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...and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever... And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldst give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldst destroy them which destroy the earth. Rev. 11:15b, 18

The great question of the age is, What's it all about? Is it about the unrest of peoples and nations, or is it the developing war between authority figures and the vulnerable public that pervades our roadways and public places? Could it be the endless cries of injustice as human systems seem unable to deal with the myriad problems facing humanity? Or perhaps it's the apparent attack by an angry earth upon those polluting and abusing their mother?

Another way to look at these pervasive issues is to separate them into causes or symptoms. Are the problems listed above causes, or are they symptoms? Most of what we hear in the media these days seems to be an attempt to mislead us by treating all problems as causes. The reason seems to be that very few people in positions of power are willing to look beyond the symptoms to discern true causes. In other words, the truth is too politically dangerous to openly admit, so we stay with contrived explanations that if we would deal with the symptoms we would somehow achieve victory over causes.

For example, recent riots over police abuses of power are not causes of America's unrest, but symptoms of underlying oppressive systems rigged by those in power to transfer wealth up the economic ladder. People riot when they give up hope of improvement in their living conditions and come to realize that no amount of peaceful pleading will change the system.

The same

with our health-care crisis; we spend more money per person on health care and get less result than most other so-called advanced countries. But the health problems of the people are really just another symptom of medical and food supply systems deliberately rigged to increase profits at the cost of people's health. The food we eat is laced by chemicals of all sorts to simplify production, distribution, and shelf-life; with little concern shown for the outcome in terms of obesity and other general health issues.

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I know many religious authorities place the book of Revelation wholly in the past, while others claim it's mostly in the future. But think about this: Perhaps it's simply descriptive prophecy concerning many things now transpiring upon the earth. If you've ever stood on the bridge a short distance above Niagara Falls you'll get the idea. The river is rapidly accelerating toward an inexorable destiny as it crashes and thunders over the awesome falls. To me this apparent catastrophe is a metaphor for what is now occurring among the powers and systems of earth as they mindlessly crash toward their destiny, either as righteous parts of Christ's earthly kingdom or else as enemies to be destroyed.

God is preparing the impending earthly kingdom of his Son, Jesus Christ. As the reading above indicates, some things not acceptable under the moral principles of God's kingdom are being shaken to pieces and will disappear into history. That includes people as well as systems, and includes religious as well as secular organizations. Other things will be rewarded and continued because they represent kingdom principles and values that are the building blocks of the kingdom.

What can we do? I think that understanding and faith are two virtues that can help us through difficult times ahead. Understand what God is doing, and have faith in his ability to both protect you and your family and to bring his will into being upon the earth.