

THEOLOGY PUB – Creativity & Faith

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“The same *Spirit* that hovered over the waters at the beginning of Creation...hovers over the mind of the artist at work.” / Thomas Aquinas

The Bible

- "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1)
- "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them" (Genesis 1:27)
- "He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation" (Mark 16:15)
- "For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse" (Romans 1:20)

Theological Bullet Points

- Creativity began with God as Creator as displayed in "the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1)
- Deep connection between God and His creation (Romans 1:20)
- God as Creator + Man made "in his own image" (Genesis 1:27) = Man is creator
- Main Point: God is creative, therefore we are designed to be creative

Creative Bullet Points

- "Creativity is a mental process involving the discovery of new ideas or concepts, or new associations of the existing ideas or concepts, fueled by [...] insight" (wikipedia)
- Creativity produces art, yes, but more than that, creativity is an everyday part of life
- We have to be creative as we process and then react to the circumstances of our lives
- **Main Point: Creativity is much more than singing a song or painting a canvas or writing a poem. Creativity is developing new ideas or formulating new connections between old ideas in order to produce something that has never been done before.**

Creativity Quotes

- "There is no doubt that creativity is the most important human resource of all. Without creativity, there would be no progress, and we would be forever repeating the same patterns." — Edward de Bono
- "The creative is the place where no one else has ever been. You have to leave the city of your comfort and go into the wilderness of your intuition. What you'll discover will be wonderful. What you'll discover is yourself." — Alan Alda
- "A painter told me that nobody could draw a tree without in some sort becoming a tree; or draw a child by studying the outlines of its form merely . . . but by watching for a time his motions and plays, the painter enters into his nature and can then draw him at every attitude . . ." — Ralph Waldo Emerson
- "The world is but a canvas to the imagination." — Henry David Thoreau
- "God is really another artist. He invented the giraffe, the elephant and the cat. He has no real style. He just goes on trying other things." — Pablo Picasso
- "What is an artist? A provincial who finds himself somewhere between a physical reality and a metaphysical one.... It's this in-between that I'm calling a province, this frontier country between the tangible world and the intangible one—which is really the realm of the artist." — Federico Fellini

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