

SEVENTH WARD SPEAKS

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I'M A TRADITIONAL CATHOLIC, BUT I WOULDN'T SAY conservative at all. It's like being an American—God knows I don't embrace everything the government does. I believe you don't necessarily find spirituality inside a church or synagogue. You may, or you may not. Sometimes you encounter it in nature, or in a one on one exchange with another person.

Since I was a child, I've had a passion for the old masters—the artists of Florence, Rembrandt, Degas, Rubens, and Van Dyke. Their paintings can be a religious statement as well. It doesn't have to be an obvious Biblical figure. I could create a painting of a woman and make a religious statement.



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