

Contents

Foreword	xi
Preface—Glorifying God through arts & culture	xv
Acknowledgements—My debt to great thinkers, inspiring mentors & loving supporters	xxi
I. ON ART & CREATIVITY	
Reflecting an artistic God	3
Use your imagination	7
God’s delight in beauty	11
Art & idolatry	15
Understanding art	19
Art of food: Taste & see	23
Love, empathy & art	27
II. ON THE ARTIST’S CALL	
Created to be creative	33
Gifted for such a time as this	37
Art for God’s sake	41
Pursing excellence in art	45
Don’t waste your talent	49
Helping the church get used to “all things new”	53

III. ON LITERATURE

Poetry, microwaves, & Big Macs	59
Why we should read fiction	63
<i>Narnia, Harry Potter & Lord of the Rings:</i>	
Are there bad stories?	67
Monsters in the mirror	71
Bunyan's <i>The Pilgrim's Progress</i>	75
Shakespeare's world(view)	79
Imagining reality in <i>Hamlet</i>	83
Jane Austen: Small joys & simple pleasures	87

IV. ON MUSIC

Reforming music: Bach & Luther	93
J.S. Bach: "Do all to the glory of God"	97
Handel's masterpiece	101

V. ON CINEMA

Pitching your tents	107
A case for movie-making	111

VI. ON FAITH & CULTURE

Reforming art	117
Darwin & the shrivelling of our artistic "soul"	121
What about nudity in art?	125
Bridging old & new traditions	131
The beautiful cross	135

For further reading	139
Scripture index	141
Index	143

About the author	147
------------------	-----