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In the beginning, God created the Heavens and the Earth. Confident of the excellence of his work, he expected that, in the ions of time, the investment in his creation would produce heavenly dividends: sentient beings, humankind, would recognize, in due time, the excellence of his work.

Since then, the universe has been unfolding: stars, in a multitude of galaxies, created the elements to build planets that, in some places, could shelter life; on Earth, living beings have spread all over the globe, birds stood out with their songs, plants replenished it with fruit and adorned it with flowers.

Is God pleased with humankind's partnership? Is humanity honouring his heavenly endeavours, by caring for all living things? Ethical behaviour, fairness and justice, honouring the truth, reconciling for the future, would be God's expectations in recognition of his creation.

Ecological catastrophes, climate change, geological, social and economic imbalances, famine, plague, and wars, all the calamities of today's world, would not be enough, so we can do nothing, but hope that "God would abbreviate these days of torment"? Can we still count on "men of good will"?

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