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1.

“Oh unsurpassed generosity of God the Father, Oh wondrous and unsurpassable felicity of man, to whom it is granted to have what he chooses, to be what he wills to be! The brutes, from the moment of their birth, bring with them, as Lucilius says, "from their mother's womb" all that they will ever possess. The highest spiritual beings were, from the very moment of creation, or soon thereafter, fixed in the mode of being which would be theirs through measureless eternities. But upon man, at the moment of his creation, God bestowed seeds pregnant with all possibilities, the germs of every form of life. Whichever of these a man shall cultivate, the same will mature and bear fruit in him. If vegetative, he will become a plant; if sensual, he will become brutish; if rational, he will reveal himself a heavenly being; if intellectual, he will be an angel and the son of God. And if, dissatisfied with the lot of all creatures, he should recollect himself into the center of his own unity, he will there, become one spirit with God, in the solitary darkness of the Father, Who is set above all things, himself transcend all creatures”.

Giovanni Pico della Mirandola, *Oration on the Dignity of Man*

2.

“No god is a philosopher or seeker after wisdom, for he is wise already; nor does any man who is wise seek after wisdom. Neither do the ignorant seek after wisdom. For herein is the evil of ignorance, that he who is neither good nor wise is nevertheless satisfied with himself: he has no desire for that of which he feels no want”.

Plato, *Symposium*

3.

“ANTIGONE No; there is nothing shameful in piety to a brother. CREON Was it not a brother, too, that died in the opposite cause? ANTIGONE Brother by the same mother and the same sire. CREON Why, then, dost thou render a grace that is impious in his sight? ANTIGONE The dead man will not say that he so deems it. CREON Yea, if thou makest him but equal in honour with the wicked. ANTIGONE It was his brother, not his slave, that perished. CREON Wasting this land; while he fell as its champion. ANTIGONE Nevertheless, Hades desires these rites. CREON But the good desires not a like portion with the evil. ANTIGONE Who knows but this seems blameless in the world below? CREON A foe is never a friend-not even in death.



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ANTIGONE 'Tis not my nature to join in hating, but in loving. CREON Pass, then, to the world of the dead, and, it thou must needs love, love them. While I live, no woman shall rule me”.

Sophocles, *Antigone*

4.

“From this conclusion some men have taken the opportunity to fall into error, thinking that no creature has an active role in the production of natural effects. So, for instance, fire does not give heat, but God causes heat in the presence of fire, and they said like things about all other natural effects. [...] So, if created things have no actions productive of effects, it follows that no nature of anything would ever be known through the effect. And thus, all the knowledge of natural science is taken away from us, for the demonstrations in it are chiefly derived from the effect”.

Thomas Aquinas, *Contra gentiles*

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