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Thoughts While Looking at a Beautiful Sunset...

God is the original artist... the original architect... the original engineer.

Our most gifted artists can only imitate the Master -- the beauty they produce is a dim reflection of true beauty. Their special talent or artistic flair exists only because God put it within them. A true artist should regard his or her entire product a God-given and God-honoring performance. The art created should both honor God and inspire the human spirit.

When it comes to technological achievements in architecture and engineering, our most ingenious inventions are merely clever arrangements and combinations of materials already designed -- and created -- by God before time began. What has man ever created that is truly new? What has he ever produced that exists outside the realm of the natural laws and materials of this universe? The true engineer or architect should recognize the existing depth, wonders, and order of the physical universe -- and produce designs that honor the original Designer.

Like the sunset, each of us is a work of art and special design created by God! And like the beautiful sunset, we are called to live our lives so that we bring glory to God and draw others to Him. As Paul said: "... we are his workmanship (i.e. masterpiece), created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

These sunsets are truly amazing... and you're not so bad yourself!

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