

Eternal Punishment is a False Teaching

The entire concept of eternal or everlasting punishment hinges primarily on a single verse of Scripture--Matthew 25:46. This is the only place in the entire Bible where we find these two words together AND only in some Bibles. There are over a dozen English translations which do NOT contain the concept of "eternal punishment" on ANY of their pages, NOR the pagan concept of Hell.

The Greek form for "everlasting punishment" in Matthew 25:46 is "kolasinaionion." Kolasin is a noun in the accusative form, singular voice, feminine gender and means "punishment, chastening, correction, to cut-off as in pruning a tree to bare more fruit." "Aionion" is the adjective form of "aion," in the singular form and means "pertaining to an eon or age, an indeterminate period of time." (Note: the two words in many, not all translations become reversed changing the Greek into English.)

"Aionion," as shown above, is the singular form of the adjective of the Greek noun "aion." Many people unfamiliar with the Greek do not realize that the endings of the same word change (inflection) to indicate its mood, case, gender, etc. Therefore, "aionion" may appear with different endings. "Aionion and Aionios," for example, are all different inflections of the adjective form of the noun "aion."

The noun "aion" in Greek literature has always meant "an indeterminate period of time. It could be as short as the time Jonah spent in the belly of a fish (three days or nights), the length of a man's life, or as long as a very long age.

The Bible speaks of at least 5 "aions" and perhaps many more. If there were "aions" in the past. This must mean that each one of them have ended for they are now past! The New Testament writers spoke of "the present wicked aion" which ended during that very generation. Obviously, it was followed by another "aion"-- the "aion" in which we presently live. If there are "aions" to come, it must mean that this one we live in will also end.

There is a verse which says "the consummation of the aions" showing that each "aion" ends. So how can they be eternal?

There is "the coming eon" (Matt.10:30, Luke 18:30)

There is "the present wicked eon" (Gal.1:4)

There is "the oncoming eons (future)(Eph.2:7)

There is "the conclusion of the eon (present) (Mt.13:39,40)

There is "the secret concealed from the eons (past) (Eph.3:9)

Plainly, the Greek word "aion" transliterated "eon" cannot mean "eternal." A study into the Greek of the Biblical period and before will bear this out.

"Aionion" is the adjective of the noun "aion."

Since grammar rules mandate an adjective CANNOT take on a greater force than its noun form, it is evident that "aionion" in any of its adjective forms (ios, ou, on) CANNOT possibly mean "everlasting" or anything remotely indicating eternity or unending time.

For example, "hourly" cannot mean "pertaining to days, weeks, months, or years. The word MUST mean "pertaining to an hour." Therefore, "aionion," the adjective form of the noun "aion" which clearly means a period of indeterminate TIME, CANNOT mean, "forever and ever,

eternal, everlasting, eternity, etc) or other words which connote timelessness or unending ages.

Therefore, those many Bibles which do NOT contain the teaching of everlasting punishment or Hell are true to the original languages of Greek and Hebrew and those which teach everlasting punishment or Hell are false. Scholars are just as easily subjected to the "traditions of the elders" as the rest of us. It's time to let the original Greek and Hebrew languages of the Bible break down the traditions of men. Recommended bibles are: Young's Literal translation, Rotherham's emphasized and the Concordant Literal version.

The Purifying Fire and the Remedial Brimstone (sulphur)

The nature of Sulphur: What most people know about it is that it is a yellow powder and stinks when it is burned. The odour actually happens only when combined with something else like hydrogen. It is one of the more abundant elements occurring naturally in our world. Fool's Gold (iron pyrite) is mined for its sulphur. The chemistry of sulphur is more complex than that of any other elemental substance, because it exists in the largest variety of structural forms. The viscosity of melted sulphur (resistance to flow) increases 10,000 fold as it is heated from 319 to 383 degrees. When heating most other liquids their viscosity decreases. It does not dilute in water.

Sulphur is the king of remedies. It was used to treat skin disorders such as acne or scabies i.e., to remove blemishes. It was used as an internal cleanser. It has no side effects. It is used to treat fevers. It stimulates the body's natural healing powers. Sulphur is used in treating gout, rheumatism, bronchitis and digestive problems. Sulphur is required for life! Sulphur is used in refining low grade ore into

gold! Sulphur (actually sulphuric acid) is used to separate the copper from the Gold.

It works like this. In a blast furnace low-grade ore, fluxes, coal, lead oxide, iron, pyrites and slag's from other processes are mixed. Oxygen enriched air is blown in the base of the furnace. The whole mixture heats up and melts and 3 main reactions take place:

Only the waste is consumed, the precious metal (gold) is left within the lead brick. By another electro-chemical process the pure gold is separated from the lead.

The mention of sulphur in Rev 19 & 20 was not to add a foul stinking odour to the torment of the fire but to refine that which was in the fire! The symbolic sulphur is a necessary part of the process, not an added misery to torment. Its purpose is help to change those from desirous (death) to Gold! From death to life! So even that which we associate with a foul, stinking, odour our God uses it to His purpose and creates purity.

What is a Christian Universalist?

A Christian Universalist is someone who believes in the simple Biblical truth that Jesus Christ is the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." That He is the promised Messiah of whom the prophets of the Old Covenant foresaw; Jesus is the Saviour of the world, He is the "Second Adam," through whom all mankind will be restored to God's original image, He is the only way to the Father, the only begotten Son of God who gave His life for the world. We believe He is king and judge of the universe, and owner of all Creation, and that His purpose for the ages (aions) is to bring all things under His government, resulting in the restoration of all things through Him

We believe that through His death, burial and resurrection, Jesus will save all mankind and restore all things. As Christ Himself said, "*If I be lifted up (crucified) I will draw all men to me*" (as also prophesied in Psalm 22). Jesus is the Name before which every man; woman and child, from all of human history will bow before and declare that He is Lord. At that day, the prophesied "restoration of all things" shall come to pass, and of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end.

Isaiah 45:23-23

I have sworn every knee shall bow ... every tongue shall confess This is not a declarative sentence. It is an imperative sentence and carries all the weight of a command by the sovereign Lord of the universe! God **commands** all to be saved and then proceeds to swear that He will do it, and every knee shall bow in worship before Him, offering up the fruit of their lips, even praise to His name. Those who suppose that it is through clenched teeth that the conquered masses will acclaim Him as Lord completely miss the message of the above passage. But how wonderful that God's Oath is an Oath unto salvation for all men!

The Lord spoke to Abraham regarding the coming of Christ when He said. "And through you shall ALL families of the earth be blessed". **Genesis 12:3**

Psalm 66:4 ALL the earth shall worship You, and shall sing to you; they praise Your name...

Psalm 22:27-28 All the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the LORD, And all the families of the nations Shall worship before You. For the kingdom is the LORD's, And He rules over the nations.

Psalm 145:21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord, And ALL flesh shall bless His holy name Forever and ever.

Lamentations 3:31-33 For the Lord will not cast off forever. Though He causes grief, Yet He will show compassion According to the multitude of His mercies. For He does not afflict willingly, nor grieve the children of men.

The bible declares: God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself NOT imputing their trespasses to them, and giving us the word of reconciliation. 1: Corinthians 5:19 and because of the shed blood of Jesus Christ, the sins of the whole world have been forgiven 1 John 2:2

The Truth is this- Christ, who is all in all, is the saviour of ALL! As Jesus realized and then showed, Christ is our true and higher nature given by God that will lead us to be the image and fullness of God. Christ in you is your hope for glory and is being revealed in those called out from this world's darkness to bring God's Light and Kingdom to all who are lost. Only through Christ will we know, love and be the image of our God. All have one Father and have been created in His image and likeness. His plan from the beginning was to express Himself in and through us. He will accomplish this through his Word and only Son, Christ. No religion (including Christianity), no church, no righteous behaviour will ever save us from the darkness that we have created in our carnal minds. Christ is the only Way, the only Truth and the only Life that will free us from this lower world- the place of the dead. Here in this hell is where Christ saves us from our deception, our pain and our death.