

Faith, Art, and Psychology

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Faith

Trust in someone's ability or knowledge (Oxford learner's dictionary)

Strong religious belief (Oxford learner's dictionary)

Faith adalah perbuatan percaya yang intens, fundamental, dan sangat pribadi dimana diri individu secara kreatif percaya akan nilai yang paling akhir, dan ultimat, dengan penuh cinta dan kesetiaan (Cremers, 1995).

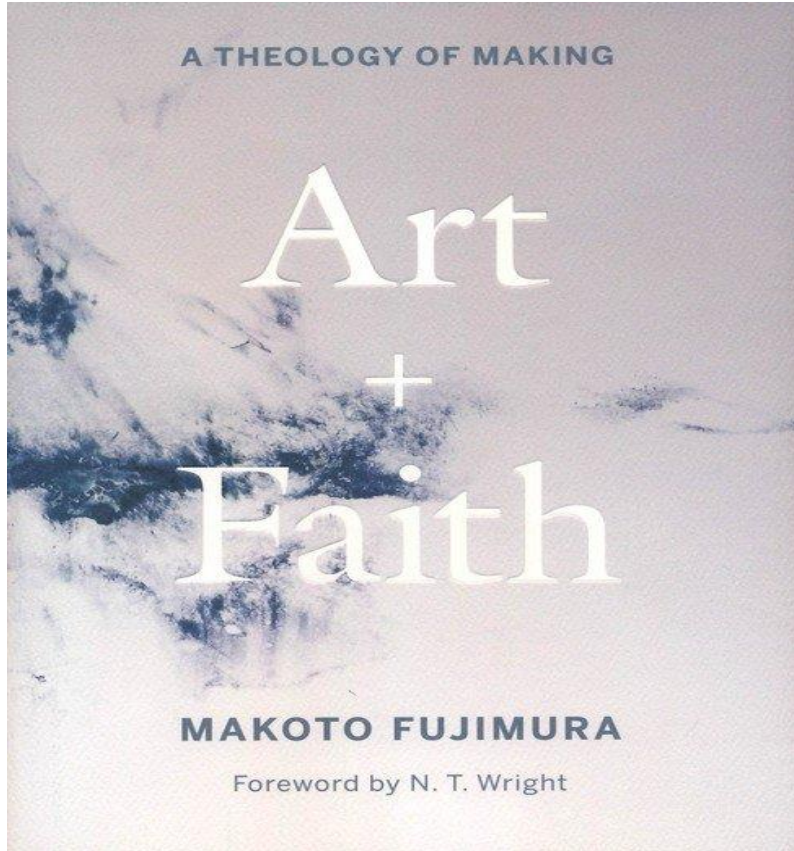
Art

The use of imagination to express ideas or feelings, particularly in painting, drawing, or sculpture (Oxford learner's dictionary)

Psychology

The study of mind and behavior.

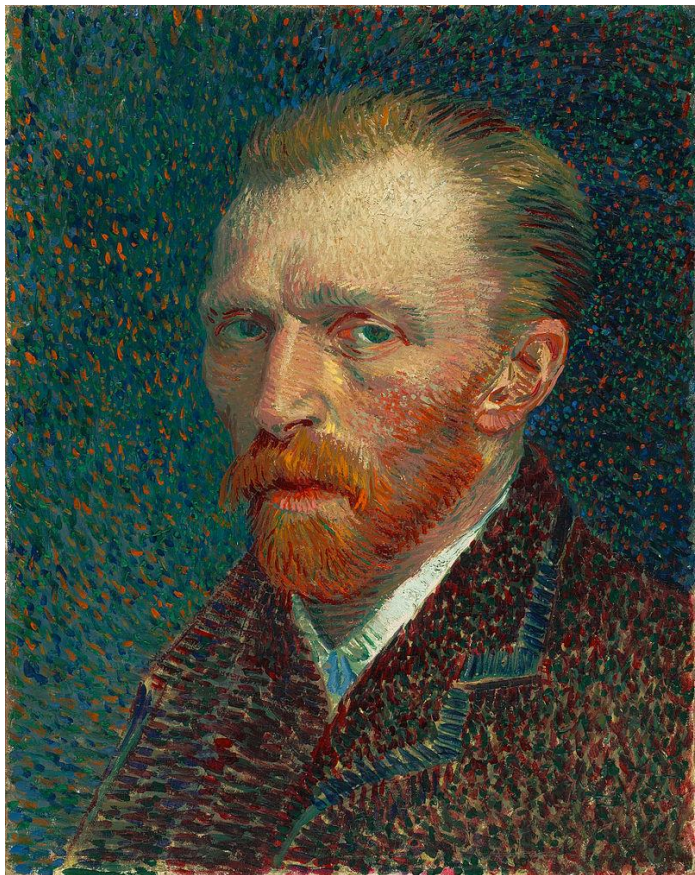
Art and Faith (Makoto Fujimura)



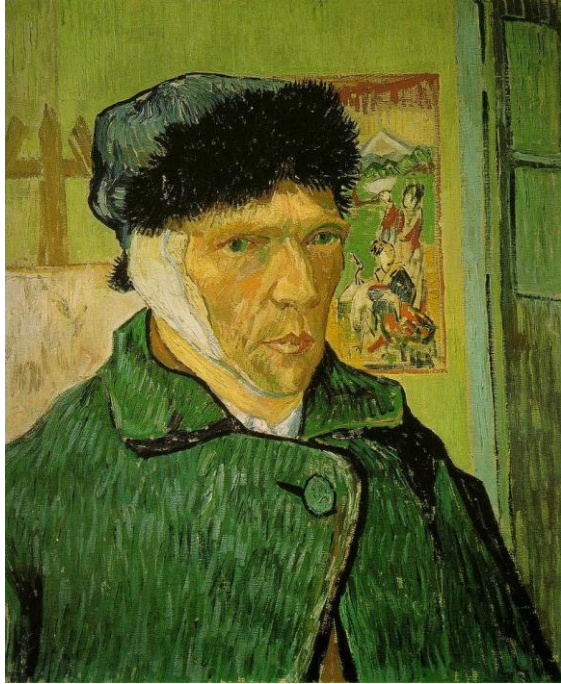
..considering the meaning of God as creator and portraying the act of creation as an artistic overflowing of God's abundant love.

Fujimura suggests, by thinking of our faith lives through the lens of “creating” rather than “fixing,” since our ultimate hope is one of “New Creation” rather than mere “restoration” of the world as it is.

Joel Clarkson, Christianity today



Vincent Van Gogh self portrait (wikimedia)



Vincent Van Gogh bandaged ear (wikimedia)

Reviews and Overviews

The Illness of Vincent van Gogh

Dietrich Blumer, M.D.

Vincent van Gogh (1853–1890) had an eccentric personality and unstable moods, suffered from recurrent psychotic episodes during the last 2 years of his extraordinary life, and committed suicide at the age of 37. Despite limited evidence, well over 150 physicians have ventured a perplexing variety of diagnoses of his illness. Henri Gastaut, in a study of the artist's life and medical history published in 1956, identified van Gogh's major illness during the last 2 years of his life as temporal lobe epilepsy precipitated by the use of absinthe in the presence of an early

limbic lesion. In essence, Gastaut confirmed the diagnosis originally made by the French physicians who had treated van Gogh. However, van Gogh had earlier suffered two distinct episodes of reactive depression, and there are clearly bipolar aspects to his history. Both episodes of depression were followed by sustained periods of increasingly high energy and enthusiasm, first as an evangelist and then as an artist. The highlights of van Gogh's life and letters are reviewed and discussed in an effort toward better understanding of the complexity of his illness.

(Am J Psychiatry 2002; 159:519–526)



Lesson Learned

1. Kekuatan dan kelemahan
2. Melayani Tuhan dalam area kemampuan kita.
3. Lihatlah Yesus (2 Korintus 4:4)

Whether we are politicians, dancers, entrepreneurs, or plumbers, we are called into the Starry Night of our complex existence, as we too, swirl into the darker mystery of our 21st century vista. Because the Heavens declare the Glory of God, we must carry the torch of truth, justice, and the aroma of beauty, outside of the walls of our institutions (Makoto Fujimura).

Kristus
mengalami
kelemahan,
siksaan, dan
bahkan
penganiayaan,
sampai mati di
kayu salib.



