1: The Vignelli Canon: a Modernist design classic

Michael Dooley, Critical Conditions: Zuzana Licko, Rudy VanderLans, and the Emigre Spirit Michael Dooley, Kicking up a Little Dust from Looking Closer, Critical Writing on Graphic Design Book photography by me, David Hall.

There are certain differences in fine art practice and in design practice â€" as there are in fine art and graphic design education. The question of self-authorship and self-publishing by designers further complicates the debate: The designer as self is recognition of the central presence of the designer as a voice and a vision in the process of form-creation and message-formulation. Having a point of view from the vantage point of self is crucial. I aim for a neutrality of style â€" an idea that seems to align with Modernist ideas. One of the central tenets of Modernism is that form follows function and the function of a text is to communicate its meaning. It should be neutral. The meaning is in the content of the text and not in the typeface. I am also starting to question my original position. The questions that I am trying to answer in this essay are: What is meant by the idea of transparency in typography? Where did that idea originate from? Is it possible to have neutral typography and, if so, what is its opposite? By answering these questions, I hope to understand more about my own design decisions and perhaps, ultimately, to answer the question Is neutrality something designers should be striving for? Communication must be made in the shortest, simplest, most definite way. But can typography ever truly be neutral? Abbott Miller and Ellen Lupton look at typography as a semiotic system as part of the broader practice of writing, one which the linguist Ferdinand de Saussure described as a sign system separate from speech itself: Writing is thus a language depicting another language, a set of signs for representing signs. Typography, then, is removed one step further as a medium whose signified is not words themselves, but rather the alphabet. Can legibility clarify or even fix this meaning? In an essay called Legible? When this type of artistry succeeds, the contents of the text flow directly into the mind of the reader. But what if this process, this flowing of text, is disrupted? Wolfgang Weingart is a Swiss typographer who was trained â€" and later taught â€" at the Basel School of Design; his typographic experiments are based on an understanding of the basic functions â€" semantic, syntactic and pragmatic â€" of typography. Swiss Modernist typography had largely focused on the syntactic function but Weingart was interested in how far the graphic qualities of typography could be pushed and still retain its meaning and, more importantly, how certain graphic modifications of type could actually intensify meaning. But this is only an outward expression of something completely different. That is, the real problem of the meaning of a text. In my opinion one cannot make really good typography without exact knowledge and precise understanding of a text. Around the same time, deconstruction, developed by the French philosopher Jacques Derrida, disputed the idea of a single meaning in a text, instead suggesting that texts could be open to multiple interpretations. Derrida suggests that all text has ambiguity and because of this the possibility of a final and complete interpretation is impossible. It becomes clear that once you have understood that meaning is constantly in flux â€" both in terms of language; the written word; in typography; and in the context in which the text is read, then a fixed meaning, created through neutral design or otherwise, is unachievable and any attempt by designers to secure this shifting meaning is an impossible task. On the other hand, if we accept that the meaning of a text is in flux, should designers be adding to this confusion by trying to create other meanings â€" possibly not those of the author â€" through design? If it is easy to read it bypasses the visual potential of the message. People prefer the comfort of legibility. The passive, comfortable approach and negative visual interrelationships of type and image were firmly rooted by Stanley Morison in the perpetuation of left to right reading in the s. It should go without saying. It is as elementary and vital a consideration as that the wheels of a car should be round or that a house should have a door. Rather than making us look closer at a text, to look for multiple meanings, the text itself â€" and its meanings â€" becomes obscured by its unreadability. We just think that those readers who read the magazine on both levels got the most out of it. The tools that we have are much more complex and allow more levels of information. Is it possible to make rational, legible design that encourages reading but that also makes explicit the multiple meanings inherent in a text? The thought processes that created the work are apparent in the final output and the design encourages the reader to think about those processes and, more

importantly, the multiple meanings that are being transmitted. It must challenge the hierarchy of romantic pastiche. It must reject letterpress-derived-dead-typography and all its attendant conventions. I now realise that neutrality is largely unachievable and that the meaning of messages cannot be fixed. I think the best kind of design embraces a rational, functional approach that gives the reader space to think, to experience reading as an all-pervading experience where the design â€" and the printed page of words and letters â€" disappear. This approach does not have to exclude some self-expression: Legibility makes for comfort in reading instead of a new visual interpretation each time which enhances the meaning and comes out of the information. Reading should be enticing and inviting, stimulating the visual and intellectual senses. Armstrong, Helen Graphic Design Theory. New York, Princeton Architectural Press. Kentucky, Northern Kentucky University. Hustwit, Gary Helvetica film. Baines, Phil The Bauhaus mistook legibility for communication. McLean, Ruri Jan Tschichold: New York, Allworth Press. Unger, Gerard Legible? London, Eight Five Zero. Wilkins, Bridget Type and Image. Burke, Michael et al Synthesis.

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Article by Michael Dooley July 03, Filed Under: Inspiration, Article, Voice Reading Steven Heller's "interview" with Steven Jobs last week brought to mind a comment Rudy VanderLans once made to me, which I quoted in "Kicking Up a Little Dust," a Print feature.

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harness while she runs and plays at the dog park. Her camera is set to take a picture every 1/2 second which allows her to capture funny shots like this one.

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