



*O Eternal truth,
true love and
beloved eternity!*

From the *Confessions* of Saint Augustine



Eternal truth, true love and beloved eternity. You are my God. To you do I sigh day and night. When I first came to know you, you drew me to yourself so that I might see that there were things for me to see, but that I myself was not yet ready to see them. Meanwhile you overcame the weakness of my vision. [...]

I sought a way to gain the strength which I needed to enjoy you. But I did not find it until I embraced *“the mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who is above all, God blessed for ever.”* He was calling me and saying: *“I am the way of truth, I am the life.”* He was offering the food which I lacked the strength to take, the food he had mingled with our flesh, *“For the Word became flesh”*. [...]

Late have I loved you, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new, late have I loved you! You were within me, but I was outside, and it was there that I searched for you. [...] You breathed your fragrance on me; I drew in breath and now I pant for you. I have tasted you, now I hunger and thirst for more. You touched me, and I burned for your peace.