

For man's sake God has created everything: earth and heaven and the beauty of the stars. Men cultivate the earth for themselves, but if they fail to recognize how great is God's Providence, their souls lack all spiritual understanding.

Anthony the Great (251-356)

He magnifies the Lord who observes with a keen understanding and most profound contemplation the greatness of creation, so that from the greatness and beauty of creatures he may contemplate their Creator. The deeper one penetrates into the reasons for which things in existence were made and were governed, the more [that person] contemplates the magnificence of the Lord and, as far as it lies in him, magnifies the Lord.

Basil the Great (329-379)



