

CHANGING ADDRESSES:

LEAVING EARTH FOR HEAVEN

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**Creation was an extrusion
From the eternity of God;
Out of himself and limitless dimensions
Came space, planets, and sod**

**This world is but a micro-byte
Of the Creator and his worth,
Yet in his intentionality
He had purpose for this earth**

**Its uniqueness as a planet
Would display the human race
A full reflection of his image,
Of anything less, not a trace**

**We cannot begin to comprehend
The sheer glory of that creation,
Made for humans with sin untainted
Destined for a sublime vocation**

**The 'morning star, son of the dawn'
Succumbed to perfidy,
Expelled from heaven in turn he brought
This virus to humanity¹**

**Planet earth with all creation
Groaned with this injury²,
Astral, spatial, and global realms
Suffered the fall-out from this tragedy**

**God's masterpiece was marred
The humanly perfect was demeaned,
Man and woman disabled at Eden
Yet they would be redeemed!**

**The Master's plan was the master plan
He created a new creation,**

¹ Isaiah 14:12f; Ezekiel 28:11f

² Romans 8:20-23

**Jesus as God would atone for sin
And initiate a sublime salvation**

**Believers in Christ comprise the new race
By Holy Spirit power and anointment,
Receiving the powers of the new age³
They begin to fulfil their appointment**

**Believers now are being groomed
For thronal and governing function,
The eternal for them has already come,
Their experience a sublime preparation**

**For God will present a sight unequalled,
A new heavens and a new earth⁴
Peopled and ruled by those made ready
Through the calling of the new birth**

**The new creation has been under way
Since that time Jesus rose from the dead,
Its fulness will be seen, its glory displayed
Under Christ its majestic Head**

**Death has lost its battle and sting⁵
Before us our superannuation,
Dying a good death is only a foyer
Into rewards of predestination**

**So dying and death is simply a matter
Of transition from the temporal,
A change of address, and transformation
Where the normal is phenomenal**

**The kingdom to come is immeasurable
Beyond the dimensions of science,
New worlds will exceed the incredible
With Jesus, an eternal alliance**

**A calling to ministry is a continuum
So no one can ever "retire",
Service in which we are now engaged
Will be enhanced when we go higher**

**Daniel was faithful for ninety years
And assured of a personal function**

³ Hebrews 6:4-5

⁴ Revelation 21:1-7

⁵ 1 Corinthians 15:55

**In worlds to come at the end of the days,
A heritage of eternal unction⁶**

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⁶ Daniel 12:13