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Does Theology Really Need Art?

by Kris Saldine, ASC Arts Concerns Committee

Whether or not you agree with the quotation above, it raises the question, “What is art?” In turn it raises a question regarding theology and art. Is there a need for theological thinking on art?

First, let us think about what we consider to be art. The primary definition given in my dictionary says ‘art: the quality, production or expression, according to aesthetic principles, of what is beautiful, appealing, or of more than ordinary significance.” Is there anything more beautiful, appealing or of more than ordinary significance than Grace, Hope, Love...Christ?

Second, let us also consider why we should think theologically about Art? There are a variety of reasons. Art is a means of expression and communication. Art can inform and enrich our knowledge of God and our understanding of life. During the Reformation, in reaction to the positions of the Catholic Church, the Protestants swung to an extreme. Art, other than functional (e.g. the chalice, plate, pulpit, banner), was decided to have little or nothing to do with the church. A significant reason, then, for a new look at a theology of art is to reclaim a more holistic view of art and of our creative nature. It is time to think theologically about the creative process.

Songwriter/musician Michael Card talked about Christ as creator when he spoke on campus. He argued that if we are called to be Christ-like, are we not then also called into the creative process? Many people say, “I’m not creative, I’m not an artist.” Obviously we cannot, like Christ, create out of nothing, but I argue that we are all creative, we all are artists of one kind or another. The difficulty is in the definition of art, creation and creativity.

Most of us think of art of terms of the world marketplace. Art is something you hang on your wall or a performance you watch. The definition of an artist then becomes someone who produces such works. It is by these same standards we then judge ourselves. Where do you fall on the creative spectrum? By whose standards do we set that creative spectrum: God’s or by what is marketable by today’s standards?

Is art important? Yes. It is important for us as God’s people, and critical for us as his representatives in the world. In raising these questions, we can continue to learn and explore God’s sovereignty, our understanding of Christology and our understanding of creation...of us, people. We don’t necessarily need a new theology. Rather we need to re-examine the theology we have. In the future, if we are to move towards a more holistic understanding of the creative process, we must grow in our understanding of the triune God who was present at the very beginning.

A Look at the Human Body as Expressed through Art.

Why are Christians concerned about nudity in art? Should we always call it art? What is an appropriate response to the body as expressed through art?

Join Dr. Bill Dyrness and a group of Fuller students for a trip to Pasadena’s world famous Norton Simon Museum to enjoy its incredible variety of works spanning hundreds of years. (An excellent foretaste of Dr. Dyrness’ class, Theology and Art, scheduled for next Fall.)

Afterwards, return to campus where Dr. Dyrness will answer questions and facilitate dialogue around the topic of “the body as expressed through art” at Pasadena Higher Grounds.

When: Friday, April 16
Time: Meet 2 p.m. in the SOP parking lot to carpool
Approximate ending time: 5 p.m.
Cost: $2 with student ID
Extra for coffee at PHG
Sponsored by the ASC Arts Concerns Committee

The spiritually significant and thought-provoking comic strip “King Kong Vs. Godzilla” will not appear this issue because of a lack of cute nicknames for the artist.
chapel services

Daily Orthodox Morning Prayers, Monday-Friday, 7:30-7:55 am in the Chapel above the Library, led by Scott Watson and Fr. Sam Gantt. Everyone is welcome.

Community Chapel
Wednesday March 31
10 a.m.

SWM Chapel:
Thursday, April 1
10 am
Travis Auditorium.

PC (USA) MONDAY MORNING MEETINGS
3/29
Welcome back for Spring Quarter. Dr. Brad Long, Executive Director of Presbyterian and Reformed Renewal Ministries will be with this Monday morning. C.P.M. members from the Presbytery of San Francisco will be with us also. Donuts and Coffee. Come join us. Payton 301. 4/5 Jeff Ritchie.

INTER-CULTURAL CATHARSIS
3/30
Come join this get together of the all American-International community at Fuller on Tuesday March 30, from 11 am to 1 pm in Travis Auditorium. Come hear faculty and students share experiences, see a skit and, a video review and taste delicacies from around the world! Bring a friend and mark your calendars for this event. For more information contact Akumla Longkumer at 213-344-0776.

THE EASTERN EUROPE PRAYER GROUP
4/2
Welcome back! We will meet at noon on Friday, April 2 at 265 N. Oakland #11. For those who’ve not heard of us, we are Eastern Europeans, people who have lived there and all others interested in Eastern Europe. We meet to fellowship (usually over something to eat!), discuss trends in and pray for Eastern Europe. For more information call Greg or Kristi at 585-1843.

PROSPECTIVE STUDENT DAY SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY 4/5
Do you have friends that would be interested in a degree from our School of Theology (or even just interested in taking a few classes)? If you know of someone who would like to visit campus and learn more about what Fuller has to offer, please invite them to the Prospective Student Day that we will be hosting on Monday April 5, in conjunction with the annual Payton Lectures. For more information (and right now we are probably sitting right next to the phone waiting for your call...) contact the Admissions Office at 584-5400.

FEMALE DEVELOPMENT
4/6
Fuller women you are invited to hear Lorie Humphrey talk on “Female Development and Dependency Issues” on Tuesday, April 6 from 5 to 7 pm, in the Catalyst. Refreshments will be served. Sponsored by the Women’s Concerns Committee.

Multiculturalism Today: Reflection and Response. A new and exciting course designed to enhance our theological understanding of multiculturalism as well as sharpen our sensitivity and appreciation for the multicultural community in which we live today. A team of faculty members will work to increase our abilities in relationships, evangelism and overall mission. The class will be enriched by field trip experiences. Class meets on Tuesdays. See your academic advisor for further details.

MM 581 North American Chinese Church Planting and Church Growth
This is a Spring quarter intensive for all Asians on campus. Wayland Wong will assist in this course. He has extensive experience in church planting in Orange County.

MT 595 Theological Reflections, Women in Two Thirds World. This new course is a theological reflection addressing women’s issues in the Two-Thirds world. This course is taught by Dr. Sakhi Athyal, Professor of Missions, Union Biblical Seminary (India) and a pioneer Indian woman missiologist. You have until Friday to take advantage of this unique opportunity!
WANTED: HOUSING FOR INDONESIAN CHOIR

On Wednesday April 14 the All-Seminary Chapel will host the Visionaries, a choir of students from the Evangelical Theological Seminary of Indonesian (ETSI) and Dr. Chrisoffel Marantika, president of ETSI who will be our guest preacher. These students and Dr. Marantika would like to stay in the homes of students from the Fuller community on Tuesday evening, April 13. This is not only an opportunity to serve but to compare requirements for seminary education. Just a note, in order to graduate from ETSI, each student must plant a new church among people who have never heard the gospel. If interested in making a bed available to one of these students or Dr. Marantika, please contact Carol Aldana in the Dean of Chapel Office at 584-5592.

ACADEMIC ADVISING NOTES

Welcome back! Just a brief note this time to post our general office hours for your convience. MO: 8-5pm, TU: 8-9am & 11-7pm WE: 8-7pm TH: 8-5pm and FR: 8-5pm. Have a great quarter. Don’t procrastinate. Do well and take your small group to the beach at least once this quarter for some fun.

TRAVIS AWARD PAPERS

Win up to $200! It’s time to turn in your papers concerned with the integration of theology and psychology. Contest rules can be found on the 1st floor of the Psych. Bldg. Deadline for papers is Friday, April 2.

THERAPY SUBSIDY

Therapy subsidy forms for winter quarter are available at the SOP desk for clinical division students. Completed forms are due by Friday, April 2. Please return forms to Sue Hester, student assistant to the Dean. Any question? Call 584-5517.

RESUME WRITING WORKSHOP

Lots of practical advice and examples will be given for those seeking permanent jobs after they graduate in church or psychology positions. Information applicable to part-time, local and internship seekers as well. Students, spouses, and staff are welcome to attend. Please bring a resume if you have one. Monday April 5, 6-7 pm or Tuesday April 6, 10-11 am. The same workshop is offered both times in the Job Room in Camell Hall.

SUMMER JOBS AVAILABLE

Jobs, jobs and more jobs!! The Office of Career Services has many jobs listed just waiting to be taken—especially those “summer only” jobs. We have listings from Glacier Park, Mount Hermon, Yellowstone and the YMCA just to name a few. There are a variety of positions available, including counselor, life guard, construction worker and food service. Come by and take a look at what we have to offer!!

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE INSTITUTE

IBI provides materials to train national workers in their local church, and, at present, has about 100 Bible Institutes in the Philippines, Ghana, Nigeria and England. Bert Kramer will be on campus Wednesday April 7th, from 9 am to 4pm in the Garth to discuss part-time Mission Representative opportunities with interested students.

VOLUNTEER TUTORS NEEDED

The Special Education Department at John Muir High School is in need of volunteer tutors to provide “one-on-one” teaching to special education students. This is a great opportunity to experience the rewards of volunteer work and help students learn. If interested, please call 798-7881 and ask for Ms. Cummings ext 500 or Mr. Bonwell ext 527.

ATTENTION PC (USA) STUDENTS

Southminster Presbyterian Church, Mt. Lebanon, PA., will be on campus April 14 and 15, from 9 am to 4 pm to interview for an Associate Pastor of Youth position. Will also consider someone to be hired as a Youth Director while working towards a degree and ordination. Please come by Career Services to see a complete CIF and to sign-up for an individual interview.
COPY SERVICES’ BUDGET CUTS FAVOR STUDENTS!

In an act of solidarity with tuition-strapped Fuller students, Copy Services has reduced the price of a single xerox copy in McAlister Library from 10 cents to 5 cents in response to a long-standing student body request.

The two OCE’ brand machines, one on the first floor and the other on the fourth, have already been converted to a 5-cent-per-copy rate. According to Freddie Johns, Manager of the Copy Services, the proper tools necessary to convert the XEROX brand machines have been ordered and should arrive shortly, making the 5-cent reduction universal throughout the library.

Ever since the price was raised to 10 cents a copy in 1991 under the previous management, the ASC has expressed concern for what seemed to be an unfair monopoly on copying library resources, many of which cannot be removed from the building. Johns hopes that the increased volume of copies made due to the reduced rate will make up for loss in profit per copy; if not, he says, the Copy Services will simply ‘swallow’ the reduction within their budget.

Additionally, Johns plans to modify the machines to accommodate print cards which will be sold to students starting this Spring. Students will be able to purchase 100 copies for $5.00 (5 cents per copy) or 500 copies for $20 (4 cents a copy) on a regular basis through the Copy Services office. Other plans for the restructuring of equipment and facilities to lower prices for students are forthcoming, says Johns.

The ASC would like to express our deepest appreciation to Freddie Johns and Lee Merritt, Vice-President for Financial Affairs, for their ongoing commitment to the welfare of the student body and the Fuller community at large. For any further details regarding the improvements, see Freddie in the Copy Services office (Payton Hall next to the Refectory).

ASC ELECTIONS

CALLING ALL UP-AND-COMING COMMUNITY LEADERS!

It’s that time of the year once again to answer the call of our student body to represent us to the Seminary and to each other. The ASC elections for student officers are open to all students in good standing who will register for the Fall quarter 1993. The Election schedule this year is as follows:

- March 29 - April 9: Nominations accepted in the ASC office
- April 12 - 16: Campaign week for candidates
- April 19 - 23: Ballot box opens 9-12, 1-4 in ASC office
- April 26 - 30: Run-offs

It is not too late to nominate someone (including yourself) for a position. To nominate oneself, bring your driver’s license (or other photo of yourself) and a one-page statement of your reason for running and convince an application in the ASC office. The following positions are open: ASC President, ASC Vice-President, ASC Treasurer, PGU Clinical Co-President, PGU MFT Co-President, TGU President, TGU Vice-President, SWMGU President, SWMGU Vice-President. All students are eligible for ASC positions. The GU positions are restricted to those registering in the respective school. Job descriptions, further details, and answers to the myriad of questions this announcement will probably raise are available in the ASC office. Come on by!

A WORD FROM THE EVENTS COORDINATOR . . .

A big THANK YOU to all those who helped with decorations, props, sets, tickets, lights, etc. for the Fuller Follies: Ellen Barbour, Debbie Payne, Tim Bray, Elsie Gordon, Jim Clements, Luann Pederson, Carla Urrutia, Norman Gordon, Chuck Mason, Matt Colwell, Kris Saldin, the charming Gallagher family, participants in the skits, and anyone else I’ve forgotten! Great job - - we couldn’t have done it without you!
FINANCIAL AID

ORVILLE REDENBACHER'S 2ND START SCHOLARSHIP
Students who are 30 or over and are enrolled or planning to be enrolled in the 1993-94 academic year are eligible to receive a $1000 worth of pop-corn...just kidding...really, it's only a joke. In fact, the Orville Redenbacher Corp. is offering $1000 scholarships to students who meet the above eligibility requirements. Pick up applications at the Financial Aid Office. Deadline in May, 1993.

LOANS PENDING FOR SUMMER REGISTRATION
If you wish to be on the loans pending list for the summer quarter, you must have a completed loan application on file in Financial Aid by Thursday April 28th.

1993-94 SOP GRANT-IN-AID
The 1993-94 SOP Clinical Division Grant-In-Aid application packets are now available. Pick one up at the Office of the Student Assistant to the Dean (Sue Hester) or from the SOP Front Desk. Return applications to Sue Hester. Deadline for completed applications is April 15.

MATTHEW O. REYNOLDS SCHOLARSHIP FUND 1993
UCC students who have completed at least one quarter at Fuller may apply for this $2,000 scholarship. Contact Financial Aid for more information. Application Deadline: April 22, 1993.

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT FOR 93-94 SOT/SWM GRANT APPLICATIONS
This is it. The last announcement (as stated in the title). April 15 is the deadline. Theology students applying for any type of grant must complete and return their applications to the Financial Aid Office by the above date. Once upon a time an innocent, unassuming student asked, “Would it be OK, oh most excellent and powerful financial aid guru, for me to turn in my financial aid packet on April 16th?” After the guru had been subdued by the very capable Post Security Team he said, “No”.

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Teacher and Asst. Teacher Needed: Epworth Christian Preschool seeks to fill these positions for the September, 1993, school year. The teacher must have at least 12 units of early childhood education with experience teaching in a multi-cultural setting. The Asst. Teacher needs at least 6 units of early childhood education. Both must be 18, a Christian, love children and enjoy being with them, willing to work with parents and willing to work with a team. Please call Cherry Chua at 568-9502 or 796-0157 between 9 am to 2 pm.


Auto Repair: SMOG CHECKS, tune-ups, oil change, brakes, etc... Complete service. Hrant Auto Service, 1477 E. Washington Blvd., Pasadena, 798-4064. Call for an appointment.

Tax Time: Tax preparer, licensed and bonded, specializing in Fuller community students and staff. Reasonable prices. Ask for Tom Dunn at 352-8237.

Auto Body Repair Pasadena Collision Center: Specializes in quality body repair and paint on all late model cars. We guarantee our work to your total satisfaction. Owner is Fuller grad. Ask for Special Discount for Fuller students and staff. We offer a lifetime guarantee. We are located at 1560 East Walnut St, Pasadena, CA, 91106. Open 8 am-6 pm Monday-Friday. Call 792-7605.

Four Hours Free Long Distance Calling: No cost to you. Call 818-308-7552 for further information.


Apartment For Rent: Extra large 2 bedroom 1 bath apartment in South Pasadena. $800/month. Very spacious living room and dining room. Call 441-9675 for more information.

Office Space to Share: Wanted MFCC or Psychologist to share 2-office suite in Pasadena near Fuller/Old Town. Rent approx. $450/month. Contact Rick Rupp M.Div. MFCC (FTS grad. 86) at 240-9322.

Condo For Rent: 1 bedroom Condo, 850 sq. ft., pool, laundry, carpets, drapes. 1 1/2 miles from campus, available April 15. Rent is $725/month. Call and leave message at 796-7299.

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