

God's Will & Decision Making

Part 1: A Biblical Evaluation of Mysticism

The Importance of Knowing God's Will (Eph 5:15-17 NIV)

Decision Making and the Will of God by Gary Friesen.

The Myth of Mega Mysticism: Does God Speak to Us Apart from Scripture? by Pastor Kurt and available at: www.trainingtimothys.com.

Understanding mysticism

Mysticism is the belief that God has an extra-biblical amoral will for your life, that requires Him to give you extra-biblical revelation, through mental telepathy or confirming signs that you need to correctly recognize and interpret.

Scriptures wrongly used to support mysticism

James 1:5-8; John 14:26; 16:13; Gal 5:16-17, 22-23; Gideon's fleece; Deut 18:10-12

There is not a single command, promise, example, or any instruction in Scripture to support mysticism.

Biblically evaluating mysticism's claim of an extra-biblical will of God

Discussion questions:

- 1) What has been your experience with mysticism?
- 2) Why is mysticism attractive?
- 3) How does mysticism interpret James 1:5-8? What is "scary" about that interpretation. What interpretation did Pastor Kurt claim and why?
- 4) What are some of the problems with believing God has an extra-biblical will for your life that you are supposed to recognize and follow?
- 5) What was most meaningful or helpful to you about this message?