

Art

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From the dawn of time, man has made his presence known through art., beginning with charcoal sketch of an object on a cave wall. Then, he may have been passing time; now, preserved eternally. This indirect history only hints at his struggle to survive; still, we and enjoy that moment. Have you prepared a wall sketch of your life? Why was that important then? Is art significant to the average Joe now?

When did symbols become words? I wish I had a reasonable guess.

By the time that early Greek Homer, wrote the Iliad and Odyssey, there must have be a tsunami of progress, for these are complex, lengthy narratives. We can only wonder; did those residents have the skill to read and understand him?

Moving ahead to Shakespeare, the Englishmen of his time came to the Globe to hoot, holler and cry at the unfolding of the adventures of kings, nobles, peasants in complex plays in word and message that can baffle the school boys of today. Surely the theater goer of the 1600 hundreds was better educated than we might acknowledge

Still in the world of man's time, most remained illiterate all their life. And yet, in every society there developed some understanding of a Higher being, represented by some symbols. So it is that the building of worship began to adopt symbols, drawings to remind the worshiper of their association with eternity. Today the Veterans Administration recognize twenty religious symbols for grave adornment.

Worship buildings, nor matter their identity, became the collector of such work; eventually, Religion and their site of prayer, collected the art of that time.

Then as leisure time developed for man, his idea of art was brought into all of his adventures; his business, home, every day moments.

In this room there are nine drawings, reproductions, of what someone in an earlier management thought to be meaningful to those who occupied this room, so instead of just listening, doing, as the mind wandered they might be reminded of an earlier day when they enjoyed one of more of the views shown.

Art? Symbol? These walls, each face here, a reminder. So are the words spoken.