



Excerpt from *Christ Our Pascha*

### *The Goodness of Creation*

Conceived by God as Paradise, the world is God's gift to humankind and the sphere of our relationship with God, with others, and with nature. For this reason, human beings cannot take a consumerist attitude towards the world, a world that is filled with the love and attention of the Giver. The Christian attitude towards the world is to see it as a gift of God. Growing in faith, Christians ascend in their understanding from the gifts to the Person of the Giver. Regarding the world as God's gift allows one to avoid two extremes: the reduction of its value (since the world is God's creation), or turning it into an absolute (since the world is not God). (#110)