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Quicumque ad Doctoratus titulum aspirat, illi studiosè incumbit addiscere, quomodo Deus Universale in Homine restituerit, id quod in persona Christi ab initio eius in humanitatem ingressus usque ad exaltationem in coelorum coelos et Spiritus Sancti missionem clarum et manifestum est. Cuius unicum processum ad universale inveniendum imitari debet, is, qui ex Deo regeneratus est.

Whoever aspires to the title of the doctorate presses on studiously to learn in what way God restored the Universal in man, that which is clear and manifest in the person of Christ from the beginning of his entrance into humanity up until his exaltation to the Heavens' Heavens and the sending of the Holy Spirit. Which unique process towards discovering the Universal he who is born again out of God ought to imitate.

Jacob Boehme, *De Signatura Rerum: Liber Harmonicus Theosophicus et Philosophicus*,
trans. Theodoricus Gravius. Bodleian Library Oxford, Ashm. MS 756, f. 100v.

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