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God's Word in Creation

Only God exists from all eternity, and it is he who has brought all creation from non-being into being. Only he possesses the fullness of life; whereas the world, having been created, owes its existence to him. God creates everything by his Word: “All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being” (*Jn 1:3; see Gn 1*). Nature, created by God, and nature's laws proceed from the Word: “For the voice... and command were as natural and permanent law [for the earth]; it gave fertility and the power to produce fruit for all ages to come.” The Word of God provides the norm, or law, as well as meaning to all creation: the phrase “God said” means that a wise and creative word has been imparted to every substance or nature. In the contemplation of nature, its established laws and harmony, we come to know the wisdom of the Creator in the beauty of his plan. All creation praises God, his majesty, his glory and wisdom: “The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork” (Ps 18 [19]:2) (#21)