

Wrath / Fire Readings!

Hey peeps, as promised I've attached a short reading list for those of you who wanted to do some further reading on this. There's a lot of very good stuff out there but a lot of it is pretty heavy and academic so I've just posted the more helpfully accessible stuff. If you are a bit of a dweeb want to get your nerd on, private message me and I can link you to some large leather bound books.

I have posted few blogs and a couple of books which might spark some more thought. They don't all argue the same thing, or all address "fire" or "wrath" directly, and I don't land in exactly the same place as all of them, but they do help give a bit of an overview of some of the arguments as to why we should relook at the popular modern Western understanding of this. (It's worth emphasising because the view most of us grew up with wasn't held for most of church history, still isn't held in the Eastern church, and has far more traction in TV preaching land than it does in academia).

That doesn't by default make it wrong, it's just that we shouldn't assume "that's what we've always believed" or "we should just trust God on this one". All readings of the Bible are of course interpretations. There are good ones and sloppy ones, but there is nothing as straightforward as "what the Bible says" and no amount of stringing verses together without considering the context, genre, authorial intent, originating culture, etc will make it so.

Anyways, happy reading!

Blogs:

Kurt Willems overview of Sharon Bakers book "Razing Hell" - Difficulty: Easy

Fire: <http://www.patheos.com/.../hell-yes-hell-no-or-who-the-hell-.../>

Whole series: <http://www.patheos.com/.../series-hell-yes-hell-no-wh.../page/2/>

Richard Beck on Judgement and Fairness - Difficulty: Medium

<http://experimentaltheology.blogspot.com.au/.../cartesian-rac...>

Nik Ansell on Hell, Hope and Flames - Difficulty: Medium / Hard

<http://theotherjournal.com/.../04/20/hell-the-nemesis-of-hope/>

Richard Beck on Universalism - Difficulty: Medium

Richard Beck on Judgement and Fairness - Difficulty: Medium

<http://experimentaltheology.blogspot.com.au/.../cartesian-rac...>

Books:

Surprised by Hope - NT Wright - Difficulty: Easy / Medium

<http://www.amazon.com/Surprised-Hope-Rethinkin.../.../0061551821>

Very good overview of why we should rethink Heaven / Hell / Hope by one of the worlds

most respected New Testament Scholars
I have a spare copy!

The Great Divorce - C.S. Lewis - Difficulty: Easy
<https://www.amazon.com/Great-Divorce-C-S-Lewi.../.../B0049U416Q...>
That story / allegory of heaven / hell I mentioned. Very insightful
I have a spare copy!

Raising Hell - Sharon L. Baker - Difficulty: Easy
https://www.amazon.com/Razing-Hell-Rethinking.../.../ref=sr_1_1...
Quoted from on Sunday

Exclusion and Embrace - Miroslav Volf - Difficulty: Hard
https://www.amazon.com/Exclusion-Embrace-Theo.../.../ref=sr_1_1...
Not directly about this topic but covers it. One of the few books I could describe as having
changed my life
I have a spare copy!