Puzzled in Tulsa

He's a Jew with Christian friends who invited him to see *Hell and Mr. Fudge* at the Circle Cinema. He enjoyed the film, but it raised some questions about Christian doctrine. He stayed by when most everyone had left, just to get some answers. He got a few, but one question was left hanging. He put it this way:

"I've got wonderful Christian friends, and I know they're praying for my conversion. I love them for that, I really do. What I don't understand is how these same Christians take such delight in the prospect of lost sinners suffering the agony of eternal torment."

### Happenings

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Dear Friends,

"It is beyond the power of the human mind to estimate the evil which has been wrought by the heresy of eternal torment. The religion of the Bible, full of love and goodness, and abounding in compassion, is darkened by superstition and clothed with terror.

"When we consider in what false colors Satan has painted the character of God, can we wonder that our merciful Creator is feared, dreaded, and even hated? The appalling views of God which have spread over the world from the teachings of the pulpit have made thousands, yea, millions, of skeptics and infidels." (Ellen White, *The Great Controversy*, p. 536)

That, my friends, is why we produced *Hell and Mr. Fudge*.

Between Jim Wood and myself, we attended *Hell and Mr. Fudge* screenings in Grand Rapids, Tulsa, Houston, Columbus, OH, Columbia & Hilton Head Island, SC, Columbus, GA and Worcester, MA during the last several weeks. At each event, a Q&A period followed the film.

We met precious folks who watched the film thoughtfully and asked intelligent questions. We met some who shed tears at the poignancy of Edward's story. We even met folks who were "partial to the light they already have" (as Arvid McGuire states so pithily in the film), to whom this new light is "too much light!"

The month of March has filled up with more shows; Edmonton, AB, Canada; Walla Walla & Yakima, WA; Libby & Troy, MT; Nashville, TN.

That sounds good, doesn't it? But to be honest, friends, it is not good enough.

We need to be in ten theaters for every one we're in now. We want 100 folks to see it for every one who has seen it so far. We want to raise questions in the minds of thousands who take eternal torment for granted. We want people to question their traditional belief.

Can we make it happen?

I believe we can, and we need your help. The best crowds we've had are in those places with the best local church support. Where churches promote using radio & tv spots, press releases, posters, postcards, word-of-mouth, personal invites, people come.

We want to sign on with a company that specializes in helping put independent films on the big screen. We are in urgent need of funds to make this happen.

Local "feet on the ground" is crucial for this. That means local churches that provide leg work and a budget for promotion.

Friends, how important is it that this immoral doctrine be exposed? How important is it for God to be seen for who He really is? Does it grieve your heart that people believe this about God?
"How repugnant to every emotion of love and mercy, and even to our sense of justice, is the doctrine that the wicked dead are tormented with fire and brimstone in an eternally burning hell; that for the sins of a brief, earthly life they are to suffer torture as long as God shall live. Yet this doctrine has been widely taught, and is still embodied in many of the creeds of Christendom." (Ellen White, *The Great Controversy*, p. 33)

Truth be told, we know we are "pushing the envelope" with this method of gospel outreach. We're entering what for us is strange territory. We are doing this because we want to push the light of truth into the devil's domain - to reach the hearts of many who live there, in fear of our loving heavenly Father.

Please join in this work by praying for the success of our efforts and by giving liberally for the support of our ministry.

Thank you, and may God bless you.

In Christ,

Pat Arrabito

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**Seeing the Light**

[When Ellen Harmon was a child, her] mother and a sister attended a meeting at which was presented the mortal state of man. It was explained that at his death man did not go to heaven or hell, but back to the dust from whence he came. As the subject was talked over in the home, Ellen was deeply concerned. She wrote:

"I listened to these new ideas with an intense and painful interest. When alone with my mother, I inquired if she really believed that the soul was not immortal. Her reply was she feared we had been in error on that subject as well as upon some others.

"But Mother," said I, "do you really believe that the soul sleeps in the grave until the resurrection? Do you think that the Christian, when he dies, does not go immediately to heaven, nor the sinner to hell?"

"She answered: 'The Bible gives us no proof that there is an eternally burning hell. If there is such a place, it should be mentioned in the Sacred Book.'

"Why, Mother!' cried I, in astonishment. 'This is strange talk for you! If you believe this strange theory, do not let anyone know of it, for I fear that sinners would gather security from this belief and never desire to seek the Lord.'

"If this is sound Bible truth,' she replied, 'instead of preventing the salvation of sinners, it will be the means of winning them to Christ. If the love of God will not induce the rebel to yield, the terrors of an eternal hell will not drive him to repentance.'" (*Life Sketches of James White and Ellen G. White* (1880), p. 170, 171.)

Some months later when she herself heard a sermon on the sleep of the dead, she believed it to be the truth. Of this she wrote: -
"From the time that light in regard to the sleep of the dead dawned upon my mind, the mystery that had enshrouded the resurrection vanished, and the great event itself assumed a new and sublime importance. (Ibid., 171.) (Ellen G. White: The Early Years Volume 1, p. 45-46)

Hell and Mr. Fudge

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