



Affirming Creation's Goodness in a Time of Pandemic: Patristic Insights

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Abstract

We, modern Christians, are both unrealistic and unreasonable. We expect only good things to happen. But not so in the natural world, as the present pandemic demonstrates. The early Christians were more realistic than this. They knew that the world, while good, is imperfect.

They also knew that there is a wild side to it, as to our own nature. As within, so without. They were convinced that only insofar as we tame our inner selves will there be hope for the world to become—in turn and in time—gentler, as happen around the saints. In this paper I consider several witnesses of the ancient Christian wisdom, seeking clues for a realistic appraisal of the natural world.

Presenter

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Date

Thursday 28th May, 2020 | 2.00 - 4.00pm

Location - via Zoom

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Friday 21st August, 2020 | 2.00 - 4.00pm

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