

C H R I S T I A N I T Y and A T H E I S M

5. Hell

Introduction

At Atheists Online you can find all sorts of T-shirts with anti-Christian slogans such as this one: "Silly Christian, hell is for Kids." Unfortunately the topic of "Hell and Eternal Punishment" is no joke. Many, many atheists consider this one of their primary reasons for rejecting the God of the Bible. This rejection is also one of the important teachings of Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses, and many humanistic Christians.

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Development of the Argument

Ancient Civilizations –

Middle Ages -

Modern View –

Logical Response

When a person rejects the Bible's teaching of hell, we can ask, "what do you put in it's place?" There are really only two options:

Annihilationism –

Universalism –

Biblical Response

The Basic Bible Teaching –

Matthew 23.33

2 Thessalonians 1.9

Mark 9.43-48

Matthew 8.12

Matthew 5.25-26

A Word of Caution –

The Seriousness of Sin –