



Dragonfly

Rated PG-13 Our content rating: V-2; L-2; S/N-1.

Revelation 21: 1-4

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home* of God is among mortals. He will dwell* with them; they will be his peoples,* and God himself will be with them;*' ⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'

John 14: 1-14

1 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God[a]; believe also in me. **2** My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? **3** 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. **4** You know the way to the place where I am going." **5** Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" **6** Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. **7** If you really know me, you will know[b] my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him." **8** Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us." **9** Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? **10** Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. **11** Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. **12** Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. **13** And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. **14** You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

I enjoyed the spiritual journey of the film's hero, Dr. Joe Darrow (Kevin Costner), more than I thought I would, judging by the negative comments of other reviewers. (I think there must be a clique out there of Costner haters, similar to the one that formed around Bill Clinton.) When his doctor-wife Emily Darrow (Susanna Thompson) dies while serving a native tribe in a remote region of South America, the grief-stricken Joe Darrow seems unable to let her go. Are the strange phenomena that happen at home and in a children's hospital ward signs that Emily is trying to contact him from the other side, or what? Being the usual materialist, the doctor tries to explain away the happenings, until he at last seems compelled to travel to the village near where

his wife died, there to make a startling discovery. Is this another ghost story film, or does it offer another tale that affirms that there is more to existence than meets the eye, a realm of the spirit where love reigns strong and strains to communicate with the living who see, but don't see?