

Tristan Tzara "Dada Manifesto 1918"

After reading through this piece of written grandeur many times over, for around the past 2/3 days. I have come to many conclusions several of which have inspired me, enlightened me and allowed me to gauge the thought and aspirations of one Tzara. I can only hope the other manifestos I will be later reading will be as well written and demand much reflection. Nothing inspires me more than seeing the emotions of individual laid out for all to see; as in this world of false facades where one hides their face over the phone or through an avatar. It takes true courage to show how you really are beyond a professional mask.

This is why I study and why I like to learn, so that I might become more in touch with my true self... my insanity that is the soulful emotions.

Tzara didn't write this manifesto to elucidate the Bourgeois about what it means Dada; Tzara wrote this manifesto to show his views, his emotions and his most precious thoughts based upon Dada, his inspiration and his reason for living. He wrote this piece of literature to show that he was human to contradict himself and to point a finger at the inhuman acts that had taken place. He had no need to make sense as at that moment he lived in a world of chaos, brought upon him by man's greed, irrational hypocrisy of modern society; where we are slaves to legalities and the search for power £, where one stands above the rest on top a bed of the lower class.

We can see all of the amazing points that Tzara makes, during the most powerful part of this written work 'Dadaist Digest'

'Every product of digest capable of becoming a negation of the family is Dada'

Stated earlier on during this piece 'Dada is nothing' so anything that you read during this part that causes you to deny family or to greater extent humanity is nothing of importance and should be ignored. It also refers to another earlier part of the piece where it states that 'Science digests as soon as it becomes a

speculative system' This is trying to put forward the idea that just because not all the facts are there doesn't mean that a statement isn't true. But many people are willing to dismiss this as nonsense and pride themselves on thinking that they know the truth, just because gravity is proven and widely accepted doesn't mean it is there. We should be able to be creative and come up with new ideas without being contradicted and dismissed by ones that already exist. Just because we can't naturally fly doesn't mean that we can't defy gravity.

'Destructive action'

To realize that we are a community and tear down the establishment and create a better world as a country.

'known ledge of all the means rejected up until now by the shamefaced sex of comfortable compromise and good manners' Not to be held back by notions of education or by the easy living that have been handed to us. To understand that there is more to life than primitive sexual urges and modern connivance.

'Obligation to Logic'

To always use common sense, it is right to think and have the freedom to create. To not use this right is to abuse it.

'Social hierarchy'

There is a pecking order in every society even in the natural world, but just because there is one doesn't mean you have to be apart of it

In a capitalist society everyone has the right to vote, this doesn't make an outcome fair or the right decision; just the decision of the higher percentage, many will disagree with the outcome. But the majority would rather sacrifice a lamb to save the herd.

'Every object, all objects, sentiments, obscurities, apparitions and the precise clash of parallel lines are weapons for the fight' We are a moralistic society; we see money and positions as a display of dominance. We are thinking beings so emotions hold great value to us, things we do not know hold fear and cause us to invent and imagine. We conjure up ideas of ghosts and the unlikely fill the gaps of logic that we cannot understand; because we do not understand or we see settable differences in logic or opinion we argue, creating weapons and fight to prove that we are right.

After all history is written by the victor.

'Abolition of memory, Abolition of archaeology, Abolition of prophets, Abolition of future'

I believe this part can be interpreted in two ways, one way is the confines of historical contest; basically saying that this elimination of culture and a rewrite of history nearly came about, if the Nazi had won the war.

The second and more likely interoperation is that, Tzara is using repetition to emphasize a somewhat sarcastic effect to help connote the true nature of what he is trying to say. he is trying to say that these things are part of which we are, so to get rid of them is to deny our own existence.

'Absolute and unquestionable faith in every god that is the immediate product of spontaneity'

Every angelic creation brought to life through implosive or uncontrollable events should be considered to be a product of it. 'Elegant and unprejudiced leap from harmony to the other sphere'

To discard your beliefs and move from one metaphorical or physical world to the other. To discoverer new things and create new experiences.

'Respect all individuals in their folly of the moment'

To show respect even to the most foolish of jesters

'Divest one's church of every useless cumbersome accessory'

This has two possible meanings one, is that a person should not be materialistic and the other is that ones church should be like a organized mind.

'Spit out disagreeable or amorous idea..., or cuddle them'

Everyone has a choice in which path they follow and that choice will shape their lives.

'Thicket of core's soul pure of insects for blood well-born, and gilded with the bodies of archangels'

To no be Bourgeois

'Freedom, Dada,Dada,Dada'

Use your rights, be free to do as you wish and say what you say.

Cry out words that mean nothing Dada!

'a roaring of tense colors and interlacing of opposites and of all contradictions, grotesques, inconsistencies'

Create anything and everything; even monstrosities that are purely abstract making no sense, no logic and no relevance. Retaining only the fact that it exists in this moment.

'Life'

The word that has so much meaning has so much that we can describe. It is the base of existence; everything that has ever been contemplated is a product of reality that is contained in our consciousness. IT ONLY EQUAL IS DEATH.