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Saint Augustine called
the cognition of Eternity
THE GREAT THOUGHT.

Thought transcends think-
ing delivering itself to man
without registering in mentality.

Imponderable are its
values, as evidenced by the rapt

saint, who, lost in the ecstasy of self-effacement weighs no less and no more, than when sobered by self-consciousness.

Thinking is a roisterer bandying the ideas of "ever" and "never".

Thought is a Sage whose breath is Eternity, whose inspiration is the Almighty.

Thinking is a blinded calculator, caught in the press

of time, squeezed between uncertainties, an inscient, untrustworthy leader of man's caravan.

Thought is the Lord of the Look, scattering away all evil with His eyes--man's Companion and Guide.

MY MEDITATION
ON
MAGNA COGITATIO

I permit no intrusion
of dichotomy
between myself and
THE GREAT THOUGHT, ETERNITY.

It is Myself.

The truth of Eternity
is my arrival at the
essence of Eternity.

Eternity is my superrational
conviction of Eternity--
no need to saddle
for a journey!

Sweet name, Eternity!
Coldness melts
in its springtime;

distance is banished
by its presence;
fragrance clings to its veils;
delight dances to the rhythm
of its colors.
My heart sings to its music.

ETERNITY MY BELOVED!

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