

The Eye of the Beholder??

Human Creativity Should mirror the Creator's

Ephesians 2:10 - The Object of His Workmanship

1. His Preferences
 - a. Order (Genesis 1:28 Man over the Earth, Eph. 5:22-24 the family, Romans 13:1-2 the government)
 - b. Obedience (Ephesians 6:1-2 children and parents, Eph. 5:22 wives and Husbands, John 14:15-17 people obey God's Laws)
 - c. Laws (Exodus 20:1-17 Commandments/ Laws, John 14:6, 17:17 Truth)
2. His Attributes of - Romans 13
 - a. Justice - 3a
 - b. Wrath - 4
 - c. Fear of - 3b - 4a
3. Purpose
 - a. Redemption - Acts 2:22-23*
 - b. Restoration - Both Man and Creation** on back
 - c. *What man produces is a reflection of whom? Self or God?*
4. Perspective on the Creators Creativity
 - a. Culture
 - i. Aesthetic (art for arts sake, see #1)
 - ii. Utilitarian (value only in usefulness, see #3)
 - b. Outward vs Inward
 - i. The Eye - 1 Samuel 16:7
 - ii. The Heart - Matthew 5:21,27
 - c. Gain vs Loss
 - i. Value of Tolerance (is God Tolerant?)
 - ii. Enduring the ugly
 - iii. Eternal perspective

Application: "it was very good". Genesis 1:12, 31

- a. Reflection of Art and Music? Looking beyond the lyrics
- b. Cultural Morality - who defines? (Good only in comparison to current standards or to God's standard?)
- c. Practices - Tattoos, Percings, Modesty. (Not 1 Cor. 6:19-20!!)

**** 3b - God desires to restore:**

Individuals: Passages like **Psalms 51:12** ("Restore to me the joy of your salvation...") and **Isaiah 61:7** "...to grant them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit..." speak to God's desire to restore individuals to their former joy and wholeness.

Relationships: Galatians 6:1, *"Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore them gently..."* emphasizes the importance of restoring broken relationships within the community of faith.

Creation: Romans 8:19-21 describes the entire creation groaning for restoration, ultimately pointing to the future hope of a renewed world.