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To illustrate my comments, let me give you some facts about our universe. The Milky Way Galaxy, of which we are a part, is estimated to be about a hundred thousand light years across. The nearest star to us is about 4 and a half light years away. A light year is some six trillion miles. If we traveled as fast as the fastest ships have ever gone, it would take us about 40,000 years to travel to the nearest star.

My point is this: The Earth is the only place we have to live. Given the distances involved, it is extremely unlikely that we will ever see a race of aliens come down in their advanced technology space ships to save us from ourselves. It's all up to us.

Given that we have no where else to go, the burden is on us to ensure a planet with a breathable atmosphere, ground that is safe to grow food, and most important of all, a supply of clean water. This includes prohibiting invasive plants and animals from being released into the Great Lakes and other areas. I'm 72 and I want to leave the world a livable place for future generations.