

Revelation 4:3

And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald.

The world and satan has taken part of God's Awesomeness and Glory and they try to use it as a symbol for sin. Case in point, "*and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald.*" Yet the gay community has taken the rainbow and they use it as a symbol to say out loud, "*Hey, look at me, I am a sinner and I want you to accept my sin and not judge me.*" Which is interesting because this portion of scripture happens right after the rapture, where God will judge the earth.

† **Revelation 4:1** *After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this."* (underlined for emphasis)

When it says "*After these things*", it's referring to the previous chapters in Revelation where Jesus has written letters to the seven churches, and "*After these things*" refers to the Church/believers being gone from the earth as they are taken to heaven in the rapture.

Yet, satan hates God and all of His creation and all of us who are made in God's image. Have you ever thought of that, we are made in God's image. *Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness."* **Genesis 1:26a** Yet the people of the world try so much to change their image from the image of God, to the image of evil and sin, which satan is.

What about worship? Worship is praising God for His Awesomeness and Love and Grace and Mercy for us all. And even **Psalm 98:4 (KJV)** says, "*Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.*" Yet, how long were guitars and drums and any type of instruments other than piano and organ were banded from the church, because they were considered evil in the church. Yet as we just read, that is not true at all (*make a loud noise*). What it was, was satan trying to prevent people from worshipping the Lord, so he blinded the eyes of the people to try and prevent them from worshipping the Lord.

One more, and it has to do with angels. Angels are mighty created beings created by God for His good purpose and glory, They are His messengers as well as protectors as we read of angels proclaiming God's words to people (Think Mary and Zacharias) and a single angel would destroying entire nations that had come against Israel. But what does satan do? That's right, he has people believe that they are cute little babies with wings like they are kindergartens kids with no power at all.

So with just these things in mind, we see how satan does not always tell us that these things do not exist. But rather, he waters them down to make us think that they are nothing. And if he can convince people that the rainbow, worshipping God and angels are simply things with no power behind them, then that causes people to think that God is really nothing either.

There so many other things that God does and people try to explain them away or belittle them, because if they didn't, then they would have to admit that God is GOD!!! In ALL His awesomeness, and by doing so, they would have to admit that their ways are all lies and meaningless, and God is Real and True.

† **1 Timothy 1:4 & 6 (NLT2)** *Don't let them waste their time in endless discussion of myths and spiritual pedigrees. These things only lead to meaningless speculations, which don't help people live a life of faith in God. But some people have missed this whole point. They have turned away from these things and spend their time in meaningless discussions.*