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Guest Blog: The Last Word and The Word After That

It's a honor to have Brian McLaren here today, posting at Paradoxology and responding to your thoughts and questions concerning his just-released book: The Last Word and The Word After That. This is a great opportunity to dialog with Brian about his book, so don't be shy (Chris).

Brian McLaren's Initial Posting:

Hi, everyone - it's an honor to be your guest and have a bit of conversation about my newest book, "The Last Word and the Word After That."

One of the discoveries that led to the book came to me several years ago, but I don't remember exactly how. I remember noticing that a number of Old Testament writers didn't seem to believe in an afterlife. It was obvious in Ecclesiastes, but you know - that whole book seems odd. It struck me in some of the Psalms especially. Then I noticed this lack of belief in afterlife in other places, and I realized that Sheol wasn't the same as hell.

Then I began to notice that Jesus talked about hell a lot, which let me know that something must have happened between the end of the Old Testament and the beginning of the New. I was curious about what happened during that time.

I think things basically stayed at that level of development in my mind until I was asked by Todd Hunter to prepare a talk on hell and heaven for a gathering of young Vineyard leaders. I had been thinking that I eventually wanted to dig into the subject; Todd's request forced me to do it sooner rather than later.

That's when I realized that the picture wasn't nearly as simple or neat as I had been taught, and those investigations led to the book.

I'd be interested in knowing what ideas from the book were most helpful or difficult for some of you - if you've read it, and if you have any questions you'd like me to address. I'm looking forward to hearing from several of you!

May 09, 2005 at 03:30 AM | Permalink

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Lauren Winner's Sexual Healing Writer Lauren Winner once counted herself among the many young evangelicals who approve of premarital sex. Now repentant, she's offering a roadmap for returning to a biblical sexual ethic.

Can you haiku? USATODAY.com publishes a different reader-composed haiku each weekday. What's haiku? The ancient form of Japanese poetry is composed of three lines, with five syllables in the first, seven syllables in the second and five syllables in the third. Here's an example of Haiku from the '04 Emergent Convention.

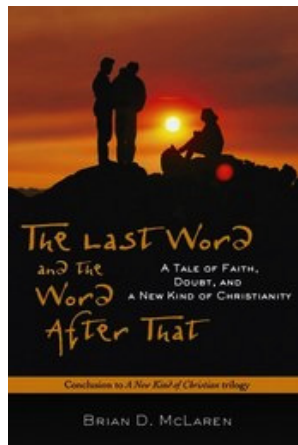
'Satan' Miraculously Appears on Turtle's Shell A central Indiana pet shop owner says a turtle that was the only animal to survive an October fire has developed an image of Satan's face on its shell.

Newborn Euthanasia Remains Under the Radar At least five mercy killings of newborns occur for every one reported to authorities in the Netherlands, doctors there reported just months after the first startling news of the controversial practice. In the U.S., such killings still remain under the radar.

Beyond Piercings: 'Eyeball Jewelry' Illinois lawmakers are upset over a Dutch procedure, now gaining popularity in the States: jewelry implants for one's eyeballs. They claim it's going too far. Do you agree?

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Tracked on May 9, 2005 08:13 AM

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Hi Brian (& Chris, et al),

I'm headed out the door to work, but wanted to get this quick post in to say how much I will enjoy reading the comments/conversations here when I have a chance later today! I've not read your book (yet!) but am looking forward to that as well.

Thanks for your part in our Story!

~ Keith

Posted by: Keith Seckel | May 9, 2005 07:01 AM

Brian, Do you think there is still an appropriate way to talk about hell without it meaning what most churches today intend it to mean. Would it still be appropriate to use it to imply God's judgment on things that are unjust in today's world, and things that are in need of restoration?

If not, Do we need to find a different way to talk about the need for justice in the world?

-Shane

Posted by: Shane Pavlak | May 9, 2005 07:36 AM

Brian - what sort of response have you had or do you expect from the Catholic community?

Posted by: Lorrie | May 9, 2005 08:00 AM

In dialoguing with Reformed (Calvinist) friends, how can I discuss hell/heaven and get around their insistence on God only "saving the elect"?

Posted by: kristen | May 9, 2005 08:39 AM

Brian, thank you so very much for all of your work, it has helped far more of us than you will ever realize. I have enjoyed certain things about each of your books, but what I really appreciate about this new one is that it is a topic almost everyone is interested in. Although I wanted to recommend the other 2 to others, not all of them would be helped by them. With this newest book, you don't really have to explain anything about postmodernism or emergent, you can just the

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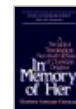
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Reggie McNeal: The Present Future: Six Tough Questions for the Church



Brian D. McLaren: The Last Word and the Word after That : A Tale of Faith, Doubt, and a New Kind of Christianity



Elisabeth Schussler Fiorenza: In Memory of Her: A Feminist Theological Reconstruction of Christian Origins



ABRAHAM COHEN: Everyman's Talmud : The Major Teachings of the Rabbinic Sages

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book out.

I recently watched a documentary on the history channel on the history of hell,which really helped a lot to go along with your book.

As you have discussed this topic before, what seems to be the biggest or most common criticism that you have received? Thanks again.

Posted by: Benjy | May 9, 2005 09:46 AM

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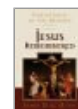
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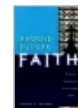
James D. G. Dunn: Jesus Remembered (Christianity in the Making, Vol. 1)



Richard Hays: The Moral Vision of the New Testament : Community, Cross, New CreationA Contemporary Introduction to New Testament Ethic



Sharyn Echols Dowd: Reading Mark: A Literary and Theological Commentary on the Second Gospel (Reading the New Testament Series)



Robert Webber: Ancient-Future Faith: Rethinking Evangelicalism for a Postmodern World



The Northumbria Community: Celtic Daily Prayer: Prayers and Readings From the Northumbria Community

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Ottmar Liebert: Nouveau Flamenco



Los Lonely Boys: Los Lonely Boys



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