

## *Idea of Michelangelo*

Creative ideas and progressive thinking are not always met with instant approval and support. To win favor, study those who offer resistance, and try a different route. Michelangelo offers a good example.

According to legend, when Michelangelo started out, he was ignored by his own generation and disdained by art critics. But he had faith in his ability, and he decided to use some psychology on his critics.

He knew they were fascinated when someone excavated an old ruin and dug up a supposedly priceless piece of art, so he stained one of his paintings and had it buried where an excavating party was sure to find it.

The critics, as soon as they saw it, were enraptured. They pronounced it a work of real value. The Cardinal of San Giorgio was so impressed that he paid a large sum of money for it. Then Michelangelo let the cat out of the bag. The art critics had no choice but to admit that he was an artistic genius. After that, Michelangelo was commissioned to do important assignments.

God created each one of us, and granted talents for the plans He has for our lives. Sharpen your abilities by education and experience. Apply your personal gifts with diligence. Even so, the road to success may require inventiveness to overcome some barriers.

--Beecher Hunter