

Don't Be Selfish Towards God

If you love someone because they can give you money and health, is that really love? If you answered “no”, do you believe that same standard should apply to how we feel towards God?

Key motivating factors in Christianity and the Bible are greed and selfishness. The Bible is loaded with admonitions to do something good, not because it's the right thing to do, but because you will get a reward out of it. A good example is Matthew 6:1-4 which encourages people to do good deeds in secret “**otherwise ye have no reward** in heaven of your Father which is in heaven.” It goes on to say that Jesus said, “. . . thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father **shall reward thee openly.**”

Can't people do what's right for the simple reason it's the right thing to do? Do we always have to have a “what's in it for me” attitude??? Can we love God even if there is no future reward in it for us?

Deism is belief in God based on applying our God-given reason to the designs in Nature. To a Deist, the designs prove a Designer. We love God out of sheer appreciation for giving us the two most important gifts – life and reason and the ability to know God through the use of both of these invaluable gifts!

Deism doesn't offer a belief in eternal life if you become a Deist. We don't pretend that you will get super powers of healing if you become a Deist. All we can promise you is that you will be moving yourself closer to a much better understanding of God than if you chase after the various man-made “revealed” religions. And the practice of using your gift of reason in religion will spill over to all aspects of your life. Your mind will become free of the fears and superstitious myths of hell and damnation that plague the “revealed” religions and those people under their power. Deism is a beautiful way to free yourself from fear and to develop a meaningful progressive life!

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