Symbolism and Art

Christian worship or idolatry?

Does God approve of Art in a place of worship?

Are arts and crafts important to God? Does it have any worth in it?



READ: P.77—80 On Divers Arts, prologue to book 3

Passages of Scripture that Theophilus possibly has been inspired by:

Acts 13:22 Psalm 26:8 27:4 Exodus 31:3-5 Isaiah 11: 2,3

How does God endorsed art differ from other art?

How does the art work of the Ark of the covenant and the temple compare to other important buildings at the time?

How would the impression of a visitor to Solomon's temple have compared with their visit to any other temple?

Is there a specific cultural style of art which has been endorsed by god?

READ: Exodus 25: 10-22
Revelation 11:19

READ: IIKings 6, 7:13-51

Treasures form Bible times pg 105 NIV study Bible pg 471, 123, 124 Good News study Bible

How can Christians use art today to worship and bring glory to God?

What objects symbolise these words to you?

Power

Majesty

Might

Hope

Glory

Salvation

Compare and contrast If you were trying to explain the meaning of these words to someone who grew up with you (but for some bizarre reason has forgotten what they mean) what buildings, people stories would you refer to?

Power

Majesty

Might

Hope

Glory

When was the last time the thought of a land of milk and honey filled you with joy?

Do you know what a timbrel is?

Would finding a well to water your sheep at, or clearing your overdraft make you happier?

