

# INVESTIGATION

A person in a dark blue suit and white shirt is holding a white rectangular sign with both hands. The person's face is partially visible at the top, and their hands are pointing towards the text on the sign. The background is plain white.

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is  
Salvation?

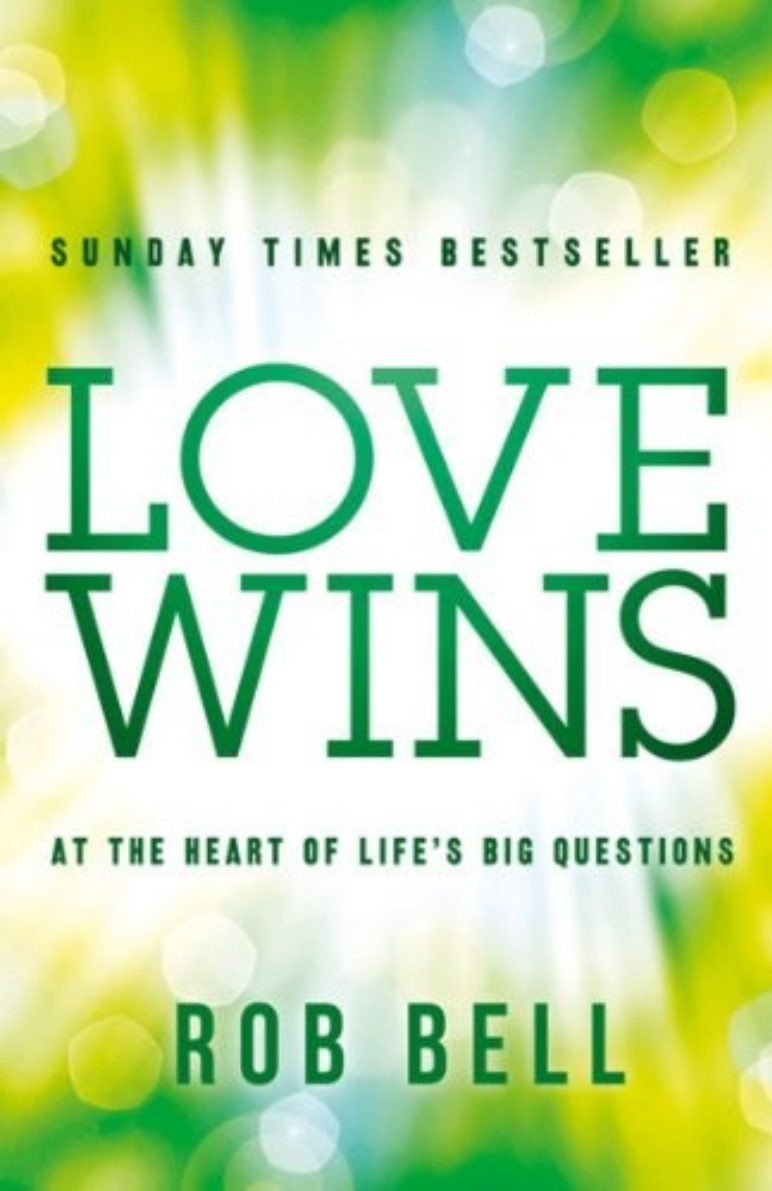
(11 – Heaven & Salvation)

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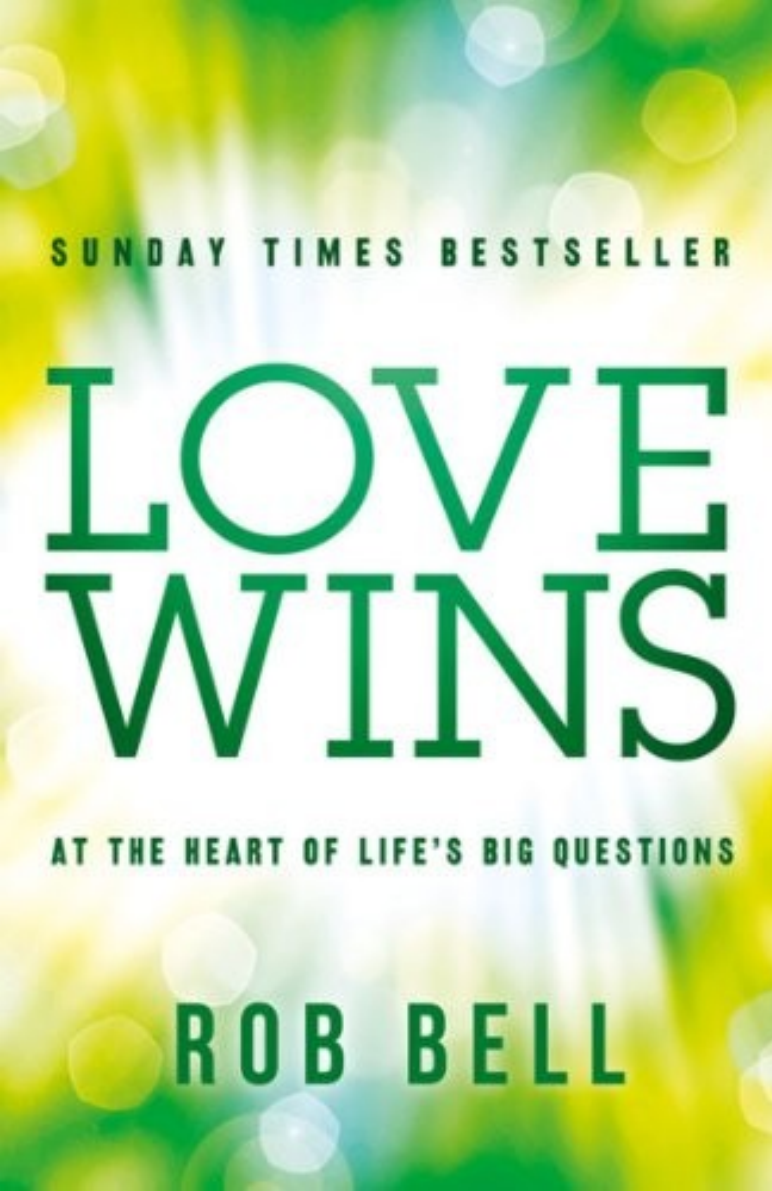
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“The dominant cultural assumptions and misunderstandings about heaven have been at work for so long, it’s almost automatic for many to think of heaven as ethereal, intangible, esoteric, and immaterial. Floaty, dreamy, hazy. Somewhere else.”

“Heaven, for Jesus, wasn’t less real, but more real.”

“Let me be clear: heaven is not forever in the way that we think of forever, as a uniform measurement of time, like days and years, marching endlessly into the future. That’s not a category or concept we find in the Bible. ”

“This is why a lot of translators choose to translate *aion* as "eternal". By this they don't mean the literal passing of time; they mean transcending time, belonging to another realm altogether.”

“To summarize, then, sometimes when Jesus used the word "heaven" he was simply referring to God, using the word as a substitute for the name of God.”



“Eternal life doesn’t start when we die; it starts now.

It’s not about a life that begins at death; it’s about experiencing the kind of life now that can endure and survive even death.”

“[O]ne of the most striking aspects of the pictures the prophets used to describe this reality [of the Age to Come] is how earthy it is. Wine and crops and grain and people and feasts and buildings and homes. It’s here they were talking about, this world, the one we know—but rescued, transformed, and renewed.”

Paradise lost will be paradise restored through the restoration of all things.

That's because Father has no plan B, only his original intent for all of his creation.

The “Age to Come” is not a home in Heaven, in the spirit realm. Instead, it’s Heaven on Earth as it was before The Fall.

“[T]o partner with God in taking the world somewhere.

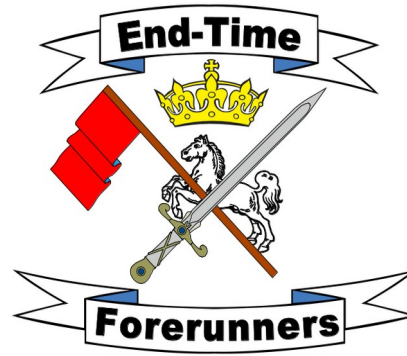
"Here it is, a big, beautiful, fascinating world", God says. "Do something with it!"

It's expected that we'll be inhabiting **both** the spirit realm and the natural realm at that time, just as we can now, only it will be totally normal then when we're in our "glorified" bodies.



There will be  
some stunning  
revelations  
*next time*

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