

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF ART

- I. **Inspiration doesn't last - stop in time.**
(inspiration can occur only while you are working)
- II. **Forget your likes and dislikes.**
(value and accomplishment is rarely recognizable by the artist in the moment of creating)
- III. **If it is not difficult, it is not worth while.**
(the struggle peels back the layer of the eternal superficial)
- IV. **You must feel completely discouraged before you can progress.**
(the mind must be subdued into its role as coordinator of the senses, discouragement is its voice.)
- V. **Never examine your reasons for painting. The answer can only be found in your work by others.**
(let posterity take care of itself.)
- VI. **Never paint with your mind. Never paint with your feelings. Paint and draw what your eye wants.**
(faith and discovery are revealed when the eye perceives.)
- VII. **Don't be an art critic before you are an artist.**
(art must be intelligent not intellectual)
- VIII. **It's better to be stupid than phony.**
(all art is a self-portrait, good people only can make good art.)
- IX. **Say one thing only, but make the most of it.**
(find the essence and accept it. Therein lies the metaphor.)
- X. **Never worry about how it looks.**
(the role of art is to penetrate the soul not to placate the spirit.)