



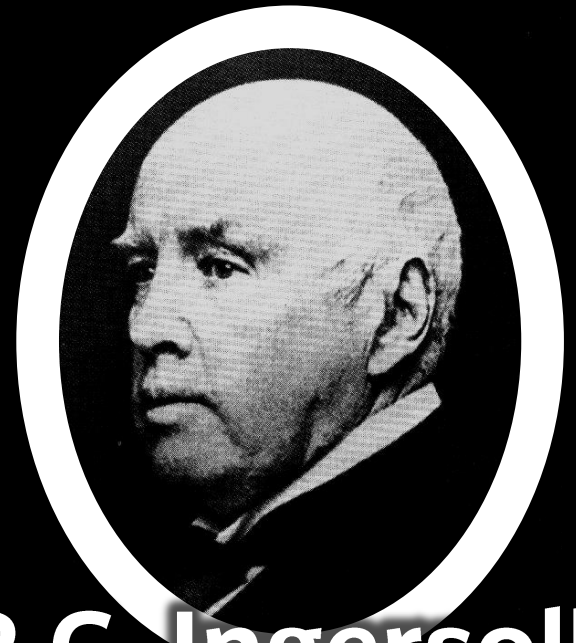
**BIRTHPLACE
OF ROBERT
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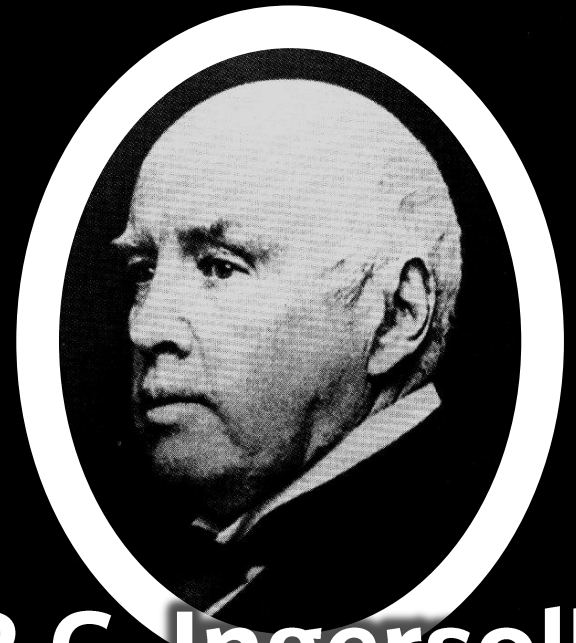


If there is a God who will damn his children forever, I would rather go to hell than to go to heaven and keep the society of such an infamous tyrant...



R.G. Ingersoll

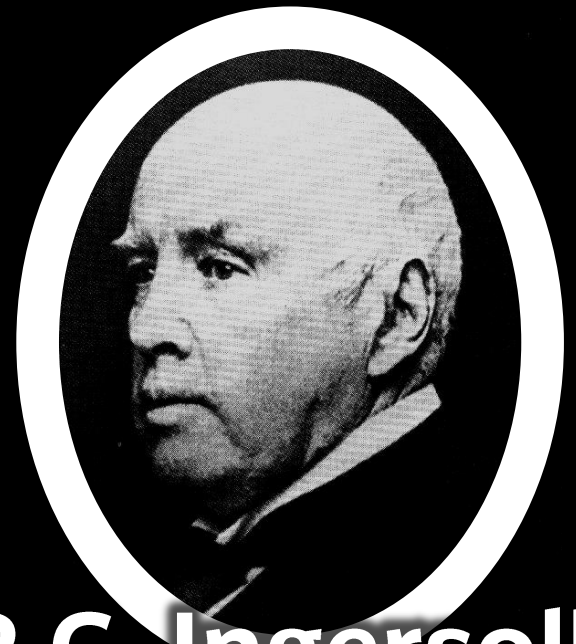
I despise that doctrine. It has covered
the cheeks of this world with tears.
It has polluted the hearts of children,
and poisoned the imaginations
of men.



R.G. Ingersoll

For the first time in my life my imagination grasped the height and depth of the Christian horror.

Then I said, It is a lie, and I hate you religion. If it is true, I hate your God



R.G. Ingersoll

A floating island with a castle and a town, set against a cosmic background. The island is illuminated from below, and the background features a bright, glowing light source and a colorful nebula. The text is overlaid on a dark, semi-transparent rectangular area in the center of the image.

Heaven, Hell and the Christian Hope

***Day of
Judgment***



God is just





We are free

***God holds us
accountable***



***What we do
matters***



***Now counts
for forever!***



HELL

**Eternity without
God**

part 2

What's it going to be like?
Who's going to be there?



What's it going to be like?
Is it just?
Who's going to be there?



1

**What's it going to
be like?**



2

Is it just?



in other words:

**Is hell* compatible
with an all-good,
loving, just God?**



Objection:

*Tormenting people
forever is **monstrous!***



*We shouldn't think of hell
in terms of horrific
medieval imagery.*



*Biblical imagery of hell
may be metaphorical.*

This doesn't minimize the
magnitude of dying lost!



The emphasis is on
separation from God.

Objection:

*Hell is incompatible
with God's **justice***



*How is it just to punish
finite sins with
infinite punishment?*



*Some attempt to address
this by advocating
some form of
annihilationism.*

Let me say at the outset that I consider the concept of hell as endless torment in body and mind an outrageous doctrine. ... How can Christians possibly project a deity of such cruelty and vindictiveness whose ways include inflicting everlasting torture upon his creatures, however sinful they may have been?

Clark Pinnock

Surely, a God who would do such a thing is more nearly like Satan than like God.

Clark Pinnock

*But does this fit with the
Scripture?*



And these will go away into
eternal punishment,
but the righteous into
eternal life.

matthew 25:41, 46

And do not fear those who kill
the body but cannot kill the soul.
Rather fear him who can **destroy**
both soul and body in hell.

matthew 10:28

*“Destruction” suggests
loss, not of being, but
well-being.*

revelation 17:8,11; 20:10

*Existence in hell may not
be measured in terms of
our thinking of time.*



*The lost are punished
“according to their works”*

matthew 16:27; romans 2:6

revelation 22:12

*But the lost are separated
from God for
rejecting God
which they continue
to do **forever.***

*“The Door to Hell
is locked
from the inside.”*



Objection:

*Hell is incompatible
with God's **love***



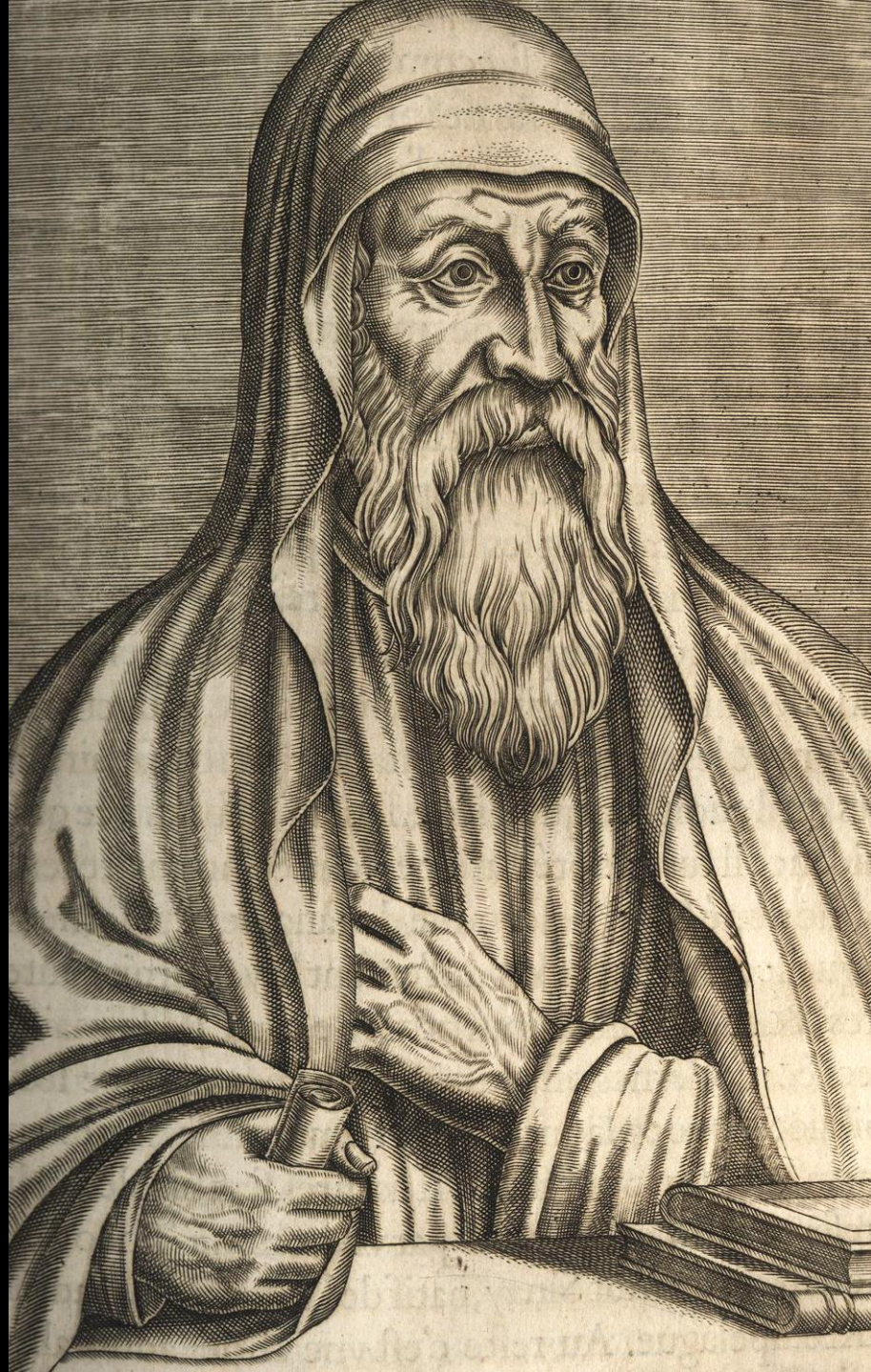
*Some attempt to address
this by advocating
universalism.*

*Punishment, they argue,
is temporary, **purifying**.*

As with the doctrine of
Purgatory.

*Eventually, all will come
to accept to God's love
and be finally saved.*





How to Cut a
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Defense

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Younger
Longer

Joe Klein:
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TIME

WHAT
IF
THERE'S
NO

HELL?

A popular pastor's best-selling book
has stirred fierce debate about sin,
salvation and judgment

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DAVID BENTLEY HART

Translator of *The New Testament*

THAT
ALL
shall be
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HEAVEN, HELL
& UNIVERSAL
SALVATION

With a New Preface

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*But does this fit with the
Scripture?*



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eternal punishment,
but the righteous into
eternal life.

matthew 25:41, 46

Enter by the narrow gate.

For the gate is wide and
the way is easy **that leads to
destruction**, and those who
enter by it **are many**.

matthew 7:13-14

For the gate is narrow and the
way is hard that leads to life,
and those who find it are few.

matthew 7:13-14

*People have a selective
view of God.*

*And a selective view of
themselves.*

Hell shows the
magnitude of my
sinfulness



*How does universalism
fit with the warnings
about God's coming
wrath?*



For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries.

Hebrews 10:26-31

Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses. How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has trampled underfoot the Son of God,

Hebrews 10:26-31

and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace? For we know him who said, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay."

Hebrews 10:26-31

The background of the entire slide is a grayscale image of flames, likely from a fire, with bright, wispy tongues of fire rising from a darker base.

And again, “The Lord will judge his people.” **It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.**

Hebrews 10:26-31

God wills all to be saved.

eze. 18:23, 32; 1 timothy 2:4;
2 peter 3:9

*God made us to love us,
for us to love him.*



*That allows the
possibility of rejecting
him.*

*God is not so much
“sending us to hell” as we
are sending ourselves.*



Heaven is when
we say to **God**:

*Not my will, but thine
be done.*

C.S. Lewis

Hell is when
God says to **us**:

*Not my will, but thine
be done.*

C.S. Lewis

The choice is ours.



***Your fate is in
your hands.***



**The cross is
where God's
love and
justice
meet.**



**The cross
shows the
magnitude
of **my sin,**
of **God's love.****



The **love of God
draws us**



The **fear of God
draws us**



**The fear of hell
impels us**



