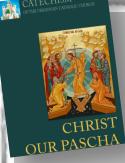
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The Goodness of Creation

In the account of the creation of the world, Holy Scripture discloses the way in which God assesses the world created by him: "And God saw that it was good" (*Gn* 1:10 et al). It's Like an artist, God creates a masterpiece; he examines his creation with attention, and he delights in it. The Father contemplates the world and recognizes within its features the face of the Son - the first- born of all creation, by whom and for whom all was created (see *Col* 1:15f). The face of Christ comes through more distinctly throughout history - all the way to the incarnation of the Son of God and his second coming in glory. Creation is the visible icon of the invisible God. As history unfolds, this creation is being transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit into a "new creation," prefigured in the glorified body of the risen Christ. (#107)