



Faith Talk

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End of Times

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What a year! A tsunami smashed South Asia without warning. A hurricane season devastated New Orleans. Strong earthquakes shattered several regions including Kashmir. Now there is fear of a worldwide bird flu pandemic.

Should we be philosophical? Things happen. Nature is cyclical. From time to time bad things happen to good people. "Roll the bones," sings Geddy Lee.

Should we be methodical? Disasters are the result of human industrialization. Pollution and the overuse of fossil fuels have damaged the oceans and atmosphere. The planet is in disequilibrium. "We must evolve or die," writes Carl Sagan.

Should we be honest? The Bible tells us that the earth will experience many signs in the last days before Christ returns. The mountains will bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of His name. "In days of trouble I will call on the name of the Lord and be saved," proclaims the Psalmist.

It is comforting to know that God remains in control of the earth He created. Although we plunged the world into disharmony through our sinful disobedience, the earth and the fullness thereof remain the Lord's. He loves us so much that He sent His Son to redeem us and the earth we live on. Salvation is through the one sacrifice of Christ on the cross.

God is not the author of misery; rather He wants all people to place their trust in Him. What Satan has intended for evil, God uses for good. The world events are a call to repentance and acceptance of His promises to us.

As troubling events increase in frequency and intensity, marvel in a loving Father that remains faithful despite our weaknesses.

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