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In the past fifty years I have delivered six sermons. I accept an invitation when I feel the need to define for myself what I believe. This is fair warning because the attempt to enlighten myself is no guarantee that there will be enlightenment for others.

The title of my sermon, “Can Eternity Stand the Test of Time” stems from what is being discovered by quantum and astrophysicists and mathematicians. Those of us who have been around eighty years lived in our early years when these discoveries were hardly imagined. My belief community at the time had a benevolent view of eternity. What are we to do today with where we came from and what I and others believed? What are the assumptions of the latest scientific discoveries for theology? Is there a new eternity or is the concept an oxymoron? Is there eternal truth? How honest are we about what we do and don't know? These are the questions that are on my mind.