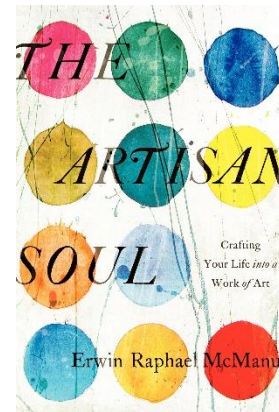


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'The Artisan Soul'
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"The creative act began with God creating the universe in which we live. The next creative act begins when we allow God to re-create the universe within us." [Excerpt from 'The Artisan Soul']

Erwin McManus is what one could refer to as an iconoclast, broadly defined as a cultural pioneer. However, having read his latest work 'The Artisan Soul' I would go as far as to say that history may define McManus better as a spiritual revolutionary.

The Artisan Soul, within the first few chapters will have you reaching for a pen, paint brush or camera, inspiring you to explore the depths of your own soul through the creative seeds that Father God placed in you from before the foundations of the world were even put in place!

I rarely find anyone who would answer the question 'Are you creative?' with a resounding yes. Even those who say yes do so sheepishly. Somewhere along the way, we were told that creativity is a gift given to a rare and elite few....

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We are awakened from as early as the first chapter to an innate ability to be creative – yes it is buried there somewhere and we all know it, some people have erroneously, over time, titled it 'ambition' and given it a 'bad slant' and others who 'poo hooded' the idea stating that 'we need to leave it to the 'experts'

ensuring that millions of us are either too shy or embarrassed to share our creative abilities! Whatever the reason McManus not only confirms this but smashes through any preconceived ideas and declares to the world that we are

After breaking the shackles that have held our creative essence captive for far too long, let us never relinquish our rights as creative and creators. A soul that is free and alive is a soul that creates

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all creative beings made in our Father's image – not new you may think, 'I already know this 'you say – true but ask yourself this, 'have you ever truly valued that statement?' This is what I believe sets this book apart from all others, somehow McManus manages to 'remind' us of the artist that lies within us and continually reinforces this axiom that takes back to Genesis that indeed we are all made in God's image and He is the Creator of all things...therefore we must be creative beings also – right?

Furthermore he continues to urge us to transform our very lives into a work of art, discovering our true selves in the process and demonstrating that we all carry within us the essence of an artist. By becoming part of God's creative process we can not only pronounce to the world that there is something beautiful, true and good to experience in life but indeed these qualities will enable our very souls to 'come to life'.

The Artisan Soul, this reader believes, goes a very long way to reinstating balance to our 'weary' earthly lives and as you turn the pages it really does prompt you to think about your 'hidden' abilities and how this could bring one closer to Father God, the Creator of all things. You find yourself beginning to think of ways to become more creative and godly, what was it Jesus said:

'Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.' Matt 5:48

Totally reader friendly without losing any integrity and with its easy conversational authorship, The Artisan Soul enables all ages to access this knowledge and become better human beings the way that God intended. It also has contained a series of questions that you can ask yourself to enable you to explore further your artistic side. Widely available on Amazon it is a must read and one that you could read again and again many years from now and be reminded that you are in essence a *creative* human being.



Erwin Raphael McManus

Erwin McManus is a native of El Salvador and is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and Southwestern Theological Seminary. He holds a Doctorate of Humane Letters from Southeastern University and serves as the principal visionary and primary communicator of MOSAIC named as one of the most influential and innovative churches in America.

Widely accepted as a cultural pioneer for his integration of creativity and spirituality, Erwin McManus is an inspirational author, artist and entrepreneur. He strives to inspire each person to live their most heroic life through the power of story, beauty, and design.

During his life he has written several books including:

Soul Cravings

Chasing Daylight

The Unstoppable Force: Daring to Become the Church God Had in Mind

Uprising: A Revolution of the Soul

The Barbarian Way: Unleash the Untamed Faith Within

Wide Awake: The Future is Waiting Within You

Seizing the Divine Moment: Dare to Live a Life of Adventure

Engaging such issues as culture, creativity, change and leadership, Erwin is widely known as a thought-provoking communicator. His travels have taken him to over 50 countries and he has spoken to over a million people from a wide variety of audiences, including professional athletes, Wall Street investors, universities, film studios and conferences around the world.

Erwin Raphael McManus sees the imagination as the principal vehicle through which we create a better self, a better world and a better future. He argues that creativity is both uniquely human and the essence of human uniqueness. He contends it is a natural expression of our spirituality.

As well as all of the above he is a family man, married to Kim for over 30 years and they have two children.

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Q How do you define a true artist?

A *To be a true artist you must be a true human being. This means you can only create out of your authentic experience and authentic self.*

Q What do artists do?

A *Artists dream and imagine but more than anything else, they create!*

Q How does the artisan soul connect with God?

A *Our experiences as humans lend us to tap into our pain and brokenness far more easily, then to wonder and awe when God is absent from our journey – quiet often even when God is intimately a part of our story.*

Q There is an innate fear of exposing our artistic side why is that?

A *The artist is always at risk because their soul is stripped bare and they stand naked before the world. This is why there is such power in their art and why all of us find ourselves in their story.*

Q Therefore do you agree that the artist shows us the true person?

A *They are more honest about their pain and wounds and carry them for the world. 'The Artisan Soul' is a call to rediscover wonder and awe, love and laughter and to create as a celebration of life!*

Q Can anyone achieve an artisan soul?

A *Every human being is at their core an artisan therefore you don't actually achieve an artisan soul, you awaken your artisan soul*

Q What does it mean to have an Artisan Soul?

A *To have an artisan soul is to embrace your uniqueness and to authentically and courageously pursue the life you were created to live.*

Q Your latest book is 'The Artisan Soul' which is available on Amazon. In essence what inspired you and how important was it for you to write it?

A *What inspired me to write The Artisan Soul is the conviction that every human being is inherently creative and that the greatest gift you can give another person is to help them live the life God created them to live.*

Q Can you explain what you mean when you write: "The artisan soul is driven by more than simple reflecting it is driven by creating?"

A *The artisan soul embraces their creative potential as a gift from God and accepts personal responsibility to create a world that is good, beautiful and true.*

Q How would you describe yourself?

A *I am both an artist at work and a work of art! I know how to make my life a masterpiece. I embrace my God given power and responsibility to create a life, a world and a future that exists only in the divine imagination today!*

Q What is your hope that readers take away from *The Artisan Soul*?

A *A manifesto of human creativity.*

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