This week join NHC president Robert Newman and scholar Bart D. Ehrman to discuss Ehrman’s book, *Heaven and Hell: A History of the Afterlife*

**Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at 7:00 pm ET**

*Facebook Live*

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**Where do our ideas about heaven and hell come from, and why do they endure?**

In clear and compelling terms, Bart D. Ehrman recounts the long history of the afterlife, from the Epic of Gilgamesh to the writings of Augustine, focusing especially on the teachings of Jesus and his early followers. He discusses ancient guided tours of heaven and hell, in which a living person observes the sublime blessings of heaven for those who are saved and the horrifying torments of hell for the damned. As a historian, Ehrman obviously cannot provide a definitive answer to the question of what happens after death, but by helping us reflect on where our ideas of the afterlife come from, he assures us that even if there may be something to hope for when we die, there is certainly nothing to fear.

You can view the presentation [HERE](#). However, to participate in the discussion via Facebook Live, a Facebook membership is required. A recording of the discussion will be
available both on the Center’s Facebook page and on the NHC website.

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