

# Moravian Close - Reflection

Sir Thomas More - sitting in his garden

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*“The many great gardens of the world, of literature and poetry, of painting and music, of religion and architecture, all make the point as clear as possible:*

*The soul cannot thrive in the absence of a garden. If you don't want paradise, you are not human; and if you are not human, you don't have a*

*soul.” (attributed to Sir Thomas More)*



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## From Sir Thomas More's "Utopia"

*"They cultivate their gardens with great care, so that they have both vines, fruits, herbs, and flowers in them; and all is so well ordered and so finely kept that I never saw gardens anywhere that were both so fruitful and so beautiful as theirs. And this humour of ordering their gardens so well is not only kept up by the pleasure they find in it, but also by an emulation between the inhabitants of the several streets, who vie with each other. And there is, indeed, nothing belonging to the whole town that is both more useful and more pleasant, So that he who founded the town seems to have taken care of nothing more than of their gardens..."*



When he was at home in Chelsea, Sir Thomas More's household would read the Bible together every evening. This is from one of their favourite Psalms (*Stapleton's Life of Sir Thomas More*).

*"Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither – whatever they do prospers." (from Psalm 1).*