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WHAT DOES IT MEAN NOT TO PAY?

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1. NOT TO PAY MEANS ONLY TO PAY WHAT YOU HAVE TO PAY.
2. BUT YOU DO NOT PAY IF YOU ONLY PAY WHAT YOU HAVE TO PAY.
3. IF YOU ONLY PAY WHAT YOU HAVE TO PAY YOU PAY IN FACT NOTHING.
4. TO PAY MEANS – PER DEFINITION – TO PAY MORE.
5. TO PAY MORE MEANS BOTH: TO PAY MORE THAN IN FACT I HAVE TO PAY AND TO PAY MORE THAN I AM ABLE TO PAY.
6. TO PAY MORE MEANS TO STEP OUT OF THE SYSTEM OF EQUIVALENCE AND THE SYSTEM OF FACTUAL POSSIBILITIES.
7. IT MEANS TO DISTABILIZE YOURSELF.
8. TO DISTABILIZE YOURSELF MEANS TO BREAK WITH ESTABLISHED REALITY.
9. IT IMPLIES AN ACT OF VIOLENCE.
10. SELF-DISTABILIZATION IS THE TRANSCENDENTAL CONDITION OF PHILOSOPHY & ART.
11. BY PAYING MORE THAN I HAVE AND THAN I AM ABLE TO PAY I AM READY FOR THE IMPOSSIBLE.
12. THE EXPERIENCE OF THE IMPOSSIBLE IS THE EXPERIENCE OF THE NEW.
13. IT IMPLIES THE AFFIRMATION OF A NAMELESS FUTURE.
14. IT INTEGRATES CONTINGENCY IN ITS ACCOUNT.
15. THE INTEGRATION OF CONTINGENCY IS THE INTEGRATION OF THE INCOMMENSURABLE REAL INTO REALITY.
16. IT DEMANDS COURAGE TO PAY BECAUSE THE AFFIRMATION OF CONTINGENCY IS THE AFFIRMATION OF INCOMMENSURABILITY.
17. NOT TO PAY SIMPLY INDICATES THE LACK OF THIS SPECIFIC COURAGE.
18. NOT TO PAY IS THE REACTIONARY OR NARCISSISTIC GESTURE PAR EXCELLENCE.
19. NOT TO PAY MEANS TO EXCLUDE FUTURE FROM YOUR LIFE.
20. NOT TO PAY IS THE STANDART-GESTURE OF A SUBJECT DENYING ITS SUBJECT-STATUS BY REDUCING ITSELF TO THE DOMAIN OF CONSTITUTED FACTS.

