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TRANSFORMER?

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INTRODUCTION

Do you want to be a transformer?

Do you want to be great?

God wants you to be great.

He wants you to live forever.

The time of transformation is near.

Soon Jesus will make us immortal and invincible.

Jesus died on the cross to give you eternal life. He was so committed to you that he died to pay for your sins. His resurrection was amazing. He appeared in dazzling white to many people. They saw him rise up to heaven. They worshipped him. (Acts 1:9-10)

“To all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.” (John 1:12)

This is the first transformation that you can have. You can be related to God. Believe that Jesus died for you and ask him for forgiveness. Other great transformations are coming up.

The Transformers movie is about finding salvation for the world from the Decepticons. The movie can be compared to the story of the Bible and the battles of demons and angels. See what you think.

THE WORLD AT WAR

The movie starts in the Middle East in the country of Qatar. Qatar is located beside the Persian Gulf where much of the world's oil is transported by ship. The sands of the desert look dry and death awaits you there.

The Helicopter Decepticon moved over the sand in search of its prey. The US Base was the target. The United States military is the strongest in the world. It holds the secrets to many things.

In reality, the United States is at war. Many countries are at war. All countries are training for war.

When people are mean to each other, they are practicing warlike behaviour. Fighting and arguing come easily to humans. We are a warlike people. Evil things are done by every human on earth. I do it. You do it.

Fights and quarrels come from our inner desires that battle within us. We have a problem with our minds and inner hearts that is called sin. The Bible says that:

“All have sinned and come short of the glory of God.”
(Romans 3:23)

The end result of our arguing and war is death. If we don't get help out of the war then we will go to Hell. Really we are at war with God too. When we do evil we are disobeying God and hating him. But there is hope.

“The end result of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”
(Romans 6:23)

THE WORLD WITH MIGHTY ENEMIES

The helicopter infiltrator was in restricted US airspace. Deception was the first weapon. There was something wrong with the chopper. It had been destroyed in an earlier battle.

The Radar was jammed. The attack began with deadly force. The attack was cruel, with determination to kill. The weapons of the military were of no effect against the Decepticon.

Who were these enemies? The movie portrayed them as beings from another planet. They were in search of power - the All-Spark.

There are real enemies in our earth too. The first enemy that appeared to humans used deception as well. He was a mighty enemy that was concealed behind a more familiar form. Satan was that enemy.

“Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?” (Genesis 3:1)

The man and woman obeyed Satan and ate the fruit. Because they disobeyed God, they lost their perfection and the world became cursed. They had to leave God’s garden and were faced with huge problems.

When Satan was cast out of heaven, he took a third of the angels with him and they became demons. Together they are the forces of darkness who lead the world into sinful behaviour and death. (Isaiah 14:12-15)

These are the mighty enemies of humans and God. The world is under their control and there are more plans to bring the real world into greater slavery.

THE WORLD WITH HUMAN AGENTS

Humanity is at war with its enemies. The military personnel and student researchers were at war against the Decepticons. They used all of their abilities to study and combat the enemy attack.

Sam and Michaela were the main actors in the movie. Their characters were developed to show the human desire for happiness and peace. Sam knew that Michaela was special.

“I think there’s a lot more than meets the eye with you.”

God thinks that humans are special too. He created humans last and put them above all of his creation. God told Adam and Eve “to have children, fill the earth and develop the earth.” (Genesis 1:27-31)

God loves you and me. He made the earth so that it could sustain life. He provided plants for food. He provided air and water and the sun for heat and light.

God was constantly trying to show people his love for the world. He did not kill Adam and Eve when they ate the fruit but he had an animal

killed to provide a covering for them. He told them that a person would come to crush the head of the serpent. (Genesis 3:15)

People can change the course of history. People can improve the world and be a part of saving the world.

Because of the promise of God, people were looking for a baby who would be able to save them from death and crush Satan. (Isaiah 7:14)

Finally, after many years the baby was born. He came from a young woman named Mary. The baby's name was Jesus. (Matthew 1:18-25)

THE WORLD WITH MIGHTY FRIENDS

“The car picks the driver.”

Sam didn't even know that he had a mighty friend. He liked the look of the car but he didn't know what it was. It had a personality of its own. The music started by itself. The car shut off by itself. It could drive by itself. It could transform. It saved him from the police car Decepticon. He was Sam's guardian.

The Autobots defended the humans from the attacks of the Decepticons. They watched and were amazed at human life.

“We don't harm humans.”

We all need friends. We want mighty friends too. Angels are the mighty friends sent from God. Like Sam, we usually don't recognize our mighty friends. In fact we usually don't see our mighty friends. Angels are invisible except in very unusual situations. We don't usually know the times when they help us. We can't see them but they sometimes protect us from danger.

We can't see our mighty enemies either but we can sense their power and presence when evil occurs.

God is working for us even when we can't see him or know what is going on. The Bible says that “all things work together for the good of those who are called according to his purpose.” (Romans 8:28) God's angels are sent to care for those who will go to heaven.

“Do not forget to entertain strangers for by doing so some people have entertained angels unawares.” (Hebrews 13:2)

THE WORLD WITH A PROBLEM

The Cube was in the world. It had power to destroy. If the Decepticons gained control of the Cube, they would destroy all life by transforming human machines into other evil robots.

“Sam, you hold the key to earth’s survival.”

Sam and Michaela were taken to where Megatron and the Cube were hidden. The power of the Cube was shown by transforming a cell phone to an evil little robot.

The Cube was shown to Bumblebee and he was able to transform the Cube from a huge object down to a miniature version of the original. Now they decided that they could secretly sneak the Cube out of the fortress. The problem seemed manageable to them now.

God was able to solve the problems in our world too. He knew how to shrink all of the sins of the whole world down to a manageable size.

The Bible teaches that there was going to be a man who could suffer for all of the sins of the world.

“He took up our sins and carried our sorrows. He was pierced for our transgressions he was crushed for our sins; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him. The Lord has laid on him the sins of us all.”
(Isaiah 53:4-6)

When Jesus was preparing for the sufferings ahead of him, he went with “an iron will” (Luke 9:51) towards what he had to do to save us. He was determined to save us from the punishment of our sins.

THE WORLD FILLED WITH BATTLES

Megatron was alive again and he sent his forces in pursuit of the cube. “Where is the All-Spark?”

Battles raged in the city. Death came when Starscream fired missiles into the crowds. The explosions brought visions and feelings of death.

“Oh, we’re so dead!”

Optimus believed that a human could do the job that the Autobots couldn't do. Sam was told to go to the top of the building to deliver the Cube to the helicopter.

“Sam we will protect you.”

Enemies are at war with us too. Satan and his demons want to destroy us all. People help bring emotional and physical problems. We should be smart about everything and everyone in life. We have to consider everything wisely so that we aren't tricked into being hurt. God wants us to fix mistakes in life. Pray so that you can bring peace and success to your situations in life. Try to remember, “We don't harm humans.”

God says “to be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the armor of God which includes truth, righteousness, faith and salvation. Read the words of God and pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayer. Be alert!” (Ephesians 6:14-18)

The final defeat of Satan could not be done by the angels. The original defeat by Satan was against humans, Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden when they ate the fruit. God planned that a new man would come who could fight Satan again. This time, it was planned that the man would be able to win the victory for all of us.

WORLDLY EFFORTS FOR SALVATION

Megatron and his Decepticons were too powerful for the Autobots and humans. Evil could not be contained. The losses to human life were growing and they were too vulnerable to the weapons of the Decepticons. Megatron chased Sam into the building, destroyed the helicopter and eventually pushed him off of the building.

On the street, Optimus was weaker than Megatron and he admitted to Sam that he would be defeated.

God cautions us not to trust in our own strength alone for our deliverance from trouble. We shouldn't fight with fists and hatred. Ultimately, we need God's solution and help to escape from danger and death.

“Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your worries on him because he cares for you.

Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith.”

(1 Peter 5:6-9)

We should pray to know how to face our problems. We need to stand firm in the truth. Try to find peace. We should ask for God’s help in the storms of life. Pain is often necessary to achieve joy. God “won’t leave us or forsake us” even when we suffer. (Hebrews 13:5)

All people have a spark in them that is the spark of God. There is a desire in all people to know God. The love of God can reach anyone. Sometimes if we speak to the heart of our enemy, they will see the sin in their life and turn back to the love of God. Try to use His words.

THE WORLD OF SACRIFICE

Optimus: “Sam, you risked your life to protect the Cube.”

Sam: “No sacrifice, no victory.”

Optimus: “If I cannot defeat Megatron, you must push the Cube into my chest. I will sacrifice myself to destroy it.”

Sam put the Cube in Megatron’s chest instead and the Cube’s energy destroyed Megatron.

Optimus: “Sam I owe you my life. We are in your debt.”

Sacrifice had to be made for forgiveness and peace. Sam used the insight of a human to find the way to destroy evil without destroying his friend Optimus.

The cube was sacrificed. The cube was destroyed. The evil that had caused envy and greed was gone. Megatron, the enemy of the universe was defeated.

God used the method of sacrifice to pay for the sins of the world. Just like a speeding ticket, breaking God’s law required a fine to be paid. Adam and Eve broke God’s law in the Garden of Eden. Every other person in the world has broken God’s law too. I have and you have.

God decided to put all of the sins of the world onto his son Jesus. He became sin for us and took our punishment in our place. If we put our trust in him to forgive us then we will not have to go to Hell.

“God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

THE WORLD ON GUARD

Optimus: “Thank you, all of you.

You honour us with your bravery.

With the All-Spark gone, we cannot return life to our planet. This is a new world to call home.

We live among its people now hiding in plain sight, but watching over them in secret, waiting, protecting. I have witnessed their capacity for courage and though we are worlds apart, like us, there’s more to them than meets the eye.

We are here. We are waiting.”

The real world is on guard too. The real wars are continuing. The fights and arguments are continuing. It is our job to try to make happiness and peace for ourselves and the ones we love. Satan and his demons continue to prowl around seeking someone to destroy. Death and disease will come to us all.

Jesus gave encouraging words to us:

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. (John 14:1-3)

We are his friends if we believe his teaching and trust in him. He will answer our prayers if we stand on guard for him. Eventually he will take us to heaven.

SOUNDTRACK:

“What I’ve done.”

“I’ll face myself to cross out of what I’ve become.”

“Erase myself and let go of what I’ve done.”

“Put to rest what you thought of me”

“While I clean this slate with the hands of uncertainty”

“So let mercy come and wash away what I’ve done.”

“I’ll face myself to cross out what I’ve become.”

“Erase myself and let go of what I’ve done.”

“What I’ve done.”

“Forgiving what I’ve done.”

ARE YOU TRANSFORMED?

The way to be transformed is to ask Jesus to forgive you for your sins. Ask him to be your Saviour.

“To all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.” (John 1:12)

If you are trusting in him to forgive you and bring you to heaven then you are transformed. “Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old is gone, the new has come.” (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Jesus said, “I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes in him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.” (John 5:24)

ARE YOU TRANSFORMING?

God wants us to be like him. He wants us to think like him and act like him. However, we say and do bad things every day. God wants us to change. He wants us to transform into kind and loving people.

Just like new computer technology keeps coming out into the world, our hearts have to keep transforming and becoming better each day. God will help us make the changes that we need. But stay true to the original directions in the Bible. Test everything with what you read there.

The way for our minds to be cleaned up is by being washed by the words of God, the Bible. God wants us to read the Bible every day. Actually, he wants us to read it more than that. Even a sentence is enough for God to teach us a lesson that can help us.

“Don’t copy the behaviour and customs of this world, but be a new and different person with a fresh newness in all you do and think. Be transformed by the renewing of your mind.” (Romans 12:2 TLB, NIV)

The thoughts and actions that God wants for us come from the Holy Spirit working in us. He wants us to have “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness and self control.” (Galatians 5:22-23) If we live and speak in loving ways then our life will be full of his blessing.

God doesn’t want us to complain or argue. He wants us to encourage others. Try to smile. Say hi, thanks and please. Pray that God will help you.

THE GREATEST TRANSFORMATIONS

All who have died while believing in Jesus are transformed. They enjoy “pleasures forevermore” in heaven. When Jesus returns he will change this world into a perfect world. Then “he will transform our bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.” (Phil 3:20)

“Our earthly bodies which die and decay are different from the bodies we shall have when we come back to life again, for they will never die. The bodies we have now embarrass us for they become sick and die; but they will be full of glory when we come back to life again. Yes, they are weak, dying bodies now, but when we live again they will be full of strength. They are just human bodies at death, but when they come back to life they will be superhuman bodies. For just as there are natural, human bodies, there are also supernatural, spiritual bodies.” (2 Corinthians 15:42-44)

The whole universe will be transformed.

“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” (Revelation 21:1-4)

God will be the reason for our eternal life. He will transform our relationship with Himself. God will not be distant and mysterious anymore. We will be able to see, touch and talk to Jesus. It will be a perfect friendship.

ARE YOU A TRANSFORMER?

You can help other people transform. You can help bring the change. This is another way of being a transformer.

Without Jesus, no one will see God. Jesus said, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (John 14:6) Jesus was the only person who stayed perfect. He was the only one who didn’t fall into a sin. Because of this, he is the only one that can make people perfect before God. If they ask him to forgive them, he will put his holiness onto them and God will see his righteousness in them. This will enable them to go to heaven.

If you help other people accept Jesus as their saviour, they will be transformed. God will transform them. God is the ultimate transformer. God can transform anything. He brings life out of death and hope out of hopelessness.

If you pray to God to help you speak about Jesus to someone, he will give you a chance to do it. Ask for his words and his Holy Spirit to guide your way to someone that needs God’s help and his transformation.