

THE DOCTRINE THAT HELL IS A TERRIBLE FINAL FATE ROUSES HATE

The Church says that hate is only a sin if you can't help it. If gay people are leading your son or daughter to Hell then there would be something wrong with you if you didn't persecute them, if you didn't send somebody to beat them to an inch of their life and cover up for that person.

The Church says Hell is a worse evil than death for death is really just going to another place. Miley Cyrus's sexy performances are putting people in danger of Hell for she is putting sinful urges in them. So it follows that it is better to kill her than let her endanger souls. Jesus taught that Hell was true. Jesus then showed his true colours. The Catholic Church murdered many over the doctrine of Hell. Jesus must be condemned with it.

If you thought that some girl was leading your precious little Johnny into sin that deserves everlasting suffering in Hell such as sex outside marriage, hating her would be inevitable. You would hate her far more than you would hate her if she murdered him for better dead and even out of existence than rotting in Hell in everlasting agony. If you were in the habit of sinning and repenting you would reason that maybe you should kill her for you will repent anyway and get to Heaven in the end. You would believe that it is better to commit a once-off sin of murder if it saves your son from getting into habitual sin which will linger on and on. His risk of going to Hell would be bigger than yours.

Can you wish that somebody will be going to Hell? You can if it is out of respect for their free will. The Church says God respects our free will if we choose Hell. You might say that it is wrong to wish Hell on a person for it denies they should be happy. If it is wrong because it makes them unhappy then you are implying unhappiness is worse than not having God. It's a sin for you to worry more about the suffering than God.

Belief in Hell takes away choice. If you believe in Hell you can't do good except to avoid it. Hell-dodging will be your motivation in life. If you say you do good because you want to do good and not because of Hell, that is saying that you are not trying to avoid it. That is ridiculous and a lie. Nobody would be that heroic. You can't mean what you say but if you do then clearly you are being smug or you are being delusional.

The doctrine of Hell makes believers smug. They feel superior to the people in Hell. Jesus continually berated the Pharisees and the scribes for looking down on people they thought were not as holy as they were. These people did not believe in Hell. If you are confident you are going to Heaven, there is no way you can avoid believing you are acceptable to God while those in Hell are not acceptable at all through their own fault. The Pharisees and scribes would not have been smug enough to think that those who they considered unholy were that bad. Christianity then is the raw material for manufacturing super-Pharisees and super-scribes. Jesus said to the Pharisees and scribes that he didn't know how they could escape the damnation of Hell. Does that not prove how dangerous Christianity is?

Christians will answer that they are humble because they realise that though they are happy with God now that they were sinners themselves and so cannot look down on others. This answer proves how smug they actually are for it does not work. Who do they think they are fooling? Smug people are smug precisely because they made mistakes in the past and are new people now.

Society says that a good person is one who does not condemn anybody as wholly bad but who sees much good in every bad person. Christianity says that if you die estranged from God, you choose to be entirely bad and irredeemable for all eternity. This marks the damned as hateful. It proves that the Christian would hate a person if they knew that person was ready for Hell. If it is acceptable to adopt a doctrine that justifies hate then why not have one that tells you to go out and kill homosexuals and heretics and other people God condemns? Christians must hate the damned in Hell. If they love sinners on earth, it is only because they assume that somehow the sinners may not be condemned by God.

To say you love somebody when you say you would hate them if you knew they were fit for Hell is to lie. It is conditional love. Conditional love masquerades as love of the person when it is really about not loving persons but what the person has (say wealth) or does.

Christians want you to love others for the pleasing of God. So you love pleasing him and not them. Which is worse? Loving a person because of God or because of something they have achieved such as wealth? Loving because of God of course. At least loving the wealth is loving that part of them that gained the wealth.

To accuse somebody of being bad enough for Hell is programming your tendency to think and feel bad of them. You would need to experience the power to choose to that extent yourself before you could accuse somebody else of having the power. And Christians accuse for they say that all people need the good news of salvation. If they are going to Heaven anyway, then they do not need it.

It is very simplistic to argue that we choose being good in Heaven or being bad in Hell. Our choices are not that simple. A choice is really making a pile of choices at the one time. You cannot be bad enough to refuse God forever. We are only drawn to the benefits we see in the choices we make. Even our bad choices are really about these benefits.

The Christians who say that we exclude ourselves from God's presence if we go to Hell are lying. They know from their Bibles how Jesus said that God and the bridegroom meaning himself would have them locked out and excluded. It is not a matter of poor God wanting to be with them and being unable to influence them to re-consider their rejection of him.

Catholic tradition tends to assume that anybody who commits suicide goes to Hell forever. Suicides were denied burial in consecrated ground. Today, some Catholics say that if somebody commits suicide we should not greet the news with horror and fear that the person has gone to Hell. They want us to hope that the person may have been mentally ill so that they could not sin by committing suicide. Their suicide will not take them to Hell if they are not guilty. It is evil to wish the evil of mental illness on a person in the name of religion. Such a view is a repudiation of the Catholic faith. Jesus asserted the possibility that anybody could go to Hell. He said that the respected Jewish leaders were going there - even the humanitarian ones - unless they changed (Luke 18). When they could go to Hell how much more likely is it for anybody else to go and especially if they have committed suicide?

Psychologists say, "We are a mixture of altruism and egoism. It is possible that no matter how altruistic we are, we are far more egoistic at the same time." If so then Hell makes egoism worse because nobody wants to suffer forever. They will develop the self-centred motivation to dodge Hell. People's self interest will be behind the good they do. The urge to help others just to make a good impression is going to be stronger in a believer in a God who sends people to Hell than in a non-believer.

Few Catholics know the Church's "explanations" about how Hell is such a healthy doctrine. That warns us how dangerous religion is. That people would follow a God when they have a dangerous or unhealthy view of hell is worrying. Those people should feel extreme horror at the thought of God. The thought of going to Mass to worship him should make them ill.

The doctrine of everlasting Hell has led consistent Christians to refuse to take morphine on their deathbeds which hastens their death. God gives life for us to choose him or reject him and the last moment of life is the most important moment of all. At that point one's destiny, Heaven or an eternity in Hell is fixed. So one cannot be under the influence of drugs as death approaches. One wants to have the faculties in as good of a state as is possible under the circumstances. Strangely, the Roman Catholic Church allows morphine to be given as long as the intention is to kill pain and not the person. This is only a stunt to avoid a backlash that would expose the Church for the dangerous entity it is. The Church is afraid of mainstream society at times.

Let the Hellfire doctrine be damned.

WAS IT GOOD OF JESUS TO REVEAL HELL?

Should Jesus have taught the doctrine of everlasting punishing even if it exists?

The Christian, the believer in the sinlessness and infallibility of Jesus, will say that he was right even if he wasn't. He or she would preach, "It was good of Jesus to warn us about the existence of everlasting punishment. It reminds us about how bad sin is and how unwise it is to commit it. If there was no such thing as Hell or if we walked through life oblivious of it we would sin more. We need it to put us off sinning".

Some Christians say they cannot assert that we need to be warned about Hell in case we find ourselves in it for that seems like denying the power of God to save a person from Hell even if that person does have free will. They say God works mainly through people and secondly through other things. Thus God is powerful enough to melt a hardened heart.

Jesus said we must have disinterested love for our neighbour. Love of neighbour is really love of God. Jesus wanted us to practice disinterested love. He made sure we wouldn't when he revealed Hell for it is psychologically impossible to sincerely avoid sin that leads to Hell for a selfless reason. You cannot really reject a sin because you love God and not because you are afraid of Hell. You would be abnormal and deranged if you could. When Jesus made Hell a part of the faith he taught he was destroying the very selflessness he commanded. Nobody can really love God for to have a selfish motive mixed with unselfish is impossible because if you were really unselfish you would drop the selfish motive. If God did not tell us about Hell but limited our intelligence so that we could not even think it might exist that would prevent us from doing good to avoid the suffering of Hell. The fact that we can think of Hell proves there is no God and that the Bible is just human writings and that Christianity is incapable of selflessness and only wears a mask of altruism.

The argument that Hell is a good deterrent for sinners is an insult to God because it denies what he said about love and

goodness. He says they are selfless acts of goodness, forgetting about yourself and thinking only of what is best for himself. If we were here to please ourselves there would be no need for suffering and we would not be here but in Heaven. A good and almighty God would only make us suffer if it could make us selfless. If a person turns away from sin because of Hell that is no use for it is punishment he hates not sin. This person only acts repentant but is not really. If a person stops sinning because of the selfless love of God and because of the dread of Hell then this repentance is not genuine either. If the person truly loves God she or he will not have the selfish motive. She or he can repent for love alone. She or he can stop having the other motive. Jesus said we must selflessly love God with all our strength so if he preached the existence of everlasting torture it was not because he wanted it to help to make a better world.

If you love God for his sake and not your own then you would endure everlasting torment for him. It is psychologically impossible to tell God that you love him for his own sake and not to avoid the everlasting pains of Hell and mean it. That is really saying that if the love of God required you to undergo this unnecessary pain you would. You can't really love a God who does not even need your love and who is perfectly happy to freedom from everlasting pain. The Hell doctrine then prevents the very love for which God allegedly made us. It means that if God made us he made us for suffering and pain. It makes God into the epitome of malignancy and a very dangerous idea. Acceptance of the Hell doctrine forces you to be selfish and when you believe that selfishness is always wrong as the God doctrine says many of your morals will soon be abandoned. When Jesus commanded us to love God for God's own sake he was commanding mental illness. Even if these considerations draw you to the idea that there is a God but that there cannot be a Hell the problem is not solved. Even if Hell does not exist the pure love of God still demands that you must love God and prefer to suffer forever for him if need be even if there is no such suffering.

If he preached it for a reason then he certainly did wrong. Either his reason was a childish one or a bad one. Telling people to believe such a horrible and distressing doctrine when no good could come of it is very very abusive.

To tell a person that they deserve everlasting punishment if they are sinners is to say something very serious indeed. You know that you have to have proof before you can tell anybody they are guilty of murder and should be jailed for life. Imagine then how strong the evidence has to be to entitle you to say they deserve INFINITE torment! To believe in a religion that asks you to approve even of the eternal loss of even one person no matter how satisfactory the evidence for that religion is, is almost psychopathic. To say that God asks you to believe in Hell is a blasphemy of diabolical proportions.

The mere fact that Jesus said there is a Hell is enough to prove that he is not the entirely trustworthy prophet Christians put him up to be. The founders of the early Church were just as unreliable when they turned such a person into the supreme manifestation of the divine.

If Jesus preached everlasting punishing for no real reason then he should have had the decency to realise that it could do untold harm. He just didn't care.

CONCLUSION

The doctrine of everlasting punishment is harmful and is cruel. A terrorist even a sincere one who believes what he is doing is right is still a terrorist. The doctrine makes a terrorist of God. And those serve him and form Churches for him are accessories to his crimes. We regard people as evil when they accuse another of wrong without sufficient reason and yet religion demands the right to accuse others of deserving Hell, for example, they think prostitutes who die will go to Hell forever unless they repent. It has no evidence for all for hell and its doctrines being the truth. The evidence is biased and the evidence for Jesus' resurrection for example is destroyed by the fact that non-religious miracles are more convincing and more numerous.

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