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The Christians of the Patristic Period in Relation to the Nature

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Issues of ecology and Christian relation to the created world are not the domain of the present day alone. The works of the patristic period also contain interpretations and hints concerning the relationship between human beings, God and creation. This is evidenced, for example, in the Fathers' commentaries on the Hexaemeron - a theological, historical and philosophical reflection on the six days of creation described in Genesis. They focus on both animate and inanimate nature, since both are expressions of God's omnipotence and evidence of His existence. During the 4th International Patristic Conference organized by the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, we want to recall and deepen the intuitions and interpretations of early Christian writers concerning the relation of human beings to the surrounding natural world created by God; to consider what models and approaches to the animate and inanimate natural world modern people can take over from the Christians of the patristic period; to what extent they are valid today; to what degree they were part of the philosophical and theological context of their time; and in what respects they were original in relation to pagan views. All scholars of the Christian antiquity are invited to participate in the conference.

Conference will be organised in a hybrid form and streamed online. There is a conference fee of 150 PLN (50 Euro/50\$) for participating in site and 100 PLN (35Euro/35\$) online. Details of payment, logistical matters (accommodation and link online) will be communicated later.

Conference papers will be published in the volume of *Studia Patristica*.

Please send submission with the title of the paper, abstract and a short scientific CV (max 2000 characters) to: **patristic@kul.pl** by **February 15, 2022**.