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Beauty in the Christian Life: Efreem the Syrian

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One might well wonder what relevance a little-known Middle Eastern poet of the fourth century has for the Conference theme of 'Life in Christ at the Present Time'. This contribution, however, hopes to show how an exploration of St Ephrem's reflections on Genesis 1:27 (the image of God in each human being) can shed light on what Dostoevsky's famous but enigmatic words 'Beauty will save the world' might imply.