



Excerpt from *Christ Our Pascha*

The Goodness of Creation

Contemplation of the world, in light of an experience of the personal God who alone is good (see *Lk* 18:19), provides the foundation for affirming the goodness of the world, of matter and of all creation. “The world is good, and all its contents seen to be wisely and skillfully ordered,” writes St. Gregory of Nyssa. In Holy Scripture, the image of God's plan for the world is Paradise (see *Gn* 2). The realization of this plan depends upon the cooperation of humankind with God. Paradise is God’s gift, and at the same time, it is humankind's vocation. (#109)