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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 spizitual, 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 Hexameron*

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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, art. 1*

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

—Origen

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*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
The Harper Religious Inspirational Quotation Companion, pg.456.*

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*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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