

THE DOCTRINE OF ETERNAL PUNISHMENT. By Harry Buis. Presbyterian  
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Books in this general area of doctrine seem to have come in three's recently--Bonnell's, Boettner's, and now Buis's. The latter, by a Reformed church minister in Michigan, is a survey of teaching on eternal punishment from Old Testament times to the present day. The teaching of the Bible on the reality and eternality of punishment is clearly supported throughout the book. The author has added three helpful appendices on infant salvation, the heathen, and denial by the cults. The book is timely and a solid contribution to conservative theology.

Documentation could well be added in some places, and occasionally quotations are made without citing the source (e.g. pp. 124, 126). While the reviewer agrees with the author's view that the Old Testament does not teach a two compartment theory, the discussion is incomplete since it makes no reference to the prophets' use of sheol. Likewise, in the appendix concerning the heathen no mention is made of the important contribution of Romans 1. Universalism and annihilation are treated ably, and the section on Christ's teaching concerning hell is outstanding.

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