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*What makes you feel free?*

The fact that I can decline a project; the ones that have no potential for me.

*What worries you?*

People who are certain scare me.

*Your favorite film?*

The movie I know by heart? *The Big Lebowski*.

*Favorite musician, group, song/album...or combination thereof?*

Georges Brassens.

*Your drug of choice?*

My cigar.

*Who inspires you right now?*

My inspiration changes as often as I change my socks. I'd say it is [in] situations. I am not a fetishist of architecture. I fish everywhere, it could be people but it is mostly situations.

*What do you think your purpose is on earth?*

*Pas me faire chier.* Not to get bored.

*What do you love about your city and what do you hate about it?*

Well things have changed for me since I came back the first time in 1993. I naively believed in a plan of reconstruction and sadly learned that it is private funding that moves things. My choice of staying has been made almost in spite of me.

*What would you like to come back as in your next life?*

Silence. I would start over with no objection.

*A quote to live by or personal motto?*

"Pamper yourself."

*What is Soul?*

It is what stays beyond the morphology of things.