



Praying with art

All great art is a visual form of prayer

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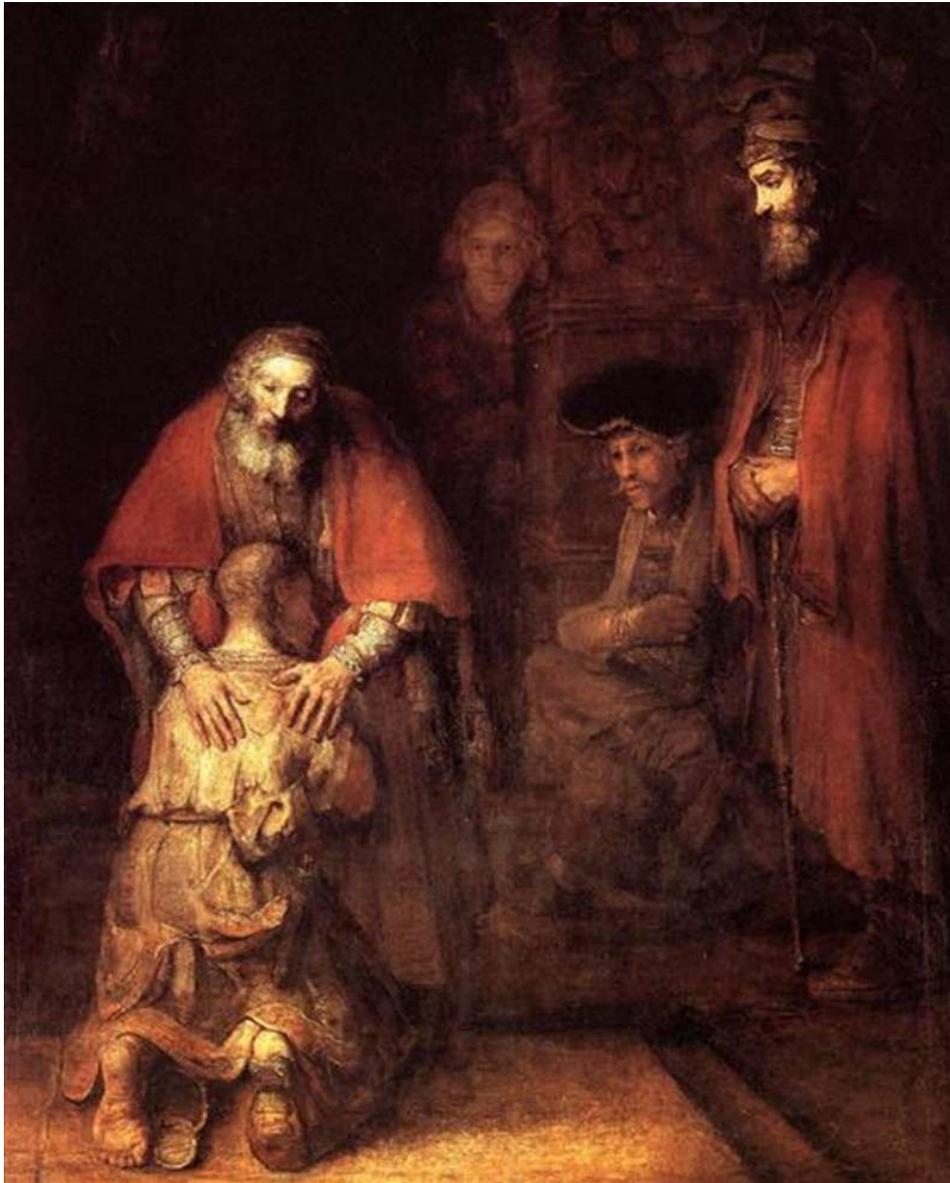




- Art for personal devotion
- To communicate a narrative
- To communicate with
- Visio Divina



- **What it isn't**
 - **art history**
 - **art appreciation**
 - **theology of art**
- **What it is...**
 - **an invitation from God to a personal encounter**



- **What to choose?**
 - **A theme?**
 - **A gallery?**
 - **Postcards/printouts**
 - **Figurative - to start**
 - **Religious - to start**



- **Questions**

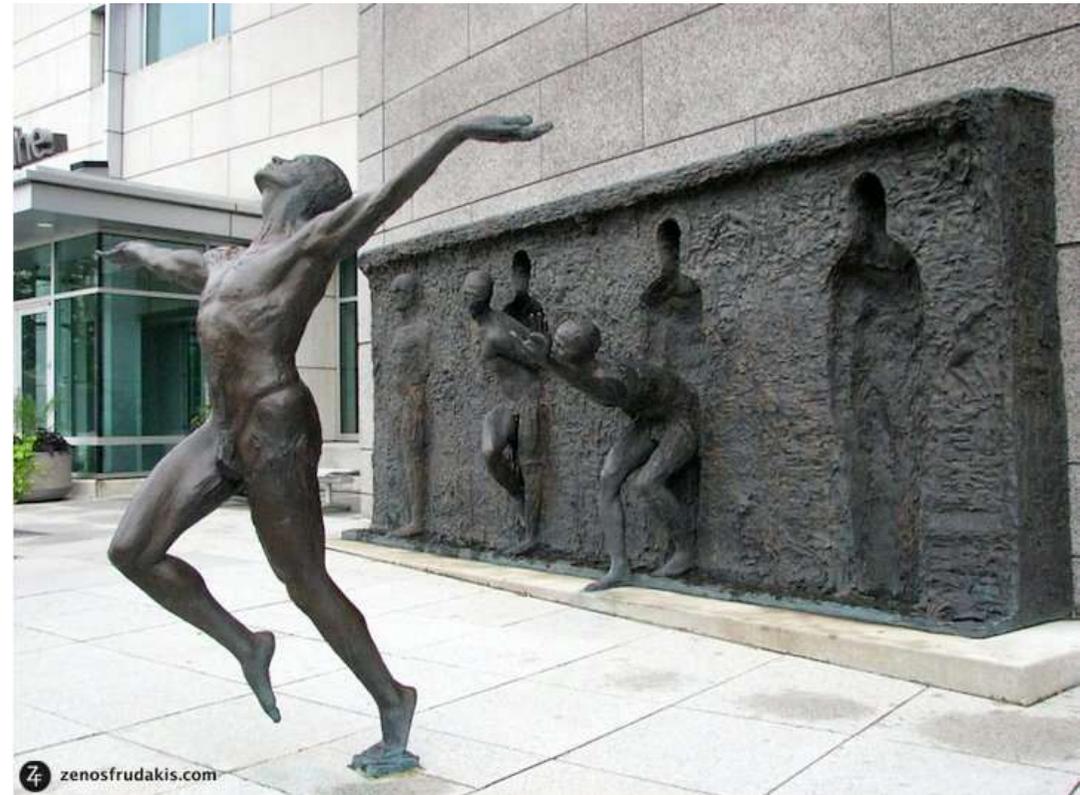
- **First notice**
- **Feelings**
- **People - conversation**
- **Light and shade**
- **Story**
- **Impact on me? Unfolding**
- **My response**



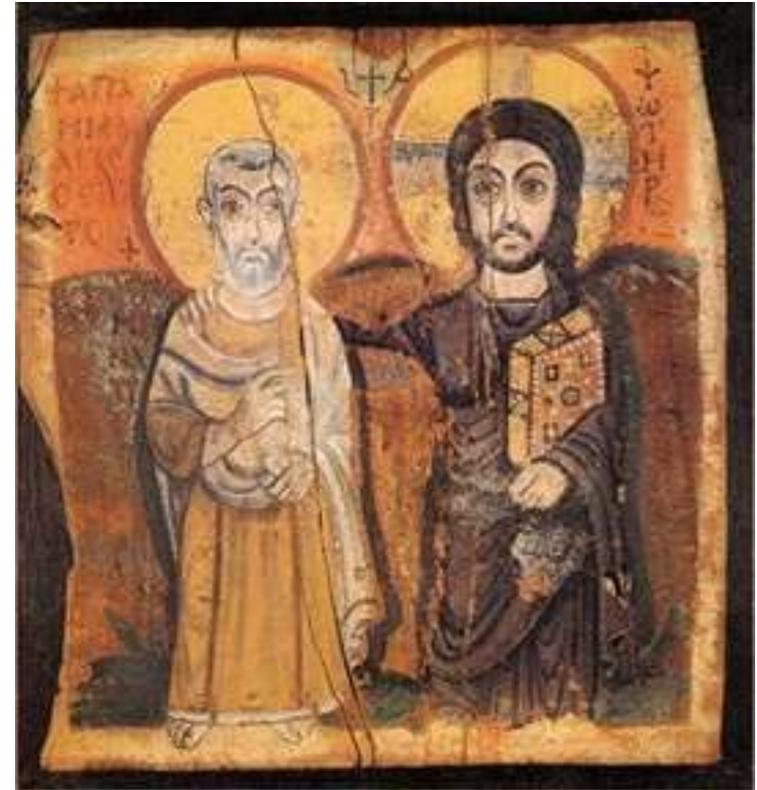
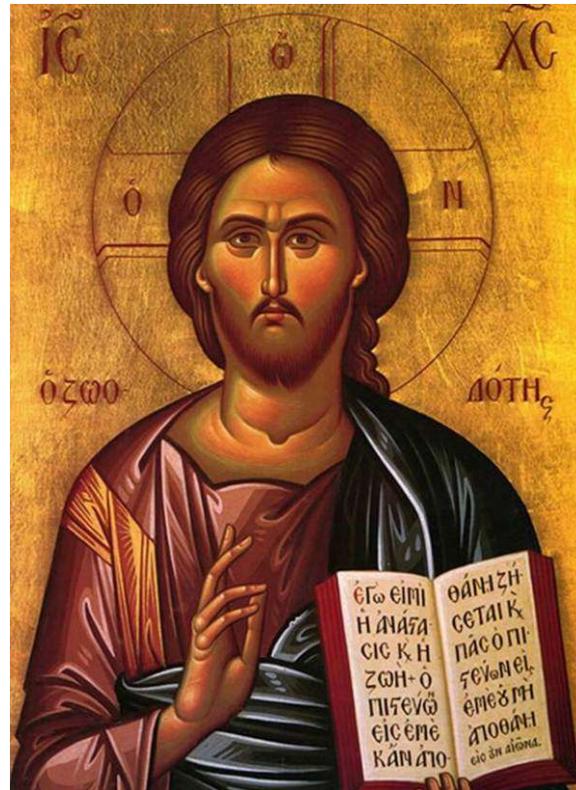
**“art is a tool that can
variously help to inspire,
console, redeem, guide,
comfort, expand and
reawaken us”**

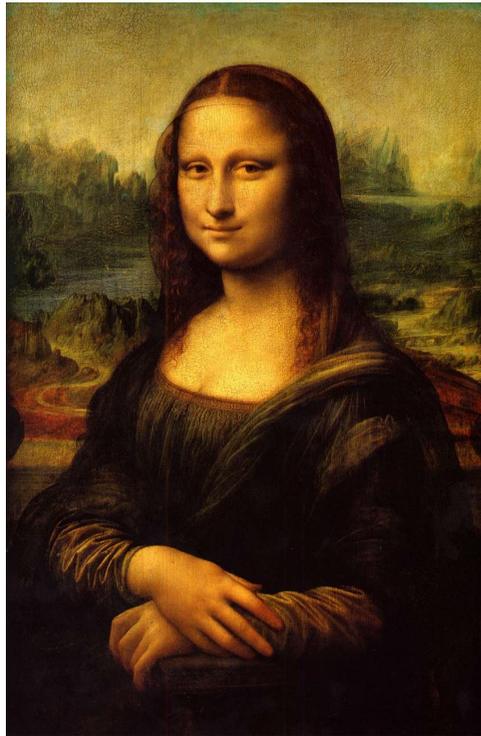
Alain de Botton

Sculpture



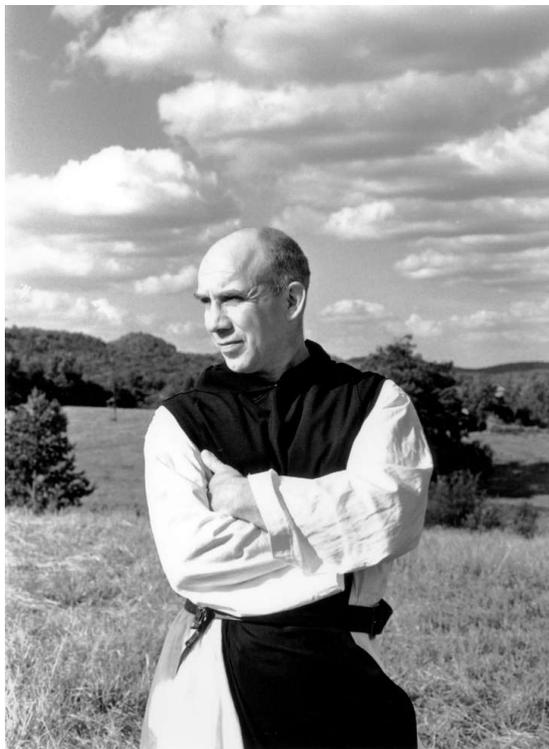
Icons





Non-religious

Photography





Making art





Making art

- Make it a prayerful activity
- What is least scary?
- Allow enough time
- Consider materials
- Same principles - be surprised
- Words and images
- Opportunities to share?
- Pray with the created art

