


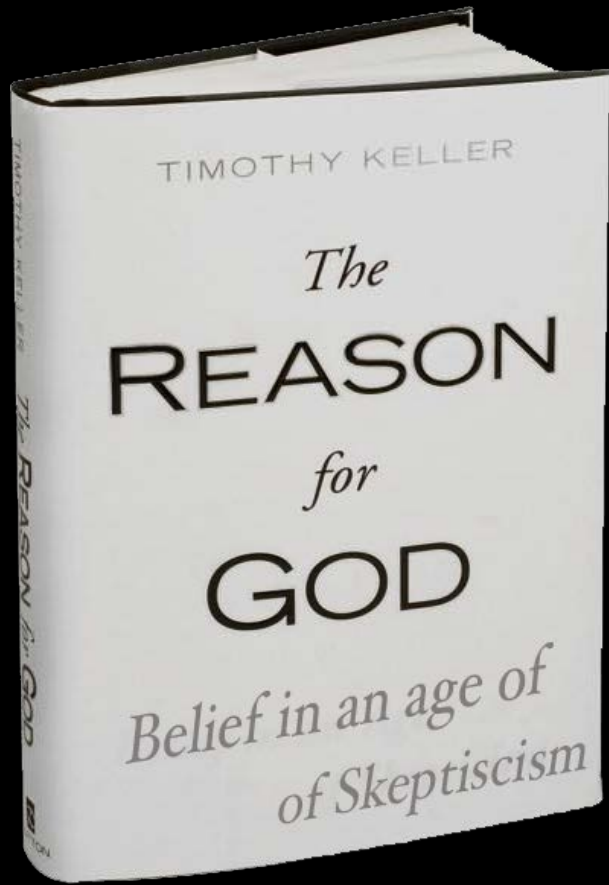


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Common Questions

shedding light on questions about life and the bible



“The Bible speaks of eternal punishment. How does that fit in with the love of God? I cannot reconcile even the idea of hell with a loving God.”

The Reason for God - By Tim Keller pg. 78

Americans beliefs about Hell

**61% believe Hell
is a real place.**



1. What does the Bible say about Hell?

2. Does God “send” people to Hell?

3. Why doesn't God forgive everyone?

I. What does the Bible say about Hell?

- a. *We were made for eternity.* Ecclesiastes 3:11
- b. *It's a place of conscious suffering.* Isaiah 33:14-15; Rev. 21:8
Dan. 12:2 Luke 16:19-31
- c. *Like heaven, it is a final destination.* Isaiah 33:14-15
Matt. 25:41
Rev. 20:10-15
- d. *You can get a taste it now.* 2Sam. 13:1-15; Psalms 32:3; Acts 8:23
- e. *It serves as a “WARNING” sign.* Matt. 3:10, 5:13; Jn. 5:14



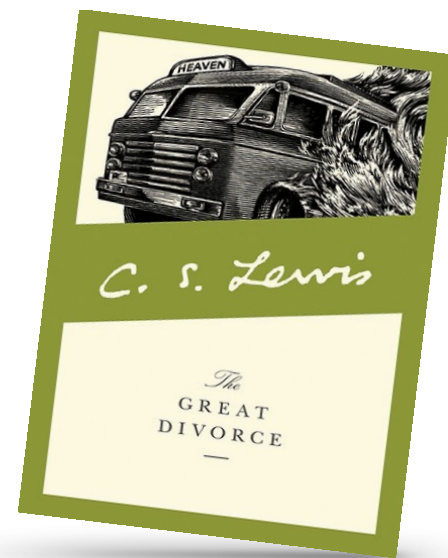
2. Does God “send” people to Hell?

a. *We are not “robots”.* Genesis 2:17

b. *Our choices have consequences.* Ex. 20:11 Joshua 24:15
Duet. 30:19 Mark 9:43

c. *It’s about rules AND a relationship.* Genesis 1:26

There are only two kinds of people- those who say “*Thy will be done*” to God or those whom God in the end says, “*Thy will be done.*” All that are in Hell choose it.



C. S. Lewis

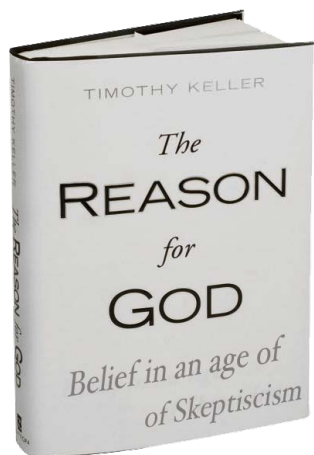
C.S. Lewis, *The Great Divorce* (Macmillan), 1963 pg..69
[as quoted in Keller's “The Reason for God” pg. 82]

3. Why doesn't God forgive everyone?

a. Because God's anger is aroused by evil and injustice, they destroy the very things He loves.

-Psalm 5:4-6

If you love someone (or something) and you see someone ruining them -even they themselves- you get angry. Becky Pippert says it this way in her book "*Hope has a Reason*": Think how you feel when someone we love is ravaged by an unwise actions or relationships. Do we respond with benign tolerance? ... God's wrath is not a cranky explosion, but His settled opposition to the cancer... which is eating out the insides of the human race He loves with His whole being.



Miroslav Volf writes: If God were not angry at injustice and deception and did not make a final end to violence - that God would not be worthy of worship.

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b. **HE DID.**

-John 3:16





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