

The Artist

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"waters of death"--the afterlife. Also, Biedermann states that the macrocosmic manifestation of the spiral is invisible to the naked eye. This fact may be the reason behind the use of the drawings of an eye used in place of the letter "I" on the lyric sheets of The Artist's latest works. The eye represents the third eye or the spiritual eye.

The Arrow Head

The figure that appears as the arrow head has a very simple meaning behind it. The shape is actually the letter "L" which is the 12th letter of the alphabets. It is not clear to see the "L" is formed it becomes obvious what this sign represents. Because it is the 12th letter of the alphabets there is a spiritual meaning associated with the letter "L". 12 is a multiple of 3, a representation of the Trinity. However, the meaning that encompasses all of the symbols and make them one is the meaning of love. The "L" in fact is the "love sign". It is a obvious that this artist has awakened spiritually in many aspects of his life and career. This awakening can be heard in his latest music. He speaks of unconditional love, reincarnation, the afterlife, and Armageddon in many of his newest songs. It may be that the reason there are no words to call a name may have in fact come from the Hebrews who once would not allow the name of God, *Yahweh* (pronounced Ya-way), to be spoken because of its highly spiritual interpretation. It was too holy to be spoken--a concept which the Artist seems to have adopted.

There are no guarantees that this interpretation of The Artist is the true interpretation, but it is one by qualification. If the naming of one's self and identifying one's self with a symbol is no more than a publicity stunt then the Artist has truly achieved that goal; however it can be said that this man is a symbolic cultural icon in today's pop culture.

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So there you have it, a brief overview of the systems wars. The 64 is a future contender, the Saturn's strength is mostly in its past releases, but for the present, the Playstation is any one console gamer's best investment. Its vast library of hit titles is the most appealing quality any system could have.

Luther

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I realize that this sounds outlandish or even satirical, but the Roman Catholic Church was really that corrupt. The Roman Catholic Church was big business; I'm talking Microsoft big. Talk about a must have product, the most hellish person you know would jump at the chance to pay their way into heaven.

Martin Luther knew the bible very well. He translated it into German, his native tongue. He knew that throughout his readings of the bible that he never came across any mention of a Pope. The bible that he translated said that people were saved by faith as well as works. The faith was the belief in God and his written word. The works were the day to day living in accordance with the word of God.

The Roman Catholic Church stood to lose a great deal if Martin Luther was not stopped. The Roman Catholic Church had a virtual monopoly on the praising of God, more importantly to them, the receiving of tithes.

Martin Luther, wanted by the Roman Catholic Church, was forced into hiding. He was aided and protected by German nobles. Martin Luther became very popular with the peasantry. His literal, common sense strict, interpretation of the Bible was very appealing to the masses. He started

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or take in life like shadows lie in wait in the shade or dance at night (whether we're aware that they're there or not). Be it a smile or a handshake, a kiss or a hug, a dip or a grind, the motive and the moments that foster (and sometimes fester) between its beginning and end achieved, between the inter-dynamics that manifest within and because of its various and varied interchanges are called "the politics of dancing." And we're all in this dance together, we just need to decide who it is that's going to lead. And we'd better be sure they're a good dancer, too, because we're not always going to be able to choose the tempo, pace, or style of the music to which we dance. So we need to know that whoever we choose to help us win (or lose) can at least ride the groove and keep the beat, stay on the floor and stay off our feet. Truth be told? You tell me.

what became known as the Protestant Reformation.

From the Protestant Reformation came the various religious denominations that we have today: Baptist, Methodist, African Methodist Episcopal, Lutheran, Mormon, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, etc. All of these religions fall under the umbrella of Protestantism.

It is interesting to note just what the word Protestant means. According to the Webster's New World Thesaurus, Protestant is synonymous with dissident, dissenter, skeptic, heretic, and non-believer. Martin Luther was most definitely a dissident. He dissented from the Roman Catholic Church in almost every since of the word. On the flip side, Luther was certainly neither a heretic nor a non-believer. Martin Luther believed in the true living God. He believed that Jesus was the son of God, and that Jesus died on the cross for the sins of man. Martin Luther also believed that God raised Jesus from the dead. Where I come from, Martin Luther would have been considered a true believer. No matter what religious denomination you associate yourself with, if you believe as Martin Luther believed, and live accordingly, you are saved -- atleast that is what Romans chapter 10, verses 9 and 10, says.

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to not only abandon song and sip some tea for real, but to also breakdown the meaning of the ankh, the cipher and the absoluteness of mathematics. How on "Otherside of the Game," she gently pats her full stomach, living her lyrics, when she sings. She is both sociopolitical ("Certainly") and confessional. And at the end of the evening, folks are changed. So is Erykah gestured toward and talked about her baby called "Seven Oshay". Shared moments when she was feelin' it so bad, she had to cover her face for fear of tears. Laughed so that her voice was thick and full. Sassy so that she cussed. Gave folks a pound. Revealed truths untold. Erykah Badu has quickly risen to the heights as one of the music industry's leading new innovative figures. I wish Erykah luck in her new frame of mind. Baduizm will never die...

that one can concoct? We seem more eager to specifically classify a dog that would nonetheless be bothered if we had said that he was a cat, rather than cater to the needs of our fellowmen. Is it that by these actions we are simply reiterating the old adage of dog being man's best friend, or are we re-emphasizing my belief that we have always been a step behind the animals.

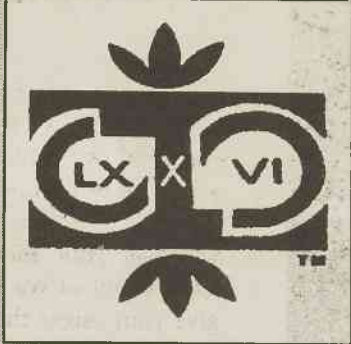
In a world that has revealed itself, and is still revealing itself, to be far more complex than we had ever thought, this demand for elementary simplicity in the classification of one's ethnic belongings seems to be quite out of place. So I say unto the Sallys out there, "Fie upon you" if you allow the Mollys of this world to believe that you were put here to make their jobs easier or more convenient. The harassment and the prejudicial slurs which you have undergone over the past years should be enough to remind you that you have earned the right to fully acknowledge all of your heritage when ever

given the chance.

I am not advocating that one should forget himself by holding steadfast to the belief that his colorful lineage will obtain for him acceptance into all, some, or any of the mix of cultures which he simultaneously represents. I would not do so because I firmly believe that all persons should be mindful of the society in which they live and its mode of thinking; America supposedly being the most liberal in its thoughts and views. However, we need to veer further away from "that old slave master mentality" and start recognizing people for what they are -- people.

The concerns of mixed people have been around far longer than that of the concerns of gays and bisexuals, however, they are being given more and more rights everyday by our legislature and... "Doing things backwards again, huh, people?" It seems as though we would be a tad better off if we were dogs. But then... there would be no place for gays-- there are no gay dogs.

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