

Why the Arts are Essential for Believers in Europe

**1. The arts are a gift to
deepen our appreciation of
God's world**

“A man should hear a little music, read a little poetry, and see a fine picture every day of his life, in order that worldly cares may not obliterate the sense of the beautiful which God has implanted in the human soul.”

—Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

For Unveiling Meaning

(Especially the allusive ones)

*Art does not reproduce the visible;
rather, it makes visible.*
- Paul Klee

*Sometimes reality is too complex.
Fiction gives it form.*
- Jean-Luc Godard

”Reason is the natural organ of truth; but
imagination is the organ of meaning.”

(C S Lewis)

'signals of transcendence'

(Peter Berger)

**2. Art opens a window to
understanding the times**

*“who understood the times and
knew what Israel should do.”*

2 Chronicles 12:32

Incarnating abstractions

“Art at its most significant is a distant early warning system that can always be relied on to tell the old culture what is beginning to happen.”

- Marshall McLuhan

3. Art is a special medium for
commending the Christian
World***view***

(note the 'view' dimension)

Kategoria

Examples;

- Creator/creation
- Humans as the image of God
- Heaven and hell
- The seen and the unseen
- Form and freedom
- Good and evil

Raising Questions

The purpose of art is to lay bare the questions that have been concealed by the answers.

— James Baldwin