



Common Arts Education with Christopher Hall

Lecture 1: Introduction to the Common Arts

Outline:

Introduction to the Common Arts

- How did you learn to make coffee? Apprenticeship? A cookbook?
 - The common arts and the liberal arts are present here.
- The common arts defined: These are arts that provide for our embodied needs in the world (creating artifacts or the provision of services).
- The common arts categories (not all inclusive list):
 - X-Working – Arts that produce an artifact.
 - Metalworking
 - Woodworking
 - Leatherworking
 - Stonemasonry
 - Growing & Tending
 - Agriculture
 - Animal Husbandry
 - Service Arts – These provide services.
 - Navigation
 - Medicine
 - Cooking
 - Trade
 - Tailoring & Weaving
 - Armament & Hunting
 - Architecture
- Orders of the common arts:
 - Basic common arts are the foundational arts (boiling water, first aid).
 - First order common arts deal with raw nature (garden or shop)
 - Second order common arts deal with human made technologies.
 - The common arts as pedagogical tools with the liberal arts pedagogy:
 - The common arts root us back to encounters with the real.
 - Expanding and elucidating the process of apprenticeship.
 - They common arts can take any discipline and connect it with the skills of the head, heart, and hands together (Booker T. Washington).
 - The real education of all people involves the integration of head, heart, and hands.