

THE GOD WHO CREATES



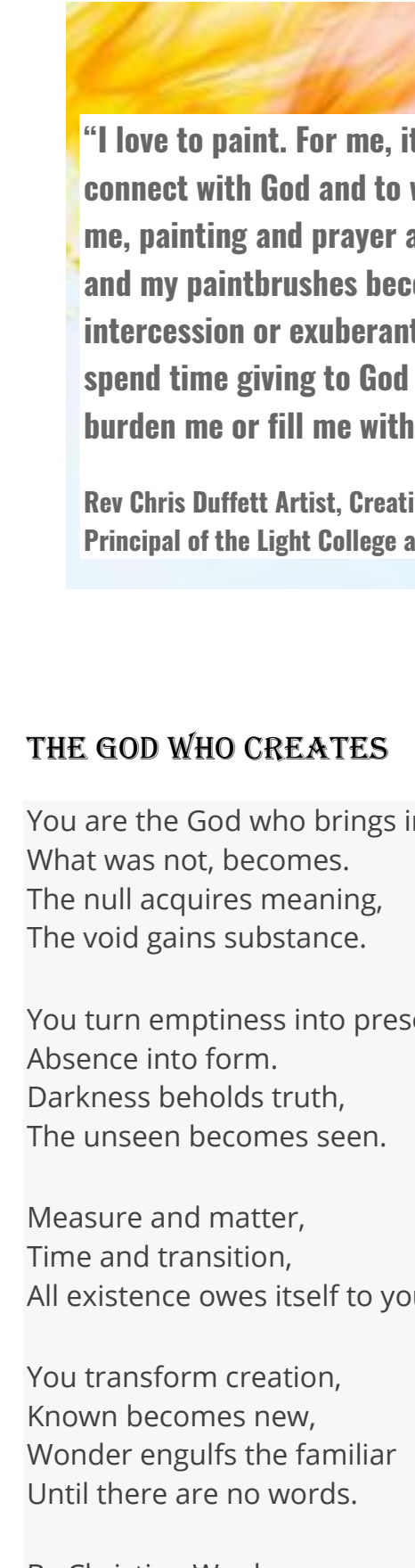
Psalm 104:14-19 ESV

“You cause the grass to grow for the livestock
and plants for man to cultivate,
that he may bring forth food from the earth
and wine to gladden the heart of man,
oil to make his face shine
and bread to strengthen man’s heart.

The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly,
the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.

In them the birds build their nests;
the stork has her home in the fir trees.
The high mountains are for the wild goats;
the rocks are a refuge for the rock badgers.

He made the moon to mark the seasons;
the sun knows it’s time for setting.”



“I love to paint. For me, it’s time to connect with God and to worship Him. For me, painting and prayer are intertwined, and my paintbrushes become tools of intercession or exuberant praise, as I spend time giving to God the things that burden me or fill me with joy”

Rev Chris Duffett Artist, Creative Evangelist and Principal of the Light College and Collective.

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You are the God who brings into being.
What was not, becomes.
The null acquires meaning,
The void gains substance.

You turn emptiness into presence,
Absence into form.
Darkness beholds truth,
The unseen becomes seen.

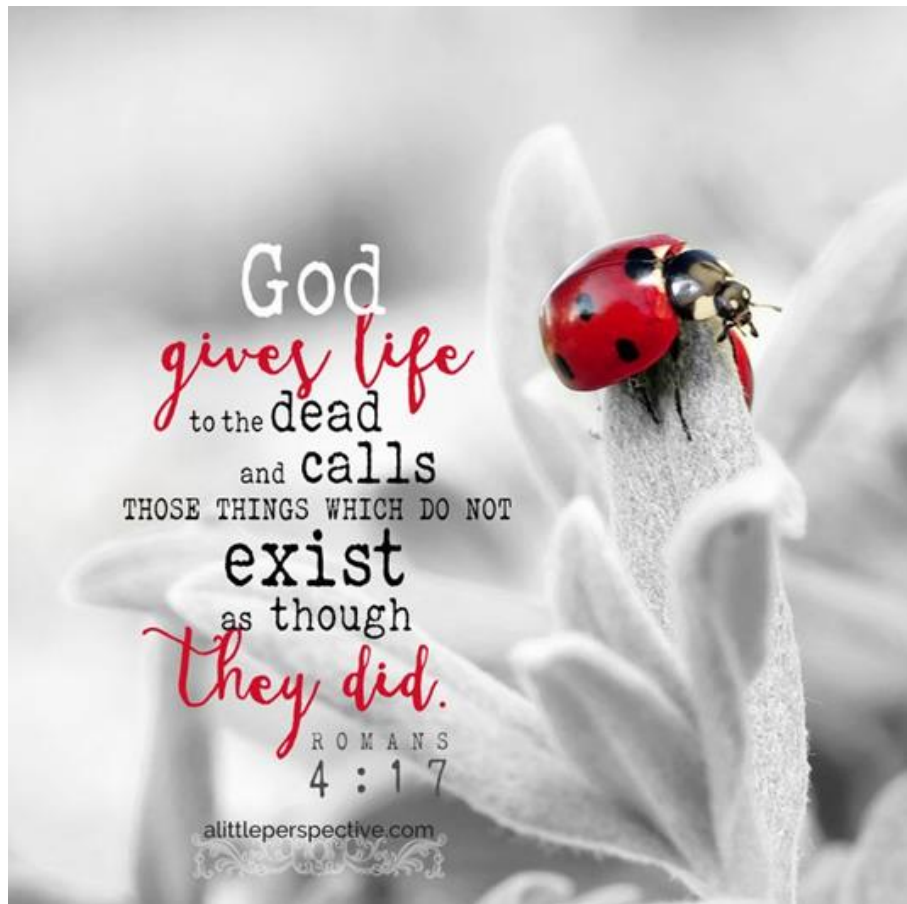
Measure and matter,
Time and transition,
All existence owes itself to you.

You transform creation,
Known becomes new,
Wonder engulfs the familiar
Until there are no words.

By Christine Woolgar

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IN THE BEGINNING GOD
CREATED THE HEAVENS
AND THE EARTH.
- GENESIS 1:1

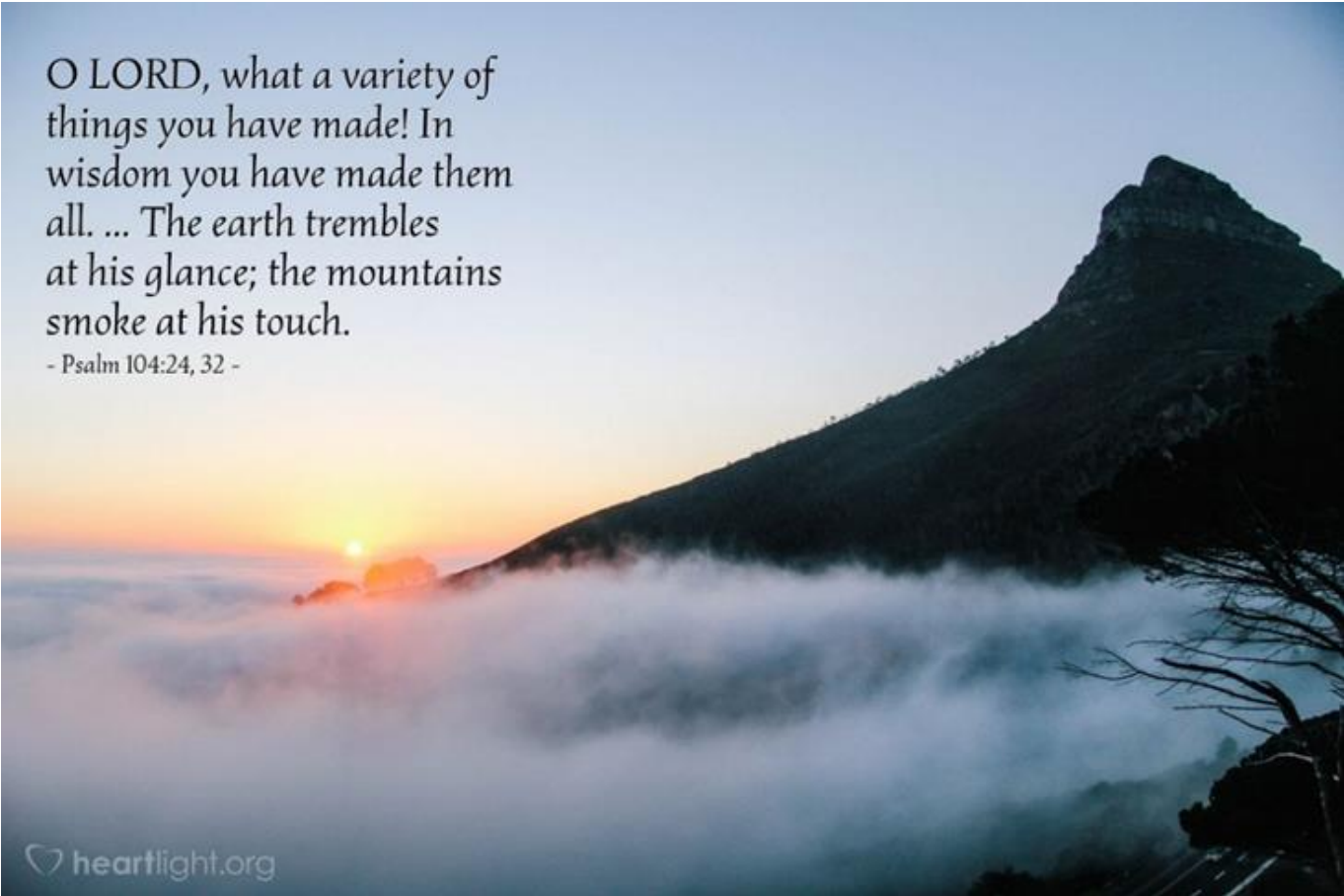


Psalm 139:1-4

You have searched me,
Lord, and you know me.
You know when I sit and
when I rise; you perceive
my thoughts from afar.
You discern my going
out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all
my ways. Before a word
is on my tongue, you,
Lord, know it completely.


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I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and
invisible.



O LORD, what a variety of things you have made! In wisdom you have made them all. ... The earth trembles at his glance; the mountains smoke at his touch.

- Psalm 104:24, 32 -

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That they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of the LORD has done this...

—Isaiah 41:20

God is not just the 'how' explanation for natural phenomena that science cannot explain.

The world is God's work of art, created to display His glory.

This teaching is at the heart of Christianity and gives life to Christian spirituality and worship.

Because God created the world, Christians are meant to care for it, embrace it and enjoy God through it.

We were made in his image and so we are creative beings.

We are very different from one another and so have different interests and passions which are God given. It is our choice what to do with our talents.

If you have a love and passion for God, you can turn your talents into creative worship and prayer.

Christians have been doing this for centuries. Look around at any old church and look at how many ways people have created something as an act of worship and their prayer to God – music, tapestry, sculpture, writing, building, paintings
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We also have new technology which might help us be creative such as film, podcasts, radio and the internet.

What could you create as a prayer to God?

If you write a prayer or draw something why not drop it in to the office so we can share it with others.

WRITE A LETTER OR POEM TO GOD

Open with a name for God and then pour out your heart to him. Talk about the challenges in your day, your questions, your fears, your needs.

Be sure to date your entries. It can be powerful to look at your journal entries over time and see how God has been at work in your life and how your prayers have changed.



DOODLE OR DRAW YOUR PRAYERS

Use a bible verse, names for God, promises from God, or names of people you are praying for. Write it down and then doodle or draw around the word/name and pray.



WRITE A SONG OF GRATITUDE

Some days we just need to focus on gratitude – especially when we start to feel anxious or worn down or feel ourselves becoming too focused on our own concerns.

Fill a page with all the blessings in your life. Do not stop until you have filled the page. Now sing those words to God and listen to what He is saying to you.



DANCE A PRAYER OF JOY



Find a piece of music that fills you with joy. Allow your body the freedom to express in dance your prayer of joy and praise to God.