist should give instructions before the funeral so that everything is done the way he wants it*
- *The funeral is the artist's last art piece before leaving*
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