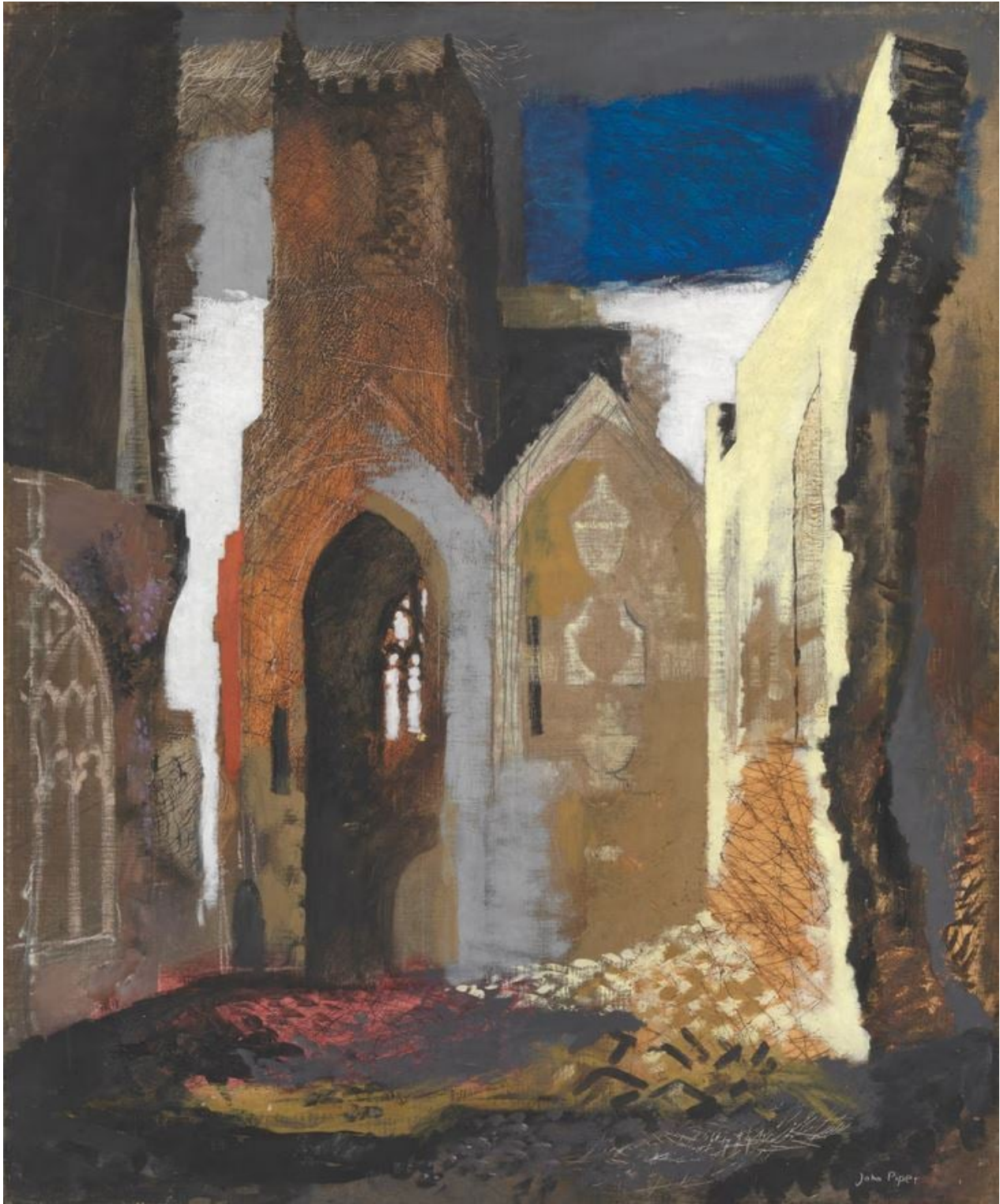


The Reconstituted West

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St Mary le Port, Bristol (John Piper, 1940)

Western Europe, once rich
In the Grace of God—

Her soil made fertile,
Her waters made pure,
By the blood and bones
Of fearless martyrs
And confessors bold;

Her people ruled with truth
And justice and meekness,
Spirit-anointed kings
Cooperating
With apostolic bishops;

Saintly mothers and fathers
Birthing saintly sons and daughters
A lineage
Of righteousness
Lasting for generations;

Holy monks and nuns
Filling the empty wilds
With the warmth of praise
For the Holy God
And love for man and beast—

Western Europe,
For a long span of time,
Was a clear mirror, reflecting
The beauty of Heaven.

But the fickle will
Of man, free to choose
Good or ill, through subtle
Craft of demon spirits
From dark, infernal realms,

Began once again
To incline to evil ways.

Taking the sharpened
Sacrificial knife,
Western man began
To cut away feet,
And arms, and many heads,
To rip out beating hearts,
Severing all Christian parts
From the body of the West,
Throwing them into a cauldron,
And with sorceries
Evil and arcane,
Reconstituting
A new union
Populated with new men—
Genetically spliced,
Cybernetically spiked,
Spiritually traumatized.

The body of the old
Western Christian
Europe lies discarded,
Forgotten, a putrid
Bleeding stump; the shining
Mirror broken; the heavenly
Prototypes heaped with scorn;
While the modern, forward-looking
West blindly marches towards
A dark gash leading
Deep into the earth,
The Dragon's hellish home,
Who will show no mercy
To those who fall
Into his icy iron maw.

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