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¹ Characteristic of the stage of civilization is the reign of subjectivism. Reason becomes sovereign and proclaims, without knowledge of reality, the dictatorship of reason. Without knowledge of the laws of life, however, reason is arbitrariness. Subjectivism is that principle of arbitrariness which must lead to lawlessness, formlessness, and chaos. Aesthetics is as divorced from reality, as disoriented, as the rest of philosophy. That sense of beauty which is uncorrupted by art theories sees the degeneration of art in our times as just one more confirmation of the esoteric axiom saying that the prerequisites of understanding the essence of art exist only at the stage of culture.

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