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In recent months two well known men passed on to eternity. Rev Billy Graham departed on February 21st at the age of 99 and Dr Stephen Hawking on March 14th at the age of 76.

It doesn't matter what you believe in that is important but whether beyond this world there is eternity out there somewhere. If indeed there is nothing after this life as what Hawkings was reported to have said, "I regard the brain as a computer which will stop working when its components fail. There is no heaven or afterlife for broken down computers; that is a fairy story for people afraid of the dark," then Rev Billy Graham would just have died and not wake up as he expected. *(Read John's article on Billy Graham's new address on page 3 of this issue.)*

However if there is an eternity out there, then Dr Stephen Hawking would wake up and find himself making the wrong assumption again. He has been wrong on a number of matters but can he afford to be wrong in this matter?

While man struggles with the unknown, and super intelligent men come to conclusions that there is no God, God sees these men as they really are. Read Psalm 14:1.

The Bible have many verses about not judging but here are 2 verses about Christians having to make judgements without being judgemental. *(Read Alicia's article about JUDGEMENT on page 8 of this issue.)*

And I charged your judges at that time, 'Hear the cases between your brothers, and judge righteously between a man and his brother or the alien who is with him. You shall not be partial in judgment.' Deuteronomy 1:16

Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is to be judged by you, are you incompetent to try trivial cases? Do you not know that we are to judge angels? How much more, then, matters pertaining to this life! 1Corinthians 6:2-3

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