



**Narrator:** Ficino was one of the lead players at the Medici's Platonic Academy of Philosophy. His most important work, *Theologia Platonica*, was important because it made a link to Christianity. Ficino made the connection between the beauty of things, including humans, with God's manifestation of the divine here on earth. This included goodness, truth, and beauty in individuals. Therefore, to study beauty was, in fact, a form of worship and the love of physical beauty was indeed a spiritual love.

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