Pictorial Meditation

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The universe is a grand ladder whereby we may ascend to God, since among those things are God’s footprints, some of which are God’s image, some are material, some are spiritual, some are temporal, and some are eternal; thus some are outside of us, and some within.

—The Mind’s Road to God, 1:2

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When I reflect upon the inexhaustible wisdom which is displayed in the works of creation, I seem to be but at the beginning of my story.

—The Hexaemeron

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The whole universe together participates in the divine goodness more perfectly, and represents it better than any single creature whatever.

—Summa Theologica 1q. 47, att. 1

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The initial step for a soul to come to knowledge of God is contemplation of nature.

—Irenaeus
St. Francis ordered a plot to be set aside
for the cultivation of flowers when the covenant garden was made,
in order that all who saw them might remember the Eternal Sweetness.
—Thomas of Celano, Life of St. Francis, in
I've got a river of life flowing out of me.
Makes the lame to walk and the blind to see.
Opens prison doors, sets the captives free!
I've got a river of life flowing out of me!

Spring up, O well, within my soul
Spring up, O well, and make me whole
Spring up, O well, and give to me
That life abundantly

—from the hymn *I've Got a River of Life*

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