

“[The Bereans] . . . searched the scriptures daily,

[to see] whether those things were so.” —Acts 17:11

Is Punishment Eternal?

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THERE IS A GROWING MOVEMENT among professing Christians towards universalism: the belief that everyone will finally be saved. One can empathize with those who hold this opinion. Eternity is *forever*. No matter how just the penalty, *endless* punishment seems cruelly excessive. The very thought of the Lake of Fire being the *eternal* abode of any creature, no matter how evil, is humanly repugnant.

Could God who “is love” (1 John 4:8) really sentence *anyone* to eternal punishment? Would He not find a way, somehow, for all eventually to be saved? The Bible must be our guide. But does the Bible in fact teach that those who leave this life without Christ are lost forever?

Jesus warned of hell repeatedly, referring to it fourteen times. Peter refers to it three times, James once, and the four times it is mentioned in Revelation make up the balance of the twenty-two times the word “hell” occurs in the New Testament. Jesus referred to hell as a place of torment in a “fire that never shall be quenched” (Mark 9:43-48). That sounds like eternal punishment—but for whom?

With one exception, there are two Greek words translated as hell in the New Testament: *hades* and *geenna* (gehenna). The word *hades* is rendered “hell” eleven times and is the counterpart of the Hebrew *sheol*, the only word for hell in the entire Old Testament. *Sheol* was where the souls and spirits of the dead went upon the death of the body. Since the same word is used for the abode of all the dead, *sheol/hades* must have accommodated both the lost and the saved. That this was indeed the case, and that their condition and experience were drastically different, is clear from biblical usage of these words in both Old and New Testaments.

For example, David’s prophetic declaration, “thou wilt not leave my soul in *sheol*” (Psalms 16:10), was quoted by Peter as referring to the Messiah: “thou wilt not leave my soul in *hades*” (Acts 2:27-31). Thus, *sheol* and *hades* were the same place and must have been occupied by the redeemed since the Messiah was there while His body lay in the grave. That the lost were also there, but in a separate area, is clear from Christ’s statement that when the rich man died, “in *hades* he lift up his eyes, being in torment...” That in his torment he could see Lazarus and Abraham in comfort (Luke 16:19-31) further indicates that the redeemed were also in *hades* yet distinct from the damned. That part of *hades*, which Christ referred to as “Abraham’s bosom,” must have been the “paradise” in which Jesus promised to meet the believing thief on the cross that very day (Luke 23:43).

At His resurrection, Christ emptied “paradise” and took those waiting there to His Father’s house of “many mansions” (John 14:2). He is presently in heaven at the Father’s right hand (Acts 7:55-56; Hebrews 1:3; 8:1, etc.). The souls and spirits of believers who die today are taken immediately into Christ’s presence in heaven rather than to the former “paradise.” Paul referred to the state of death as being “absent from the body...present with the Lord” (2 Corinthians 5:8); he spoke of his own desire to leave this

body of flesh and to “be with Christ” (Philippians 1:22-24). Moreover, he declared that at the Rapture, when Christ descends from heaven, He brings the souls and spirits of the dead saints “with him” (1 Thessalonians 4:14). They must therefore have been with Him in heaven awaiting the day when they would be reunited with their resurrected bodies raised incorruptible from the grave.

It is thus clear what Christ meant when He said, “the gates of *hades* shall not prevail against it [the church]” (Matthew 16:18). This statement is often misunderstood to mean that the gates of *hades* are somehow on the move, attacking the church—which hardly makes sense for gates. However, it does make sense if the redeemed were within those gates when Christ made that statement. The “gates of *hades*” could not keep Christ from emptying “paradise” and bringing the church to heaven after purchasing her with His own blood (Acts 20:28).

The other word rendered “hell” in the New Testament is *geenna*. That this refers only to that side of *hades* where the damned were confined, and still are, is also clear. Jesus referred to “*geenna* fire” (Matthew 5:22) and warned that it would be better to remove a hindering eye or hand and to “enter into” heaven than to have all one’s body parts “to be cast into *geenna*, into the fire that never shall be quenched” (Matthew 18:8-9; Mark 9:43-47, etc.). Clearly, only the damned are ever in *geenna*, which must therefore be that part of *hades* where the lost are confined.

“Death and *geenna*” will be “cast into the Lake of Fire. This is the second death” (Revelation 20:14). There the “devil...the beast and the false prophet...shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever” (Revelation 20:10). There, also, “those who worship the beast and his image” during the reign of Antichrist “shall be tormented with fire and brimstone...And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever” (Revelation 14:9-11). Thus the final fate of the lost who have been *geenna*’s inhabitants awaiting their “resurrection unto damnation” (John 5:29) is “the second death”—i.e., eternal separation from God and from true life.

Hades was emptied of the redeemed when Christ, the forerunner (*prodromos*, like the lead runner in the Olympics—Hebrews 6:20), ascended into heaven and “led captivity [i.e., captives] captive” (Psalms 68:18; Ephesians 4:8). As the saved are taken to heaven to “ever be with the Lord” (1 Thessalonians 4:17), so the lost will be taken to the Lake of Fire to be separated from God forever.

Surely the Lake of Fire must be what Christ referred to as “everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels” (Matthew 25:41)—i.e., it was not intended for humans. It is thus the greatest of tragedies that any humans go there. However, those who become the followers of Satan are forever with him in the Lake of Fire just as the followers of Christ are forever with Him in heaven. Inasmuch as these same words are used, if “eternal” only means “temporary” for the damned, then it would have to mean the same for the redeemed. Thus, if there were an escape from the Lake of Fire, heaven would not be permanent either.

Having established that just as the Bible teaches eternal bliss for the redeemed, so it also teaches eternal punishment for the damned, let us consider the question with which we began: Why must this be so, and how could a God who “is love” (1 John 4:8) ever allow it to happen?

The “why,” of course, is explained in part because, although the body of man is temporal and subject to deterioration and destruction, the soul and spirit of man exist forever. Of man’s creation we read that God “breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul” (Genesis 2:7). The Hebrew for “soul” throughout the entire Old Testament is *nephesh*, and for “spirit” is *rooakh* (*ruach*). In the Greek of the New Testament “soul” is translated from *psyche* and “spirit” from *pneuma*. These words have a variety of possible related meanings, but the biblical meaning is clear from the way they are used.

Man is body, soul and spirit, not just body and soul/spirit: “I pray God that your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus” (1 Thessalonians 5:23); “piercing even to the dividing asunder of the soul and spirit” (Hebrews 4:12). Lacking space to distinguish between the soul and the spirit, we must be content with understanding that these together constitute the thinking person as distinct from the inhabited body.

The old materialism with its view that nothing exists but matter is no longer tenable even for secular science. Thoughts and intelligence are demonstrably not physical. The body has only been the means whereby the thinking, nonmaterial person living within has been able to function in the physical universe. When the body dies there is no reason either in logic, science or the Bible to suggest that the soul and spirit cease to exist. The fact that, as a thinking and experiencing being composed of soul and spirit, man is non-material requires an eternal destiny from which there is no escape.

That we are eternally accountable to the God who created us and as sinners are separated from God in His perfect holiness is rational, biblical and clear to every person’s conscience. Separation from the only source of life brings both physical and spiritual death. Man’s only hope is God’s love and grace; there is nothing he could himself do to heal this breach between himself and his Creator.

The question then becomes why God, who revealed Himself to Moses (on the very mount where He gave the Law) as “...merciful and gracious...forgiving iniquity and transgressions and sin” (Exodus 34:6-7), doesn’t just forgive the whole human race and give everyone a fresh start? That question is especially puzzling in view of the numerous statements in Scripture that God sent His Son “that the world through him might be saved” (John 3:17), that He desires “all men to be saved” (1 Timothy 2:4) and is “not willing that any should perish...” (2 Peter 3:9).

If God is so loving why doesn’t He universally forgive everyone? Love is only part of God’s character. He is also infinitely and perfectly just. How can God forgive someone who admits no guilt? How can He forgive those who insist that there is nothing for which He needs to forgive them? And would it not be the utmost folly to do so? If in His mercy and grace God simply passed over human rebellion, would that not be condoning evil and even encouraging it? Would that not in itself undermine God’s control of His universe?

God’s laws are essential to governing the physical universe. The moral beings who have the power to act destructively must also be governed by laws, or chaos would reign. If He would go back on His moral laws, who could have any confidence in anything else that God has said or would say?

Christ asked His disciples to pray, “Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven” (Matthew 6:10). Surely that fact indicates that all is not as God desires it to be on this earth.

Men are in rebellion against Him. Forgiveness can only be in accord with God’s justice.

In fact, God has provided and offers pardon and new life to everyone—but it can only be on a righteous basis. God’s love cannot nullify His justice, as we have often reminded our readers and as everyone knows in his conscience. God’s justice demands a penalty for sin. Only through Christ’s payment of the full penalty on the cross has forgiveness been made possible. Pointing forward to this fact, John the Baptist declared of Christ to his own followers: “Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world” (John 1:29). Yes, “he is the propitiation [atoning sacrifice]...for the sins of the whole world” (1 John 2:2). The problem is that multitudes are not willing to accept God’s pardon on a just basis but want Him to forgive them unjustly.

Moral laws are even more important and impervious to compromise than physical laws. Every miracle such as the Red Sea opening, Christ walking on water or turning water into wine, the sun standing still for Joshua, etc. flies in the face of the laws of physics and chemistry. However, to override the laws that govern physical events does not affect God’s moral character. But God himself cannot override His moral laws because it would be contrary to His very character and Being.

Jesus says, “The Word that I have spoken... shall judge him in that day” (John 12:48). God has spoken and cannot go back on His Word. The problem with rebellious man is that he is not willing to let God be God but insists that the Creator should abdicate control of His creation, renounce His moral character and laws and allow man to take over the universe and govern it his way.

But surely love accepts man as he is, does it not? That is the false and destructive humanistic idea of “love” promoted by the secular world. Those who insist that love should “accept” them as they are know nothing either of love or of common sense. A mother’s love causes her to care for her child from the moment it is born. It makes no more sense to imagine that a mother’s love would be content with a

child’s remaining in ignorance because it didn’t want to learn, or with the child’s love for nothing but junk food as it grows up, than that her love would “accept” her child’s desire to destroy itself with drugs, prostitution or criminality.

Yet God is expected to “accept” rebellious man just as he is? “Love” that leaves the loved one in a condition of less than the best is not true love. On the contrary, real love desires the best and corrects those who are destroying themselves. Even of those whom He has redeemed and who have believed on Him, Jesus says, “As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten” (Revelation 3:19).

The words “acceptance” and “tolerance” are abused and have become the mantra of those who want to be left alone to destroy themselves. Such is the desire of multitudes; they want God to leave them alone so they can do their own thing. In the end, that is exactly what God reluctantly does. After pleading with them and trying to persuade them to accept His forgiveness (which can only be given on a righteous basis through Christ’s payment of the penalty for their sins), He gives them their desire and leaves them alone—for eternity!

That God did not give in to man, go back on His Word, or change His standards of righteousness and justice, but stood by His Word, will eternally be to His glory. Therefore, God will be glorified even in those in hell. That is a horrible thought but one to which we are driven both by Scripture and reason.

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BUT GOD COMMENDETH HIS LOVE
TOWARD US, IN THAT, WHILE WE
WERE YET SINNERS, CHRIST DIED
FOR US.

MUCH MORE THEN, BEING NOW
JUSTIFIED BY HIS BLOOD, WE
SHALL BE SAVED FROM WRATH
THROUGH HIM.

—ROMANS 5:8-9

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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QUESTION: We have a rare difference of opinion concerning your assertion that Old Testament saints are a part of the Church resurrected at the time of the Rapture. Certainly, they are saved by faith alone in the shed blood of Christ.... However, they are, as John the Baptist described himself, “friends of the Bridegroom” (John 3:29). The Church, Christ’s bride, was born on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2). At the Wedding Feast of the Lamb, He will have many “friends” in attendance.

RESPONSE: I appreciate your position, but there are serious problems with it. Old Testament saints could only be resurrected at the Rapture:

1) We know that their souls and spirits were in “Abraham’s bosom” (Lk 16:22), or “paradise” (Lk 23:43), until Christ took them to heaven (Ps 68:18; Eph 4:8; Heb 6:20). They will still be there when Christ resurrects the dead saints at the Rapture. I find no basis for thinking that Christ will leave their souls and spirits unclothed in heaven (2 Cor 5:1-9) and not bring them with Him to rejoin their resurrected bodies. The Bible makes no such distinction between Old and New Testament saints. At the Rapture, “them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him” (1 Thes 4:14). I can’t imagine that Abraham, who, Christ said, “rejoiced to see my day...and was glad” (Jn 8:56), or John the Baptist, who declared Him to be “the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world” (Jn 1:29), did not die with faith in Christ, looking forward to redemption through Him.

2) Thus they must be among “them which sleep in Jesus,” whose bodies Christ will resurrect at the Rapture. If not, they would never be resurrected, because the only other persons who are resurrected are those who died as martyrs at the hands of Antichrist (Rv 20:5-6).

3) The only time the bodies of those whose souls and spirits are now in heaven could be resurrected is at the Rapture of the church, caught up to heaven with them. Then why wouldn’t they be part of the church?

I don’t think that John’s describing himself as the friend of the bridegroom was intended to distinguish between himself and the church, but between him and Christ. As for “he that is least in the kingdom of heaven/God” being greater than John the Baptist (Mt 11:11; Lk 7:27-28), surely that can’t mean that John (and the other prophets) are not in the kingdom of heaven/God. Rather, it refers to the difference between Old Testament prophets and saints (while they lived upon earth) upon whom the Holy Spirit came but could also leave—and the simplest believer since the Cross, who is permanently indwelt with and empowered by the Holy Spirit and Christ.

QUESTION: In the September 2004 Q&A, you responded to criticism of your claim that Adam was the only one created in God’s image. Could you please clarify this: 1) Are you saying that Eve was not created in God’s image; 2) How do you explain 1 Corinthians 11:7 in light of Genesis 5:3? Are we ALL created in God’s image or were Adam and Eve the only ones created in God’s image? What is God’s image? What does it mean?

RESPONSE: We can only go by what the Bible says. We are told, “So God created man...in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them” (Gn 1:27). “And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.... And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam...and he took one of

his ribs, and...the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man” (2:7, 21-22).

Adam, made in the image of God, lived for some time alone except for his animal friends—a friendship that lacked real understanding and satisfaction—before God made Eve out of one of his ribs. She was created by God in His image just as Adam had been, though the manner of her creation was different. In contrast, their children, grandchildren, et al., did not come into existence by a special creative act of God, but by natural procreation. They were in the image of their parents—an image that had been marred by sin and death. As this natural procreation of birth and death continued, the human race gathered an increasing gene pool of disease and deformity as the moral decay worsened. We are pitiful creatures compared with what Adam and Eve were at the beginning.

Jesus declared, “God is a Spirit” (Jn 4:24). Therefore, “in God’s image” does not refer to physical qualities, for God has none. The image of God in which Adam was made can only be moral and spiritual, giving man the capacity to know, love, and commune with God—and to know in his conscience when he is disobeying God and is thus alienated from Him. All mankind inherited the “image of God” in which Adam and Eve were made—not in its original perfection, however, but corrupted and distorted by sin, which the Bible defines as coming “short of the glory of God” (Rom 3:23).

Being made in the image of God gives man the ability to form conceptual ideas and express them in words. This places man on the other side of a chasm that separates him from animals—a chasm that no evolutionary process (even if there were such) could ever cross. This impassable barrier was referred to by Mortimer J. Adler in his 1967 still-in-print book, *The Difference of Man and the Difference it Makes*. At that time, Adler, a University of Chicago philosophy professor, co-founder of the Great Books of the Western World, and an editor of the Encyclopedia Britannica, was an agnostic. He later became a professing Christian. Such reasoning in the search for truth is only possible because man was made in the image of God, who says, “Come now and let us reason together...” (Is 1:18).

QUESTION: Aren’t you making the gospel too complicated by saying that Catholics are not saved even though they believe in the crucified and risen Christ?

RESPONSE: It is the Roman Catholic Church that has complicated the gospel. Anyone who truly believes the simple gospel that Paul declared (“that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures...”—1 Cor 15:1-4) is saved.

But to the simple gospel Rome has added baptism, good works, penance, the sacrifice of the Mass, prayers to Mary and the saints, suffering in purgatory, Mass for the dead to get them out of purgatory, extreme unction (last rites), holy water, candles, rituals, etc. These are all means to salvation according to Rome. It would be very unlikely that a Roman Catholic would not believe in at least some of these heresies. Anyone who believes to any extent in anyone or anything whatsoever for salvation in addition to Christ’s finished work on the cross has rejected the gospel, which “is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth” (Rom 1:16) and is not saved.

NOTE: Our Q&A section is primarily pulled from the Dave Hunt archives. Although some references may be dated, we believe there is timeless value within the messages.

LETTERS

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Dear Berean Call Leaders,

Thanks for this most recent newsletter (Jan 1st) which, as usual, provided so much meat to chew on. We do miss being able to attend your conferences in Bend, but your newsletters are a good substitute.

Thank you for setting such a high standard of biblical analysis while still (despite what some may say) doing so in a spirit of love and concern for the well-being of God’s church.

May God bless T. A. and all the staff during the year ahead which promises to be a crucial one for the church, quite apart from what might transpire in the wider societies of the West which are under such severe attacks from Satan. JW (email)

Dear TBC,

Video and music together are a powerful force setting the stage for the image of the Beast to come. The Antichrist spirit is already well advanced in our modern world, before the Christ pretender comes. Some Christians have mocked me for my stance against Contemporary Christian Music, but it is part of Satan’s plan of subverting the faith.... Satan is progressive, one step at a time, and before you know it the church falls away from its standards. TRUTH IS LOVE, it protects us against the Devil’s schemes. Jesus said, “My Word is truth.” The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth. Thank you for the video (see—<https://bit.ly/4avQFIq>), I was unaware of it, and the critiques are right on. GC (email)

Dear TBC,

Your interpretation of Israel in the end times is more relevant today than when you started teaching 15 years ago. I couldn’t

agree with your Catholic/Marian views then, but I prayed for you that your Marian beliefs will not be a stumbling block to your love for the Lord and his chosen people Israel. May the Lord use you mightily for such a time as this. TL (Australia)

Hello Tom,

“The Further Flight from Reason” article (see—<https://bit.ly/4cNmCNX>) was spot on! In recent years in a Baptist church nearby, a member of the church shared a (what she believed to be biblical) counseling session her stressed and depressed retired pastor husband had with a leading pastor from their church.

The church pastor gave him an exercise to do to boost his self-esteem. He was to contact 6 or 10 (now I forget the number) prominent men in his life. They were to write and send him a letter, espousing his virtues. Hard to believe, is it not? Two pastors, supposedly, schooled in the WORD OF GOD practicing such nonsense. Result, [his son] did not respond to the request, which threw him into more stress and despair. What an evil web of deceit we weave when we start meddling with the sacred writings of Jesus! Anon. (Australia)

Dear TBC,

Thank you so much for making [*Judgment Day!*] available in an audio format (see—<https://bit.ly/3VRkMWh>) as I am legally blind and really appreciate this, to be able to listen to it without waiting for someone to read it to me. Praise the Lord. He delivered me out of this evil religion. I love and stand with Israel. GW (email)

NOTE: Our purpose in this section is to simply show what kind of feedback we receive. We may respond to some of them in private whether or not we agree with their views.

TBC NOTES

What's in a Title?

How about “The Berean Call”?

In our case it declares what our ministry has been called to do, that being: do as the Jews in the synagogue of the Greek city of Berea did (Acts 17:10-12). What was that? They received the Word of God as it was preached to them by the Apostle Paul. Furthermore, we’re told that what the Apostle had to say captured their attention: “...they received the word with all readiness of mind.” Additionally, those “noble” Jews were commended for their healthy skepticism: they “searched the scriptures daily, [to discern] whether those things were so.” What was the outcome? “Therefore many of them believed; also of honourable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few.”

Lord, we pray the Holy Spirit will draw your church back to be like the Bereans, especially at a time when apostasy more and more abounds: “For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables” (2 Timothy 4:3-4).

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QUOTABLE.....

However mad the resolution to revolt from God, it is one in which man has persevered ever since his creation, and he continues in it to this very day. The glorious reign of Jesus in the latter day will not be consummated, until a terrible struggle has convulsed the nations. His coming will be a refiner’s fire, and like fuller’s soap, and the day thereof shall burn as an oven. Earth loves not her rightful monarch, but clings to the usurper’s sway: the terrible conflicts of the last days will illustrate both the world’s love of sin and Jehovah’s power to give the kingdom to his only Begotten. To a graceless neck the yoke of Christ is intolerable, but to the saved sinner it is easy and light. We may judge ourselves by this; do we love that yoke, or do we wish to cast it from us?

—C. H. SPURGEON
(EXCERPT FROM *THE TREASURY OF DAVID*, VOL 1, p 12)

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MANY FORMS OF HOLOCAUST DENIAL

JihadWatch.org, 3/31/24, “**PALESTINIAN ARAB LEADERS’ MANY FORMS OF HOLOCAUST DENIAL**” [EXCERPTS]: There are many forms of Holocaust denial. One is to claim that it never happened; it was made up by Jews to garner sympathy from the world, and especially, in the version promoted by Arabs, to win sympathy for the Jews who were stealing Arab land in Palestine.

A second form of Holocaust denial is to concede that, perhaps there was some killing of Jews by the Nazis, but nowhere near the figure that is claimed of six million. Mahmoud Abbas, in his book *The Other Side: The Secret Contacts Between Nazism and Zionism*, for example, finally conceded that some Jews might have been killed by the Nazis, but estimates the number of victims at several hundred thousand.

A third form of denial is these Jews were far from innocent, we are told; they were plotting against the Germans, and the latter, in self-defense, were led to kill them. And the same explanation is given for Hamas’ attack on October 7: it was an act of “resistance” against Jews whose limitless evil toward the Palestinians had brought that attack upon themselves.

(<https://bit.ly/3Jblh5H>)

ENIGMATIC FOSSIL PLANTS

ICR.org, 3/14/24, “**ENIGMATIC FOSSIL PLANTS**” [EXCERPTS]: The pre-Flood world thousands of years ago was unlike the world of today. Unfamiliar animals and plants were common, and there were a lot of them.

Pre-Flood plants were buried in Flood sediments and fossilized. Petrified trees are found in certain layers of Flood-deposited sedimentary rocks worldwide. Paleontologists often find fossilized leaves, twigs, or fern impressions, and it’s not uncommon to find such impressions looking very recent according, for example, to a research team associated with the National Science Foundation in Antarctica.

“Something, as yet unknown, caused sediment to flood the area rapidly, which helped preserve the plants. [A researcher] splits open a grey slab of siltstone in the quarry to reveal amazingly well-preserved Triassic [mid-Flood] plant fossils, as if the leaves and stems had been freshly pressed into the rock only yesterday.”

Creation scientists suggest the obvious:

a massive flood about 4,500 years ago was the agent of this “as yet unknown” watery event. This would explain why the fossil plants look amazingly well-preserved.

Recently, scientists writing in *Current Biology* stated, “enigmatic fossil plants with three-dimensional, arborescent-growth architecture” were found in New Brunswick, Canada.

The discovery of the fossil plant’s morphology caused the scientists to state that “plant life in the Early Carboniferous period [around day 40 of the Flood] was more complex than expected,” which is hardly surprising to creationists since they recognize that God created plants and animals complete in the beginning.

(<https://bit.ly/49pVfwT>)

MIT HIT WITH LAWSUIT FOR ALLEGEDLY CONDONING RAMPANT ANTISEMITISM

TheCollegeFix.com, 3/12/24, “**MIT HIT WITH LAWSUIT, DEMANDS FROM CONGRESS FOR ALLEGEDLY CONDONING RAMPANT ANTISEMITISM**” [EXCERPTS]: Both a congressional committee and Jewish students and alumni have accused the Massachusetts Institute of Technology of allowing and in some ways condoning hardline antisemitism in documents and a lawsuit filed late last week.

The congressional committee charged with investigating antisemitism at universities accused MIT of a systematic “failure to protect Jewish students and faculty” in the months since Hamas attacked Israel on Oct. 7 and is demanding thousands of documents from the private school regarding its response to antisemitism on campus.

One day prior to receiving the congressional demands, Jewish students filed a federal civil rights lawsuit against MIT that alleges a series of major antisemitism incidents has created a hostile environment.

“Jewish students attested that rather than dispersing antisemitic mobs on campus, MIT warned Jewish students to steer clear of certain areas—effectively sending Jewish and Israeli students underground at their own university—with no repercussions for the students violating school policies and creating an unsafe environment.”

The committee also seeks police records, disciplinary memos, and information related to the funding of anti-Israel groups on campus, the *New York Post* reported.

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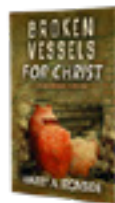
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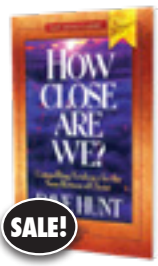
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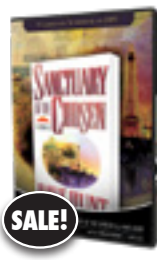
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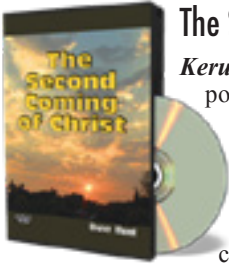
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