

TRUTH & BEAUTY  
Week One: God the Great Artist

Class Overview:

Week One – God the Great Artist (August 6)

Week Two – Truth & Beauty: What is Christian Art? (August 20)

Week Three – Beauty & Brokenness: Art in a Fallen World (August 27)

- I. What is art?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- II. Where does art come from?
  - a. God is a Creator
  
  
  
  
  - b. Humanity is made in God's Image
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- III. What does art do?
  - a. Art makes visible the invisible
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. Art creates community
  
  
  
  
  - c. Art shapes culture

“In reading profane authors, *the admirable light of truth displayed in them* should remind us, that the human mind, however much fallen and perverted from its original integrity, *is still adorned and invested with admirable gifts from its Creator*. If we reflect that *the Spirit of God is the only fountain of truth* we will be careful, as we would avoid offering insult to him, not to reject or condemn truth wherever it appears. *In despising the gifts, we insult the Giver.*”

John Calvin, *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, II.2.15

IV. Art as Worship

- a. All true art comes from God
  
- b. Art appreciation as worship

Four Pieces of Art:

- 1 Aqua, Jeanne Gang (Architecture)
- 2 Pietà, Michelangelo (Sculpture)
- 3 Mark Antony's Speech (William Shakespeare [Damian Lewis])
- 4 When David Heard (Eric Whitacre)

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