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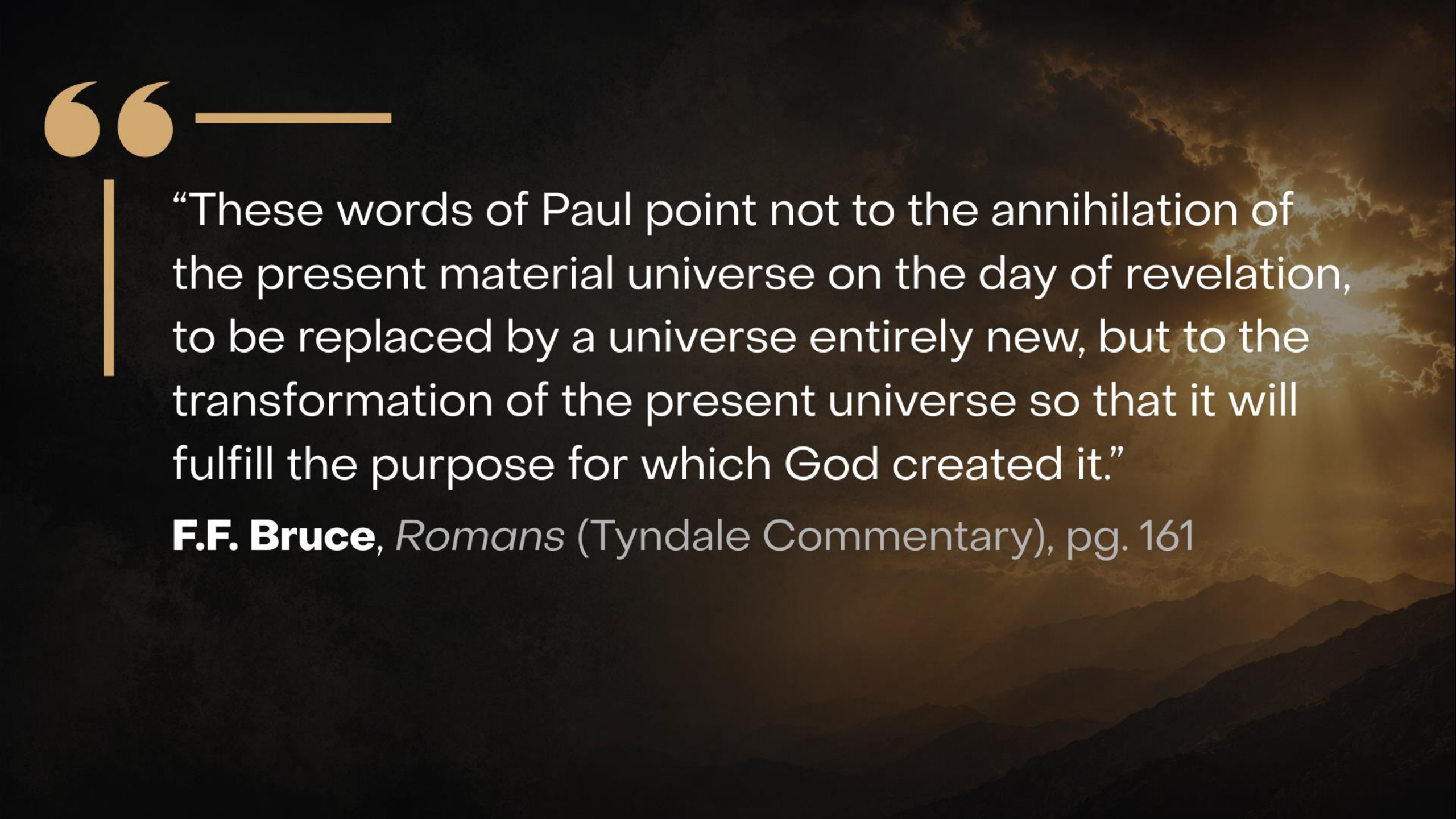


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“These words of Paul point not to the annihilation of the present material universe on the day of revelation, to be replaced by a universe entirely new, but to the transformation of the present universe so that it will fulfill the purpose for which God created it.”

F.F. Bruce, *Romans* (Tyndale Commentary), pg. 161

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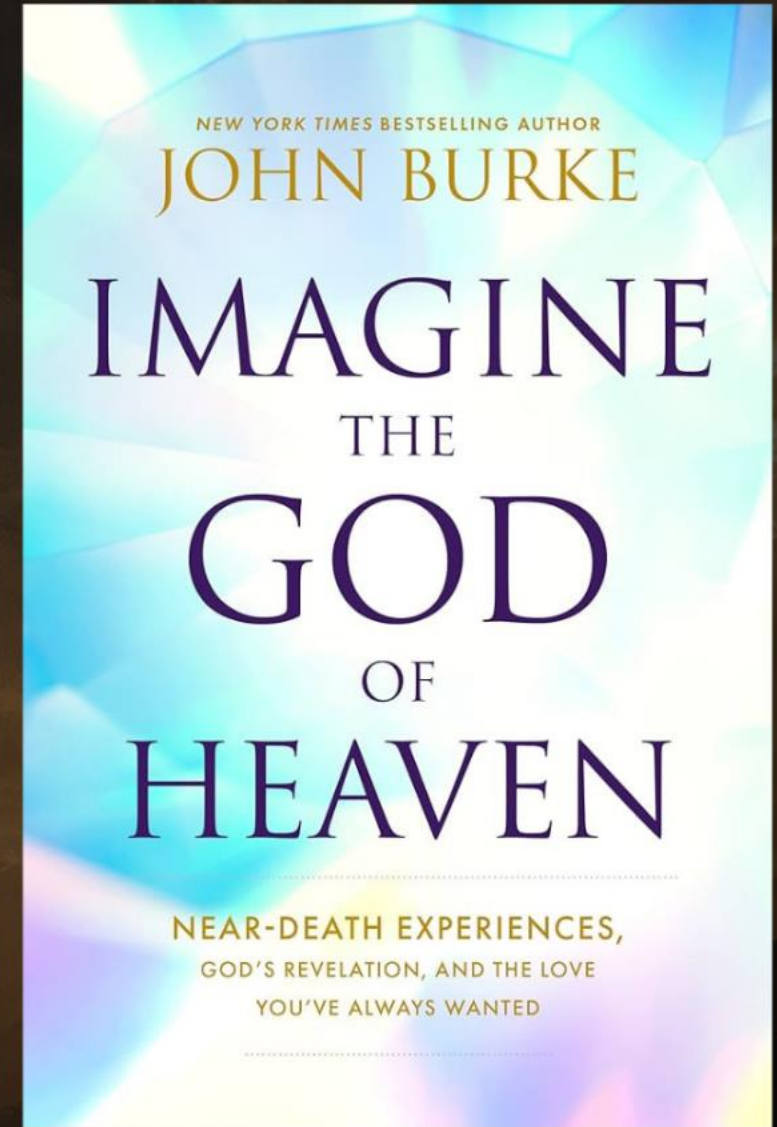
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NDEs — Major Themes Consistent with Romans 8:18–39 and the New Testament

1. **God's love is far greater than we can imagine.**
2. **Heaven is intensely real.**
3. **We become who God created us to be.**
4. **Love, not accomplishment, is what lasts.**
5. **Hope changes how we endure suffering.**

"I know a man in Christ who 14 years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows. And I know that this man... was caught up to paradise and heard inexpressible things..." **Paul, 2 Cor. 12:1-4**



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2 Corinthians 4:16-18 NLT

16 That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. **17** For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! **18 So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen.** For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.

1Peter 1:6-7 NLT

6 So be truly glad. **There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while.** **7** These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.

Colossians 3:2

"Set your minds **on things above**, not on earthly things."

1 Peter 1:13

"Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober,
set your hope on the grace to be brought to you
when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming."

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1. See your sufferings through the lens of the gospel.

Brokenness, pain, and loss are evidence that creation is still waiting for redemption—not that God has abandoned his people. Every groan points us toward the hope of resurrection and the promise that God is making all things new.

Question: *How would your perspective change if you saw your present struggles as part of creation's longing for restoration rather than as evidence that God has forgotten you?*



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2. Trust that God is working in you, even when you can't see it.

The Holy Spirit meets us in our weakness, interceding when we cannot (or don't know how) to pray and shaping us into the likeness of Christ. God does not waste our pain and suffering; he works through it to accomplish his redemptive purposes.

Question: *Where might God be inviting you to patiently trust his unseen work instead of demanding immediate answers?*



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3. Live as someone whose victory is secure in Christ.

Being "more than conquerors" does not mean we avoid hardship; it means that nothing—not suffering, death, or the powers of darkness—can separate us from Christ or overturn his victory. It means we can face every trial with enduring hope and love.

Question: *What would it look like this week to respond to a difficult circumstance not as a victim or conquering hero, but as someone who already knows that Christ has won?*



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