# Surrogacy as Democracy: Anecdotes of Access and Affront

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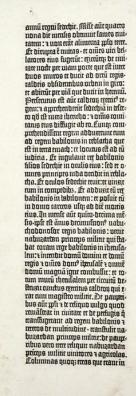
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# "without all doubt God him self was the ordainer and disposer thereof"



"[T]he buyers finding a greater number upon him, than it was possible for several men to transcribe in their whole life, and the pages of each copy so exactly alike, that he was seiz'd, try'd and condemn'd for Magick and Sorcery, and was accordingly dragg'd to the stake to be burnt"

# → Samuel Palmer, *History of Printing*, 1732



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#### "divine and miraculous" $\rightarrow$ "Magick and Sorcery"



Benjamin Champney's *Pumpkin Time* (1872)  $\rightarrow$  Chromolithograph by H. Harring of L. Prang & Co.

"the chromo-lithographic imitation of oil-painting is a type of everything in bad art that is most disgusting to the artist and to the cultivated.... At bottom of this disgust we shall find the sensation of sham, of a swindle which disappoints even while it deceives"

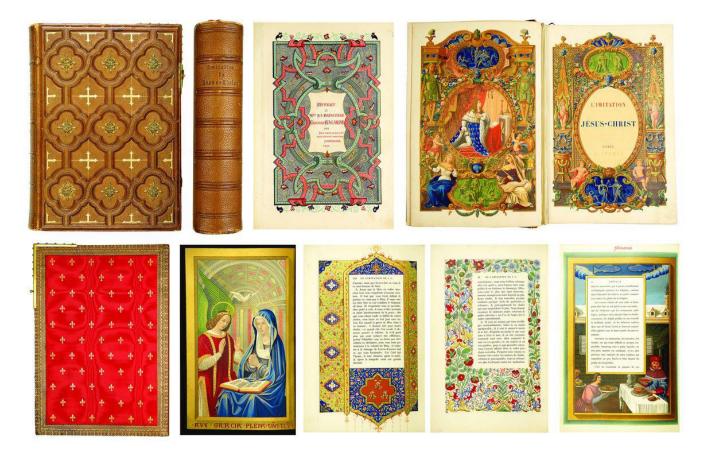
### $\rightarrow$ E. L. Godkin (critic for *The Nation*, 1870)

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# "awakening ... the innate love of beauty which marks the scale of aspiration in the human soul"

→ National Lithographers' Association, 1893



L. Curmer's *L'Imitation de Jesus Christ* (1856) → Chromolithography by Lemercier, typography by J. Claye



# photographs by Durieu $\rightarrow$ sketches by Delacroix

"les photographies qui saisissent davantage sont celles où l'imperfection même du procédé pour rendre d'une manière absolue laisse certaines lacunes, certains repos pour l'oeil"

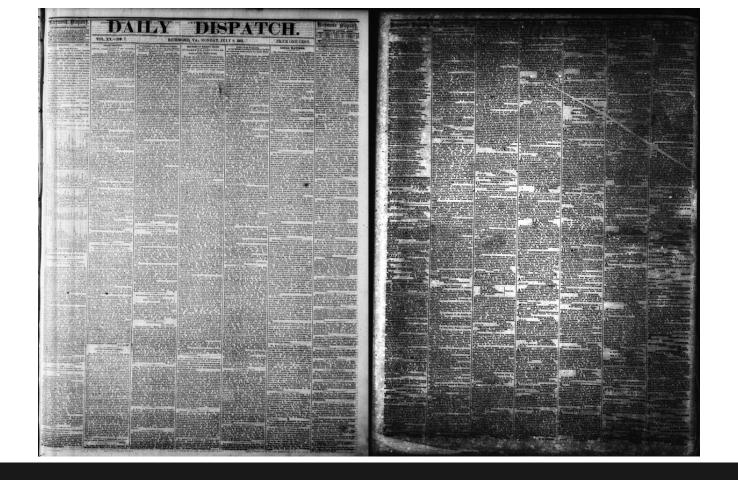


"Photographs furnish evidence. Something we hear about, but doubt, seems proven when we're shown a photograph of it"  $\rightarrow$  Susan Sontag, 1973

"pix or it didn't happen"  $\rightarrow$  the 21st century

"A friend of mine has a picture of great value which he will not allow to be copied by the process, because he imagines (and I think rightly) that he will have no hold upon it thereafter, private individuals being at liberty to repeat it to an indefinite extent"

 $\rightarrow$  letter in the *Photographic Journal*, 1853



# "anybody who likes may reproduce them" "incalculable gratitude and happiness to all classes"

 $\rightarrow$  Richard Redgrave (of the V&A Museum), 1860

"Why would a museum give away images of its art?... It's because our mission is to care for and share those works of art with the broadest possible public. The logical, radical extension of that is to open up our treasure trove of images"

### $\rightarrow$ Amy Heibel (of the LACMA), 2013



"By allowing photography, galleries are betraying all those who want to contemplate rather than glance. Surrounded by the snappers, they may come to think that this is the acceptable way to consume art, a kind of constant grazing without any real meal. That's not a means of making art more popular or accessible. It is the surest path to depriving it of all purpose and meaning"

# $\rightarrow$ Sarah Crompton (in *The Telegraph*), 2014

"So much of it is available in the digital universe anyway.

(Photography) is a way for visitors to engage with works of art

— (but) there's no substitute for being in the presence of work of art. A cellphone won't change that"

 $\rightarrow$  Christine Anagnos (of the Association of Art Museum Directors), 2013

# "technology is the process of replicating the condition of magic"

 $\rightarrow$  Warren Ellis, 2015



# → yellowmilkmaidsyndrome.tumblr.com

"The poor image is a rag or a rip; an AVI or a JPEG, a lumpen proletarian in the class society of appearances.... The poor image has been uploaded, downloaded, shared, reformatted, and re-edited.

"It transforms quality into accessibility, exhibition value into cult value, films into clips, contemplation into distraction. The image is liberated from the vaults of cinemas and archives and thrust into digital uncertainty"

# → Hito Steyerl, *In Defense of the Poor Image*, 2009

"The poor image is an illicit fifth-generation bastard of an original image. Its genealogy is dubious. Its filenames are deliberately misspelled. It often defies patrimony, national culture, or indeed copyright. It is passed on as a lure, a decoy, an index, or as a reminder of its former visual self"

#### → Hito Steyerl, *In Defense of the Poor Image*, 2009

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