

The Lord Will Come . . . Perhaps Today . . . Behold, I Come Quickly . . . Rev. 22:7

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Intellectualism or Willful Ignorance

Introduction

In recent times there has been an increasing manifestation of the foolishness of man and the rejection of the scriptures of truth. Let me say up front that creation is my Father's, it is His bestowal upon me with the purpose of caring for His creation. In the beginning Adam was told to "subdue" (rule over) the earth (Gen. 1:28) and that has never been abolished. Indeed, God declares that he will "destroy them that destroy the earth" (Rev. 11:18). God's purpose was for man to develop the earth, progressing outward and developing it for the greater glory of God. It is an exceedingly serious matter to destroy that which God has made, that is, the habitual world which He created for humanity dwell in. Sadly, man has destroyed it by not caring for it. Areas are now wasteland where once there was fruitfulness. Caring for it ought to be a concern for every child of God.

However, we need to get things right. In a world where man is opposed to capital punishment for a mass murderer yet thinks nothing of ruthlessly killing a little baby, or would be charged as with a major crime for killing an owl but cares little for the veterans who fought for the freedom of humanity, there is something wrong. The last thing God created was man, not an owl or lama etc., but a real human being. Men see abortion as a money maker and the avoidance of the consequences of ones sin. Such are void of any morality. Humanity, in the valuation of God, is far superior to any other created life.

The Ignorance of Humanity

Recently there was an article on why dinosaurs were wiped out. The headline read something like, "That which happened one minute after the meteor hit earth." Such foolishness when the evidence of a flood is all around them and they reject those evidences. I do not know about you but if I really believed as these so called intellectuals profess to know that a massive meteor could have hit this earth in September 2019, I would not be sleeping too soundly. The congress woman in the USA said that the world would end in twelve years. Then another said it would end in ten years, and then to top it off, they said we must preserve the earth for future generations. Surely it stands to reason that if the earth will be gone by 2029, why worry about future generations?

Who Knows When The Earth Will Be No More?

There are two sources for the answering of the questions of how will the earth end and who will destroy it? Those two sources are man and God, or better and more fundamentally put, Satan and God. Only God knows how old creation really is for He informs us that He created it (Gen. 1:1). Furthermore, He knows and reveals to humanity how it will end and when it will end (Heb. 1:12; Rev. 20:11; 2 Pet. 3:10-12).

Many of the ungodly intellectuals would argue that there is no God, we cannot be sure, or there is some unseen power out there. The scriptures inform its readers, "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God" (Psa. 14:1). He will, like the proverbial ostrich, put his head in the sand and declare, "there is no God therefore I can do as I want without consequences"; "There is no God who is in supreme power working out or letting man manifest what is in the human heart"; or "There is no God who can foretell the future". I believe with all that is within my mind and heart that creation cries unceasingly the facts not only that God is, but that He is the modifying sustainer of every atom in this world, this universe, this galaxy and outer space.

- a) This is the God who knows the end from the beginning, not waiting until partway through and then see how things are turning out. He is the Alpha and Omega (Rev. 1:8), the cumulation of all revelation and communication. Because He is the God who cannot lie (Titus 1:2), in contrast to Satan who is the father of lies who has blinded the minds of them that believe not and they themselves have suppressed the truth, that is, that which they know is truth it is utter foolishness to believe them. They are intellectual ignoramuses.
- b) One thing God makes very plain in the scriptures of truth is that, as I write this in September 2019 there will be a September 2020, and there will be a September in 2500 and in 3000, and at least to September 3026!!!! There has to be a 1000 year reign of the Lord, there has to be the 7 years of Daniel's 70th week, there has to be the unknown times of the period between the rapture and the confirming of the covenant, the duration when Satan is let loose from the bottomless pit and deceives the whole world. Only after all is completed to God's timetable He will destroy the world.
 - i) God will destroy it and not man. Stephen Hawking warned global warming would cause the Earth to become like Venus, with a global temperature of 482 degrees Fahrenheit and sulphuric acid raining from the sky. "By the year 2600, the world's population would be standing shoulder to shoulder and the electricity consumption would make the Earth glow red-hot." Sadly, he was an atheist and did not believe God is, and He has determined who would bring the earth to its finality and how it would end. There is a time when, in the purposes of God, the earth will have served its usefulness and due to its corruption, it will be removed. It will be removed by the one God has appointed as Judge and executioner (Jn. 5:22, 27), the Lord Jesus Christ. The inspired book of Hebrews informs us that God is speaking to Christ and He says, "As a vesture shalt Thou fold them up" (Heb. 1:12). In Revelation the Holy Apostle writes, "From whose face the earth and the heaven fled away" (Rev. 20:11).
 - ii) Ungodly men are totally ignorant of the words of Holy Scripture and are so by personal choice despite knowing the truth. Paul informs us that the ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, "Hold the truth in unrighteousness", that is, they suppress the truth. Peter informs us that they are ignorant of the lessons of the flood and God's destruction of the earth by it. Secondly, that the present earth is being kept by God (2 Pet. 3:5-6). Therefore, man made ideas and theories are propagated by men without true knowledge. By the word of God the heavens and earth are being kept by God until the day of His judgment and perdition on ungodly men (2 Pet. 3:7). Today in man's day, God bestowed the right to believe or not believe, but there is coming a day when the good news of the gospel being now sounded will sound no more. There will be no room for repentance, it is the day of God's righteous judgment by Christ the Son (Jn. 5:22).
 - iii) God informs us how it will be destroyed and it will not be by man pressing the button. Both the holy apostles John and Peter are guided by the Spirit of the living God to inform humanity how the world will end. We read, "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up."; "Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?" (2 Pet. 3:10, 12). We notice several matters:
 - 1. The absoluteness of the approaching day of judgment, "It will come".
 - 2. The repetition of the words, "elements shall melt with fervent heat".
 - (a) Elements: that is the fundamental primary composites of anything, "atoms" and their sub particles. These sub particles, as I understand it, are in two different groups. Those which build, such as neutrons and protons, and those which destroy such as alpha and beta
 - 3. The emphasis on fire and burning.
 - 4. The heavens being on fire dissolving. The word for dissolving means to unloose. Many have seen the devastation of the atomic bomb's destruction over Hiroshima. That will be less than a little dim spark when God, in fierce judgment, causes every atom in the world to be dissolved, or unloosed. Apart from the heavens, everything we see in this world will be no more. Then considering the Heavens, the super novas etc., will all without exception be blasted away. If we

think thunder is loud now, the noise of all this creation exploding as everything on the earth and in the heavens will disintegrate, no wonder it will be a great noise.

Conclusion

When we read of the face of the Lord in Revelation, it is one to be feared by the ungodly. We read, "From whose face the earth and the heaven fled away" (Rev. 20:11). Again, all ranks of humanity will know God is when they cry to the rocks and mountains to fall on them and, "hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne" (Rev. 6:16). Thank God we the redeemed will see His face and rejoice before His face because of the glorious all sufficient work of the Lord at Calvary.

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