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RELATING TO ART . . .

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The purpose of art is to bring into focus within the realm of a certain size canvas—through color and form and design (composition)—a series of visual images. These images reflect the things the individual seek and feels and is aware of in one's environment and experiences.

Through composing or orchestrating these images in a dramatic way, the individual is made to realize in one instantaneous moment: or rather the impression is so profound that the individual can grasp and retain it by seeing it visually and carry it away with them mentally. This is why even a person with a limited knowledge can read a painting and relate to it. These images are important not only for adults, but children as well are made aware of their environment and their culture.

This identification with the visual arts has long been denied to our people. But today Black artists as well as others before us are accepting the challenge . . . dedicating ourselves to the enlightment of our people and the world at large.

* EDITOR'S NOTE: Those of us who have not been fortunate enough to see Bro. Smith's work, should do so and further support him by purchasing some of his master pieces. A new collection will be on exhibit in May in New York. Keep reading Black NewArk for date, place, time and location.



Black art expresses the environment, feelings, and experiences of the Black lifestyle as shown here in Bro. Smith's work.