

Poetry of the Texcoco

Prince Nezahualcoyotl, Prince of the Texcoco, ally of the Aztecs,
one of his poems, early 15th century

"Truly, the gods which I adore; idols of stone and wood: speak not, nor feel, neither could they fashion the beauty of the heavens—the sun, the moon, and the stars ... nor yet the earth and the streams, the trees and the plants which beautify it. Some powerful, hidden, and unknown God must be the Creator of the universe, and he alone can console me in my affliction or still the bitter anguish of this heart.

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