

Matt Maher – “The End and the Beginning”

*If everything that the Roman Catholic Church taught were true,
what difference would it make in our lives?*

*We believe that at every single Mass, through the power of the Holy Spirit,
that the bread and the wine are transformed into the flesh and the blood of Jesus*

Transubstantiation; heaven kisses earth
We become a living tabernacle
So wisdom be attentive, steady my shaking mind
Let this be my reality, more than just bread and wine

**This is the end and the beginning; this is the 8th day of creation;
One with the saints and the angels in our song of thanksgiving**

Revelation; history shows the love
Of the ancient Father for his one and only Son
Jesus I am not worthy; I am a broken man,
But only say the word and I shall be healed again

**This is the end and the beginning; this is the 8th day of creation;
One with the saints and the angels in our song of thanksgiving**

*If indeed what I am saying is true (this is what the Church says),
then our hearts need to start burning with a deeper understanding of
who and what this Eucharist is*

Holy is the Lamb
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One with the saints and the angels in our song of thanksgiving**

About “The End and the Beginning, Maher writes, “What is ‘the end of the beginning’? For many, this statement means many things. To some, the end is death; graduation; moving away. Our beginning as well: creation; birth; new jobs; marriage. Our lives are full of ‘Alphas and Omegas.’ However, they are not the Alpha and Omega, and they never co-exist—except in Christ—especially in the Liturgy and the Eucharist. Here, the end of time and the beginning of time are one. Death is life. They are all subject to the unifying power of God. The end and the beginning is Heaven; resurrection; eternity. This is what Christianity is about; and at the heavenly banquet, we are given a glimpse of this. It is my hope that these songs will help re-orient your vision towards our common goal—salvation.”

HW:

1. Do you agree with the spoken parts of this song (in *italics*)? Why or why not?
2. Choose one or two (or three, etc.) sets of lyrics and reflect upon them. What do you think they mean? How does it relate to the Eucharist and the Mass?