

Uselessness

What is useful? Useful is that which is a means to achieve a desired end. Utility, achievement, is bound to time. It implies a process in time towards an end. The value of that which is useful lies in its pretended end.

That which is important is not that which is useful, which is only a means towards an end. That which is valuable is the end for which the useful is just a means. The most valuable is that which it is an end in itself. Utility belongs to time. Value is beyond time.

Art is a good example, although it can be said that art can be used for several ends, essentially art is its own end. It is the excellence of art what constitutes its proper use. It is essentially useless.

Similarly, God is also useless. We could say that God is that which is most excellent but has not use at all; absolutely excellent and absolutely useless.

Let us embrace our uselessness, let us not feel guilty because of our uselessness. Do not pretend to be useful. Enjoy your uselessness. It is our most valuable essence. It is us.

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