

CREDO



Like dwarfs standing on the shoulders of giants, we see farther than they.

—Bernard of Chartres, northern France, c. 1130

I shall not pass over silently that certain people . . . don't want to presume to go beyond their venerable predecessors. But having thus covered up their inertia, they dawdle about lazily and deride, ridicule and mock the industriousness shown by others in the quest and discovery of truth. But he who dwells in heaven shall ridicule them; the Lord shall mock them.

—Richard of St. Victor, northern France, c. 1160
(Trans. M. D. Chenu, J. Taylor, and L. K. Little)

That learned man [St. Jerome] knew . . . how obscure truth is, how deep it lies buried, how far from mortal sight it has plunged into the depths, how it will admit only a few, by how much work it is reached, how practically no one ever succeeds, how it is dug out with difficulty and then only bit by bit.

—Andrew of St. Victor, northern France, c. 1170
(Trans. M. D. Chenu, J. Taylor, and L. K. Little)