



Our Grand Vocation

Welcome home!



Starting over ☹️



Our grand vocation:

- Creation was meant to serve “as a kind of Temple, a heaven-and-earth duality, where humans function as the ‘image-bearers’ in the cosmic Temple, part of earth yet reflecting the life and love of heaven.
- (N.T. Wright, The Day the Revolution Began, 76)

1 Corinthians 12:1 NIV

- Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed.

1 Corinthians 12:2 NIV

- You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols.

idolatry

- When we worship and serve forces within the creation (the creation for which we were supposed to be responsible!), we hand over our power to other forces only too happy to usurp our position.
- (Wright, 77)

idolatry

- We humans...handed our power and authority to nondivine and nonhuman forces, which have then run rampant, spoiling human lives, ravaging the beautiful creation, and doing there best to turn God's world into a hell.
- (Wright, 77)

idolatry

- ...some of these ‘forces’ are familiar (money, sex, power). Some are less familiar in the popular mind, not least the sense of a dark, accusing ‘power’ standing behind all the rest.
- (Wright, 77)

1 Corinthians 12:3 NIV

- Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus be cursed,” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit.

John 1:18 NIV

- No one has ever seen God, but the one and only son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

Philippians 2:9-11 NIV

- Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.