



“ Providence ”

acrylic on canvas 46" X 56"
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**Narrative
Paintings**

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This canvas was undertaken to illustrate the business principles compiled and taught to the Real Estate industry by nationally recognized speaker Brian Buffini and his company Providence Seminars. These principles, however, can be translated to people in a diversity of occupations and walks of life.

Artistic Goal

My goal in this painting was to have different levels in which the viewer could participate. From a distance, the viewer can be drawn into the painting by the illustrative aspects: the God of creative force, the eagle, and secondarily, the globe, and the tree. On a different level, the main precepts are stated in the larger lettering hands. As the viewer comes closer, smaller and more detailed lettering becomes more readable, and finally, to the viewer who wants to concentrate and go more in depth, the foundation scriptures can be worked out as well.

I wanted to convey the parallel of the levels of understanding in becoming more familiar with a person or entity from a philosophical point of view. To this end, there are layers of lettering on the canvas, some distinctly in the foreground and some that require more in depth study. In this case, many of Brian's teachings are prominent, but the principles behind the teachings require a little more effort to recognize and understand.

Five Areas of Growth

There are 5 areas of growth in one's life, and these are indicated by five intersecting rings, representing: (clockwise from top) Spiritual, Family, Business, Financial and Personal. These rings are the basis of the main composition, and the corresponding quotes and illustrations are placed in relevance to each topic. The main ideas for each section form the visible arcs of the five rings.

Seven Biblical Principals

As a speaker, Mr. Buffini's business principles are at the forefront, however the foundation of his teaching is based on seven biblical

principals. Because these principals are always there but are not always immediately evident, they form the foundation on which the 5 rings are placed. The main passages are vertical and horizontal, over which many related thoughts have been penned. Because of this technique, these passages are not “legible” in all areas, but the main thoughts are “readable”. Some of these principles, however, remain in the forefront, and so are symbolically in front as well (“let your Light shine before men”, “be faithful in the small things”, and the definition of “Providence”, for example).

This layering is meant to correspond with the fact that when we meet people, the surface of that person’s (or company’s) personality is all we see. As we delve deeper into a relationship, the principles that are not immediately evident begin to become visible. Finally, as the relationship deepens, we eventually find glimpses of the essence, sometimes visible, sometimes buried underneath the surface.

Symbolism

The God of Creation is after Michaelangelo’s fresco on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel. Besides Symbolizing the providing and sustaining power, He is also the force behind creativity and inspiration in the five rings.

The eagle symbolizes high aspirations and high achievement; soaring above the masses; the ability to make an impact in all five areas of one’s own life as well as touching other’s lives in a positive way.

The Globe symbolizes keeping one’s focus: a straight path as one navigates through the world’s cares and distractions to the achievement of goals and dreams.

The tree is a symbol of growth, strength and stability, illustrating the fact that one needs a strong foundation before growing and “branching out”.