

These expressions assure us that inconceivable misery will follow a life of disobedience to God; that the misery will commence immediately after death; and that there will be no escape from it. And they are the words of our Lord and His Apostles, which 'cannot pass away.'"

Well, now, Doctor, are you not ashamed to present this garbled mass as the "*clear and decisive statements by which the controversy is to be settled?*" Really, Doctor, we shall be obliged to take this all apart to see what it will look like when standing in its proper connection. Your first quotation is from Mark ix. 45: "If thy foot offend thee, cut it off; it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched." Now, Doctor, we wish to propound a few questions in reference to this text, and will take the liberty to answer them in your name; and if we answer incorrectly, shall be happy to be corrected.

1. What is the *original* word which is here translated *hell*?

Dr. C. It is Gehenna.

2. Will you please give us the *origin* of this word?

Dr. C. I will with pleasure. "It is not a Greek word; it does not occur in any classic author; it is merely the Grecian mode of spelling the Hebrew words which are translated 'the valley of Hinnom.' Parkhurst considers that as the Septuagint translate, or rather spell in Greek letters, without translating *gee* or *gai*, a valley, and *Hinnom*, a man's name, in Josh. xviii. 16, by Gaihenna, so the Gehenna of the New Testament is in like manner a corruption of the same Hebrew words, *Gee*, a valley, and *Hinnom*, the person who was once the possessor of it; so we may consider the word as Hebrew, with nothing of Greek about it except the spelling."

3. Has the word been generally *translated* in the different versions?

Dr. C. It has not. "It is seldom translated in the foreign versions."

4. Is there a general agreement as to the *origin* of the word?

Dr. C. There is. "Stuart, Clark, Schleusner, and all critics are agreed as to its origin."

5. Is not *Sheol* the only word in Hebrew translated by *hell*?

Dr. C. It is.