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**Apocalypse-as-Actionable**

- Empathy  
- Class conflict  
- Xenophobia  
- Collapsing Communities  
- The American Dream

“The world is full of painful stories. Sometimes it seems as though there aren’t any other kind and yet I found myself thinking how beautiful that glint of water was through the trees”-Butler 266

**Apocalypse-as-Revelation**

- Predestination  
- Supernatural  
- Christianity in relation to the West  
- Evangelism/Discipleship  
- Fixed interpretation

“A root metaphor or myth [...] has four serious functions: to order experience by explaining the beginning of time and of history; to inform people about themselves by revealing the continuity between key events in the history of the society and the life of the individual; to illustrate a saving power in human life by demonstrating how to overcome a flaw in society or personal experience; and to provide a moral pattern for individual and community action by both negative and positive example.”—Alan Segal

“The dystopian national picture [Butler] paints in *Parable of the Sower* is merely a logical extension of our present. We are confronted with a dystopian world, but one which is only 20 minutes into the future”  
—Jim Miller

“Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus”-Revelation 14:12