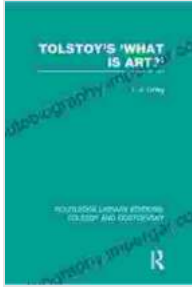


Tolstoy What Is Art: A Journey into the Heart of Artistic Expression

Unveiling the Essence of Art



Tolstoy's 'What is Art?' (Routledge Library Editions: Tolstoy and Dostoevsky)



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In the annals of art theory, Leo Tolstoy's "What Is Art?" stands as a seminal work, a profound exploration of the nature, purpose, and significance of art. First published in 1897, Tolstoy's treatise has captivated readers for over a century, provoking thought, inspiring debate, and shaping our understanding of the artistic experience.

Tolstoy, renowned for his literary masterpieces such as "War and Peace" and "Anna Karenina," brought his incisive intellect and keen observations to bear on the realm of art. In "What Is Art?", he delves into the very core of artistic expression, examining its origins, its forms, and its impact on human society.

The Defining Characteristics of Art

Tolstoy believed that art is a universal human activity, a fundamental mode of communication that transcends cultural and linguistic boundaries. He argued that art is characterized by three essential elements:

- **Emotion:** Art arises from and communicates emotions, evoking a visceral response in the viewer or listener.

- **Infection:** Art possesses the power to transmit emotions from the artist to the audience, creating a shared experience.
- **Representation:** Art represents or depicts the world around us, offering a unique perspective on human experience.

The Purpose and Value of Art

For Tolstoy, the purpose of art is not merely to entertain or beautify. He saw art as a powerful tool for moral and spiritual upliftment. He believed that true art has the capacity to:

- **Reveal truths:** Art can expose the realities of life, both the beautiful and the ugly, and help us to understand ourselves and our world.
- **Promote empathy:** By sharing experiences through art, we can develop empathy and compassion for others, fostering a sense of unity and connection.
- **Inspire action:** Art can motivate us to reflect on our actions, challenge social norms, and work towards a better world.

The Routledge Library Editions

Tolstoy's "What Is Art?" is now available in a new edition from Routledge Library Editions. This authoritative edition includes:

- The complete and unabridged text of Tolstoy's treatise
- A new by renowned art historian and author Robert Hughes
- Detailed annotations and commentary to enhance understanding
- A glossary of terms and concepts related to art theory

Delving into the Depths of Tolstoy's Philosophy

Tolstoy's "What Is Art?" is not just a theoretical treatise; it is a deeply personal and passionate exploration of the artistic experience. Tolstoy grapples with fundamental questions about the nature of beauty, the role of the artist, and the impact of art on society.

Through insightful anecdotes, vivid imagery, and thought-provoking arguments, Tolstoy invites us to join him on a journey of discovery. He challenges conventional notions of art, provokes our thinking, and ultimately encourages us to see the world through the eyes of an artist.

A Must-Read for Art Enthusiasts and Scholars

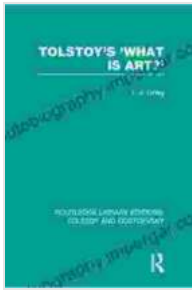
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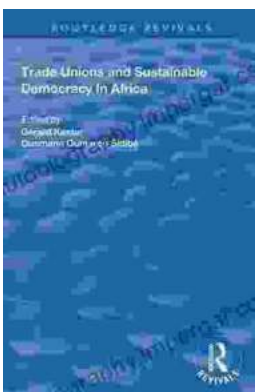
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