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Viewpoints

Observing events in our modern world from the viewpoint of our ascended Savior.

In Search of Anomaly Zero - April 10, 2015

An anomaly most call insignificant moved Jesus to rise from the dead.

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Earlier this month, a man in the Twin Cities lost all his earthly possessions in a house fire. Tragedies, such as this, begin small. This is not an exaggeration. "Every major disaster in the world begins with the shifting of a single molecule, a spark of electrical energy, or some synapse firing in a different way." A hurricane that devastates Florida, for example, begins on the other side of the planet when something as small as a butterfly flaps its wings.

So what if scientists can recognize the start of a hurricane when it's a newly hatched anomaly? Obviously, when a hurricane is in an infantile stage, it's more manageable. And perhaps scientists could divert the young anomaly into growing up to be gentle rain shower.

So scientists are searching. "How can we detect danger earlier, much earlier, while the situation is still controllable?" The quest is simple: to advance the "earliest red flags of detection far closer to the point of origin so most disasters can be averted." This is the search for Anomaly Zero, "the theoretical earliest possible point where danger can be confirmed as a real threat."

- What if the Anomaly Zero could be detected and treated before a man molests a child?
- What if the Anomaly Zero could be discovered and treated with a week's worth of pills, before cancer has engaged major organs and requires radical treatments?

Much of this thinking is theoretical, yet in principle scripture confirms the spiritual reality of Anomaly Zero. How incredible that an anomaly that most people call insignificant- a single sin happening far back in time in the perfect Garden of Eden- threw the world under the curse of sin, so that today a butterfly's flapping wings can spawn a hurricane ([Gen 3:16-19](#), [Rom 8:20-22](#)).

Because of sin's curse, our world is overrun with anomalies that spin themselves into all sorts of tribulations like disease, poverty, crime, prejudice, slavery, theft and war. But worse than these physical tribulations are the spiritual anomalies of sin and unbelief. Left unchecked by God, these always lead to death and eternal damnation ([Rom 5:12-13](#)).

Even if science can start discovering the Anomaly Zero of some natural disasters, and prevent them, no sinful human is able to fix the Anomaly Zero of sin—the tiniest departure from God's holy standards that earns damnation.

How ironic that it takes a heaven-sent anomaly to fix all of the earth's sin-cursed anomalies. That a dead man walked out of his tomb alive and victorious over sin and death—that's the blessed anomaly we celebrate at Easter. That sinners are washed in the blood of the Lamb (Jesus), robed in the white of Christ's holiness, and dressed (equipped) to enjoy life in heaven—these are the anomalies guaranteed to us by Jesus' death and resurrection.

This world will never be rid of the tribulations spawned by the anomaly of sin, but Jesus rose from the dead to assure that we who trust in him will live in his heavenly home. And there you can perfectly search forever and ever, and you'll always find zero anomalies.

Revelation 7:9-10, 13-17 ⁹I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation be-ongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb..." ¹³Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes--who are they, and where did they come from?" ¹⁴I answered, "Sir, you know." And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵Therefore, "they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. ¹⁶Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." NIV¹⁹⁸⁴

This Viewpoint is an adaptation of one of the sermonettes presented during the Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday, April 5th.

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[Every Disaster Has a Beginning: In Search of Anomaly Zero](#) @ Thomas Frey's Blog, FuturistSpeaker.com

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Blessings to you and your loved ones, Pastor Mike Nitz

