

Always must we say in our hearts: 'Lord, thy will be done!' Always must we exercise stern watchfulness over ourselves and ask ourselves if we are not letting our affections dwell upon creatures, if something is not stealing into our hearts that might offend God and be an obstacle to the marvellous and sovereign work that he wants to accomplish in this interior without any sort of intermediary.

May the divine clemency grant that all of us may arise in this way, so that God can accomplish within us his illuminating work. Amen.



FROM ST AUGUSTINE

'Annorum aeternorum memor fui. Qui sunt anni aeterni? Magna Cogitatio. Videte si vult ista cogitatio nisi magnum silentium. Ab omni forinsecus strepitu, ab omni rerum humanarum tumultu intus requiescat, qui cogitare vult annos istos aeternos.'

Enarr. in Ps. LXXVI, 8.

ETERNITY

Within those shrouding syllables there lies
 Measureless meaning, many-veiled mysteries.
 The frail antennae of the human mind,
 With feeble waverings search the void to find
 Some resting place, whereon to build belief
 In Being unimpaired, beyond this brief
 Glint of existence.

Far from all worldly din,
 That deafens the Spirit listener within,
 Down in deep wells of silence must he sink,
 Who dares to think
 Upon Eternity.

JOHN SEARLE.