

“SPIRITUAL MYSTERY SERIES”
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Seventh Mystery: Of Godliness

1 Tim. 3:16

And without controversy **great** is the **mystery of godliness**: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

And Remember:

1 Cor. 13:2

And though I have *the gift of prophecy* (how important is prophetic accuracy?), and **understand all mysteries**, and **all knowledge**; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and **have not charity** (good works is evidence of godliness), **I am nothing**.

1- Godliness appears in the works of God: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

In creation and providence: Opposite of the Deist beliefs, who agrees w/theist, in God as Creator but denies that God is involved in supernatural works today.

Famous Deists:

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| 1) I. Kant/Leibniz/Spinoza | 2) Aristotle/Plato |
| 3) Einstein/Ethan Allen | 4) Ben Franklin/T. Jefferson/G. Washington (?) |
| 5) A. Lincoln/J. Madison | |

4 Types of Deism:

- 1) The God of no concern.**
God is not concerned with governing this world after he made it.
- 2) The God of no moral concern.**
God is concerned with happenings/event of the world but not mans’ morality.
Man can be moral/immoral, righteous/wicked, right or wrong. God does not care.
- 3) The God of moral concern for this life.**
God does govern this world and expects obedience to the moral law and cares about humans. But, no afterlife.
- 4) The God of moral concern for this life and the next life.**
God does govern this world and expects obedience to the moral law grounded in nature.
He has arranged for life after death. Rewards for the good and punishment for the wicked. NO Christ, justification, etc.

Note: You are witnessing a lively part of Satan’s complex web of lies.

Most heresy runs off of a calculated system.

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Deistical Rationalism has no place in the Lord's church but most of your Baptist friends and family hold a modified form of it. It's called Arminianism with its antecedent being Pelagianism.

2- Godliness appears in the life of man: ...preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world...

Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, **through** sanctification (process) of the Spirit, unto obedience (including godliness) and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: **1 Pt.1:2**

“...unto obedience...” is the implanting of Godly principles in us.

“...Teaching us that, **denying ungodliness** and worldly lusts, **we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world**” Titus 2:11-12

3- Godliness (ευσεβεια) appears in the foundation work of regeneration:

Consider this:

People may be restrained **by the rules of parents** or by the laws the land, **and even by the ministry of a church-** from the grosser sins of life; and **still not be sanctified.**

“**If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; He is proud, knowing nothing.**” 1Tim. 6:3-4

Justifying yourself is common practice.

It is always argued, that if a person is wrong, they say:

Look at all that I have or Look at how the Lord has blessed me (with all that I have).

In reality:

“**Perverse disputings (people justifying them self) of men of corrupt minds (the bigger danger), and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.**” 1Tim. 6:5

Something to learn from Paul about this great mystery is:

“**For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation (way of life) in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward.**”

We are no help to anyone if we are not of the godly sort.