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Ps.36,6: *"You, LORD, preserve both people and animals."*

Mt.6,26: *"Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them."*

All creation depends on God's giving, on His will to preserve what He created, humanity included. Flowers, herbs, animals, humankind, we all eat at the same table.

Humankind alone, however, is endowed with a consciousness which "sees" this dependence. We are God-aware and have the capacity for faith. Our need and dependence calls forth our trust and our trust is made and meant for the LORD.

It is to get things unhelpfully the wrong way round if we labour with much worry on the side of our needs, but neglect the call to trust the One who supplies them. It is to turn means into ends.

Seeing this made Jesus say to his followers: *"Do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."* (Mt.6,31-34)