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*Allen Perry, a brush country expert.  
From the Recorder Times,  
October 7, 1982*

### Along Nature's Road Nature, The Natural Order and God's Creation!

*By Allen Perry*

In my humanly small way, I have attempted to praise and to illustrate with my nature photography and text, a marriage of natural science and Celtic Christianity.

I should introduce myself and a big part of my life's interests and work. I am 83 years old, Texas-born and bred. I have spent most of my life in Alamo Heights, Texas. I am a graduate of TMI and U. T. Austin, Trinity University and Incarnate Word University. I served in the military in both WW II and the Korean Episode. I have been a photo naturalist, writer and educator's resource person for the last 26 years or so and earned my living as an investor.

I have many nature photos that I love and enjoy, so choosing my favorite is difficult, but I chose # 23 called *Red Dawn* to illustrate water as a natural order mechanism and artist and the mother of life. Lake Powell in Glen Canyon next to the Grand Canyon, illustrates the power and artistry to sculpt the land. In this case we have the Colorado River carving the canyon walls over millions of years.



I fell in love with Lake Powell a long time ago for its rugged, colorful, mighty canyon walls arising from Lake Powell's lovely deep blue waters. My first time there, I went alone as part  
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of a photography trip in the Four Corners Country. Later, another trip was with my son, Hudson, and his uncle David (Punky's brother). We spent some three or four days on a rented house boat enjoying many miles of colorful, rugged, and majestic canyons with excellent fishing for Hudson, David and myself celebrating the temporary of this aesthetic wonderland.

I praise God for this gift of water, the magnificent sculptor and artist, and also as the "Mother of Life" so crucial to the millions of life forms on our planet. Praise be to God, the Father and Creator.

Please visit the Nature Photography and Celtic Spirituality Exhibit on the wall outside the McAllister Hospitality Hall and read the attendant text pages for details of the exhibit.

Yours in Christ Jesus,  
Allen Perry

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## The Wonder Works of God: Scenes from His Creation

### Exhibit by Allen Perry

The display which hangs in the hallway outside McAllister Hospitality hall contains 27 photo frames and 41 individual photos. It portrays some functions and mechanisms of God's creation and its natural order. The display is also a marriage of natural science and the Celtic Christian spirituality of the photographer and writer of this project. This project is done in honor and praise to God, the Father and Creator, in honor of our Celtic Saint David of Wales, namesake of St. David's Episcopal church and in honor of Punky Perry, blessed mother, lady and spiritual "child of Eden."

Please take this index of photos with narrative to the display on the wall and enjoy God's majestic works.



1. *Honey Bees* feeding on plant pollen and/or nectar and serving the role of pollinator/agent to serve toward plant non-sexual reproduction. An example of entirely unrelated species evolving to serve each other. An example of co-evolution and of God's brilliant "Natural Order."



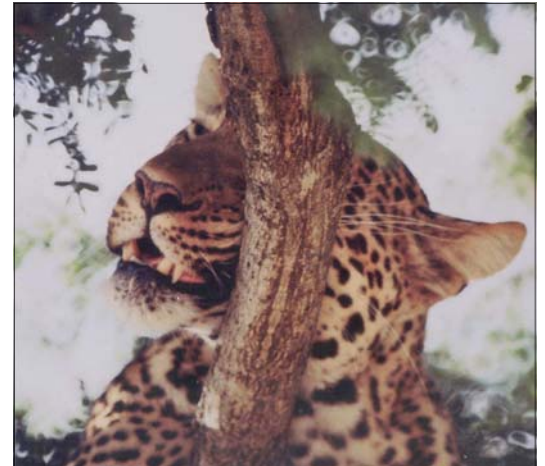
5. *Impala* Herbivore and prey of lions, leopards, cheetahs and other African predators.



2. *Honey Bee and Morning Glory* In same role as above.



3. *Guadalupe River* lined with Bald Cypress trees and other riparian plant species. Location is Camp Capers. Illustrates role of water as the "Mother of Life" and green as the symbolic color of life.



6. *Leopard* A Kenyan predator, adroit at using tree limbs for bed, animal-kill safe keeping, vantage point, et al. I also call this photo *Nap Time* or *Siesta*.



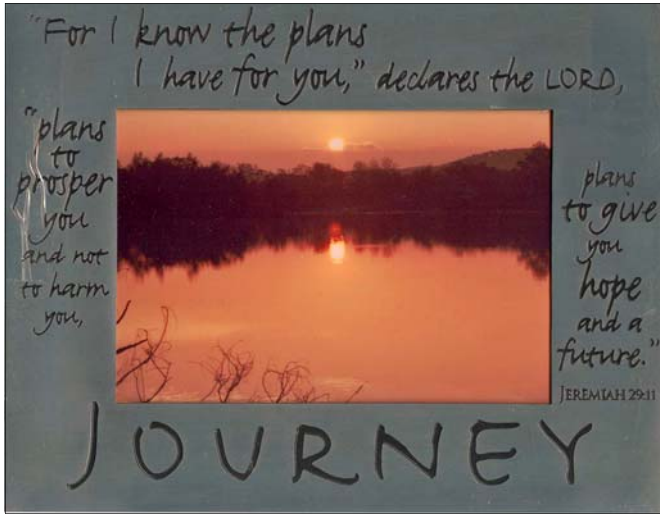
7. *Lusting Lizard* A male Anole in mating ritual display. Not a true chameleon, but can change color as needed..



8. *Siblings* Baby barn owls dwelling in tower blind which serves as their nursery.

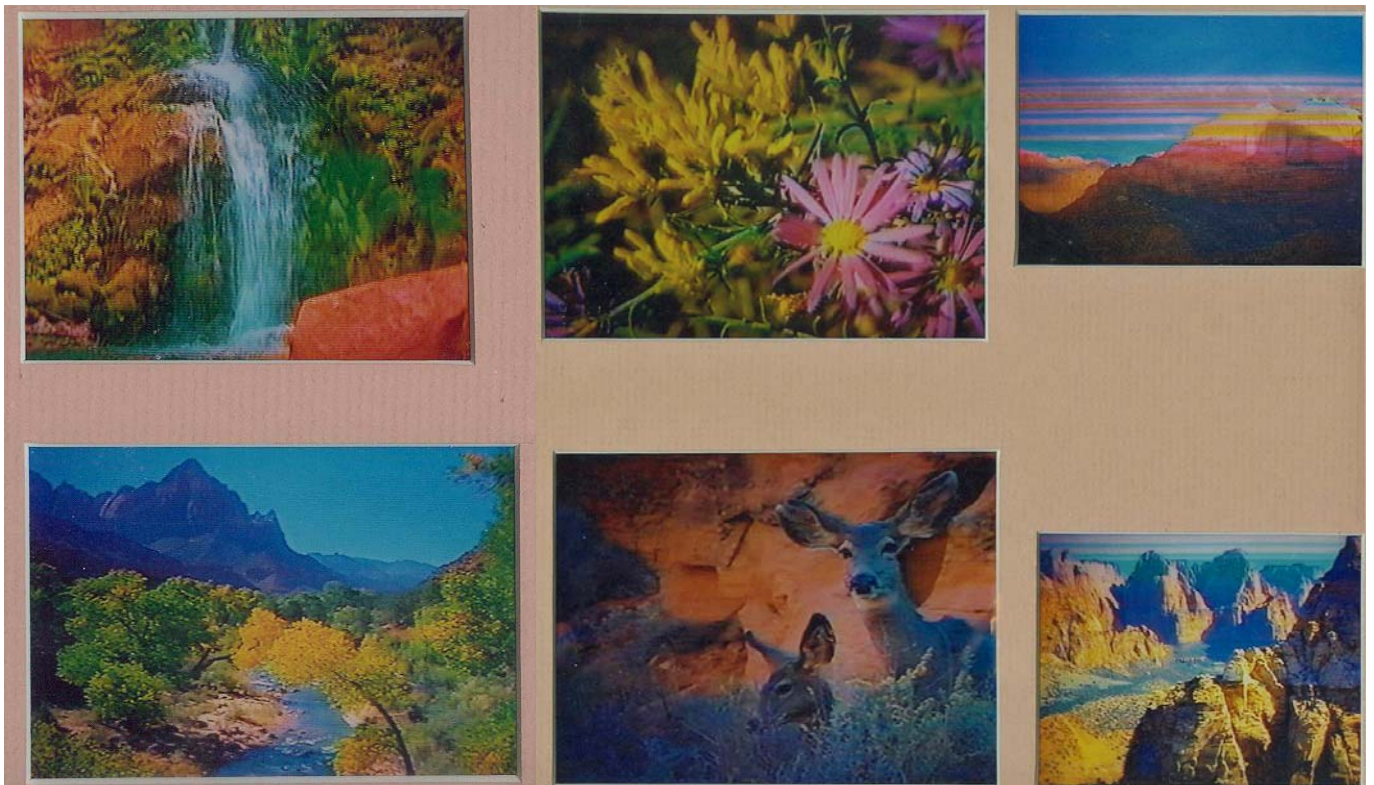


10. *Yosemite* Made by God's artistry. His volcanism at work. A land of sequoias and water falls. **Majestic!**



9. *Sienna Sunrise in Chaparral Country*

11. *As In a Dream* Six photos/prints of impressionistic image technique. All in Zion National Park, Utah.



*God's artistry glorified by His waters, winds, paints and brush.*



12. *Native Texans* Blue Bonnet and a primrose.

14. *Of God's Creation* His artistry as sculptor and painter. Three scenes all from "Four Corners country" in Utah.

### Of God's Creation

These ancient stones have long stood as witnesses to His creation. Of His sculpture, design and color.

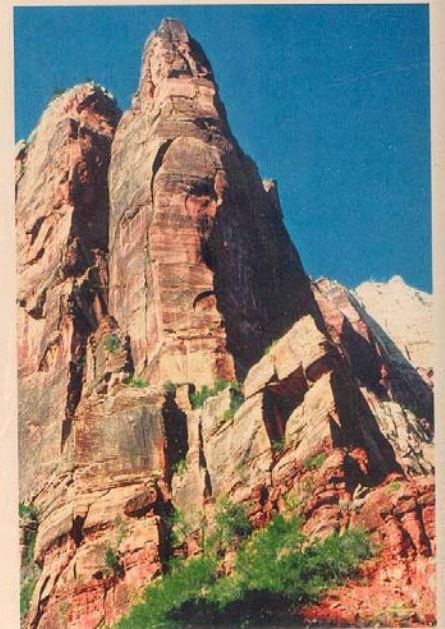
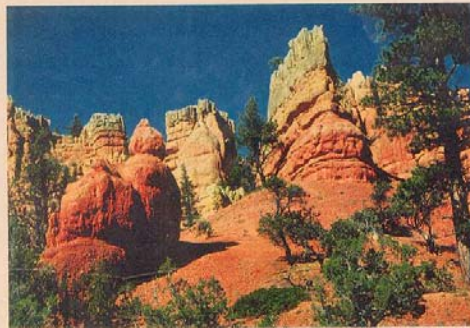


Molded and shaped by His forces of nature.

By uplift and volcano, glacier, wind and rain, cold and heat.

By His hammer and chisel. His paints and brush.

And with His love.



Witness His creation, O' Children of Eden!

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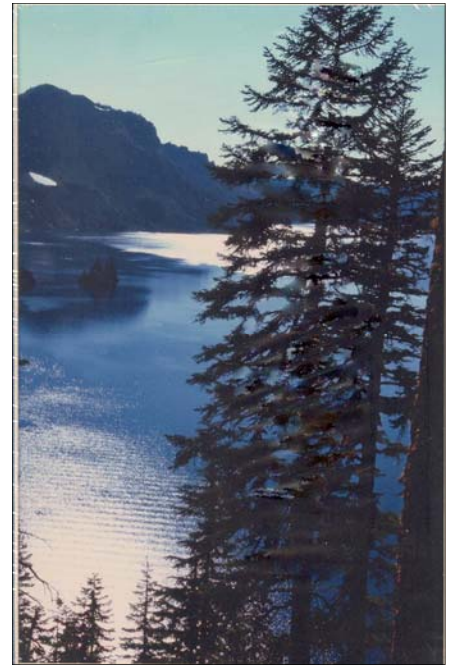
13. *Cicada Birthing Ritual*



15. *Royal Traveler*. Monarch butterfly in annual migration. A marvelous mystery of navigation of God's natural order.



18. *Twilight on Crater Lake*. Side by side views. A jewel of the Cascades Mountains Range. Eruption formed, glacier filled and rain sustained. Magnificent blue waters, some 1,500 feet average depth. It is the deepest fresh water lake in North American, at some 1900 feet deep.



16. *Cascades Waterfall* near Portland, Oregon.



19. *Sienna Sunset* in chaparral country overlooking the Rio Grande River.



17. *Tawny Eagle*  
Predator role, Samburu Province, Kenya. It is similar to our American Golden Eagle, another raptor.



20. *Lake Placid Sunset* near Seguin, Texas



21. *Mendenhall Glacier in Alaska*  
Glaciers sculpt mountains.



22. *Zion National Park with Virgin River* as land sculptor and "Water of Life!"  
An area of riparian plant habitat and desert biome.



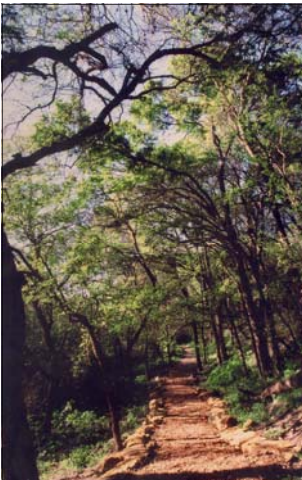
23. *Red Dawn*  
Lake Powell in Glen Canyon, northeast end of the Grand Canyon. All carved/sculpted by the Colorado River. Again, water as a great, dynamic sculptor and artist in God's hands.  
Taken at about 7:00 am. Sunrise enlivens the red tones from the iron oxide in the desert rock formations.



24. *Her Majesty, Lady Rainier* Mount Rainier Queen and highest of the Cascades. A striking beauty formed by volcanism.



25. *Appalachian Creek* near Asheville, North Carolina along the lovely Blue Ridge Mountains Parkway.



26. *A Celtic Pathway*  
Judson Nature Trails in Alamo Heights, Texas. A place of "Selah."



27. *Mystic Dawn*  
Crow Lake at Sunrise in Lake of the Woods, Canada. Glacier formed. A sublime spiritual haven of "Selah." Deep, cold, dark blue waters decorated by small granite islands with arboreal conifers, loons and nesting inland sea gulls.