



The Reason

Acrylic on Stretched Canvas 16" X 20"

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The contemplation of "pattern in nature" is always addressed and celebrated within my work. This was the core of my thesis years ago.

"pattern" 1 a unit of shape that is repeated *Synonyms* design, figure, motif, motive

2 a usual manner of behaving or doing— see HABIT

3 an established and often automatic series of actions— see

ROUTINE

4 the way in which the elements of something (as a work of art) are arranged— see COMPOSITION

www.merriam-webster.com (thesaurus)

We see visual pattern everywhere, if we will only look, from the microscopic to the macroscopic levels. There are patterns of action and reaction, and of events throughout history. "Pattern" is reliable only because there is a basic foundation of stability and trustworthiness within universal laws concerning how things are and interact. In my paintings I attempt to celebrate all of this!

In artwork one can deduce the character of the artist/creator by studying their art. In other words, you can figure things out about me by studying my art. You can figure out other things by studying the artwork of the environment in which you live! (Psalm 19:1-4) I celebrate all of this!

This painting is a new rendition of a dream I had in 1986 that came in answer to a question from a troubled friend. Symbolism can range from universal to local, and finally, to personal. Water is universally understood to mean life, refreshment, being clean. Dried, cracked earth symbolizes at least trouble. It makes us think of the torment of thirst. Cloudless skies do not always mean life without trouble. These earthen vessels contain water and they even *overflow* in this impossibly dry environment. We can have this treasure in earthen vessels. They float within the trouble, not affected by it: actively opposing it. Overflowing for them is effortless. Green growing things suggest wonderful promise. Symbolism is best when it is universally understood.

I cannot take credit for this dream.
It was a gift that I pass on to you. I celebrate this as well.
God Bless You All.

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