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Modal logic In languages, modality deals with the phenomenon that sub-parts of a sentence may have their semantics modified by special verbs or modal particles. For example, "We go to the games" can be modified to give "We should go to the games", and "We can go to the games" and perhaps "We will go to the games". More abstractly, we might say that modality affects the circumstances in which we take an assertion to be satisfied. Confusing modality is known as the modal fallacy. His work unleashed a torrent of new work on the topic, expanding the kinds of modality treated to include deontic logic and epistemic logic. The seminal work of Arthur Prior applied the same formal language to treat temporal logic and paved the way for the marriage of the two subjects. Saul Kripke discovered contemporaneously with rivals his theory of frame semantics, which revolutionized the formal technology available to modal logicians and gave a new graph-theoretic way of looking at modality that has driven many applications in computational linguistics and computer science, such as dynamic logic. Informal reasoning and dialectic[edit] Main articles: Informal logic and Logic and dialectic The motivation for the study of logic in ancient times was clear: This ancient motivation is still alive, although it no longer takes centre stage in the picture of logic; typically dialectical logic forms the heart of a course in critical thinking, a compulsory course at many universities. Dialectic has been linked to logic since ancient times, but it has not been until recent decades that European and American logicians have attempted to provide mathematical foundations for logic and dialectic by formalising dialectical logic. Dialectical logic is also the name given to the special treatment of dialectic in Hegelian and Marxist thought. There have been pre-formal treatises on argument and dialectic, from authors such as Stephen Toulmin *The Uses of Argument*, Nicholas Rescher *Dialectics*, [32] [33] [34] and van Eemeren and Grootendorst *Pragma-dialectics*. Theories of defeasible reasoning can provide a foundation for the formalisation of dialectical logic and dialectic itself can be formalised as moves in a game, where an advocate for the truth of a proposition and an opponent argue. Such games can provide a formal game semantics for many logics. Argumentation theory is the study and research of informal logic, fallacies, and critical questions as they relate to every day and practical situations. Specific types of dialogue can be analyzed and questioned to reveal premises, conclusions, and fallacies. Argumentation theory is now applied in artificial intelligence and law. Mathematical logic Mathematical logic comprises two distinct areas of research: Mathematical theories were supposed to be logical tautologies, and the programme was to show this by means of a reduction of mathematics to logic. If proof theory and model theory have been the foundation of mathematical logic, they have been but two of the four pillars of the subject. Recursion theory captures the idea of computation in logical and arithmetic terms; its most classical achievements are the undecidability of the Entscheidungsproblem by Alan Turing, and his presentation of the Church-Turing thesis. Most philosophers assume that the bulk of everyday reasoning can be captured in logic if a method or methods to translate ordinary language into that logic can be found. Philosophical logic is essentially a continuation of the traditional discipline called "logic" before the invention of mathematical logic. Philosophical logic has a much greater concern with the connection between natural language and logic. As a result, philosophical logicians have contributed a great deal to the development of non-standard logics e. Logic and the philosophy of language are closely related. Philosophy of language has to do with the study of how our language engages and interacts with our thinking. Logic has an immediate impact on other areas of study. Studying logic and the relationship between logic and ordinary speech can help a person better structure his own arguments and critique the arguments of others. Many popular arguments are filled with errors because so many people are untrained in logic and unaware of how to formulate an argument correctly. Computational logic and Logic in computer science A simple toggling circuit is expressed using a logic gate and a synchronous register. Logic cut to the heart of computer science as it emerged as a discipline: The

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notion of the general purpose computer that came from this work was of fundamental importance to the designers of the computer machinery in the s. In the s and s, researchers predicted that when human knowledge could be expressed using logic with mathematical notation , it would be possible to create a machine that reasons, or artificial intelligence. This was more difficult than expected because of the complexity of human reasoning. In logic programming , a program consists of a set of axioms and rules. Logic programming systems such as Prolog compute the consequences of the axioms and rules in order to answer a query. Today, logic is extensively applied in the fields of artificial intelligence and computer science , and these fields provide a rich source of problems in formal and informal logic. Argumentation theory is one good example of how logic is being applied to artificial intelligence. Boolean logic as fundamental to computer hardware:

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Chapter 2 : Chapter Seven: Symbolic Language

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Literary and Philosophical Essays. He displays his accustomed urbanity and fluent erudition throughout the text, illuminating both the individual authors and the larger issues he discusses. Many characters who were featured in his earlier volumes—Goethe, Nietzsche, Rilke, Kafka, Mann, and Karl Kraus, among others—return to prominent roles here, though three of the fourteen essays that compose the book are devoted to somewhat less eminent newcomers: For, to put it somewhat paradoxically, the triumph of prosaic reality shows itself nowhere more clearly than in the decay of prose. And disturbances in the life of language, Heller notes, reflect disturbances in the life of culture generally. Thus part of the battle against the predominance of prose is the stewardship of the language tradition bequeaths us. We have not acquired it as one acquires an article of daily use, but have inherited it with the inescapable commitment to hand it on to the next generations. Language is common property like the soil and the air; and how we treat it increases, reduces, or corrupts the inheritance. Of course this troubled vocation is legible not only in the German tradition. From this the poem springs: It becomes a kind of decoration or filigree, embroidering—or evading—a reality it can no longer reveal. The beautiful days of Greek art and the golden time of the later Middle Ages are gone by. The reflective culture of our life today makes [their passing] a necessity for us. From the point of view of its highest destiny, art is and remains for us a thing of the past. The triumph of reason thus culminates in the death of art. For if the modern conception of truth radically diminishes the competence of art, it also radically diminishes the stature of man. Both writers claim that their meditations, however somber or—in the case of Rilke—otherworldly, result in a gesture of affirmation or praise. But precisely what is being praised? It is impossible to make articulate sense, and not merely an ecstatic-intoxicated dithyramb, of the praiseworthiness of praise itself; or simply to affirm affirmation. The later Nietzsche, after all, sought to distance himself from the Wagnerian Romanticism of *The Birth of Tragedy* and extolled a more sober, classical view of art. The intransigence of prosaic reality often spawns an extravagant, escapist art. But the price of that respite is high. In taking a step beyond the diminished reality of the age of prose, art threatens to step outside empirical reality tout court. There are two main strategies that art can adopt in its campaign against the dominance of prose: In his introduction to the book, Hesse provides an outline of the rudiments of the Game that might serve equally well to describe certain contemporary schools of art and criticism. All the insights, noble thoughts, and works of art that the human race has produced in its creative eras, all that subsequent periods of scholarly study have reduced to concepts and converted into intellectual property—on all this immense body of intellectual values the Glass Bead Game player plays like the organist on an organ. A Game, for example, might start from a given astronomical configuration, or from the actual theme of a Bach fugue, or from a sentence out of Leibniz or the Upanishads, and from this theme, depending on the intentions and the talents of the player, it could either further explore and elaborate the initial motif or else enrich its expressiveness by allusions to kindred concepts. Having often observed the dancer at performances of the marionette theater, the narrator asks why a dancer, so skilled in the art of movement, should be drawn to watch the mechanical feats of a puppet. Self-consciousness corrupts spontaneity, blocking the free expression of the spirit. Thus, though he is an excellent fencer, the dancer explains, he was unable to make a single hit against a pet bear he engaged at the house of a friend. We do not know what the nature of the affliction was, according to Heller, but since it appears to have been alleviated by simple surgery, he conjectures that it was nothing more than phimosis and the surgery circumcision. All suggest a sexualized hyper-awareness, a feeling of deadness in, and lack of control over, a body part which is not fully integrated with the self. Charity requires that the author of this effusion remain anonymous. As Heller remarks, the piece is its own best self-parody. Yet it admirably captures the hermeneutical hubris that the corruption of language abets. The thoughtful essays in this volume amply attest

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to the dominance of prose in all its manifestations. Such dominance is the ineluctable given, the terminus a quo of the modern spirit.

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With what care the subject is to be approached. Although the hasty execution and controversial tone of the former portions of this essay have been subjects of frequent regret to the writer, yet the one was in some measure excusable in a work referred to a temporary end, and the other unavoidable, in one directed against particular opinions. Nor are either of any necessary detriment to its availableness as a foundation for more careful and extended survey, in so far as its province was confined to the assertion of obvious and visible facts, the verification of which could in no degree be dependent either on the care with which they might be classed, or the temper in which they were regarded. Not so with respect to the investigation now before us, which, being not of things outward, and sensibly demonstrable, but of the value and meaning of mental impressions, must be entered upon with a modesty and cautiousness proportioned to the difficulty of determining the likeness, or community of such impressions, as they are received by different men, and with seriousness proportioned to the importance of rightly regarding those faculties over which we have moral power, and therefore in relation to which we assuredly incur a moral responsibility. There is not the thing left to the choice of man to do or not to do, but there is some sort of degree of duty involved in his determination; and by how much the more, therefore, our subject becomes embarrassed by the cross influences of variously admitted passion, administered discipline, or encouraged affection, upon the minds of men, by so much the more it becomes matter of weight and import to observe by what laws we should be guided, and of what responsibilities regardful, in all that we admit, administer, or encourage. And of what importance considered. Nor indeed have I ever, even in the preceding sections, spoken with levity, though sometimes perhaps with rashness. I have never treated the subject as other than demanding heedful and serious examination, and taking high place among those which justify as they reward our utmost ardor and earnestness of pursuit. That it justifies them must be my present task to prove; that it demands them has never been doubted. Art, properly so called, is no recreation; it cannot be learned at spare moments, nor pursued when we have nothing better to do. It is no handiwork for drawing-room tables; no relief of the ennui of boudoirs; it must be understood and undertaken seriously or not at all. And yet it is in the expectation of obtaining at least a partial acknowledgment of this, as a truth influential both of aim and conduct, that I enter upon the second division of my subject. The time I have already devoted to the task I should have considered altogether inordinate, and that which I fear may be yet required for its completion would have been cause to me of utter discouragement, but that the object I propose to myself is of no partial nor accidental importance. It is not now to distinguish between disputed degrees of ability in individuals, or agreeableness in canvases, it is not now to expose the ignorance or defend the principles of party or person. It is to summon the moral energies of the nation to a forgotten duty, to display the use, force, and function of a great body of neglected sympathies and desires, and to elevate to its healthy and beneficial operation that art which, being altogether addressed to them, rises or falls with their variableness of vigor,â€”now leading them with Tyrtæan fire, now singing them to sleep with baby murmurings. The doubtful force of the term "utility. That is to everything created, pre-eminently useful, which enables it rightly and fully to perform the functions appointed to it by its Creator. Therefore, that we may determine what is chiefly useful to man, it is necessary first to determine the use of man himself. Whatever enables us to fulfil this function, is in the pure and first sense of the word useful to us. Pre-eminently therefore whatever sets the glory of God more brightly before us. But things that only help us to exist, are in a secondary and mean sense, useful, or rather, if they be looked for alone, they are useless and worse, for it would be better that we should not exist, than that we should guiltily disappoint the purposes of existence. How falsely applied in these times. And yet people speak in this working age, when they speak from their

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hearts, as if houses, and lands, and food, and raiment were alone useful, and as if sight, thought, and admiration,[2] were all profitless, so that men insolently call themselves Utilitarians, who would turn, if they had their way, themselves and their race into vegetables; men who think, as far as such can be said to think, that the meat is more than the life, and the raiment than the body, who look to the earth as a stable, and to its fruit as fodder; vinedressers and husbandmen, who love the corn they grind, and the grapes they crush, better than the gardens of the angels upon the slopes of Eden; hewers of wood and drawers of water, who think that the wood they hew and the water they draw, are better than the pine-forests that cover the mountains like the shadow of God, and than the great rivers that move like his eternity. And so comes upon us that woe of the preacher, that though God "hath made everything beautiful in his time, also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end. The evil consequences of such interpretation. How connected with national power. This Nebuchadnezzar curse, that sends us to grass like oxen, seems to follow but too closely on the excess or continuance of national power and peace. In the perplexities of nations, in their struggles for existence, in their infancy, their impotence, or even their disorganization, they have higher hopes and nobler passions. Out of the suffering comes the serious mind; out of the salvation, the grateful heart; out of the endurance, the fortitude; out of the deliverance, the faith; but now when they have learned to live under providence of laws, and with decency and justice of regard for each other; and when they have done away with violent and external sources of suffering, worse evils seem arising out of their rest, evils that vex less and mortify more, that suck the blood though they do not shed it, and ossify the heart though they do not torture it. And deep though the causes of thankfulness must be to every people at peace with others and at unity in itself, there are causes of fear also, a fear greater than of sword and sedition; that dependence on God may be forgotten because the bread is given and the water is sure, that gratitude to him may cease because his constancy of protection has taken the semblance of a natural law, that heavenly hope may grow faint amidst the full fruition of the world, that selfishness may take place of undemanded devotion, compassion be lost in vain-glory, and love in dissimulation,[3] that enervation may succeed to strength, apathy to patience, and the noise of jesting words and foulness of dark thoughts, to the earnest purity of the girded loins and the burning lamp. About the river of human life there is a wintry wind, though a heavenly sunshine; the iris colors its agitation, the frost fixes upon its repose. Let us beware that our rest become not the rest of stones, which so long as they are torrent-tossed, and thunder-stricken, maintain their majesty, but when the stream is silent, and the storm passed, suffer the grass to cover them and the lichen to feed on them, and are ploughed down into dust. How to be averted. And though I believe that we have salt enough of ardent and holy mind amongst us to keep us in some measure from this moral decay, yet the signs of it must be watched with anxiety, in all matter however trivial, in all directions however distant. He did not teach them how to build for glory and for beauty, he did not give them the fearless, faithful, inherited energies that worked on and down from death to death, generation after generation, that we, foul and sensual as we are, might give the carved work of their poured-out spirit to the axe and the hammer; he has not cloven the earth with rivers, that their white wild waves might turn wheels and push paddles, nor turned it up under as it were fire, that it might heat wells and cure diseases; he brings not up his quails by the east wind, only to let them fall in flesh about the camp of men: Division of the pursuits of men into subservient and objective. All science and all art may be divided into that which is subservient to life, and which is the object of it. As subservient to life, or practical, their results are, in the common sense of the word, useful. How reversed through erring notions of the contemplative and imaginative faculties. It would appear, therefore, that those pursuits which are altogether theoretic, whose results are desirable or admirable in themselves and for their own sake, and in which no farther end to which their productions or discoveries are referred, can interrupt the contemplation of things as they are, by the endeavor to discover of what selfish uses they are capable and of this order are painting and sculpture, ought to take rank above all pursuits which have any taint in them of subserviency to life, in so far as all such tendency is the sign of less eternal and less holy function. The first of these, or the theoretic faculty, is concerned with the moral perception and appreciation of ideas of beauty. The second great

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faculty is the imaginative, which the mind exercises in a certain mode of regarding or combining the ideas it has received from external nature, and the operations of which become in their turn objects of the theoretic faculty to other minds. And the error respecting this faculty is, that its function is one of falsehood, that its operation is to exhibit things as they are not, and that in so doing it mends the works of God. Object of the present section. Now, as these are the two faculties to which I shall have occasion constantly to refer during that examination of the ideas of beauty and relation on which we are now entering, because it is only as received and treated by these, that those ideas become exalted and profitable, it becomes necessary for me, in the outset, to explain their power and define their sphere, and to vindicate, in the system of our nature, their true place for the intellectual lens and moral retina by which and on which our informing thoughts are concentrated and represented. At Beauvoisâ€”The magnificent old houses supported on columns of workmanship so far as I recollect unique in the north of France, at the corner of the market-place, have recently been destroyed for the enlarging of some ironmongery and grocery warehouses. The arch across the street leading to the cathedral has been destroyed also, for what purpose, I know not. At Rouenâ€”The last of the characteristic houses on the quay is now disappearing. When I was last there, I witnessed the destruction of the noble gothic portal of the church of St. Nicholas, whose position interfered with the courtyard of an hotel; the greater part of the ancient churches are used as smithies, or warehouses for goods. So also at Tours St. One of the most interesting and superb pieces of middle-age domestic architecture in Europe, opposite the west front of the cathedral, is occupied as a cafe, and its lower story concealed by painted wainscotings; representing, if I recollect right, twopenny rolls surrounded by circles of admiring cherubs. At Genevaâ€”The wooden projections or loggias which were once the characteristic feature of the city, have been entirely removed within the last ten years. At Pisaâ€”The old Baptistery is at this present time in process of being "restored," that is, dashed to pieces, and common stone painted black and varnished, substituted for its black marble. In the Campo Santo, the invaluable frescoes, which might be protected by merely glazing the arcades, are left exposed to wind and weather. While I was there last year I saw a monument put up against the lower part of the wall, to some private person; the bricklayers knocked out a large space of the lower brickwork, with what beneficial effect to the loose and blistered stucco on which the frescoes are painted above, I leave the reader to imagine; inserted the tablet, and then plastered over the marks of the insertion, destroying a portion of the border of one of the paintings. The tomb of Antonio Puccinello, which was the last actually put up against the frescoes, and which destroyed the terminal subject of the Giotto series, bears date It has been proposed or at least it is so reported that the church of La Spina should be destroyed in order to widen the quay. At Florenceâ€”One of its most important and characteristic streets, that in which stands the church of Or San Michele, has been within the last five years entirely destroyed and rebuilt in the French style; consisting now almost exclusively of shops of bijouterie and parfumerie. Owing to this direction of public funds, the fronts of the Duomo, Santa Croce, St. Lorenzo, and half the others in Florence remain in their original bricks. The old refectory of Santa Croce, containing an invaluable Cenacolo, if not by Giotto, at least one of the finest works of his school, is used as a carpet manufactory. In order to see the fresco, I had to get on the top of a loom. The cenacolo of Raffaello? The fresco, which gave Raffaello the idea of the Christ of the Transfiguration, is in an old wood shed at San Miniato, concealed behind a heap of faggots. Not to detain the reader by going through the cities of Italy, I will only further mention, that at Padua, the rain beats through the west window of the Arena chapel, and runs down over the frescoes. That at Venice, in September last, I saw three buckets set in the scuola di San Rocco to catch the rain which came through the canvases of Tintoret on the roof; and that while the old works of art are left thus unprotected, the palaces are being restored in the following modes. The English residents knock out bow windows to see up and down the canal. The Italians paint all the marble white or cream color, stucco the fronts, and paint them in blue and white stripes to imitate alabaster. Mark, there replacing the real alabasters which have been torn down, with a noble old house in St. The marbles of St. Faded tapestries, and lottery tickets the latter for the benefit of charitable institutions are exposed for sale in the council chambers. But essential utility, a purpose to which the pursuit is in some

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measure referred, as in architecture, invariably degrades, because then the theoretic part of the art is comparatively lost sight of; and thus architecture takes a level below that of sculpture or painting, even when the powers of mind developed in it are of the same high order. When we pronounce the name of Giotto, our venerated thoughts are at Assisi and Padua, before they climb the Campanile of Santa Maria del Fiore. And he who would raise the ghost of Michael Angelo, must haunt the Sistine and St. Explanation of the term "theoretic. Now the term "aesthesis" properly signifies mere sensual perception of the outward qualities and necessary effects of bodies, in which sense only, if we would arrive at any accurate conclusions on this difficult subject, it should always be used. But I wholly deny that the impressions of beauty are in any way sensual,â€”they are neither sensual nor intellectual, but moral, and for the faculty receiving them, whose difference from mere perception I shall immediately endeavor to explain, no term can be more accurate or convenient than that employed by the Greeks, "theoretic," which I pray permission, therefore, always to use, and to call the operation of the faculty itself, Theoria. Of the differences of rank in pleasures of sense. Let us begin at the lowest point, and observe, first, what differences of dignity may exist between different kinds of aesthetic or sensual pleasure, properly so called. Now it is evident that the being common to brutes, or peculiar to man, can alone be no rational test of inferiority, or dignity in pleasures. We must not assume that man is the nobler animal, and then deduce the nobleness of his delights; but we must prove the nobleness of the delights, and thence the nobleness of the animal. The dignity of affection is no way lessened because a large measure of it may be found in lower animals, neither is the vileness of gluttony and lust abated because they are common to men. It is clear, therefore, that there is a standard of dignity in the pleasures and passions themselves, by which we also class the creatures capable of, or suffering them. Use of the terms Temperate and Intemperate. The first great distinction, we observe, is that noted of Aristotle, that men are called temperate and intemperate with regard to some, and not so with respect to others, and that those, with respect to which they are so called, are, by common consent, held to be the vilest. But Aristotle, though exquisitely subtle in his notation of facts, does not frequently give us satisfactory account of, or reason for them. Content with stating the fact of these pleasures being held the lowest, he shows not why this estimation of them is just, and confuses the reader by observing casually respecting the higher pleasures, what is indeed true, but appears at first opposed to his own position, namely, that "men may be conceived, as also in these taking pleasure, either rightly, or more or less than is right. This let us attempt to ascertain. Right use of the term "intemperate. But when it is palpably evident that the reason cannot have erred but that its voice has been deadened or disobeyed, and that the reasonable creature has been dragged dead round the walls of his own citadel by mere passion and impulse,â€”then, and then only, men are of all held intemperate. And this is evidently the case with respect to inordinate indulgence in pleasures of touch and taste, for these, being destructive in their continuance not only of all other pleasures, but of the very sensibilities by which they themselves are received, and as this penalty is actually known and experienced by those indulging in them, so that the reason cannot but pronounce right respecting their perilousness, there is no palliation of the wrong choice; and the man, as utterly incapable of will,[8] is called intemperate, or [Greek: It would be well if the reader would for himself follow out this subject, which it would be irrelevant here to pursue farther, observing how a certain degree of intemperance is suspected and attributed to men with respect to higher impulses; as, for instance, in the case of anger, or any other passion criminally indulged, and yet is not so attributed, as in the case of sensual pleasures; because in anger the reason is supposed not to have had time to operate, and to be itself affected by the presence of the passion, which seizes the man involuntarily and before he is aware; whereas, in the case of the sensual pleasures, the act is deliberate, and determined on beforehand, in direct defiance of reason. Nevertheless, if no precaution be taken against immoderate anger, and the passions gain upon the man, so as to be evidently wilful and unrestrained, and admitted contrary to all reason, we begin to look upon him as, in the real sense of the word, intemperate, or [Greek: Grounds of inferiority in the pleasures which are subjects of intemperance. We see, then, that the primal ground of inferiority in these pleasures is that which proves their indulgence to be contrary to reason; namely their destructiveness upon prolongation, and their incapability of co-existing

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continually with other delights or perfections of the system. And this incapability of continuance directs us to the second cause of their inferiority; namely, that they are given to us as subservient to life, as instruments of our preservation—compelling us to seek the things necessary to our being, and that, therefore, when this their function is fully performed, they ought to have an end; and can be only artificially, and under high penalty, prolonged. But the pleasures of sight and hearing are given as gifts. They answer not any purposes of mere existence, for the distinction of all that is useful or dangerous to us might be made, and often is made, by the eye, without its receiving the slightest pleasure of sight.

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Morality in Art Versus Aesthetic Theory by: Erin Landry The libel suit of Whistler v Ruskin, which elucidated the conflict between the newly formed aesthetic movement and the Victorian ideal of art, embodies the struggle between the establishment and a new worldview. It is yet another example of the reluctance with which the old makes way for the new. In this case, the conflict was played out on the stage of aesthetics and morality in late Victorian England. John Ruskin represented all that was essentially Victorian in both theory and virtue, whereas James Abbott McNeill Whistler illustrated what was to be the vanguard of modernity in art practice and theory. Historically, British art had been content to follow the lead of continental Europe, which was home to the great masters from the Renaissance through the Enlightenment. This attitude changed during the 19th century. The growth of a wealthy and enfranchised middle class led to a large demand for the work of contemporary artists rather than the old masters. This was in reaction to the havoc caused by industrialization that manifested itself in poverty, pollution, and the growth of new urban centers such as Manchester. John James Ruskin was a sherry merchant that through his work visited the great homes in Britain and subsequently saw the major collections of art. John Ruskin was exposed to this from a very early age. She was an evangelical that schooled her son to read the Bible every day. John Ruskin was a boy with no toys, no playmates, and severe discipline. He also began to write constantly. In particular, Ruskin wrote a work entitled *Modern Painters* in defense of the romanticist painter J. Turner whose work was incredibly controversial at the time. The annulment was granted and a year later she married the Pre-Raphaelite painter, John Everett Millais. During his years at Oxford he began the publication entitled *Fors Clavigera*, which was a pamphlet, addressed to the workingmen of England. John Ruskin died on January 20, Whistler was born in a small, industrial, Massachusetts town called Lowell in His boyhood and early teenage years were spent in St. Petersburg where his father worked as a civil engineer. Back in the United States, Whistler was nominated for West Point, but he was eventually dismissed as a result of his poor performance in chemistry. He demanded to either be reinstated at West Point or given another job. Whistler was subsequently sent to the Coastal Survey to do work as a cartographer. This is where he began to learn the art of etching. However, in he moved to London, which would become his permanent home. Some of the reasons for his move were that it was a less competitive art community than Paris was, the London Royal Academy of art was equally as prestigious as the Parisian Salon, and painters in London were more able to do as they pleased. Many of his early works were accepted in the exhibitions, but as his style became increasingly impressionistic and even abstract, he split completely with the Academy. The technique of his paintings involved using oil pigment thinned until it was the consistency of water. This medium allowed him to work quickly, which was quite different from the technique that Ruskin admired in painters. This form reached its zenith in the 18th century with British artists such as Sir Joshua Reynolds. That style basically involved the idealization of literary, historical, mythical, or biblical events into visual imagery. He felt that art should be true to life, as opposed to an idealized image of life, because if God and goodness were already to be found in nature it was immoral to try to improve upon it. Turner in particular epitomized all that was good in English painting at the time according to Ruskin. His style and formal characteristics are surprisingly impressionist and even abstract, but his subject matter always involved the concept of truth of God in nature. Through their work they hoped to reform the evils of modern society. Pre-Raphaelites believed in preaching morality and spirituality with art. Artists such as Dante Gabriel Rossetti, John Everett Millais, and Edward Burne-Jones believed that subjects of a painting should not be idealized, but painstakingly truthful. The wildness of impressionist brushstrokes as well as the spontaneity of the work and theory was completely contrary to an effortful process that Victorians would have valued. The

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writings of Walter Pater, an art critic and theorist, in his work, *History of the Renaissance*, illustrate this growing relativism. The aesthetic movement, of which Whistler belonged, did not believe in looking through a picture, but at a picture. Beauty is in objects that give pleasure because of their being well made. Beauty is in the line, color, and brushwork itself, independent of the subject matter. The first was that the artist was essentially different from all other people because of the predominance in the artist of intuition and creative imagination. This signifies a change in the meaning of the term, artist. Previously, the term meant an artisan or a craftsman. An artist, in the new sense, was a person that possessed creativity, sensitivity, heightened intuition, and imagination at greater levels than the rest of humanity. The subordination of rationality by creativity allowed the artist to freely select and even distort the material. Simply looking at the biographies of the great masters is enough to prove the point of the aesthetes. Moreover, they believed that the true artist was separated from society, yet still an observer of that society. An outsider looking in does not need the same morality of those who he is examining. The fourth proposition of the aesthetic movement was that artistic creation was the highest end of life. The life of the artist was considered superior to any other life. Aesthetes ridiculed bourgeois values because they truly believed that their own values were better and more admirable. Whistler expressed his contempt of all others in society through his statements against the validity of the critic in relation to the artist: Out upon the shallow conceit! What greater sarcasm can Mr. Ruskin pass upon himself than that he preaches to young men what he cannot perform! Why, unsatisfied with his own conscious power, should he choose to become the type of incompetence by talking for forty years of what he has never done! Sir Coutts Lindsay of Balcarres was the owner and the proprietor of the gallery. Whereas admittance into a Royal Academy exhibition was based on committee selections, exhibiting in the Grosvenor Gallery was solely based upon the invitation of Sir Coutts Lindsay. It was an arena for more controversial art, whereas the Royal Academy was representative of the establishment in art practice. This was ideal for Whistler, because his most recent previous works had been rejected. In a June letter from Fors Clavigera Ruskin wrote his now infamous review of the Grosvenor Gallery exhibition almost as an afterthought to the rest of his letter. Petheram represented Whistler in court. The Times wrote an account of the causes of the libel case: The defendant pleaded that the article complained of was privileged as being a fair and bona fide criticism upon a painting which the plaintiff had exposed for public view. Burne-Jones described the painting as one of thousands of failures to represent night, and therefore not worth guineas. When Whistler replied that it took only a couple of days, the defense asked if two days of work was worth the guinea price of the piece. I ask it for the knowledge I have gained in the work of a lifetime. After some deliberation, the jury returned with the decision that the criticism was honest. The judge sent them back with the instructions that they had to determine if the criticism was fair and bona fide. Ten minutes later the jury gave the verdict. They found for Whistler, but awarded only one farthing in damages. The judge did not award the plaintiff court costs either. This opinion was reflected in the popular press. The Saturday Review critiqued the event: This is definitely the opinion expressed by the American, Henry James, living in London. Is it had taken place in some Western American town it would have been called provincial and barbarous; it would have been cited as an incident of a low civilization. Beneath the stately towers of Westminster it hardly wore a higher aspect the crudity and levity of the whole affair were decidedly painful, and few things, I think, have lately done more to vulgarize the public sense of the character of artistic production. The process of this change occurred in the late 19th century and the early 20th century. It was a transition from concrete to abstract, and from abstract to non-objective or non-representational. Reproduced in Biography Resource Center.

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For example, a qualisign is always an icon, and is never an index or a symbol. He held that there were only ten classes of signs logically definable through those three universal trichotomies. Also, some signs need other signs in order to be embodied. For example, a legisign also called a type, such as the word "the," needs to be embodied in a sinsign also called a token, for example an individual instance of the word "the", in order to be expressed. Another form of combination is attachment or incorporation: Peirce called an icon apart from a label, legend, or other index attached to it, a "hypoicon", and divided the hypoicon into three classes: Logical critic or Logic Proper. That is how Peirce refers to logic in the everyday sense. Its main objective, for Peirce, is to classify arguments and determine the validity and force of each kind. A work of art may embody an inference process and be an argument without being an explicit argumentation. That is the difference, for example, between most of *War and Peace* and its final section. Speculative rhetoric or methodetic. For Peirce this is the theory of effective use of signs in investigations, expositions, and applications of truth. He also called it "methodetic", in that it is the analysis of the methods used in inquiry. They underlie his most widely known trichotomy of signs: Icon Symbol [25] Icon This term refers to signs that represent by resemblance, such as portraits and some paintings though they can also be natural or mathematical. Iconicity is independent of actual connection, even if it occurs because of actual connection. An icon is or embodies a possibility, insofar as its object need not actually exist. A photograph is regarded as an icon because of its resemblance to its object, but is regarded as an index with icon attached because of its actual connection to its object. Likewise, with a portrait painted from life. An icon need not be sensory; anything can serve as an icon, for example a streamlined argument itself a complex symbol is often used as an icon for an argument another symbol bristling with particulars. Index Peirce explains that an index is a sign that compels attention through a connection of fact, often through cause and effect. For example, if we see smoke we conclude that it is the effect of a cause "fire. It is an index if the connection is factual regardless of resemblance or interpretation. Peirce usually considered personal names and demonstratives such as the word "this" to be indices, for although as words they depend on interpretation, they are indices in depending on the requisite factual relation to their individual objects. A personal name has an actual historical connection, often recorded on a birth certificate, to its named object; the word "this" is like the pointing of a finger. Symbol Peirce treats symbols as habits or norms of reference and meaning. Symbols can be natural, cultural, or abstract and logical. Symbols are instantiated by specialized indexical sinsigns. A proposition, considered apart from its expression in a particular language, is already a symbol, but many symbols draw from what is socially accepted and culturally agreed upon. Conventional symbols such as "horse" and caballo, which prescribe qualities of sound or appearance for their instances for example, individual instances of the word "horse" on the page are based on what amounts to arbitrary stipulation. This can be both in spoken and written language. For example, we can call a large metal object with four wheels, four doors, an engine and seats a "car" because such a term is agreed upon within our culture and it allows us to communicate. In much the same way, as a society with a common set of understandings regarding language and signs, we can also write the word "car" and in the context of Australia and other English speaking nations, know what it symbolises and is trying to represent. The process of representation is characterised by using signs that we recall mentally or phonetically to comprehend the world. Two things are fundamental to the study of signs: The signifier is the word or sound; the signified is the representation. Saussure points out that signs: There is no link between the signifier and the signified Are relational: We understand we take on meaning in relation to other words. Such as we understand "up" in relation to "down" or a dog in relation to other animals, such as a cat. We exist inside a system of signs". For example, when referring to the term "sister" signifier a person from an English speaking country

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such as Australia, may associate that term as representing someone in their family who is female and born to the same parents signified. An Aboriginal Australian may associate the term "sister" to represent a close friend that they have a bond with. Saussure argues that if words or sounds were simply labels for existing things in the world, translation from one language or culture to another would be easy, it is the fact that this can be extremely difficult that suggests that words trigger a representation of an object or thought depending on the person that is representing the signifier. A person may refer to a particular place as their "work" whereas someone else represents the same signifier as their "favorite restaurant". This can also be subject to historical changes in both the signifier and the way objects are signified. Saussure claims that an imperative function of all written languages and alphabetic systems is to "represent" spoken language. For example, in English the written letter "a" represents different phonetic sounds depending on which word it is written in. The letter "a" has a different sound in the word in each of the following words, "apple", "gate", "margarine" and "beat", therefore, how is a person unaware of the phonemic sounds, able to pronounce the word properly by simply looking at alphabetic spelling. The way the word is represented on paper is not always the way the word would be represented phonetically. This leads to common misrepresentations of the phonemic sounds of speech and suggests that the writing system does not properly represent the true nature of the pronunciation of words. The very idea of probability and of reasoning rests on the assumption that this number is indefinitely great. Logic is rooted in the social principle. An Integrated Reconstruction", Joseph Ransdell, ed.

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When interpreting writings from this time, it is worth noticing that it is debatable whether an exact equivalent to the term beauty existed in classical Greek. Every beautiful object is so called because it serves some rational end: Socrates rather emphasized the power of beauty to further the more necessary ends of life than the immediate gratification which a beautiful object affords to perception and contemplation. His doctrine puts forward the relativity of beauty. Plato, in contrast, recognized that beauty exists as an abstract Form. It is therefore absolute and does not necessarily stand in relation to a perceiving mind. Plato [edit] Of the views of Plato on the subject, it is hardly less difficult to gain a clear conception from the Dialogues, than it is in the case of ethical good. In some of these, various definitions of the beautiful are rejected as inadequate by the Platonic Socrates. This true beauty is nothing discoverable as an attribute in another thing, for these are only beautiful things, not the beautiful itself. Love Eros produces aspiration towards this pure idea. As to the precise forms in which the idea of beauty reveals itself, Plato is not very decided. His theory of an absolute beauty does not easily adjust itself to the notion of its contributing merely a variety of sensuous pleasure, to which he appears to lean in some dialogues. He tends to identify the self-beautiful with the conceptions of the true and the good, and thus there arose the Platonic formula *kalokagathia*. So far as his writings embody the notion of any common element in beautiful objects, it is proportion, harmony or unity among their parts. He emphasizes unity in its simplest aspect as seen in evenness of line and purity of color. He recognizes in places the beauty of the mind, and seems to think that the highest beauty of proportion is to be found in the union of a beautiful mind with a beautiful body. He had but a poor opinion of art, regarding it as a trick of imitation *mimesis* which takes us another step further from the luminous sphere of rational intuition into the shadowy region of the semblances of sense. Accordingly, in his scheme for an ideal republic, he provided for the most inexorable censorship of poets, etc. He saw the absence of all lust or desire in the pleasure it bestows as another characteristic of the beautiful. Aristotle finds in the *Metaphysics* the universal elements of beauty to be order, symmetry and definiteness or determinateness or *orismenon*. In the *Poetics* he adds another essential, namely, a certain magnitude; the object should not be too large, while clearness of perception requires that it should not be too small. Aristotle was passionate about goodness in men as he valued "taking [its] virtues to be central to a well-lived life. At the same time he allowed that the good might under certain conditions be called beautiful. He further distinguished the beautiful from the fit, and in a passage of the *Politics* set beauty above the useful and necessary. He took a higher view of artistic imitation than Plato, holding that it implied knowledge and discovery, that its objects not only comprised particular things which happen to exist, but contemplated what is probable and what necessarily exists. In the *Poetics* he declares poetry to be more philosophical and serious a matter *spoudaieron* than History. He gives us no complete classification of the fine arts, and it is doubtful how far his principles, e. According to him, objective reason as self-moving, becomes the formative influence which reduces dead matter to form. Matter when thus formed becomes a notion *logos*, and its form is beauty. Objects are ugly so far as they are unacted upon by reason, and therefore formless. The creative reason is absolute beauty, and is called the more than beautiful. There are three degrees or stages of manifested beauty: As to the precise forms of beauty, he supposed, in opposition to Aristotle, that a single thing not divisible into parts might be beautiful through its unity and simplicity. He gives a high place to the beauty of colours in which material darkness is overpowered by light and warmth. In reference to artistic beauty he said that when the artist has notions as models for his creations, these may become more beautiful than natural objects. Western medieval aesthetics [edit] Lorsch Gospels "Surviving medieval art is primarily religious in focus and funded largely by the State, Roman Catholic or Orthodox church, powerful ecclesiastical individuals, or wealthy secular patrons. These art pieces often served

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a liturgical function, whether as chalices or even as church buildings themselves. Objects of fine art from this period were frequently made from rare and valuable materials, such as gold and lapis, the cost of which commonly exceeded the wages of the artist. Medieval aesthetics in the realm of philosophy built upon Classical thought, continuing the practice of Plotinus by employing theological terminology in its explications. Thomas, like many other medievals, never gives a systematic account of beauty itself, but several scholars have conventionally arranged his thought—though not always with uniform conclusions—using relevant observations spanning the entire corpus of his work. While Aristotle likewise identifies the first two characteristics, St. Thomas conceives of the third as an appropriation from principles developed by neo-Platonic and Augustinian thinkers. With the shift from the Middle Ages to the Renaissance, art likewise changed its focus, as much in its content as in its mode of expression. The latter are greatly extended by the addition of the proper enjoyment of resemblance, which is at the basis of all mimicry and wit. Addison recognizes, too, to some extent, the influence of association upon our aesthetic preferences. Shaftesbury[edit] Shaftesbury is the first of the intuitional writers on beauty. In his *Characteristics* the beautiful and the good are combined in one ideal conception, much as with Plato. Matter in itself is ugly. The order of the world, wherein all beauty really resides, is a spiritual principle, all motion and life being the product of spirit. The principle of beauty is perceived not with the outer sense, but with an internal or moral sense which apprehends the good as well. This perception yields the only true delight, namely, spiritual enjoyment. The faculty by which this principle is discerned is an internal sense which is defined as "a passive power of receiving ideas of beauty from all objects in which there is uniformity in variety". This inner sense resembles the external senses in the immediateness of the pleasure which its activity brings, and further in the necessity of its impressions: He distinguishes two kinds of beauty, absolute or original, and relative or comparative. The latter is discerned in an object which is regarded as an imitation or semblance of another. He distinctly states that "an exact imitation may still be beautiful though the original were entirely devoid of it. Alexander Gottlieb Baumgarten[edit] Perhaps the first German philosopher who developed an independent aesthetic theory was Baumgarten. In his best-known work *Aesthetica*, he complemented the Leibniz - Wolffian theory of knowledge by adding to the clear scientific or "logical" knowledge of the understanding the knowledge of the senses, to which he gave the name "aesthetic". It is for this reason that Baumgarten is said to have "coined" the term aesthetics. Beauty to him corresponds to perfect sense-knowledge. Baumgarten reduces taste to an intellectual act and ignores the element of feeling. To him, nature is the highest embodiment of beauty, and thus art must seek its supreme function in the strictest possible imitation of nature. He finds the elements of beauty to be: The sublime is rather crudely resolved into astonishment, which he thinks always retains an element of terror. Thus "infinity has a tendency to fill the mind with a delightful horror. It is subdivided in two main parts - the Analytic of the Beautiful and the Analytic of the Sublime, but also deals with the experience of fine art. If something is beautiful to me, I also think that it should be so for everybody else, even though I cannot prove beauty to anyone. Kant also insists that the aesthetic judgment is always, an "individual" i. It is in these last paragraphs where he connects to his earlier works when he argues that the highest significance of beauty is to symbolize moral good; going in this regard even further than Ruskin. Schelling[edit] Schelling is the first thinker to attempt a Philosophy of Art. He develops this as the third part of his system of transcendental idealism following theoretic and practical philosophy. According to Schelling a new philosophical significance is given to art by the doctrine that the identity of subject and object — which is half disguised in ordinary perception and volition — is only clearly seen in artistic perception. The perfect perception of its real self by intelligence in the work of art is accompanied by a feeling of infinite satisfaction. Art in thus effecting a revelation of the absolute seems to attain a dignity not merely above that of nature but above that of philosophy itself. Schelling throws but little light on the concrete forms of beauty. His classification of the arts, based on his antithesis of object and subject, is a curiosity in intricate arrangement. He applies his conception in a suggestive way to classical tragedy. See also *Werke*, Bd. The beautiful is defined as the ideal showing itself to sense or through a sensuous medium. It is said to have its life in show or semblance Schein

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and so differs from the true, which is not really sensuous, but the universal idea contained in sense for thought. The form of the beautiful is unity of the manifold. The notion Begriff gives necessity in mutual dependence of parts unity, while the reality demands the semblance Schein of liberty in the parts. He discusses very fully the beauty of nature as immediate unity of notion and reality, and lays great emphasis on the beauty of organic life. But it is in art that, like Schelling, Hegel finds the highest revelation of the beautiful. Art makes up for the deficiencies of natural beauty by bringing the idea into clearer light, by showing the external world in its life and spiritual animation. The several species of art in the ancient and modern worlds depend on the various combinations of matter and form. He classifies the individual arts according to this same principle of the relative supremacy of form and matter, the lowest being architecture, the highest, poetry. Dialectic of the Hegelians[edit] Curious developments of the Hegelian conception are to be found in the dialectical treatment of beauty in its relation to the ugly, the sublime, etc. The most important product of the Hegelian School is the elaborate system of aesthetics published by F. Vischer *Esthetik, 3 Theile*, 1856. It illustrates the difficulties of the Hegelian thought and terminology; yet in dealing with art it is full of knowledge and highly suggestive. In this contemplation the mind is filled with pure intellectual forms, the "Platonic Ideas" as he calls them, which are objectifications of the will at a certain grade of completeness of representation. He exalts the state of artistic contemplation as the one in which, as pure intellect set free from will, the misery of existence is surmounted and something of blissful ecstasy attained. He holds that all things are in some degree beautiful, ugliness being viewed as merely imperfect manifestation or objectification of will. In this way the beauty of nature, somewhat slighted by Schelling and Hegel, is rehabilitated. Herbart[edit] J. At the same time, by referring the beauty of concrete objects to certain aesthetic relations, he virtually accepted the possibility of universal aesthetic judgments compare above. Since he thus reduces beauty to abstract relations he is known as a formalist, and the founder of the formalistic school in aesthetics.

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Of the false opinion that truth is beauty, and vice versa. Of the false opinion that beauty is usefulness. Of the false opinion that beauty results from custom. The twofold operation of custom. It deadens sensation, but confirms affection. But never either creates or destroys the essence of beauty. Of the false opinion that beauty depends on the association of ideas. It is of no efficiency as a cause of beauty. The extent of its influence. By what test is the health of the perceptive faculty to be determined? And in what sense may the terms Right and Wrong be attached to its conclusions? What power we have over impressions of sense. Depends on acuteness of attention. What duty is attached to this power over impressions of sense. Especially with respect to ideas of beauty. Errors induced by the power of habit. The necessity of submission in early stages of judgment. The large scope of matured judgment. How distinguishable from false taste. The danger of a spirit of choice. How certain conclusions respecting beauty are by reason demonstrable. With what liabilities to error. The term "beauty" how limitable in the outset. Divided into typical and vital.

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As the object of life or theoretic, they are, in the common sense, useless; and yet the step between practical and theoretic science is the step between the miner and the geologist, the apothecary and the chemist; and the step between practical and theoretic art is that between the bricklayer and the architect, between the plumber and the

John Ruskin is famous for having said the following quotes: The infinity of God is not mysterious, it is only unfathomable; not concealed, but incomprehensible; it is a clear infinity, the darkness of the pure unsearchable sea. II, part III, chapter V - Ruskin It is the glistening and softly spoken lie; the amiable fallacy; the patriotic lie of the historian, the provident lie of the politician, the zealous lie of the partisan, the merciful lie of the friend, and the careless lie of each man to himself, that cast that black mystery over humanity, through which we thank any man who pierces, as we would thank one who dug a well in a desert. The Stones of Venice, vol. It is not, truly speaking, the labour that it divided; but the men: And all the evil to which that cry is urging our myriads can be met only in one way: It can only be met by a right understanding, on the part of all classes, of what kinds of labour are good for men, raising them, and making them happy; by a determined sacrifice of such convenience or beauty, or cheapness as is to be got only by the degradation of the workman; and by equally determined demand for the products and results of healthy and ennobling labour. Good colouring does not necessarily convey the image of anything but itself. It consists of certain proportions and arrangements of rays of light, but not in likeness to anything. But the good colouring does not consist in that imitation, but in the abstract qualities and relations of the grey and purple. It may be unimportant or painful. It cannot be vulgar. Vulgarity is only in concealment of truth, or in affectation. They produce in us a falseness in all our impressions of external things, which I would generally characterize as the "Pathetic Fallacy. This last is the usual condition of prophetic inspiration. Hundreds of people can talk for one who can think, but thousands can think for one who can see. Be a plain topographer if you possibly can; if Nature meant you to be anything else, she will force you to it; but never try to be a prophet. No one knows, till he has tried, what strange beauty and subtle composition is prepared to his hand by Nature. I never care to look at a picture again, if it be ill composed; and if well composed I can hardly leave off looking at it. Much more is this so in an animal. The ceasing of this help is what we call corruption; and in proportion to the perfectness of the help, is the dreadfulness of the loss. The more intense the life has been, the more terrible is its corruption. The Venetian gave the most earnest faith, and the lordliest faculty, to gild the shadows of an antechamber, or heighten the splendours of a holiday. We respect the man of laborious desire, but let us not suppose that his restlessness is peace, or his ambition meekness. It is because of the special connection of meekness with contentment that it is promised that the meek shall "inherit the earth. Only contentment can possess. Life, including all its powers of love, of joy, and of admiration. That country is the richest which nourishes the greatest numbers of noble and happy human beings; that man is richest, who, having perfected the functions of his own life to the utmost, has also the widest helpful influence, both personal, and by means of his possessions, over the lives of others. If right, it most assuredly is not a "free" line, but an intensely continent, restrained and considered line; and the action of the hand in laying it is just as decisive, and just as "free" as the hand of a first-rate surgeon in a critical incision. He gets it only that he may get it. Just as at cricket, you get more runs. Not a street of it! It is a great city of play; very nasty play and very hard play, but still play. Now this spirit is wholly adverse to the existence of any lovely art. If you mean to throw it aside to-morrow, you can never have it to-day. Labour without sorrow is base. Sorrow without labour is base. Joy without labour is base. Both your religion and policy must be based on it. Your honesty must be based, as the sun is, in vacant heaven; poised, as the lights in the firmament, which have rule over the day and over the night. No people, understanding pain, ever inflicted so much: That rich charm, which the least possession had for us, was in consequence of the poorness of our treasures. But ignorance discontented and dexterous, learning what it cannot understand, and imitating what it cannot enjoy, produces the most loathsome forms of manufacture that can disgrace or mislead humanity. In

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vile states, the children are always wanting to be men and women, and the parents to keep them children. I was absolutely interested in men and their ways, as I was interested in marmots and chamois, in tomtits and trout. If only they would stay still and let me look at them, and not get into their holes and up their heights! Say all you have to say in the fewest possible words, or your reader will be sure to skip them; and in the plainest possible words or he will certainly misunderstand them. If you know of any Ruskin quotes that are not currently on this page, please let us know at quotes AT philosophyparadise.