

Subject: Product Information - Death and Hell
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Dear Chick tracts,

Re: Your Hell Tracts (which means most of them)

The vast majority of your tracts seem to be simply base fear mongering and torment peddling. Anyone who were to respond to your message would do so out of fear of pain, not out of the love of Christ, and in this sense you are preaching a different gospel.

Besides this, your persistent message about hell is a lie and a gross twisting of the scripture. You are repeating Catholic doctrine, which is inconsistent with the message of scripture and our early Protestant reformers who brought us the King James Bible.

I should know better than to hope that you are sincere enough to respond but I shall ask anyway:

- When the Bible says that the wicked shall "surely perish" why do you teach that they shall live for ever?
- When the Bible says that the devil shall be "consumed" and "be no more" then why do you make him the Lord of the Afterlife?
- Why do you add words to scripture, such as in your "Some Like it Hot" tract when you misquoted Romans 10:13 by adding the words "(in hell)" at the end?
- When John the Baptist said that the wicked would "burn up" why do you teach that they are merely entertainment for the devil? Do you know what the words "burn up" mean?
- Why do you deny the resurrection and judgment of the dead, by teaching people that they are a ghost that is judged immediately when they die?
- Why do you commit gross blasphemy by telling people that they ascend to heaven, which is the sole attribute of the King of Glory? (see Psalm 24, John 3:13, Acts 2)
- On what reasoning do you accept Heathen and Catholic doctrine of afterlife as your assumed truth instead of the revelation of scripture concerning the nature of death and hell?
- What type of God would create such a system that you portray?

If you are truly sincere, I challenge you to put aside your prejudice and speak with me. I will ask that you be willing to **stick to the words of the King James Bible**, exactly as written, including every word and punctuation mark. Dante's Inferno is not gospel. This should not be a difficult request for you, should it?

Will you be responsible for what you have preached? Are you truly ready to give an answer to every man that asks a reason for the hope that is in you? If you need this phrased like a question, I will state it thus:

How can you have hope if God is really as you portray him? How could you love a God that would torment anything without end, or purpose, or hope of redemption? What you have described is sadism, which is an attribute of the devil, not God and Christ

And additionally, why would you not want to search the scriptures and hope to God that you were

wrong? When God says he shall destroy the wicked, and burn them up, that they shall melt away, and become ashes, and be no more, I believe he means it. Anything thrown into a fire is destroyed. When God says that the former things shall pass away and there shall be "no more pain" I believe this: your "gospel" says that there shall be an infinity of pain. I am calling you out, and hoping that you will respond in sincerity.

Joh 3:15-16

(15) That whosoever believeth in him **should not perish**, but have eternal life.

(16) For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him **should not perish**, but have everlasting life.

How can you miss something so basic? Those that receive eternal life shall not perish. That word "perish" is a clue!

Is there anyone there who is responsible for what you preach?

Take care,

-Andrew