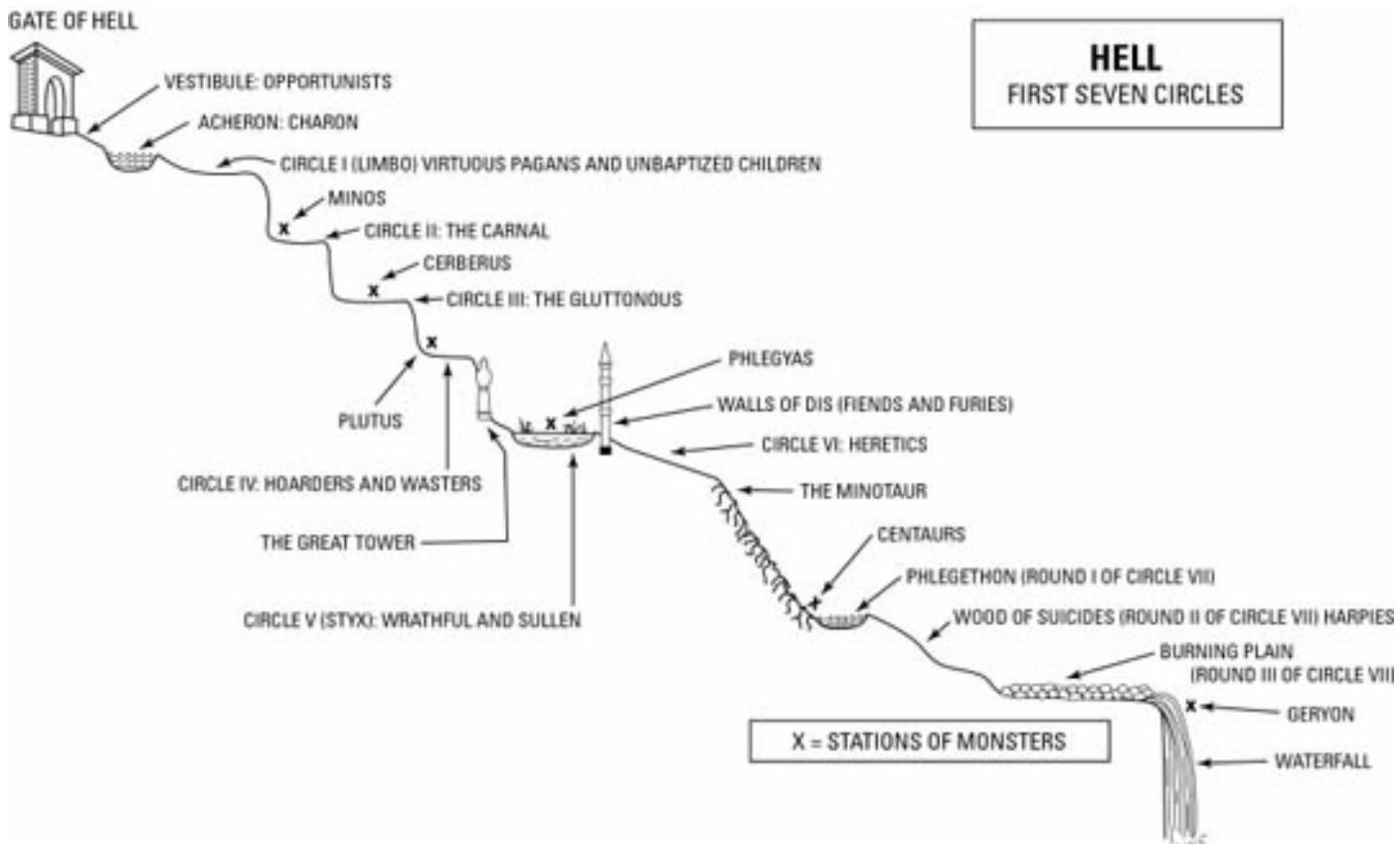


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The Levels of Hell, Detailed

Circle One - Those in limbo (Stung by insects, running after banners)

Circle Two - The lustful (blown forever by stormy winds)

Circle Three - The gluttonous (wallowing in mud, besieged by snow and hail)

Circle Four - The hoarders/avaricious (condemned to useless labor, competition over treasures of their lives)

Circle Five - The wrathful (Constantly fighting one another)

Circle Six - The heretics (Confined in burning tombs)

Circle Seven - The violent

- Ring 1. Murderers, robbers, and plunderers (submerged in boiling blood, attacked by arrows)
- Ring 2. Suicides and those harmful to the world (Encased in trees, attacked by harpies)
- Ring 3. Those harmful against God, nature, and art, as well as usurers (running on burning sand)

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Circle Eight - The Fraudulent

- Bowge (Trench) I. Panderers and Seducers (whipped by devils)
- Bowge II. Flatterers (covered with filth)
- Bowge III. Simoniacs (turned upside down, feet on fire)
- Bowge IV. Sorcerers (Heads twisted, turned backwards)
- Bowge V. Barrators (Covered with boiling pitch)
- Bowge VI. Hypocrites (Clothed in leaden mantles)
- Bowge VII. Thieves (trapped in a snake pit)
- Bowge VIII. Counselors (concealed in flames)
- Bowge IX. Sowers of Discord (wounded, mutilated)
- Bowge X. Falsifiers (abusing one another)

Circle Nine - Traitors

Region i: Traitors to their kindred (held in ice, heads bent forward)

Region ii: Traitors to their country (gripped by ice)

Region iii: Traitors to their guests (held in ice, heads bent backwards)

Region iv: Traitors to their lords (held at the center of the Earth, encased in ice. The worst are held in Lucifer's mouth)

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