



Oil on Canvas
60" X 48"
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Inner Sanctum

Deep within this architectural space, the soul finds rest. The window to open sky is the hope we cling to, and knowing it is there brings contentment. The soul is free from intrusion within this space. God's presence is felt, especially as the dove descends toward the inner sanctum. The white dove is the symbol of the Holy Spirit, which brings enlightenment to the soul. And yet the sprig of the olive branch is in the shadows of the ledge, not yet privy to the light. Inner peace does not come easily.

"And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places that thou may know that I am the God of Israel." Isaiah 45:3

Some of the symbols found in this painting:

Arch – Passage to Awareness.

Window – Perfection, and ultimate goal, serenity.

Vegetation in cracks in stone – Nature is always trying to reclaim itself.

Darkness – Uncertainty, introspection.

White dove – The Holy Spirit, the life of the soul, a spiritual spark.

Olive branch – Symbol of the inner peace we all seek.

Shadows – Partial awareness, thoughts not fully illuminated.

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