*I believe that only God is going to destroy the earth. What about Genesis 8:22: As long as the earth remains, there will be planting and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night?* 

"While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease (Ge 8:22)". The earth will remain orderly until God decides that it will become disorderly (Re 2:10, 22). One need not fear every incoming asteroid as if it were the end of the world.

Man has been a poor steward of the planet (Ge 2:15); but the earth will be beautiful again during the millennium (Re 20:1–10). The world won't end—rather, it will be made new by God (Re 21:1-2).

False teachers (2 Pe 2:1) do all that they can to get men's minds off of the cross (e.g. The Pope recently had the cross removed from his podium in favor of a plastic recyclable background [Jud 1:11]<sup>1</sup>).

In The Book of Numbers God instructed Moses to: "Make a replica of a poisonous snake and attach it to the top of a pole. Those who are bitten will live if they simply look at it." Nu 21:5–9. Men had to look to the bronze serpent to live as one day they would have to look to the cross to be saved (Eph 2:16).

The apostle John explained, "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life (Jn 3:14–15)."

Men make idols of anything—be it dirt (e.g. earth worship) or a snake on a pole (e.g. drugs and sorcery) [Ex. 20:1–5]. The Holy Spirit works to woo men's thoughts back to Jesus (Jn 14:16, 26). The apostle Paul said, "For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified (1 Co 2:1-2)." Christians are called to avoid distraction and press on. Paul said, "One thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus (Php 3:13–14).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Calleja, Claudia. "The Story That the Pope's Podium in Malta Will Tell." *TimesofMalta.Com*, Times Malta, 29 Mar. 2022, timesofmalta.com/articles/view/the-story-that-the-popespodium-in-malta-will-tell.943836.