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# Art through the Centuries

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Art- the heart-warming, soul-enriching art- Since time immemorial art has been an intrinsic part of the human civilizations. The drawings of animals and birds by the cavemen on the walls of their caves can of course be considered as art- the proof of art in the Mesolithic and the Neolithic periods. This proves that since the primitive times, the instinct of self-expression through art has grown along with the ages. Then, the ethnographic art continued with the Mesopotamian, Sumerian, Babylonian and other ancient civilizations. Art became much more refined and prominent with the classical Greek and Roman civilizations.

Further moving on to the middle ages, a major genre of art- Christian art was introduced. Along with this the Middle Ages also saw the emerging of Byzantine Art, Islamic Art, Migration Art, Gothic Art and a few other genres. The 15th century then witnessed the massive phenomenon of the Renaissance Art. Early Renaissance and its conflict with the Neo-Classical Art gave rise to a battle between the two, though Renaissance Art and the related art movements overpowered the other.

Coming to the Modern Art- By this time the world was going topsy-turvy. The World Wars, the famines and the industrial revolutions had set a new level of disbelief and confusion in people all across the world. This apprehension and dilemma very well reflected in the art and literature of the world. Various art movements sprung up like Cubism, Futurism, Surrealism, Dadaism, Expressionism, Abstract Expressionism etc.

The Contemporary Art includes several forms like the Toyism, Digital Art, Postmodern Art, Graffiti, Conceptual Art, Lyrical Abstraction, Deconstructivism, Remodernism, Maximalism, Minimalism etc. Art of every age has been a representative of the political and social milieu of that time. Where the Classical and the Renaissance Art was pleasing and soothing, the Modern and the Postmodern Art was chagrined and disillusioned. Nonetheless, the importance of art in a civil society is immense. Various genres of art today like the Modern Christian Art, patriotic art, landscape art, architectural art among the others are making waves among the world of art.

Modern Christian artwork is being seen as a window to achieving an environment of peace and calmness among the much disturbed and distressed world of today. Though the real value of art can never be estimated and every piece of art would remain a priceless and immortal window to the artistâ€™s mind, but people are not hesitating to spend millions to get a piece or art into their drawing rooms.

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