



POTPOURRI FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT

(remembrances of the Holy Spirit)

“Christian Deists” Do Not Belong To Christ!


“Deists” are the devil’s stooges in Christianity

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Dear Friends in Christ Jesus our Lord,

In this Potpourri the Holy Spirit has given us specific questions for you to scrutinize your own spiritual life as to where you place our heavenly Father, our Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit. We're deeply concerned that many Christians have kept the Divine on the fringes of their life, while some have even eliminated Father, Son and Holy Spirit from having any significance in the way they live. Regrettably, this abominable but culturally acceptable worldview has permeated much of Christianity through **Deism** to the extent that all too many churchgoers are actually **“Christian Deists”**.

 **Deism** emphasizes **human reason** as the definitive means to solve political and social problems. Deists believe that God set the world in motion, but He doesn't involve Himself in human affairs on either a personal or national level.

Deists in Christianity attempt to use politics to introduce legislation that forces unbelievers—people who have no relationship with God and therefore are without the Holy Spirit—to live by biblical standards. The Christian Deist reasoning that political discord and social problems can be solved through **legislation** rather than **salvation** has produced divisively hateful antagonism in this nation. Know this! **You can't win for Lord Jesus the people you fight against.** And for the both of us, a soul in heaven is far more important than any political outcomes.

FYI: We've warned for the past 40 years that Deists in Christianity are trying to establish **“Dominion Theology.”** In its simplest form, this teaching represents a belief that Christians should restore God's commands to government in order to establish the Kingdom now before the return of Jesus the King. What a disastrous pursuit by Deists in Christianity! This unbiblical theological travesty bypasses our Father's will, shuns any need for our Lord Jesus and for His atonement, and fails to acknowledge and yield to the Holy Spirit.

Deism is all the more palatable in the US since a number of renowned Founders of this nation such as Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, and Thomas Paine were Deists. (Ethan Allen and James Madison may have been as well.) Even George Washington and John Adams were influenced by varying degrees of Deistic beliefs, as are a multitude of Christians today. And most Christian Deists are ignorant of the influence which Deism has in their lives. So how can you tell if you are free of Deism? Honestly evaluate your life for evidence that the Spirit of Christ indeed dwells in you: are you **experiencing ongoing divine interaction?**

A dismal testimony which reveals Deism in Christianity today.

The blind confidence of many Christians during this past presidential election demonstrated how many believe that any human can use reason to save this sin-dominated nation without **widespread repentance**. In essence, a vast number of Deists within Christianity proclaim to our heavenly Father, **“It's up to us and our reasoning powers to bring order out of chaos. You just stay out of the way!”** But heed this: As long as you seek to be in charge of your own life and lean on your own reasoning to make decisions and solve your problems without any regard for the rule of our Lord Jesus or Father's will or the guidance of the Holy Spirit, then **Deism owns you!**

The pervasive influence of Hellenism and Humanism in Bible instruction today supports Deism by allowing you to place your life preferences at the center of your priorities and decisions. That's what Eve did when the devil told her that when she ate the fruit, she'd be like God (Genesis 3:1-5). Deism is similarly **outcome-based**. People yield to temptation which appeals to their rebellious heart, refusing to be ruled by our Lord Jesus and instead trusting their own reasoning. It is demonic Deism's infusion into Christianity that eradicates these biblical essentials:

- ❖ the trust which our heavenly Father deserves as we fulfill His will to His glory,
- ❖ living ruled by the Lord Jesus we love and serve,
- ❖ dependent on the Holy Spirit's guidance and empowerment.

In Scripture these are mandated characteristics of being *genuinely* born again. But Deists within Christianity fail to appreciate how insulting their reliance on reasoning is to our Father. They are relegating Him to be inconsequential in their lives. The majority of Christians we've met focus on their religious practices, church services, and adhering to their denomination's belief systems as their "spiritual expression". But the preeminence of our Father and Lord Jesus in their lives is nowhere to be found. We want to help you look at yourself closely according to the Word of God. Please ask the Holy Spirit to expose any traces of Deism that may exist in you.

“Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not yourselves perceive that Jesus Christ is in you?— unless indeed you are [spiritual] counterfeits” (2Corinthians 13:5).

- Do you begin your life each day with regard for the preeminence of our Father's will and the rule of our Lord Jesus in all that you purpose to do and with each person you encounter?
- Would your own spiritual journey be described as ***divine interaction that you experience?*** Some indicators that you're experiencing our Lord in and through and around you are these:
 - a repentant and cleansed heart out of which your prayers result in Father answering according to His will, and testimonies which glorify Him; and/or
 - you're regularly receiving guidance and empowerment by the Holy Spirit; and/or
 - you're experiencing divinely orchestrated encounters and interventions in which you recognize that the Spirit has brought this about.

This God-involved life experience is the way our spiritual predecessors in the Newer Testament lived. When you read about these followers of Jesus for your own encouragement and role model, you'll discover that in belonging to our Lord Jesus you are offered an interactive and spiritually intimate experience. This is true **if** you really want it and don't remain deceived by Deism.

❖ With the Holy Spirit abiding within the *genuinely* born again, the Divine can't be quelled! The Spirit reveals Himself through your love-grounded obedient trust. Your life is being transformed by Him into the character qualities of our Lord Jesus, essential qualities such as love, forgiveness, compassion. As you read this passage, consider what you need to discern about yourself:

“Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. But we all, with faces having been unveiled, beholding as in a mirror the Lord's glory, are being transformed into His very image, from glory to glory, even as from the Lord, the Spirit” (2Corinthians 3:17,18).

- Have the courage to ask others who've known you well for feedback. Can they attest to various Christ-like character qualities that they've seen developing in you? Ask them to give you specific examples.

❖ If you're *genuinely* born again, when people ask you why you live where you do, or work where you do, or fellowship where you do, you should be able to tell them how the Holy Spirit guided you through any of the various means He uses to guide and confirm decisions according to Father's purposes. But if you can't tell them how He directed your path, then some aspect of Deist reasoning is influencing your spiritual life. Ask Him to show you whatever Deist influence is lurking in you, and then turn from it and fully follow how the Spirit would have you live in obedient trust! Consider how our Lord Jesus describes the Spirit living in His own followers: *"Whoever puts his trust in Me, as the Scripture says, rivers of living water will flow from his inmost being! By this He meant the Spirit, whom those who trusted in Him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified"* (John 7:38,39).

➤ Would those who know you well attest that they see the Holy Spirit guiding and working through you?

❖ *"But I tell you, everyone who publicly acknowledges Me before men, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God, and the one who denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God"* (Luke 12:8,9).

"No one having lit a lamp places it in a hidden spot or under a basket, but on a lampstand, so that the people entering may see the light" (Luke 11:33).

➤ Would our Lord Jesus commend you for living as His loving **redemptive ambassador** to the unbelievers you encounter? Are you a light in this dark world, or do you deny our Lord Jesus by hiding your faith or not speaking His name? Ask those who know you well what they've observed in you.

❖ The vast majority of Christians fail to publicly identify with our Lord Jesus by name out of fear that someone would ask them a question about their faith. Most don't even talk about Christ with other Christians. They may talk about the Bible or of things going on in their lives, but not about Jesus Christ Himself. Consider this command: *"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect"* (1Peter 3:15).

- Would you know how to express the core of the Gospel to an unbeliever who is seeking the Truth?
- Do you have sufficient love for our Lord Jesus and for a seeker to personally disciple him or her?
- Would you invite that person to come to your home (or somewhere you can get together) to share more about our Lord Jesus and what God's Word has to say about Him?
- Or would you just invite them to attend your church or meet your pastor?

❖ *"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven but only the one who does the will of My Father Who is in heaven"* (Matthew 7:21).

"For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother" (Matthew 12:50).

➤ Would those who know you well attest that they see you resolutely living to fulfill Father's purposes through you? If not, how would they describe what you do and why you do it?

***"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.
The old has passed away; behold, the new has come"*** (2Corinthians 5:17).

When you are free of all vestiges of Deism and allow the Holy Spirit to guide you into God's Word, you find a life that's filled with you wanting to fulfill the purposes of our gracious Father

and abide in the rule of our Lord Jesus. Your spiritual life isn't based upon religious observances. Instead, you live as Abraham did in **trusting obedience** — with you living as a redemptive ambassador of our Lord Jesus. This way of life is very personal, both in relationship with our heavenly Father and Lord Jesus and the indwelling Holy Spirit, and with other followers of Jesus who also seek to live in loving and obedient trust by His grace. Nothing on earth can match the delight of being used by our heavenly Father for His purposes!

We are commanded to *“pray continually”* (1Thessalonians 5:17). Most Christians who are reading this Potpourri have been taught that the primary reason for prayer is to bring their own needs or those of other people before God. Or you may have learned rote prayers you feel comfortable reciting. But if you are *genuinely* born again and are fulfilling the purposes of our heavenly Father and bringing Him glory, then prayer is a wonderful privilege of spiritual intimacy for you. And you're well aware that when Father answers a petition or need according to His will, you are glorifying Him as you tell others about how He responded! You are demonstrating your trust in Father by asking Him to creatively respond in the way which will bring Him glory *and* meet the need you've brought before Him. In other words, when you pray a specific need, you're looking for His answer by which you can glorify Him through testimony. When your prayers and your life's purpose are set on glorifying your Father, then you're a grateful and loving child who lives to please Him. Don't let your prayers be focused on what you want, but rather as a means to glorify your Father.

The life of the genuinely born again which the Scriptures recount and assure us that we can live is rich in relationship and responsibility. This is because of **Who** we have a relationship with. By His grace we're able by love-based obedient trust to live out all the Scripture that applies to embracing the New Covenant as Christ's own. As you can see in the two contrasting illustrations, the life of the *genuinely* born again is filled with ever-increasing Christlike attributes as you internalize His love for you and respond by putting that love into action!

Make sure that nothing of Deism is hindering or deceiving you into a short-sighted, self-willed life which puts you at the center of your ambitions and keeps God confined to a convenient box of religious beliefs.

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How Many Attributes Are There In Your Christian Life?

The Genuinely Born Again Christian Life Attributes

1. Being *Genuinely* Born Again According To Scripture
2. Cherishing Covenant Union With Father Through Jesus
3. Living Repentantly With Abraham's Obedient Trust
4. By Grace Pleasing Father By Fulfilling His Purposes
5. Forgiving All Others As I Cherish Christ's Sacrifice For Me
6. Praying With Intent To Glorify Father For His Answers
7. Ruled By Lord Jesus Whom I Wholly Love
8. Guided By The Holy Spirit In Fulfilling Father's Purposes
9. Empowered By The Holy Spirit And Taking No Credit
10. Applying Our Lord's Righteous Commands To My Life
11. Being Transformed By The Spirit Into Christ's Character
12. Living As A Grateful Redemptive Ambassador of Christ
13. Resolutely Alert To Divine Encounters/Interventions
14. In The Name of Jesus Evicting Demons Which Oppose Me
15. Unwavering Advocate For Righteous Living In Christ
16. Upholding The Dignity Of Others As Christ Would
17. Opposing Injustice Toward Anyone Christ Died For

The Myopic Deist "Christian" Life Attributes

1. Getting "Saved"
2. Religious Reasoning
3. Going To 'Church'
4. Praying Answer I Want