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Highway to Hell

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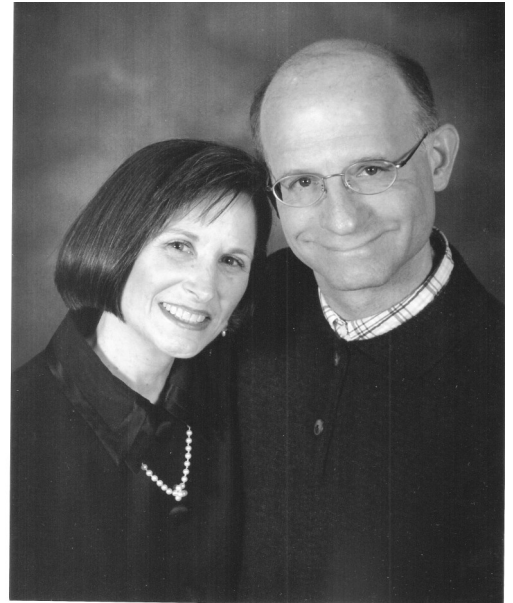
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Recently, upon finishing a movie on dvd... my favorite kind... a rock'em, sock'em shoot'em up where the good guy finally kills all the bad guys... hey... I'm getting older, not 'maturer'... Anyway, as the finishing credits were rolling, a rock song was playing... I recognized it as familiar from the '70's but I was never a fan of Rock music so I looked it up and remembered it was a band called AC/DC and the song is titled, 'Highway to Hell.' I found it listed at #16 on the 'Greatest 100 Rock Anthems Ever!' Imagine that!

AC/DC's album, 'Highway to Hell,' was released in July, 1979 and just a few months later, the lead singer, Bon Scott, and co-writer of the song, 'Highway to Hell,' was dead from alcohol and drugs. The 'hook' of the song, repeated over and over is... **'I'm on the highway to hell!' A few of the other lines of the song are... 'going down, party time, my friends are gonna be there too... I'm on the highway to hell... hey Satan, paid my dues... I'm on the highway to hell...'**

Although several of the original band members have been replaced for various reasons, beside their being a little old now for the Rock 'n Roll life... AC/DC is still going strong, or it was until at least last year... They've sold more than 200 million records over the years and wherever they play, their most anticipated song continues to be 'Highway to Hell' with millions around the world enthusiastically singing along... usually raising one or both arms while making the 'devil's horns' hand sign with clenched fists... extending the first and fourth fingers.

Many of us have probably often seen it displayed without recognizing what message was being conveyed.



*He has committed to
us the word of
Reconciliation.*

*Therefore, we are
Ambassadors for Christ.*

2 Corinthians 5:19,20

Now, a song from 1979 and another dead rock singer might seem like ancient history, but as I was reading up on all of this, I came across another video on YouTube of the contemporary British television show, 'Britain's Got Talent.' In this segment, an older woman, dressed 'frumpily,' actually looking very much like an actual witch, shuffled on stage with a microphone ready to sing her song. Suddenly she rips off her 'old lady' clothes revealing that underneath she's wearing the black leather getup of a rock singer and she begins to belt out her rendition of Highway to Hell. The cameras pan out to show the entire audience going nuts... screaming their approval... thousands of people filling the several stories of the auditorium, all on their feet, arms raised, hands giving the 'devil's horns' sign... singing along... everyone knows the words... every person blithely shouting out their joy at being **on the Highway to Hell!**

It was one thing to see the video of AC/DC, a group of drunk, coked-out, brain-dead rockers proclaiming their allegiance to Satan and indifference to eternity in Hell, along with their drugged out audience... but seeing this,

the audience of 'Britain's Got Talent,' seemingly normal people... young, old, children, clean cut working, family people... I was amazed... and not much amazes me anymore.

These videos were just a small snapshot of the world of humans... billions gliding through life with no thought of Eternity... afraid of death and so, trying to fill every waking moment with one distraction or amusement after another.

Then I was drawn to video of the current eruption of the Hawaiian volcano, Kilauea... streams of molten lava destroying everything in its path as it flows inexorably to the Sea.

What I found most '*mesmerizing*' were videos of lava flowing at night. Everything was in darkness and yet because of the superheated lava, the immediate area shone with an eerie orange glow. It caused me to imagine what the Lake of Fire, the final Hell must be like.

Somewhere down under the surface of the Earth, God has created this terrible place of eternal torment and punishment as the final prison for Lucifer and all the angels who

rebelled with him... but tragically, it will also be the final destination of every human, since the beginning, who has rejected God's revelation of Himself and the forgiveness of sin provided by the life, death and resurrection of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

We're told that it is a place of darkness and yet, it is a place of fire and brimstone which, by its very nature will produce a kind of light from the molten stone in the lake of fire. Imagine the terror, the hopelessness, the utter despair of being trapped in that place, knowing there will never be an escape.

I had this dream once... I was in a long line of people, trudging down a mountain trail inside a huge cavern. At the bottom of the trail, one by one, each person was set into a trebuchet like contraption and then flung far out *into a lake of fire*. In my dream I was among the vast number of those destined to go into that lake of fire. When I finally reached the bottom, I was set into the trebuchet and flung out into the lake of fire! The terror in my dream was real. I woke immediately panting and my heart was beating wildly; it's one of the few dreams I've never forgotten.

While all these things were running through my mind, planning this newsletter, Debbie and I watched an episode of 'Downton Abbey' on dvd. Afterward, I felt depressed and I didn't at first understand why. Then it came to me.

Over the six years Downton Abbey was on the air, it covered the life and times of an aristocratic English family and their staff of servants from the years 1912, with the sinking of the *Titanic*, until the mid twenties.

Some of the characters are *good* people while others are *bad* people but of all the family, staff and townspeople, not even one person gives any evidence of saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Don't get me

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wrong, I expect nothing else from Hollywood and the world, but what happens when one watches something like Downton Abbey, you begin to know the characters... some you like, some you dislike. What I had done is to think, in light of what I would write here... 'What if these were real people... the family, the servants, the children... as a small slice of humanity all around the world... no matter how good and kind, loving and caring... everyone of them would have died and gone to hell. The small children would now be the age of my mother... 99... so even they would probably be 'gone.' Don't misunderstand... certainly I know that people can be saved and on their way to Heaven without 'looking like it' to me... but the writers and producers of this program as well as 99% of all the output of Hollywood, seem to make it a point to show their contempt for true Christianity. In fact, in one episode of season 6, Mary says, '**A monkey will type out the Bible if you leave it long enough.**' Cute! The writers were cleverly telling us how much they despise the Bible and true faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

These characters, if they were real people having died, wouldn't be in the lake of fire yet, that won't happen until after the Millennium and the final

judgment, but they would now be waiting in Sheol, in Hades, the Biblical '*place of the dead.*'

Once I began to '*mourn*' for all these lost *characters*, then I found myself rethinking my attitude toward so many others who are most probably also on their way to hell, for real! Hollywood people who hate me and all I represent, political people here and around the world who hate me and all I represent, even religious people who hate me and all I hold dear... most of them will also eventually spend eternity in the lake of fire.

False teachers and false prophets tell us that millions and billions are going to heaven by one way or another but the Lord Jesus Christ said that He alone is the only way to God... there is no other way at all. He said, '**Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few will find it.**' Matt 7:13

Jesus Christ was not lying.

The gate that leads to eternal life is narrow... it is only wide enough for one person at a time to pass through. No one ever has to wait in line to get through... it is always open to all, but

only one at a time... no one can go through with anyone else... each one must enter alone. No one can enter on the merits of their godly mother or father or sister or brother. No one can enter as a member of a Church... only through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and His finished work on the Cross. Most people will never enter that narrow gate; most will continue on the broad way through the wide gate that leads to hell.

Most of the people we see in the world will end up in the lake of fire. The person we hate because they hate us... the person we curse on the road, the politician who wants our destruction... but also the sweet little old lady in Fred Meyer buying catfood or the checker handling our groceries or most of the people on the bus and many of those in Churches on Sunday including many false teachers, preachers and pastors.

They are all on the Highway to Hell and they don't know or even care. Do you care? Do I? Not always, but I should... I wouldn't want even my worst enemy to spend eternity in the lake of fire, separated from God forever **because forever is indeed a very, very long time.**

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