

Will you  
Burn in  
Hell?



Don't Be  
Silly!

## **A hero's dilemma**

A man entered a burning building and dragged out a small child. He rushed in again and again, saving many innocent lives. The flames burned his flesh, the heat seared his lungs and he died.

Unfortunately, the man did not follow the right religion so God sent him to burn forever in the fires of Hell.

## **Does that sound fair to you?**

Would a compassionate god condemn a compassionate man? There are many believers who say that is exactly what happens.

Have you really thought about Hell? Does it make sense?

## **What is hell?**

Hell is a place of fire and torment that burns forever with no escape, and many religious people believe in it.

That may seem silly, but it can also be dangerous because they often expect everyone else to be afraid of it too.

Let's see why Hell is a bad idea.

### **Hell can't be a real place**

There is no place under the world to put a fiery Hell. Modern people understand that the earth is not a flat plate perched on top of pillars.

If it were real, say in the earth's mantle, then the punishment wouldn't last forever. Its victims would quickly be reduced to their basic chemicals like carbon and calcium. Not much point in torturing an ash pile, is there?

Also, pain only happens when nerves transmit a signal to the brain. Nerves stop working when dead. No nerve signals, no suffering.

### **But God can do anything**

Some people say Hell isn't physical. They say it's a "spiritual" place. Only your soul goes there and you suffer in supernatural ways that we can't understand. Really? Magic? What are we—three years old?

## **Hell is immoral**

Justice requires that small crimes get small punishments and big crimes get big punishments. With Hell, it doesn't matter what you did—you will burn forever.

That's not fair. Even the worst criminals can only be bad for a few decades at most, but Hell is forever. Infinite punishment for limited crimes is never moral.

## **Isn't Hell for demons?**

Some say Hell wasn't created for humans, yet there'd be no reason to fear unless some of us do get sent there sometimes. So, who changed the rules?

Besides, how is it a good idea to torture demons forever? Would you keep rotten garbage forever? Why would God keep rotten demons forever?

## **God wouldn't make Hell**

If God made Hell, He is either foolish or evil. Either Hell is not real or God is a psychopath that cannot be trusted.

## **So, Hell is just a silly idea**

When you think about it, you'll see that it makes no sense. It's just a myth created to scare and control people.

## **But it has not-so-silly side effects**

Hell is supposed to make people good, but it doesn't. People become cruel when they believe that eternal roasting is justice. They see others like garbage to be burned. They become afraid and violent toward those who are different.

## **What's the good news?**

When we don't fear Hell, there are fewer reasons to hate people or fear ideas. When you give up this silly notion, you'll be free to laugh and love and learn in amazing new ways.

## **Tell others**

Fear of Hell is causing many of the troubles in our world. Once you see how good it is to let it go, make sure you share the good news.

Hell is just a silly idea.

## Explore the world for yourself

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