

God, Most Recently

To every reason for cooperating uninhibitedly,
praise the power of the Lord, our useful
and admirable metaphorical Spirit Father Figure.

Yet be conservative about passing the ammunition,
brother: genocide, though not our stated aim,
has too long been a claim to fame.

With and despite God's existence and help,
unfortunately, we remain personally
and collectively engaged in changing
the measurements of the lifetimes
and comforts of our fellow beings in the species
that alone among the known apes of history
have gained the capability of traveling and living globally
but so far have been unable to cooperate globally
about anything at all -- excepting, perhaps,
the worthiness, indeed, the seemingly shared necessity
of strong patriotism, patriotism that
continues to evolve and use its skills
and unwavering determination to destroy
every opposed and opposing side.

Asking for God's help as our collective guiding
spirit of cooperativeness, we may convince ourselves
that we persist only toward honorable outcomes.

Sadly, it appears that we may not for some time
find ways to desist from continuing efforts
to adjust the lifetimes of our fellow humans
so frequently in the wrong direction.