

PREDESTINATION AND HELL: CRUELLEST DOCTRINES

Two of the cruellest moral doctrines are those of predestination and of eternal fire. The former, invented by St. Augustine and held by Luther and Calvin, maintains that God chooses those who are to be virtuous, rather than electing the virtuous. This renders individual efforts to be virtuous useless.

The doctrine of eternal fire is cruel because it holds that those condemned to hell do not improve by being punished: they are just as wicked after thousands of years of hellish torture as before.

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