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Minimalist Zine

Are you worried that some people consider art and beauty to be extra, non-essential, frivolous fluff tacked onto the solid things of true consequence in life?

Bad news: It's worse than you think.

There are those who consider art a blemish on their contentment,

a parasite on the substance of life,

the destroyer of all peace.



Luckily, you and I understand that beauty is essential.

In reality, many artists are minimalists and minimalism does not, in fact, require the total absence of art. Even I appreciate a more spare, austere beauty from time to time. That kind of beauty and art is just as essential as any other. There is, in short, no necessary connection between trivializing art and valuing minimalism.

And yet...when a creator and curator of beauty runs up against a person who sees the artist's treasures with critical eyes, when this person actually does value purely utilitarian, indispensable items above things whose essential purpose is beauty, a crisis can occur, especially if the critic is someone that the artist loves and whose opinion they value.

But add to that that the critic's well-being really does rely on minimal visual stimulation and the story gets more complicated. What does love choose to do?

I have learned the beauty of an emptied room. I thank him for that.

I believe he's learned from me, too. That's the beauty of seeing things differently.

But just in case, I'm going to stick one of those stickers on him while he's sleeping.





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