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Life is Art

Famous writer and poet Oscar Wilde said “Life imitates art more than art imitates life.”

His philosophy states that life is beautiful because artists are trained to see that beauty. He goes on to say that this view is far more influential than art that reflects life. Some people may feel that art is a way of life, and for others life is a way of art. Whatever view a person takes, life and art reflect off of each other. Alike, yet distinctive, life and art are one in the same. Certain people can appreciate the extraordinary exquisiteness of even an ordinary life, and those people can usually also see art in every direction, shape, and form. Two separate thoughts, separate ideas; life and art were never meant to be without the other.

Life is complex. Life is c omplicated. No two lives are ever the same. Everyone is given the opportunity to live in a physical world. Humans are born to earthly parents and are given abilities to grow, learn, experience, progress, and age. Starting as babies, then developing into children, adults, and elderly, humans experience a physical growth that is a part of life. There are many things that are experienced along the way such as trials, mistakes, love, marriage, all which contribute to living. This is life. It is meant to be lived and enjoyed.

Art is beautiful. Art is abstract. Art doesn’t always make sense. People have said that Heavenly Father (God) is the artist and the world is his creative painting. Art is the ability to express beauty, emotions, pain, and all aspects of life. All the while being creative. This is art. Simply, it is a form of expression to express creativeness. The amazing thing about art is that it can be created without intentions to create it. Humans have always have had a need to express themselves. The result of this expression is art. Art can take the form of singing a song, writing a song, drawing, coloring, painting, creating, building, playing a sport, taking a picture, posing for a picture, and so forth. Art is endless and boundless because expression is infinite and measureless.

In every crack and cranny of life, art can be found. Reiterating what Oscar Wilde believes, artistic instincts will purposely look for the beauty in this world, as not everyone will see it instantly or at all. Art can be found on the walls of homes throughout the world. Art can be found in a preschool classroom when a child learns to add color to a blank page. The art of yoga is a popular trend today. People practice to express themselves by challenging their physical bodies to land a pose, all while practicing to meditate, relax, and breathe. This is how living is a part of creatively expressing. This is proof that there is art in life and there is life in art.

Photography is a worldwide art form. Aaron Siskind states that “Photography is a way of feeling, of touching, of loving. What you have caught on film is captured forever…it remembers little things, long after you have forgotten everything.” A family photo, a wedding, a high school graduate, a maternity photo; a snapshot in time is timeless art. Infinite numbers of life moments are caught on film and in that moment, a photographer is able to create their form of art. A photographer determines lighting, aspect, angle, and editing all before, during, or after a photo shoot. On the contrary, there may are some photographers who choose not to brainstorm any of those factors and prefer to take snapshots without thinking about it. Whatever the choice may be, this is all a part of the creative process. Where there is life, there is art. Parallel to that, where there is art, life is nearby. Life creates art, admires art, imitates art, is art.

There is immense beauty in the world we live in. The ability to live life is beautiful in itself. Expressing beauty is artistry which can take innumerable forms. Whether a person finds the beauty of life in art or the beauty of art in life, the beauty is there. Like ying and yang, life and art are two separate ideas but they complement each other so well.