

# THE GRAND SCHEME OF THINGS



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## 'Athletes die two times': Australian stars reveal post-retirement struggles

- Lauren Jackson says she misused medication during basketball career
- Stephanie Rice talks about loss of pride and confidence after retiring



1 Australia's Lauren Jackson opened up in an ABC documentary about the struggles professional sportsmen and women face once their career ends. Photograph: Lefteris Pitarakis/AP

Some high-profile Australian athletes, including Olympic and world champions, have opened up on their post-sport difficulties in a revealing ABC documentary.



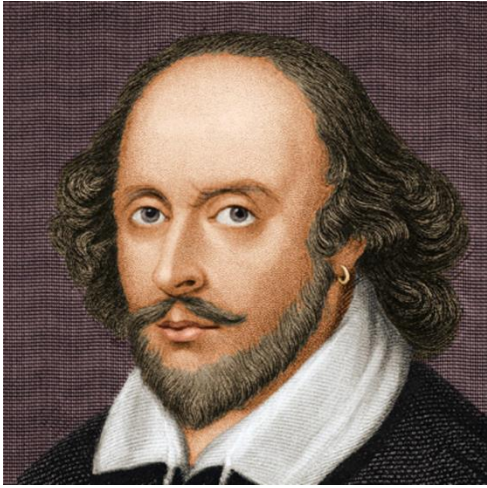
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*[Jesus] appeared to Peter, then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living. (1 Corinthians 15.5-6)*

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William Shakespeare

*“Life is a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury (noise and emotional disturbance), signifying nothing”*

Macbeth

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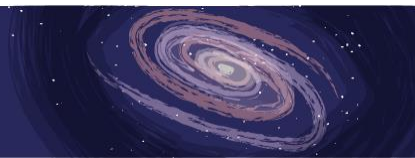
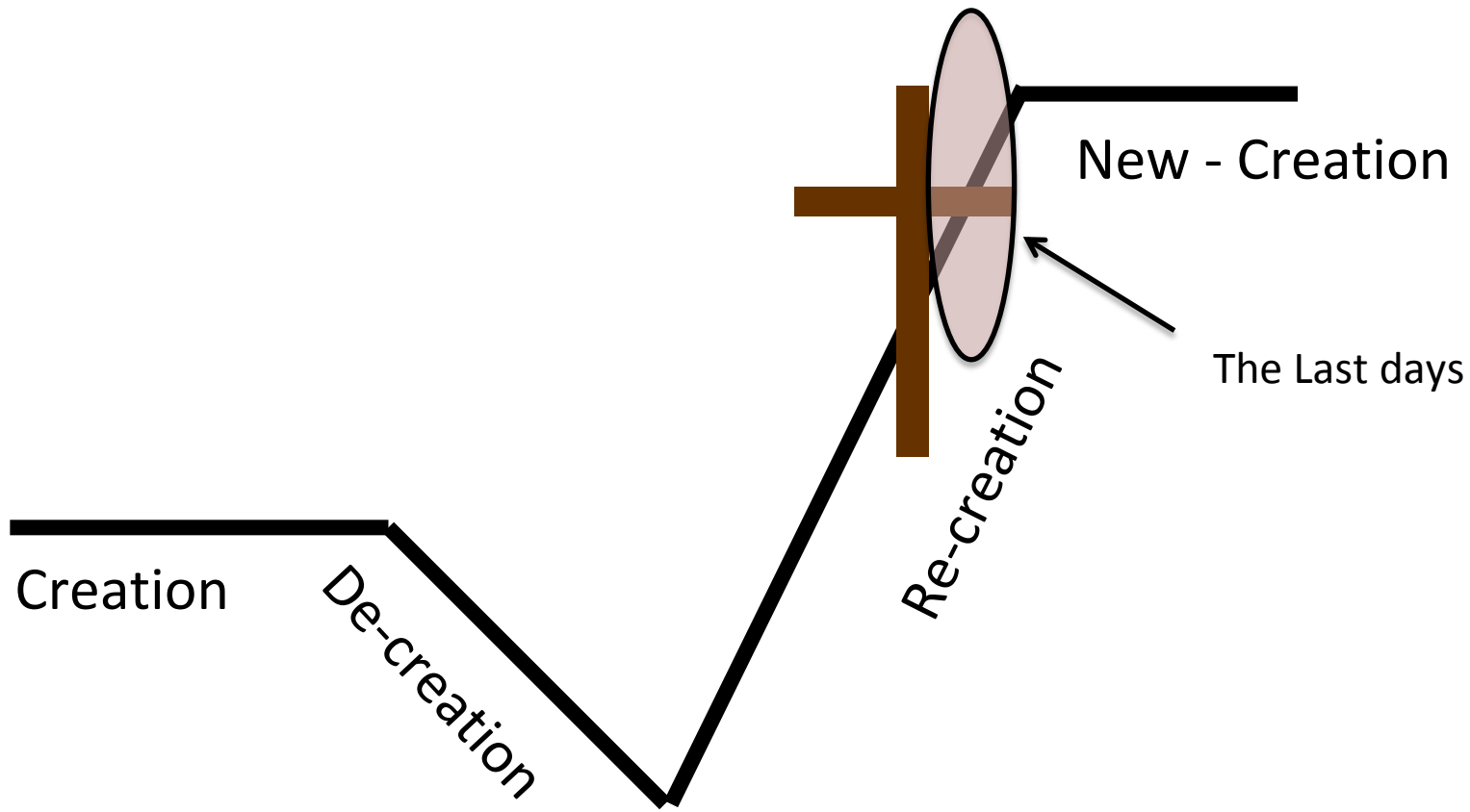
*“God raised Jesus from the dead and seated him at the right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church.”  
(Ephesians 1: 20-22)*

*“We know in all things God works for the good of those who love him.” (Romans 8:28)*

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- Jesus rules the world (Acts 1:6-11)
- Jesus will return as judge and saviour (1:11)





# The person and work of the Holy Spirit

He is God's presence with us. He lives within every believer.

- **Minds – Renews and Reminds**

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

(John 14:26)

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- Hearts

*The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. (Romans 8:15-16)*

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# Spiritual Gifts

## Romans 12

Encouragement  
Giving  
Leadership  
Mercy  
Prophecy  
Service  
Teaching

## 1 Corinthians 12

Administration	Apostle
Discernment	Faith
Healing	Helps
Interpretation of Languages	Knowledge
Languages	Miracles
<i>Prophecy</i>	<i>Teaching</i>
Wisdom	

## Ephesians 4

Apostle	Evangelism
Pastor	<i>Prophecy</i>
<i>Teaching</i>	

## 1 Peter 4

*Serving*  
*Teaching*

\*The gifts in italics are repeated in one of the other passages.

# The person and work of the Holy Spirit

- Minds
- Hearts
- Hands
- Mouths

# What are you living for?

- **God's people:** every nation, tribe and tongue
- **God's place:** His Spirit in every Christian
- **God's blessing and rule:** As adopted and accepted, we gladly serve him