



## *An image of the true light*

[God] did not make the heavens in his image,  
nor the moon, the sun, the beauty of the stars,  
nor anything else which you can see in the created universe.  
YOU ALONE are made in the likeness of that nature which surpasses all understanding;  
YOU ALONE are a similitude of eternal beauty,  
a receptacle of happiness,  
an image of the true light;  
and if YOU look up to Him,  
you will become what He is,  
imitating Him who shines within you,  
whose glory is reflected in your purity.  
Nothing in all creation can equal your grandeur.  
All the heavens can fit into the palm of God's hand;  
the earth and the sea are measured in the hollow of His hand.  
And though He is so great that He can grasp all creation in His palm,  
you can wholly embrace Him; He dwells within you,  
nor is He cramped as He pervades your entire being, saying:  
"I will dwell in them and walk among them" (2 Corinthians 6:18).

**St. Gregory of Nyssa**