

It Was an Inside Job

In a remote Swiss village stood a beautiful church. It was so stunning, in fact, that it was known as the Mountain Valley Cathedral.



The church was not only lovely to look at, with its high pillars and magnificent stained-glass windows, but it had the most amazing pipe organ in the whole region. People would come from miles away, even from far-off lands, to hear the exquisite tones of this organ.

But in time a problem developed. The columns were still there, the windows still dazzled with the sunlight, but there was an eerie silence in the church. The mountain valley no longer echoed the glorious, fine-tuned music of the pipe organ.

Something had gone wrong with the pipe organ. Musicians and experts from around the world had tried to repair it. Every time a new person would attempt to fix it, the villagers were subjected to sounds of disharmony – awful, penetrating noises that polluted the air.

One day, an old man appeared at the church door. He spoke with the sexton and after a time the sexton reluctantly agreed to let the old man try his hand at repairing the organ. For two days, the old man worked in almost total silence. The sexton was, in fact, getting a bit nervous.

Then on the third day – at high noon – the mountain valley once again was filled with glorious music. Farmers dropped their plows, merchants closed their stores. Everyone in town stopped what they were doing and headed for the church. Even the bushes and trees of the mountaintops seemed to respond as the music reverberated from ridge to ridge.

After the old man finished his playing, a brave soul asked him how he could have fixed the organ, how he could restore this magnificent instrument when even the world's experts could not. The old man merely said that it was an inside job.

“It was I who built this organ 50 years ago,” he explained. “I created it, and now I have restored it.”

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Such is a picture of the God we serve. Not only did He create the universe and all that is within it, but He made man and woman. He made you and me.

And our Lord created us for a purpose. He had a plan for our lives, and He equipped us to accomplish it. That's why each of us is unique, endowed with special talents to accomplish His purposes. As we discover and answer His calling, we find the peace, the joy, and the contentment of being in His will.

And as believers, no matter how far we may wander off the path God has laid out for us, no matter what our struggles, setbacks and failures, Jesus is still in the restoration business. Hallelujah, what a Savior!

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do (Ephesians 2:10 ESV).

– Beecher Hunter