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INDISCRIMINATE AGAPE

Re Dr. Ferre's letter: It is true that I did not quote several pages in which Dr. Ferre describes *Agape*. I tried to select the main unambiguous statement, *viz.* that *Agape* is indiscriminate kinds to all. This implies universalism and is inconsistent with the existence of hell.

Dr. Ferre says that he has never rejected *a* doctrine of hell. He has, however, rejected *the* doctrine of hell; for hell in all orthodox forms of Christianity continues forever.

What he calls hell is not the biblical doctrine of hell; what he calls *Agape* is not the particularizing love of God that is the good news of the Bible; and the Jesus whose ego is not the second person of the Trinity is not the Jesus of the Gospels (who was born a virgin).

I grant that the review was too brief, though longer than CHRISTIANITY TODAY asked.

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