

# VII Redemption | Salvation | Liberation: How do we fix the wrong / evil?

We all live in the **same** world / universe  
We all experience the **same** issues & problems  
We all face the **same** experiences

3 examples of an accident, a natural disaster, & death → things we all experience.

We all start at the same place:

- **Something is wrong**
- **Identifying what is wrong**
- **Determining how to fix the wrong**
- **Determining who can fix the wrong**

## A. All is nature & nature is all

Many brilliant people deny any thought of God.  
However, they still live in this world – the same world!

### What do they do?

#### 1. **Prevention of disease, natural disasters, accidents...**

In the main, this is both good and OK.

However, this often rises to the level of a religion! A totalitarian cause!

Example: Covid

#### 2. **Preservation of life**

Death is the end  
Death is coming  
Death cannot be prevented  
Life must be prolonged at all costs

**Psalm 49: title** To the chief Musician, A Psalm for the sons of Korah.

**Psalm 49:1** Hear this, all ye people; Give ear, all ye inhabitants of the world:

**Psalm 49:2** Both low and high, Rich and poor, together.

**Psalm 49:3** My mouth shall speak of wisdom; And the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding.

**Psalm 49:4** I will incline mine ear to a parable: I will open my dark saying upon the harp.

**Psalm 49:5** Wherefore should I fear in the days of evil, When the iniquity of my heels shall compass me about?

**Psalm 49:6** They that trust in their wealth, And boast themselves in the multitude of their riches;

**Psalm 49:7** None of them can by any means redeem his brother, Nor give to God a ransom for him:

**Psalm 49:8** (For the redemption of their soul is precious, And it ceaseth for ever:)

**Psalm 49:9** That he should still live for ever, And not see corruption.

**Psalm 49:10** For he seeth that wise men die, Likewise the fool and the brutish person perish, And leave their wealth to others.

**Psalm 49:11** Their inward thought is, that their houses shall continue for ever, And their dwelling places to all generations; They call their lands after their own names.

**Psalm 49:12** Nevertheless man being in honour abideth not: He is like the beasts that perish.

**Psalm 49:13** This their way is their folly: Yet their posterity approve their sayings. Selah.

**Psalm 49:14** Like sheep they are laid in the grave; Death shall feed on them; And the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning; And their beauty shall consume in the grave from their dwelling.

**Psalm 49:15** But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: For he shall receive me. Selah.

**Psalm 49:16** Be not thou afraid when one is made rich, When the glory of his house is increased;  
**Psalm 49:17** For when he dieth he shall carry nothing away: His glory shall not descend after him.  
**Psalm 49:18** Though while he lived he blessed his soul: And men will praise thee, when thou doest well to thyself.  
**Psalm 49:19** He shall go to the generation of his fathers; They shall never see light.  
**Psalm 49:20** Man that is in honour, and understandeth not, Is like the beasts that perish.

I met a traveller from an antique land  
Who said: Two vast and trunkless legs of stone  
Stand in the desert.<sup>[4]</sup> Near them, on the sand,  
Half sunk, a shattered visage lies, whose frown,  
And wrinkled lip, and sneer of cold command,  
Tell that its sculptor well those passions read  
Which yet survive, stamped on these lifeless things,  
The hand that mocked them and the heart that fed:  
And on the pedestal these words appear:  
"My name is OZYMANDIAS, King of Kings:  
Look on my works, ye Mighty, and despair!"  
Nothing beside remains. Round the decay  
Of that colossal wreck, boundless and bare  
The lone and level sands stretch far away.

—Percy Shelley, "Ozymandias", 1819 edition<sup>[17]</sup>

### 3. Distraction from life

Modern life is one long series of

**Ecclesiastes 2:1** I said in mine heart, Go to now, I will prove thee with mirth, therefore enjoy pleasure: and, behold, this also is vanity.  
**Ecclesiastes 2:2** I said of laughter, It is mad: and of mirth, What doeth it?  
**Ecclesiastes 2:3** I sought in mine heart to give myself unto wine, yet acquainting mine heart with wisdom; and to lay hold on folly, till I might see what was that good for the sons of men, which they should do under the heaven all the days of their life. **Ecclesiastes 2:4** I made me great works; I builded me houses; I planted me vineyards: **Ecclesiastes 2:5** I made me gardens and orchards, and I planted trees in them of all kind of fruits: **Ecclesiastes 2:6** I made me pools of water, to water therewith the wood that bringeth forth trees: **Ecclesiastes 2:7** I got me servants and maidens, and had servants born in my house; also I had great possessions of great and small cattle above all that were in Jerusalem before me: **Ecclesiastes 2:8** I gathered me also silver and gold, and the peculiar treasure of kings and of the provinces: I gat me men singers and women singers, and the delights of the sons of men, as musical instruments, and that of all sorts. **Ecclesiastes 2:9** So I was great, and increased more than all that were before me in Jerusalem: also my wisdom remained with me. **Ecclesiastes 2:10** And whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them, I withheld not my heart from any joy; for my heart rejoiced in all my labour: and this was my portion of all my labour. **Ecclesiastes 2:11** Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and, behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun.

**\*What shadows we are & what shadows we pursue!**

**\*The mass of men lead lives of quiet desperation!**

### 4. Deification of nature

Atheists and agnostics tend to deify the earth → mother earth!  
Things start to sound very similar to pantheism