

Artist Statement: 27th Annual Exhibition of Artists in Michigan Prisons

Artist Name: Keith McKern: "Fallen" is an abstract representation of the

Biblical account of sin. I, as a Born Again Christian, wanted to express and
show visually that our sinfulness causes us to be out of alignment with God.
I accomplished this with Biblical symbology. God is a triune God (Father, Son, Holy
Spirit) and is represented by the triangle. Gold is symbolic of Christ's doctrine (Rev. 3:18) and
silver is God's Word (Ps. 12:6). The circle represents the spiritual realm. Green is symbolic
of spiritual life (Ps. 52:8) and white is angelic spirits. A four-sided square represents
earth because on the fourth day God created the material world. The color scarlet
represents sinfulness (Is. 1:18). The world was once in alignment with God and the
spiritual realm, but once sin took hold the world fell, shifting out of alignment
with God. This "shifting" or falling is shown by the faint color of scarlet where
the square once was. However, the world is not completely out from under God's
love. This is shown by the silver, God's word, mixed with the part of the square
within the triangle. The black represents demonic forces, the white angelic forces,
the background is the spiritual war that rages on.

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