

'Against social inclusion?'

The Diogenes Paradigm



“The only true commonwealth is that which is as wide as the universe.”

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(De-)Constructing the homeless Other?



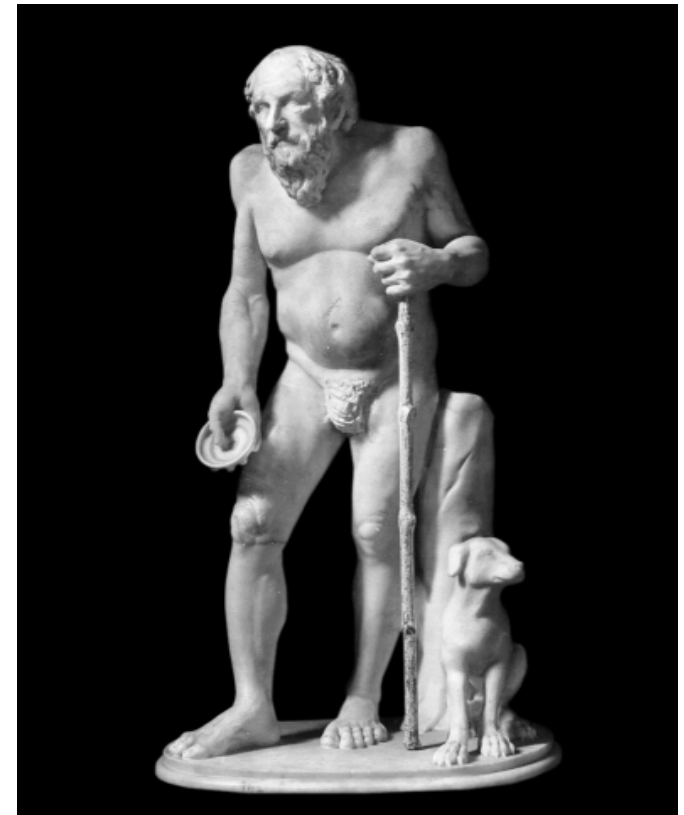
Duane Hanson
Homeless Person (1991)

Jeffrey Hillman
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Larry DePrimo
(New York 2012)

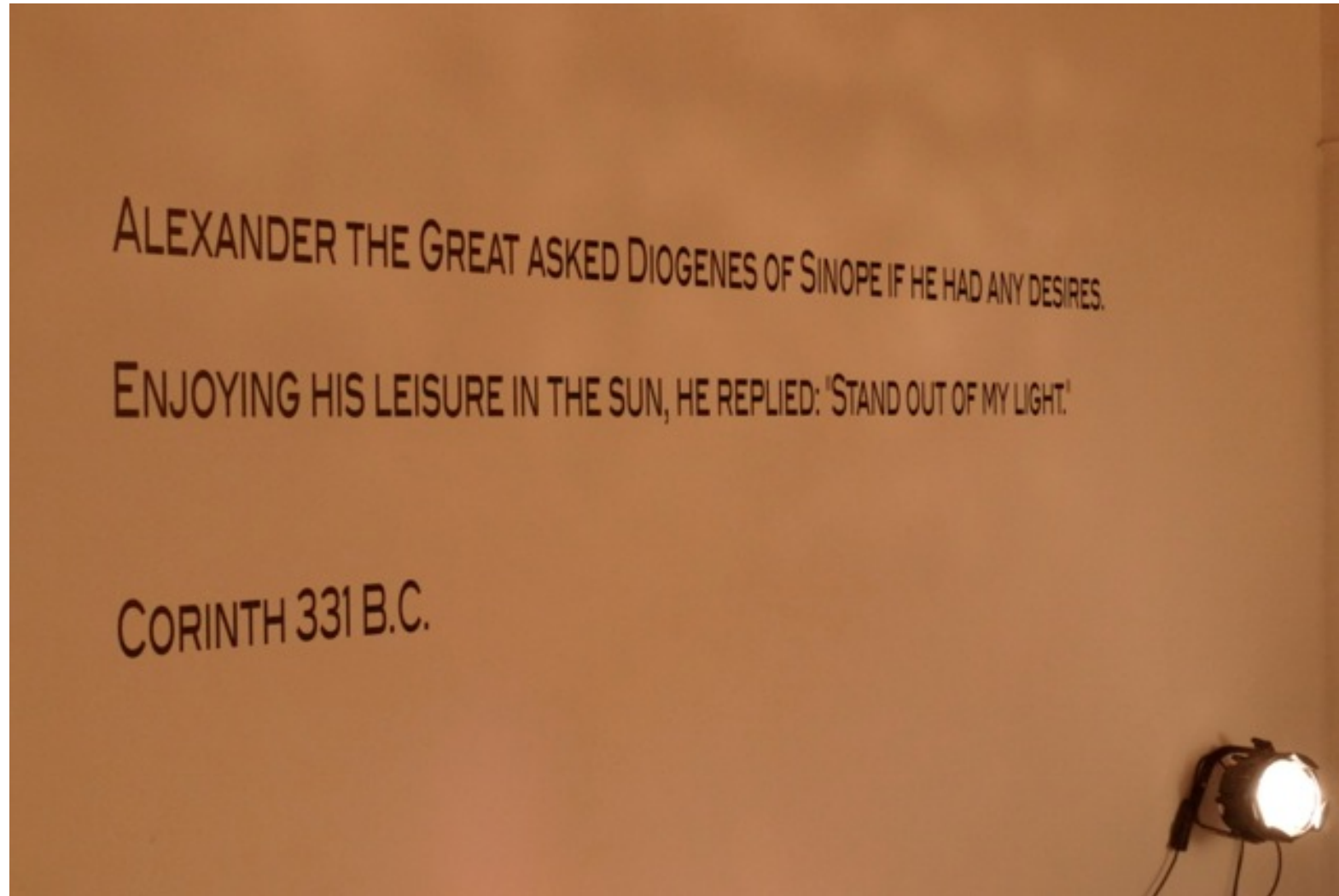


Edwin 'Diogenes' McKenzie (late C20)

“I am Diogenes the Dog. I brown-nose those who give me alms, I yelp at those who refuse, and I set my teeth on those who are rascals”



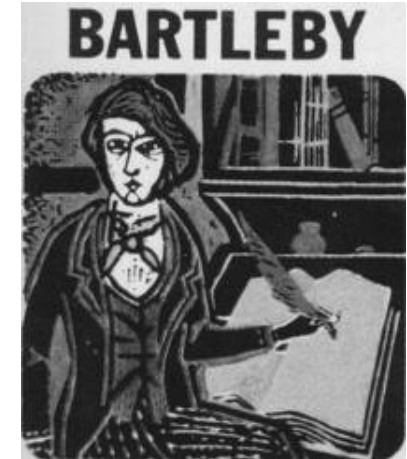
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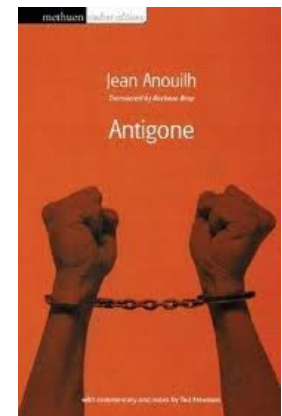
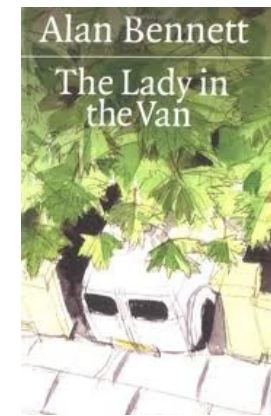
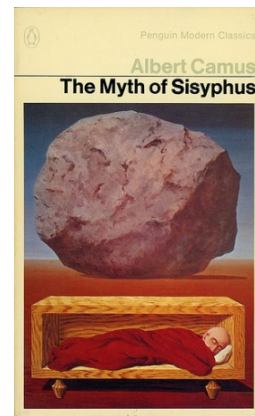
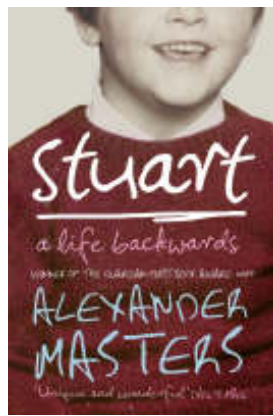
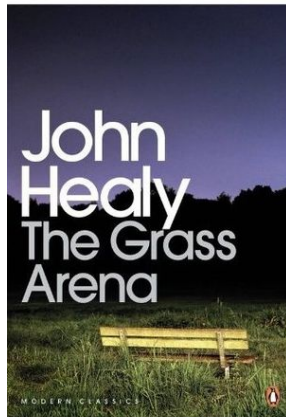
ALEXANDER: "Dost thou not know that I am able to give thee a kingdom?"
DIOGENES: "I know that thou art able, if I had one, to take it from me: and I shall never place any value on that which such as thou can deprive me"



Refusal: what one does for a living



“I would prefer not to”: Diogenes, Sisyphus, Antigone, Bartleby, K., Miss Shepherd, ‘Stuart’, Healey, Brian Haw, Rorschach



“I am a citizen of the world”



- “We are at war with one another; a battle front runs through the whole of society, continuously and permanently”
- Metropolitan vs Cosmopolitan systems (of care)
- the Greek City-State vs Macedonian Empire
- ‘concentric circles’ of care vs enclosure and colonisation
- ‘Occupy’ protest camps vs private security guards

Re-populating the Agora?



- PIPEs – if you are in prison
 - PIEs – hostel for homeless
 - Relational security – if you are on a forensic secure unit
 - Enabling environments – on psychiatric wards
 - Therapeutic communities – severe personality disorder
 - Managed clinical networks – personality disorder in community
 - Circles of support/accountability – sex offenders in community
 - Social pedagogy/AMBIT – if you are young (and lucky)
 - Communities of practice – cosmopolitan concentric circles
 - **But:** “... and so God scattered them upon the face of the Earth, and confused their languages, so that they would not be able to return to each other ..., and they left off building the city, which was called Babel “ (Genesis 11, 5-7).
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