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Conclusion 結論

- 世界是神所造的, 我們是受祂所託, 交付我們管理的責任
The world was created by God, we are entrusted by Him to manage the world.
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We must know God and manage the world according to God's goodness.
- 好的環境是要服侍人的, 環境不是神, 人也和環境不全然相等
A good environment is to serve people, the environment is not God, and humans are not exactly equal to the environment
- 任何把神摒棄在外的制度觀念, 在環境的保護上, 終將不會成功
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- 神將來要給我們一個新天新地, 在那個時候才是永存永續的
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Reflections

1. Knowing how the world is heading, protecting our environment has what kind of value? To give ourselves a good living environment? To serve as a testimony to the world? What is your opinion? 知道這個世界的去向, 保護我們的環境有甚麼樣的價值? 給自己好的生活環境? 在這個世界上做見證? 你的意見是甚麼?

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