

Creative for Christ Session One: Art and Creation

What images, words and ideas come to mind when you think of Christian Art?

No such things as Christian Art?

The Earth is the Lords and Everything In It
Psalm 24:1

Everything God created is good and nothing is to be rejected
1 Timothy 4:4

No such thing as Christian sport, music or plumbing

Differences between 'biblical art', 'religious art' and 'Christian art'

There are religious artists who don't make work about their religious belief.

Andy Warhol

Paul Cezanne

There are non-religious artists who make work that is regarded as religious.

Alison Watt

Phillip Glass

There are artists who make work about religion but who do so in a way that uses irony, scepticism, cynicism as tools to discuss religious ideas.

Sarah Lucas You Know It Aint Easy

Ed Ruscha

But there are very few artists who make work about religion and who do it in a sympathetic way and who are also contemporary.

What is Art Anyway?

An abbreviation

To be literal

Deliberate Human Action

Visible Signposts to the Invisible

The Things Artists Make and Call Art

The Bible as Art

- “All Scripture is God breathed” – theopneusi
- The bible is also art because it was written through human action – arte factum.
- Unique in all creation because it is both God-breathed and crafted by human hands.
- “Your word is like honey on my lips”
- When was the last time you let the word of God drip off your lips like honey?

ART IN THE BEGINNING

1. The Creativity of God

- a. The Heavens declare the Glory of God
- b. God made the trees pleasing to the eye as well as good for food – Gen 2:9
- c. The Wrath of God is Revealed Through Creation- Romans 1

Genesis 1

2. The Creativity of Humans

- Made in his image – to be creative is to be human
Gen 1:27
- Placed in the Garden to work it and take care of it
Gen 2:15
- Adam names the animals
Gen 2:19,20
- Adam's love song
Gen 2:23