



Since the time man was blessed and punished to contemplate his being, and doing so actually became the Homo sapiens and unique as a species in the known universe, since then he struggles in all his actions for meaning.

In art also, the curse of sense and importance lurks below the surface of the “inutile”, from the cave drawings to the naked Maya to Duchamps’ urinal.

Man is a senseless coincidence who circles a sun like a piece of intergalactic driftwood for a fraction of a cosmic second, desperately struggling to make sense of the nonsense between birth and death.

The Association des Maîtres de Rien recognizes that there is no sense in being, and lives by nonsense and insignificance.

The members of the Association des Maîtres de Rien are not committed to the representation of nothingness, but to the ultimate beauty of the non-being and to the mere purpose of the days and years in the wonderfully ridiculous shell of the Homo sapiens on the planet.

The Association des Maîtres de Rien stands outside of any kind of meaningfulness which degrades life to a means to an end. It glorifies the idleness of being. What remains is the void of nothingness which shines in the objects of gold with radical insignificance, or it does not

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**Dieter Meier**

President of the Association des Maîtres de Rien

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Les objets de l’inutile can be ordered at the Association des Maîtres de Rien. They will be produced in 22 carat gold, at the current daily price plus 14% expenses, and handed over no later than 30 days after the purchase order against cash payment.

The below mentioned Maîtres de Rien are committed to execute the order to their best knowledge about meaninglessness.

Martin Wanner, Gregor Kowalski, Jean Luc Dubarry, Dieter Meier  
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You chose one of the above mentioned masters, and your order will be executed to your satisfaction.

For the Association  
Martin Wanner  
Vice-President