

## **You Can Catch More Flies with Honey than with Vinegar.**

Have you noticed that the largest, and fastest growing, churches in our country today almost never mention Hell in their worship, or in their sermons, or in their Bible studies? Nearly 100% of the focus in these churches is on principles of Christian living and on how much God loves us in Jesus Christ. Why is that? If the main purpose of the Gospel of Christ is to rescue people from everlasting torment in Hell, why is this aspect of the Gospel message almost never spoken of? Well, I can tell you why. If those dynamic preachers were to give everlasting Hell a place of prominence in their sermons and Bible studies, their churches would quickly be emptied.

A frequently expressed criticism of Christian Universalism is that it would remove the incentive for missions and outreach. I believe that the contrary is true. Many Universalists have the same passion for missions and outreach as believers in ECT (Eternal Conscious Torment), actually more so in my case, because I know that the Gospel of Christ is good news for all. The main religion of Japan, Shintoism, is based on a worship of, and reverence for, one's ancestors. Missionaries to Japan, in the early days, were forced, due to their incorrect theology, to proclaim, along with the message of salvation in Christ, that there was no hope for their ancestors, who they believed were eternally lost in Hell. Is it any wonder that Japan, despite our best efforts, remains largely unreached by Christianity?