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## **IN NEW PARADOX, HOLLYWOOD SETS THE SCENE FOR SPIRITUAL CONVERSATIONS: Apocalyptic-Themed Films like “The Road” Spark Questions About the Afterlife**

**WHAT:** In advance of the Nov. 25, 2009 release of [“The Road,”](#) the next in a series of films set during the end of times, the faith community should be prepared to answer the spiritual questions raised in these mainstream films. Phil Hotsenpiller, pastor and end times expert, and Reg Grant, professor of cultural apologetics, can speak to society’s fixation with the “last days” and how these movies, specifically “The Road,” address overarching questions about life vs. death, good vs. evil and doubt vs. belief.

“The Road” is the film adaptation of the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Cormac McCarthy, author of “No Country for Old Men” and “All The Pretty Horses.” Unlike other recent doomsday films, “The Road” does not address how the world ends or emphasize the big cataclysmic event. Rather, it focuses on the relationship between a father and son who struggle to survive the dangers of a post-apocalyptic World.

“The Road” presents a unique entry point for those in the faith community to share the hope of the Gospel in a hopeless world with individuals whom may be hesitant to attend church on Sunday, but will surely join a friend for a movie on Saturday night.

**WHO:** **Phil Hotsenpiller** is a teaching pastor at the Southern California megachurch, [Yorba Linda Friends Church](#). He has long-studied eschatology and is a theological expert on biblical end times prophecy.

**Dr. Reg Grant** is an author in addition to professor of Pastoral Ministries and director of the Master of Arts in Media and Communications program at Dallas Theological Seminary.

**WHEN:** By appointment, starting Thursday, Nov. 19, 2009

**WHERE:** In studio or via phone

**DETAILS:** Hotsenpiller and Grant are available to speak on the highly anticipated film, “The Road,” having seen the film, participated in the creation of study materials and pastor resources and been involved in the outreach to the faith-based community. They can address the current cultural trend of “end-times entertainment” and using cultural events as spiritual opportunities. Both

Hotsenpiller and Grant were quoted in a recent Christian Post article about “The Road.”

- “We need to look at it [The Road] as a cultural key to build bridges and start spiritual conversations ... about the truth,” Hotsenpiller told Christian Post. “People will see it. You’ll miss the opportunity to have a spiritual conversation ... and give a biblical interpretation.”
- “‘The Road’ provides Christians an opportunity to offer a better way to those seeking real hope,” he [Reg Grant] said.

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For more information about “The Road” visit <http://www.alrcnewskitchen.com/theroad>. To request an interview with Hotsenpiller or Grant, or for information on the “The Road,” please contact Julie Shutley at 214.457.1398 or via e-mail at [jshutley@alarryross.com](mailto:jshutley@alarryross.com).