

I regularly visited the artist's workshop, and I always left with a sense of overwhelming awe at the creative splendor (though some might say "mess") that lay there. The process of creativity consumed the entire living area, which seemed to be in continual disarray.

There was no room to do any actual living, and I mentioned that to my friend. She just commented that she was too busy creating to settle down, and there was always another project in the works. If she put everything away, it took too much time to get out the tools and materials she needed for her next work.

One day after I departed her place to continue my travels, I began to wonder what God's Workshop looked like. He was the Great Creator, after all! Even though God had spoken the world into existence<sup>1</sup>, that didn't mean that He did not think about it for a while in God-time and plan it out in His infinite mind.

That night I had a vision, where I found myself standing before a door that was open in heaven. And I heard a voice of an angel that told me to come in and they would show me what I had wanted to see: God's Workshop.<sup>2</sup> I could feel the presence of the Spirit as I stood there in great awe. The angel showed me a vast array of workbenches that had the appearance of beautiful multi-faceted and multi-colored radiant jewels. The walls of were so full of color that they appeared to me like a continuous rainbow.<sup>3</sup> From the workbench areas came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. Also in front of the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal that allowed viewing of the work and the products of the shop.

I could see many angels pouring bowls here and there, coming and going, watching over souls, and attending to their messenger duties. I asked my angel guide, "What is all of this?" And my angel guide answered, "I will show you as best as I can."<sup>4</sup>

The workshop itself was so large (in a sense I felt I was inside the mind of God) that it was really infinite extent in multiple (even infinite) dimensions – an infinite volume! I had heard of multiple heavens<sup>5</sup>, but I had no idea of how many there were, or if there were any limit.<sup>6</sup> I realized that I had been presumptive about thinking that our world was the only one that God had created – that was essentially putting a limitation on Him. I had always thought that creativity ended when He rested on the seventh day, but I was seeing that it is ongoing, infinite, and thus ever-expanding.

I realized that I was looking in on other worlds or universes in various stages of creation. I was able to see scattered remnants of empires and kingdoms as they had completed the cycle of their life. It seemed rather a tremendous display of randomness, but I knew that I was not able to comprehend the mind of God.<sup>7</sup> I knew that He was a not a God of disorder,<sup>8</sup> but I could not perceive how this apparent clutter translated into order. I had to ask for help for my lack of understanding.<sup>9</sup>

When came to myself, I was still overcome with awe. I had not been warned to not tell what I had seen<sup>10</sup>, but I realized that there was no earthly way that I could explain what I had seen to anyone else so that they would believe me.

I returned to the artist's workshop with a much better understanding of the creative process, which was never as neat and understandable as the final product. There was work to be done to help the artist, so I just shrugged my shoulders and set to work helping. In this case, the job was to build a pretend chariot for a little boy's birthday party. It was to be a part of his little universe. It was fitting, in a sense, that as joyous as he would be with the present, he had no concept of the creative process involved and how his universe would grow with more understanding. I understood how that felt.

1. Genesis 1
2. see Revelation 4:1
3. see Revelation 4:2-3
4. see Zechariah 1:9
5. see 2 Corinthians 12:2 (Paul is taken to the third heaven)
6. Limits are a purely physical concept.
7. Romans 11:33-34
8. 1 Corinthians 14:33a
9. Mark 9:24b
10. see Daniel 8:26 and Revelation 10:4

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