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Translations!

Indonesian and Italian script translations of The Seventh Day videos are ready for the final editing. Production cannot proceed until this process is complete. Funds are urgently needed to move this work forward.

Every new translation increases the value of the gifts that were given to complete the Seventh Day project several years ago. Please consider sponsoring one of these projects.

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Thank you!

Pat's Paragraphs

Dear Friends,

As you know, the majority of Christians believe that eternal torment is the fate of the lost. But many wonder how a loving God could really impose such cruel punishment on even the worst of sinners. The idea is so horrific that many turn away, searching for an alternative view.

"Universalism" is an increasingly popular choice. Universalists teach that God will ultimately take everyone to heaven, and no one will die eternally. Very appealing, isn't it?

As a good, Bible-believing Christian, the first question you ask is, Does the Bible teach universalism?

Philip Gulley and James Mulholland, a couple of Universalist authors, answer this question for us in their book, If Grace Is True.

"Can a Christian believe God will save everyone?"

"Obviously, if a Christian must believe the Bible is the 'infallible words of God,' the answer is no. There are too many verses about judgment, hell, and the eternal punishment of the wicked to make such optimism reasonable. If you are unwilling to question the Bible, neither my experiences nor my arguments will carry much weight...."
"I had to abandon my need to protect every word of Scripture in order to consider what I now believe to be the core message of the Bible.

If you believe every statement or story about God recorded in Scripture is equally true, nothing I can say will alter your conviction that God will save some and damn the rest."

So, according to Gulley and Mulholland, the Bible is a barrier to a proper understanding of its own revelation of God.

There's more:

"If all Scripture is equally inspired and authoritative, God is as likely to swallow us up in an earthquake or drown us in a flood as God is to forgive our sin and take us into his arms. The reported behavior of God in the Bible is erratic at best and nearly schizophrenic in some instances...."

Friends, I don't believe for a moment that God is as likely to drown me as to forgive me. I don't for an instant believe that one must disbelieve certain parts of the Bible in order to know truth.

The best alternative to eternal torment is the real, biblical Truth. The beautiful, fair, loving truth is that those who cling to their sins will die for eternity. Not be dying for eternity. Not live as a sinner for eternity. Not live forever against their will.

Thank You, Lord Jesus!

Friends, we are longing to finish the documentary on hell, to answer the deeper questions, to lay out the biblical truth in greater detail. We're also hoping to finish the Italian, Indonesian, Icelandic and Korean translations of The Seventh Day.

Will you help?

Thank you so very much. And may God shine on you!

In Christ,

Pat Arrabito

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An Ancient Heresy

Universalism, as a matter of discussion within the Christian church, dates back at least as far as the third century AD. A prominent and controversial theologian, Origen of Alexandria, often gets blamed (or credited) for starting the argument. Over the centuries this polarizing teaching has been accepted as truth and rejected as heresy by various church leaders.

There are several versions of Universalism including the biblical view that the grace of God
is more than sufficient for the salvation of every sinner; that God "is not willing that any should perish" (2 Peter 3:9); but that He will not force the will of those who reject His offer of salvation through the sacrificial death of His Son. Put simply, everyone can be saved, but not everyone will be saved.

Another brand of Universalism is far from biblical; it centers on the concepts of restitution and restoration. According to this teaching, there will come a time when the universe will be put back to the way it was before sin began. Everyone will be saved - even Satan! This return to a primordial, perfect state will not happen until the fiery torments of hell have purged and cleansed every rebellious sinner and made them fit for the companionship of saints and angels in the presence of God.

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