

ENTRY 2 - AA01, DAY 11

DEAR DIARY,

WOW! HEAVEN IS AMAZING. IF I KNEW A BETTER WORD THAN "AMAZING" I WOULD USE IT. IT'S LIKE NOTHING I HAVE EVER SEEN OR EVEN IMAGINED! I'VE BEEN HERE FOR 4 DAYS NOW AND THIS WAS THE FIRST (CHANCE (AND I MEAN THE VERY FIRST!)) TO ACTUALLY SIT AND WRITE. IT HAS BEEN INTENSE!

THE DAY AFTER MY LAST ENTRY WE STARTED SEEING A FAINT GLOW IN THE DISTANCE. I THOUGHT IT WAS ANOTHER STAR—WE SAW A LOT OF STARS ALONG THE WAY—BUT IT DIDN'T GO PAST LIKE ALL THE OTHERS. IT JUST KEPT GETTING BRIGHTER AND BRIGHTER. SLOWLY IT DAWNED ON US THAT WE WERE SEEING HEAVEN.

NOW THAT I'M HERE, I CAN TELL YOU: IT IS BRIGHT!

ODDLY, THERE'S NO SUN. THE ONLY STAR AROUND HERE IS GOD (HE'S A SUPERSTAR!) AND ALL THE LIGHT COMES FROM HIM. HEAVEN IS A GIANT CUBE. IMAGINE A HUGE HOLLOW RUBIK'S CUBE FLOATING IN SPACE. GOD'S IN THE MIDDLE SITTING ON HIS THRONE AND LIGHT IS GUSHING FROM HIM IN EVERY DIRECTION. THERE'S A WIDE GLASSY-SURFACED RIVER FLOWING OUT OF THE BASE OF THE THRONE. THIS 'RIVER OF LIFE' FLOWS UNDER A MASSIVE TREE WITH ROOTS GROWING ON BOTH SIDES OF THE RIVER. IT'S CALLED THE 'TREE OF LIFE' AND HAS A DIFFERENT KIND OF FRUIT EVERY MONTH AND ENOUGH FRUIT FOR EVERYONE TO HAVE A PIECE WHENEVER THEY WANT ONE! SO, TO SUM UP; THE 'RIVER OF LIFE' FLOWS FROM THE 'THRONE OF LIGHT' THROUGH THE 'TREE OF LIFE.' IT'S LIKE HEAVEN'S OWN TONGUE-TWISTER!

THIS IS WHERE IT STARTS GETTING WEIRD, OR AT LEAST VERY HARD TO EXPLAIN. EVEN THOUGH IT IS A CUBE, THERE ARE FOUNDATIONS—TWELVE OF THEM—AND THEY ARE EACH MADE FROM A DIFFERENT KIND OF GEMSTONE AND EACH HAVE THE NAME OF A DIFFERENT DISCIPLE WRITTEN ON THEM. ON THE SURFACES OF THIS HEAVENLY CUBE, THERE ARE PURE-GOLD STREETS (THAT YOU CAN SORT OF SEE THROUGH) LINED WITH HOUSES. ONE OF THE HOUSES BELONGS TO MY FAMILY AND ALL OUR RELATIVES LIVE NEARBY. EACH STREET IS CRAZY-LONG AND GOES FROM ONE EDGE OF A CUBE-SIDE TO THE OTHER EDGE. AT THE END OF EACH GOLDEN STREET THERE IS A HUGE GATE. AND EACH GATE IS MADE OF A SINGLE PEARL. THE FIRST TIME I SAW ONE OF THESE GATES, MY IMMEDIATE THOUGHT WAS, "HOW BIG ARE THE OYSTERS AROUND HERE?"

EVERYTHING HERE BLOWS MY MIND! HERE'S THE TRIPPIEST THING I'VE SEEN SO FAR; WHEN THE LIGHT FROM GOD'S THRONE HITS THE FOUNDATIONS IT TAKES ON THE COLOUR OF THAT STONE. THIS PRODUCES THE MOST AMAZING RAINBOW—BUT IT'S STRAIGHT, NOT CURVED. GOD'S LIGHT TAKES ON THE COLOUR OF WHATEVER IT GOES THROUGH. COME TO THINK OF IT, THE SAME IS TRUE WITH PEOPLE. ANY GOODNESS THAT SHINES OUT OF US IS GOD'S LIGHT TAKING ON OUR UNIQUENESS AND PERSONALITY. PRETTY COOL!

IT'S SO AWESOME TO THINK I GET TO LIVE HERE FOR A THOUSAND YEARS!

