

It is a fact that Urantia has become known among
neighboring inhabited planets
as the “World of the Cross”



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How does the Cross symbolizes the Reality that We exist
in a Friendly Universe?

If God's Love is Unconditional, if God's Compassion is
Infinite, if God's Ministry is Eternally beneficent, then the
Cross represents the Profound Reality of such a Friendly
Universe!

“He made the cross an Eternal Symbol of the Triumph of
Love over Hate and the Victory of Truth over Evil when he
prayed, “Father forgive them, for they know not what they do.”

”Greater Love no man can have than this....”

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What does THAT prayer say about God’s Unconditional Love,
God’s Unfailing Forgiveness?

What does THE Cross say about God’s Ministry to Us?

Our ONLY possible Response is Compassionate Care... for
Others... Think about YOUR Response?

How Do We Read An Event of Epochal Significance?

Lectio Divina – Divine Reading

- a) To Read & See What is There – The Literal
- b) To Reflect – The Metaphor --The Symbolic Meaning
- c) To Respond – The Moral Response of the Heart
- d) To Rest in God -- Be Still & Know – The Spiritual

“To Love with All our Heart, Mind, Body and Soul”

The World of the Cross

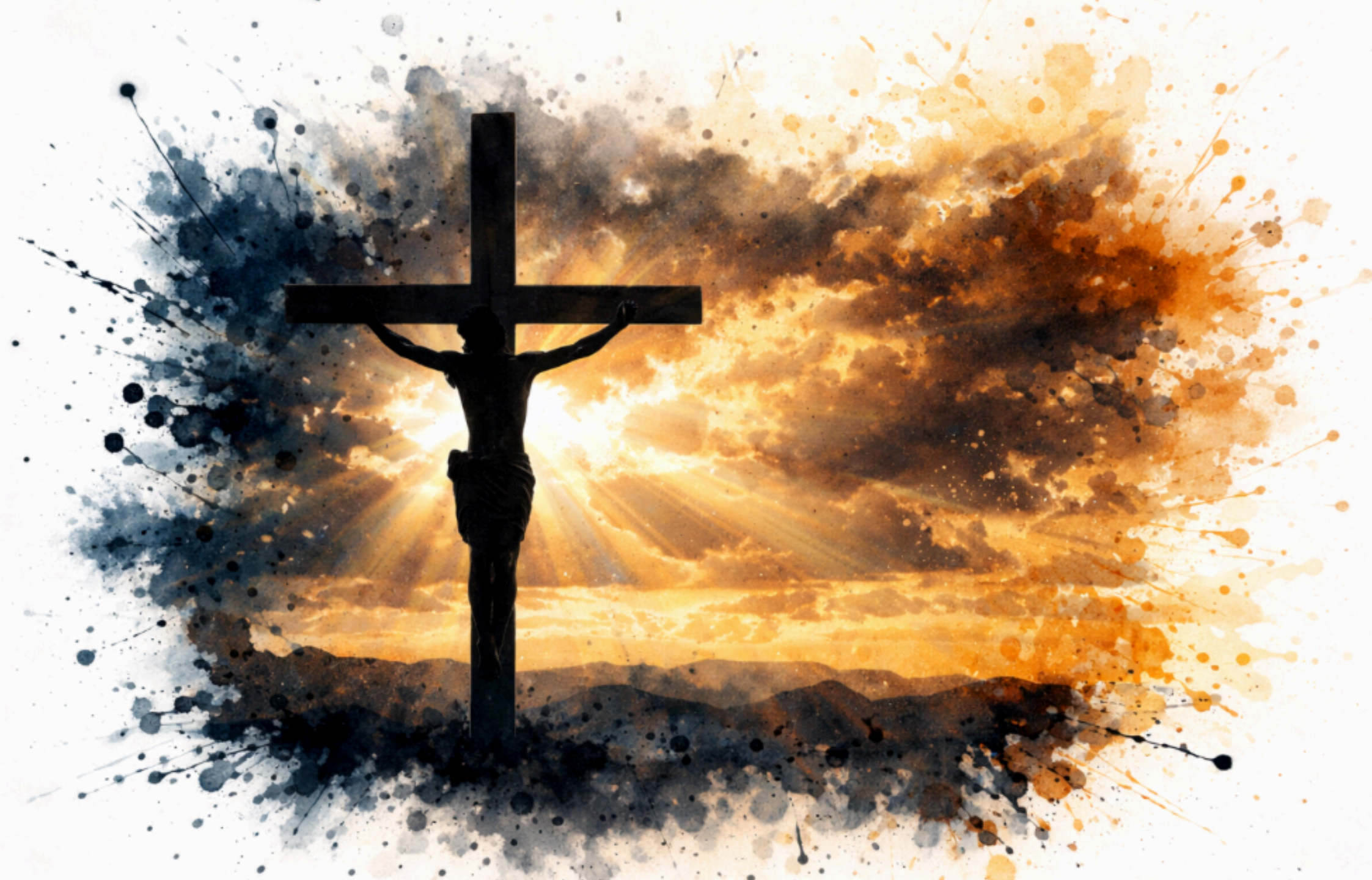
Lectio Divina

- 1) First we must learn to really see the fact of the cross
- 2) Second we learn to allow the symbolic meaning to emerge
- 3) Third we search for the moral response of our heart
- 4) Fourth we rest reverently in the Reality of the Cross

Love with All of Your Heart, Mind, Body, and Soul



What Does the Cross Mean to You?





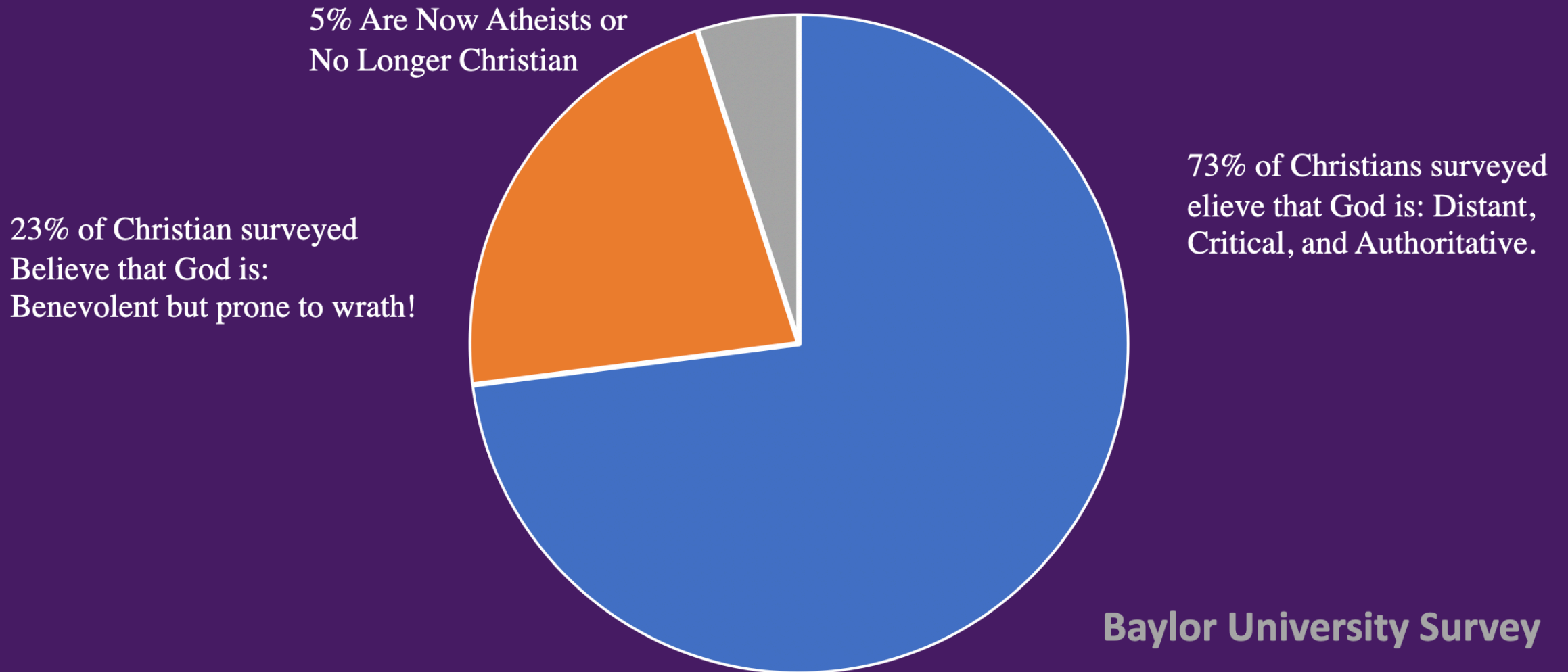
The Meaning of the Cross
The Debtor Theory/Atonement
The Contemporary Meaning – St Anselm 1097 AD



JESUS CHRIST PAID FOR OUR SINS

The Meaning of the Cross

Meaning is Tied to our Image of God



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“Jesus portrayed the Love and Compassion
Of the Heavenly Father”



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As a Ransomer, a Sacificer, or a Redeemer,
It is wholly correct to refer to him as a Savior.” (188:4.7)



The Meaning of the Cross

“To serve Even as Jesus Loves and Serves”



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“Forgive Them, They Know Not What They Do”



The Meaning of the Cross

Have You Ever Mourned the Death of Jesus?
Have you experienced the Comfort in that Mourning?



The Meaning of the Cross

Out of our Mourning is Born Compassion,
Our Moral Response to Suffering



The Meaning of the Cross

Out of our Compassion is born True Peacemaking,
Our Active Moral Response to Suffering – “Good Trouble”



The True Shepherd



The Meaning of the Cross

“The Worship of God and Service of Humanity
Became the Sum and Substance of His Religion.” (159:5.7)_



