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EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
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Mystery Doctrine
Ephesians 1:8–10

Eph. 1:7, “In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness [*aphesis*] of sins, according to the riches of His grace

Eph. 1:8, “which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence,”

Eph. 1:9, “having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself,”

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**mystery cloak and dagger, closed book,
conundrum, enigma, problem, puzzle,
question, riddle, secrecy, secret, teaser
admitted**

mystery (OED) ■ noun (plural mysteries)

1 something that is difficult or impossible to understand or explain.

▶ **secrecy or obscurity.**

▶ **a person or thing whose identity or nature is puzzling or unknown.**

2 a novel, play, or film dealing with a puzzling crime.

3 (mysteries) the secret rites of an ancient or tribal religion, to which only initiates are admitted.

▶ **archaic: the Christian Eucharist**

mysticism ('mɪstɪ ,sɪzəm) n

1 belief in or experience of a reality surpassing normal human understanding or experience, especially a reality perceived as essential to the nature of life.

2 a system of contemplative prayer and spirituality aimed at achieving direct intuitive experience of the divine.

3 obscure or confused belief or thought.

The Basis of Knowledge

	SYSTEM	STARTING POINT	METHOD
Autonomous Systems of Perception	RATIONALISM	Innate ideas; Faith in human ability	Independent use of logic & reason
	EMPIRICISM	Sense perceptions; External experience; Scientific method; Faith in human ability	Independent use of logic & reason
	MYSTICISM	Inner, private experience; Intuition; Faith in human ability	Independent, Nonlogical, Nonrational, Nonverifiable
Divine Viewpoint	REVELATION	Objective revelation of God	Dependent use of logic and reason

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Eph. 3:3, “how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already,”

Eph. 3:5, “which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets:”

Dan. 2:18, “that they might seek mercies from the God of heaven concerning this secret, so that Daniel and his companions might not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.

Dan. 2:19, “Then the secret was revealed to Daniel in a night vision. So Daniel blessed the God of heaven.”

Dan. 4:9, “ ‘Belteshazzar [Daniel], chief of the magicians, because I know that the Spirit of the Holy God is in you, and no secret troubles you, explain to me the visions of my dream that I have seen, and its interpretation.’ ”

Col. 1:26, “the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints.

Col. 1:27, “To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.”

Eph. 3:1, “For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles—

Eph. 3:2, “if indeed you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which was given to me for you,

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Eph. 3:5, “which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets:

Eph. 3:6, “that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel,”

Eph. 3:5, “which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets:”

Col. 1:26, “the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints.”

Eph. 1:10, “that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him.”