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### Pat's Paragraphs

**Dear Friends,**

I sit in a public place; music beats out its rhythm on my ears and televisions mounted on the walls flash their scenes at my face. People, lots of people, fill the spaces. I wonder, does anyone in this crowd think about of eternity? Do these strangers around me wonder what happens next? Those little groups - do the ever talk among themselves about eternity? Do I? I mean, if I were 90 years old, I'd probably think about it a lot. Or if I'd just survived a life-threatening accident.

Then I wonder how many of these people around me grew up scared of hell? Maybe they can't think about it - it's too awful!

I watched a documentary recently in which certain church leaders were accused of being unorthodox, and were castigated because they couldn't bring themselves to teach their congregations that God literally burns sinners in a fiery hell for eternity, year after year, eon after eon, for always and forever.

While I may not agree with all of their theology, I can appreciate the inner squirm they feel when expected to call the God of love a heartless tormenter. I'd squirm too. Because that does not sound like love. It doesn't fit. It doesn't fit because it's not true. This lie has been handed down generation after generation by people more dependent on tradition than on Scripture. It originated with Greek philosophers like Plato and Socrates; it found its way into Christianity and stuck. During centuries of darkness, it proved to be a successful tool for "evangelism" and for filling church coffers. So what conscientious parishioner could allow Aunt Matilda to burn forever in hell if he had the wherewithal to get her out? The wherewithal being money, naturally.
But what kind of God could be bought in so mercenary a manner?! And what kind of God would choose to torment sinners for eternity to begin with? Not a God of love, mercy and justice. Not the God of the Bible. Not the God who says, "I take no pleasure in the death of wicked people. I only want them to turn from their wicked ways so they can live. Turn! Turn from your wickedness, O people of Israel! Why should you die?" Ezekiel 33:11 (NLT)

That is the God I want the people around me to know, folks who may have heard otherwise, folks who, because of the lie, might have cut Him out of their hearts and lives.

I cherish your support and encouragement as we strive to share the true character of God.

Sincerely,
Pat Arrabito

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Evangelical theologian Clark Pinnock in Four Views on Hell

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