

'I Refuse to Believe in a God Who Would Make Hell'

If you are a person who says, "I refuse to believe in a God who would make hell," here are three things you may want to consider:

1. God is the one who has provided the only way to keep you out of hell. If you choose to reject Him, hell is exactly where you will be going.
2. The God you think of as cruel for making hell is the same one who suffered a horrible death on the cross. He died in *your* place for *your* sins in order to save *you* from hell.
3. Hell was prepared for the devil, not for man. It is a horrible place because God withdrew His goodness from it.

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Hell is what exists when God's influence and attributes are absent. You don't even realize that the good things you enjoy every day come from Him. If you say you want nothing to do with God, then hell is a place where you will have nothing to do with Him or with any of the good He has created.

Your rejection of God is due either to your refusal to turn from a sinful lifestyle or your ignorance of the Bible. If you think you are a good enough person to get into heaven, you're wrong. Your standard of good and God's standard are two different things. He is perfect, and heaven is perfect too.

Many self-proclaimed "good" people are guilty of lying, cheating, arrogance, envy of others, sexual immorality, disobedience to their parents, greed, unforgiveness,

complaining, being unthankful, backbiting, gossip, cursing and evil thoughts. They don't read the Bible or pray. They don't assist the poor. They don't even keep one of the Ten Commandments, and they support ungodly laws and leaders. The list goes on. When looking at this list, surely you must realize that none of us are good.

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Job 15:16 describes man as so evil that he drinks iniquity like water. Isaiah 64:6 says our good works are as filthy rags to God.

Not wanting to believe in a God who would make hell is unfounded, foolish and rebellious. You do not have to go to hell! You wouldn't say that the leaders of our country are cruel for building prisons. It's your choice if you go there.

Each person sends himself to hell by his own rejection of Jesus Christ. Yes, hell is horrible, but that should not be your focus. How to stay out of hell is what you should be concerned with. Jesus said in John 14:6 that He is the only way to heaven.

You have the choice to believe Him or not. You decide. If you are willing to turn from your sin and put your trust solely in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, then you will escape hell. But if you choose to reject Him, you will suffer the consequences of your foolish decision.{eo}

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