



STYLE DECK

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“circus”

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“...stroke without volume.”

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“Thavin, a fifty-year-old with an obese and sagging body, whose type of asexual hideousness always inspires feminine nicknames”..... Hilarious!!

“...viscosity of his personage.”

“What the public wants is the image of passion, not passion itself.”

“...conjurer who holds out his cards clearly to the public”

“He is dead, little Jesus, there, on the cross”

“...purely moral concept: that of justice.”

“...orgy of evil”

“(...quasi-political nature, the ‘bad’ wrestler always being supported to be a Red [Communist])”

“...perfect inelligibility of reality”

“...Spectacle and to Religious Worship”

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PROF. ACTING + WRESTLING = SPECTACLE

SPECTACLE
- ACTING

REAL SPORT

WHAT

IF

THIS

IS

ALL

REAL

NOTES

- "Spectacle of excess" - How would a visual artist go about communicating the phrase, a "spectacle of excess"?
- Ignoble- not honorable in character or purpose.
- Amateur acting = non-art, Amateur wrestling = real sport, Professional wrestling = spectacle.
- "What matters is not what it thinks but what it sees." - Sounds like a magic trick. Makes me think of our president and the current political climate.
- I think that the author's writing directly opposes the subject matter. The article is methodical, poetically written and flowery... Completely contrary to wrestling.
- "Judo contains a hidden symbolic aspect; even in the midst of efficiency, its gestures are measured, precise but restricted, drawn accurately but by a stroke without volume." - I really like how this writer describes judo, as being without volume.
- "In wrestling, a man who is down is exaggeratedly so" - This writer is an absolute wordsmith! I can't think of a better way to describe the difference of a man 'going down' in judo versus that of a man in wrestling.
- "Thauvin, a fifty-year-old with an obese and sagging body, whose type of asexual hideousness always inspires feminine nicknames" - Hahaha!
- This line, "his actions will perfectly correspond to the essential viscosity of his personage", also made me think of Trump. I personally find Thauvin's character description extremely fitting to Trumps.
- Pantomime comes to mind.
- "'He is dead, little Jesus, there, on the cross,' and these ironic words revealed the hidden roots of a spectacle which enacts the exact gestures of the most ancient purifications." - Comparing religion to wrestling is daring, but I think necessary for the author to invoke a visual response.
- "But what wrestling is above all meant to portray is a purely moral concept: that of justice." - Reminds me of a "justice warrior" lady I ran into at Shop Rite. She felt that she had the moral high-ground and needed to correct me/administer justice. This type of behavior and cancel culture is all around us and everyday feels like living in an arena.
- "Orgy of evil"- Again, wordsmith.
- "Good and Evil (of a quasi-political nature, the 'bad' wrestler always being supposed to be a Red [Communist])." - Republican versus Democrat?



IGNOBLE





SPECTACLE OF EXCESS

CONJURER

CIRCUS

FRENCH THEATER

ENTERTAINMENT/REALITY?



RELIGION = WRESTLING



JUDO = LIGHT
WRESTLING = HEAVY

PANTOMIME

THE BASTARD



CIRCUS, SPECTACLE, OLD THEATER

ACCOMPANYING ARTICLE 1 - LYRICS

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Miss Liberty turn inna Jezebel All of the dreams you go sell turn inna hell

Her bed of roses are filled with thorns

Her righteous robes are tattered and torn

If she had only stood for love

That would have been enough

She wouldn't have to hide in her shame

If she had only stood for love

That would have been enough

But now we all burn in her flame

Amerimacka

Oh what a beautiful lie

Amerimacka

It's like licking honey off of a knife

Amerimacka

Oh what a beautiful sight

Amerimacka

Oh what a beautiful lie

The land of the free built on slavery

Her consciousness is in captivity

The promised land is in the lion's den

Your culture of greed has got to end

Now we're laying in the mud

Looking up above

'Til water just a drop from the sky

They try to keep us in the mud

Separating us from love

But me nah go let dem conquer de l

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ACCOMPANYING ARTICLE 2 - DAILY NEWS OP-ED

Count Donald Trump's hypocrisies | Chris Thurman

We're all hypocrites in that none of us perfectly practice what we preach. That being said, people manifest different degrees of hypocrisy in how they live. In Donald Trump, we have a president who very rarely practices what he preaches.

Trump preaches about the importance of truth but lies on a regular basis.

Trump preaches about the importance of loyalty but constantly throws people under the bus.

Trump preaches about the importance living by Christian values but is a serial adulterer, insatiable when it comes to the acquisition of wealth and maniacally power-hungry.

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Trump preaches about the importance of fairness but has refused to pay contractors what he owed them, give students in his bogus university a reasonable education, or properly distribute money from his self-dealing charity.

Trump preaches about the importance of safe health practices in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic but won't wear a mask in public.

Trump preaches about the importance of valuing women but treats women with contempt and exploits them for his own benefit.

Trump preaches about the importance of exercise and physical fitness but is obese and out of shape.

Trump preaches about the importance of treating others with civility but is discourteous and abrasive in his interactions with others.

Trump preaches about the importance of accepting people regardless of the color of their skin but demeans people of color by saying they come from "shithole countries."

Trump preaches about the importance of courage in life but used a fake diagnosis of bone spurs to avoid military service.

Trump preaches about the importance of hiring "only the best people" but has chosen one incompetent buffoon

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after another to serve in his administration.

Trump preaches about the importance of working hard but regularly gets up late, watches television hour after hour, and plays golf more often than any president in history.

Trump preaches about the importance of investigating the misdeeds of others but does everything he can to obstruct investigations into his own wrongdoings.

Trump preaches about the importance of personal competence in life but has handled his presidency, specifically the coronavirus pandemic, in a grossly incompetent manner.

Trump preaches about the importance of unity but often says divisive things, like there being good and bad people on both sides of the violence in Charlottesville.

Trump preaches about the importance of compassion for the pain and suffering of others but told the grieving widow of a slain war hero that her husband knew what he signed up for.

Trump preaches about the importance of being mentally tough but is incredibly thin-skinned and frequently overreacts to the slightest criticism.

Trump preaches about the importance of being smart, calling himself "a very stable genius," but has said some of the most ignorant things while president, like suggesting doctors look into whether drinking disinfectants might help kill the coronavirus.

Trump preaches about the importance of fiscal responsibility but spends taxpayer money like it's going out of style by making frequent trips to his resorts and holding one self-glorifying campaign rally after another.

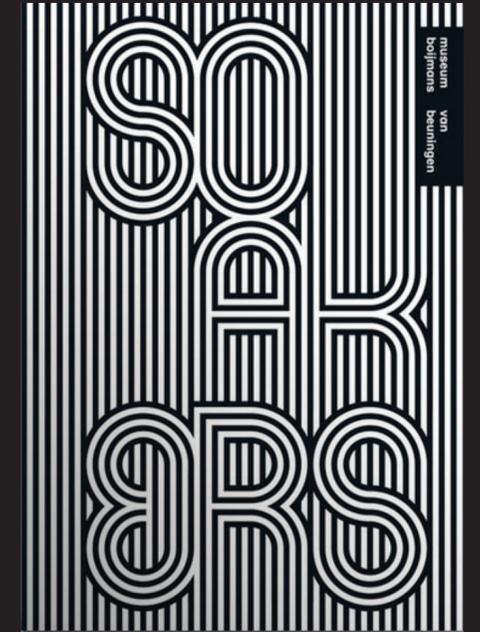
Trump preaches about the importance of being patriotic when he has chosen time and time again to align with despots from around the world.

The most effective and revered leaders throughout human history have been men and women who had the strength of character to practice what they preach. They didn't talk a good game, they lived it. The primary reason Trump will go down as the worst president we have ever had is that he's the biggest hypocrite we've ever had. I can think of no worse example to give our children and grandchildren for how to live life than the current president.

Thurman is a psychologist and author of "The Lies We Believe." He is a contributor to a book to be published this June, "The Spiritual Danger of Donald Trump: 30 Evangelical Christians on Justice, Truth, and Moral Integrity."

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