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Happenings

Nov. 21        Hell and Mr. Fudge - Billerica Public Library, Billerica, MA
Nov. 21 & 26   Hell and Mr. Fudge - Prince George Playhouse, Prince George, BC
Dec. 4 & 7     Hell and Mr. Fudge - Myrna Loy Center, Helena, MT
Dec. 7         Hell and Mr. Fudge - SDA Church, Fort Meyers, FL

Pat's Paragraphs
Dear Friends,

It's the season for thanks and our hearts are overwhelmed with the goodness of God. How could we not be full of praise, seeing how He loves us poor sinners?! And how could we not be amazed by His tenderness and mercy?! His Word guides us, His promises are true, and daily we see the evidences of His presence in our lives.

The response to "Hell and Mr. Fudge" has been heartening. At a screening in North Carolina recently, a gentleman spoke during the Q&A about the courage this film gave him to stand up for the truth he's learning. Sadly, at times Christians are called to stand up to opposition from their fellow Christians. Theologian John Stackhouse said, "The story of Edward Fudge is a story of Christian perversity toward good news."

He goes on to say, "This poignant tale, well told, shows us that God's grace is greater than all our sin - including the sin of Christians who prefer to be wrong about one of the most ghastly teachings in the world's religions."

This only makes our voice louder and our determination stronger, to pour light on the just and merciful character of our great God.

So my heart is full of gratitude and praise today. Thank you for your prayers and your financial support. Thank you for sharing the film with people who need a new view of God. Thank you for continuing to pray for us and thank you for continuing to support our goal of revealing the character of God.

Blessings to you,

Pat Arrabito

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Sabbath History

Ratzinger’s View

Joseph Ratzinger, the man we used to know as Pope Benedict XVI, has to his credit a heavyweight textbook titled quite simply, *Eschatology*. In spite of its highfalutin vocabulary and complicated grammar the book is a revealing look at the author's worldview and his interpretation of history.

Of particular interest is the easy way the author merges pagan philosophy and custom into Christian belief and practice. An example of this is how he exalts the sun to be "the symbol of the risen Christ who rose from death's night into the glory of the Father and now reigns over all."

Early Christians, he says, prayed toward the East, toward the rising sun. This may well be true, especially as many believers were influenced by the pagan sun-worship that was common in the Roman Empire during the first centuries of Christianity. But for those Christians who treasured the Old Testament scriptures, praying toward the rising sun would have been unthinkable.
The temple in Jerusalem, like the tabernacle in the wilderness before it, was oriented with its entrance toward the East so that when worshippers approached they would be facing away from the rising sun. Worshippers entered the courtyard and directed their prayers toward the temple itself, with their backs to the East. To do otherwise would be to join in the abomination committed by the twenty-five men Ezekiel saw in vision - men who bowed "with their backs toward the temple of the Lord, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east" (Ezekiel 8:16).

The glorification of the sun found its most striking expression in the elevation of the day of the sun - Sunday - to its place of prominence as the Christian day of worship. From Ratzinger's point of view, this would have been a natural development as Bible-based Christianity adapted to the culture in which it was immersed.

Today pagan sun-worship is more an artifact of history than a present reality. Sunday observance has long since been de-paganized and baptized. Sincere Christians who regard the day as holy are not deifying the sun or any other object of nature. This suggests that the blending of pagan and Christian concepts, in this case, is seamless and complete.

Question: What other Christian doctrines and practices have developed through this kind of blending?

Experts Speak

"We need to survey the biblical material afresh. I do plead for frank dialogue among evangelicals on the basis of scripture. I also believe that the ultimate annihilation of the wicked should at least be accepted as a legitimate, biblically founded alternative to their eternal conscious torment."

John Stott, Evangelical theologian (died in 2011)

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