

Inspiring world art

Who Inspired the world's greatest art?

In their book. What if Jesus had had never been born? Kennedy and Newcombe remind us that when the Roman Empire's three centuries of persecution ceased and the Church became legally recognised. Christians went on to build great basilicas. **First**, in the Middle Ages, their cathedrals appeared - among the greatest works of art ever produced.

Second, the Renaissance - the world's golden age of art - saw a predominance of Biblical themes in painting, Statues and sculpture.

Third, Shakespeare, one of the world's greatest writers, was heavily influenced by Christianity.

John Bunyan gave us one of the world's greatest novels, Pilgrim's Progress, and the list goes on.

Fourth, the Christian Church led the world in the development of music.

The eleventh century Benedictine monk, Guido of Arezzo, was the father of our modern musical notation, a crucial element in the development of music.

And later, in the Middle Ages, the Church developed multi-part (polyphonic) music.

Then came Christian composer, Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750), perhaps the greatest musician who ever lived.

Why is modern art, music, and literature in rebellion against Christianity? Because art reflects life, and today life is seen as meaningless.

Only through Jesus Christ can a balance be restored so that we see life in true perspective.

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