



## “New Pioneers” by Mark Henson

Oil on canvas, 108” x 48”

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“The epic drama of life, death, war, peace, and the inalienable right to choose is depicted in a huge panorama. Refugees climb out of a war zone, a pioneer comes to a graffiti wall where the choices are scratched out. We all want to live in peace but many are attracted to values that are so dissimilar, war seems to be the only option for a humanity gone berserk. The pioneers and refugees make it to a new world of awakened consciousness.”

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*“My art is idea-driven, expressing a theme or philosophy. The paintings could be called allegorical art in the sense that I am telling a story with the image. Besides providing visual stimulation, my intention is to evoke powerful thoughts woven with sensitive emotions. We live in challenging times. I touch upon themes of spirituality, ecology, politics, and our erotic inclinations, both powerful and empathetic. Art should never flinch from showing us all aspects of reality and always be true to itself.”*

Christianity is an incarnate faith and the world (and reality) as it actually is, and not as we would prefer it to be, is the setting in which we must live out our faith. “A Non-sectarian Christian Pope,” Robert Mickens, La Croix 1/21/23