



The fundamental thing behind all motivation and all activity is the constant struggle against annihilation and death. It is absolutely stupefying, it is terror, and it renders everyone's accomplishments meaningless.

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I. WAYS TO DEAL WITH AGING AND DEATH

1. Disguise it
2. Delay it
3. Deny it
4. Defeat it

I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die.

John 11:25-26 (NLT)

II. OVERVIEW OF REVELATION 21:1-27

Remember that this section, like most of Revelation, is symbolic:

That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.”

1 Corinthians 2:9 (NLT)

1. The description of Heaven (v.1-8)
 - A real physical place (v.1a)
 - Unobstructed closeness with God (v.1b,3)
 - Death, pain and sadness are gone (v.4)

- Every promise is fulfilled (v.5-7)
- God's people are there (v.7)
- Evil will be absent (v.8)

2. The depiction of God's people (v.9-27)

- A bride (v.2,9)
- A mountain (v.10a)
- A city (v.10b-21)

Which is...

⇒ Massive (v.10b-16)

⇒ Secure (v.17)

⇒ Beautiful (v.18-21)

⇒ Perfect (v.22-27)

III. "TAKE AWAYS" FROM REVELATION 21

1. Think of this picture when I think of myself
2. Think of this picture when I think of my death
3. Think of this picture when I think of my church