

What will our lives be like on
the new Earth? Part 6

What will we know and learn on
the new Earth?

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I can't remember who said it but I like this quote:
"We are all ignorant only of different subjects."

For example, here are some fun facts that you may not know:

Butterflies taste with their feet.

No word in the English language rhymes with "month".

The cruise liner, QE2, moves only six inches for each gallon of diesel that it burns.

The name of all the continents end with the same letter that they start with.

The words 'racecar' and 'kayak' are the same whether they are read left to right or right to left.

Women blink nearly twice as much as men.

There's no Betty Rubble in the Flintstones Chewables.

Pinocchio is Italian for "pine eye".

There is so much to discover in this universe, but we have so little time and opportunity to do it.

When I think of all of the...

books that I have not read,
music that I have not heard,
places that I have not seen,
wonderful people that I have not meet,
delicious food that I have not tasted
fragrances that I have not smelled...

The list seems to be unending and makes me long for Heaven even more. Because at the end of each day I'll have the same amount of time left as I did the day before. Places won't crumble, people won't die, and neither will I.

When we arrive at our eternal home located on the new Earth, we need to remember that...

1. God alone is omniscient

"Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable." Is 40:28

"Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?... For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen." Romans 11:33-36

And the rest of us will be continually learning, growing and experiencing new things for the first time.

2. Even the angels are continually learning

"It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things."

1 Peter 1:12

3. I believe that you will know everything that you know now – only with crystal clarity.

If we forget everything when we get to know then how would we remember the holes in Jesus hands?

What sin and the curse is doing to our memories and minds the resurrection will restore.

4. What will I learn about in Heaven?

“And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.” Eph 2:6-7

I don't know but I do think we will constantly be learning, exploring and growing. I would like to suggest that some of the lessons we might learn in Heaven will involve:

A. His life in me

I would imagine that there will be a great deal of time and effort invested into helping us review the life that we lead here on Earth. Rejoicing over the good and learning from our mistakes.

Even in learning revisiting our mistakes, new insights will be gathered and celebrated. Who's to say what's good or bad?

B. His interests / passions inside of me

What is it that really gets you excited? Astronomy, politics, flowers, writing, music, science, energy, sports? All of these fields will allow the believer to learn /enjoy / discover their Creator in new ways.

- Anyone here interested in science?

Think of what it will be like to have a discussion with Isaac Newton, Michael Faraday and Thomas Edison?

- Anyone here interested in mathematics?

It makes me smile to think of my dad, who was within 1 course of completing his Ph.D. in mathematics – and who would always say to me, “Bryan, you can never have enough math.” Sitting down over coffee and visiting with Pascal with scratch paper, pencils, erasers and slide rules?

- Anyone here interested in America politics?

Imagine actually visiting with Ben Franklin, or Thomas Jefferson and speaking with them about the issue that voters were considering in the elections of 2010, and how did those issues jive with the constitution that they help to create?

How bout a conversation with George Mueller or Bill Bright about faith only to discover that Abraham has a few stories he wants to share.

You could cover the civil war with Abraham Lincoln or Harriet Beecher Stowe

Or the history of missions with William Carey, Lottie Moon or Hudson and Maria Taylor.

I want to have a conversation about ministry ideas with Brother Andrew, Chuck Colson, Joni Eareckson Tada and Billy Graham.

Have a passion for music? What will it be like to visit with Mozart, or Bach or the angels who lead praise and worship in Heaven?

Do you think you will have a better understanding of doctrine after a one on one session with Luther, Calvin, Wesley, A.W. Tozer?

Do you think you will better understand the Bible after visiting with: Joshua, David, Paul, Mary, Deborah, Samson, Mephiboseth, the 12 disciples, and the list goes on and on.

We'll contemplate God's person and His works, talking long over dinner and coffee, on walks and in living rooms, by rivers and fires.

In 1546, Philip Melancthon gave a memorial address about his departed friend Martin Luther. In it he envision Luther in Heaven, fellowshipping: "We remember the great delight with which he recounted the course (stories), the counsels (advice), the perils and escapes of the prophets, and the learning with which he discoursed (taught) on all the age of the Church and showed us his passions for these wonderful men. Now, he embraces them and rejoices to hear them speak and to speak to them. Now they hail him gladly as a companion, and thank God with him for having gathered and preserved the Church."

C. His purpose for me

"And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me... ' Luke 22:29

"if we endure, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us;" 2 Timothy 2:12

"The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years."
Rev 20:6

D. His Word

"Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens."
Psalm 119:89

"The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life."
John 6:23