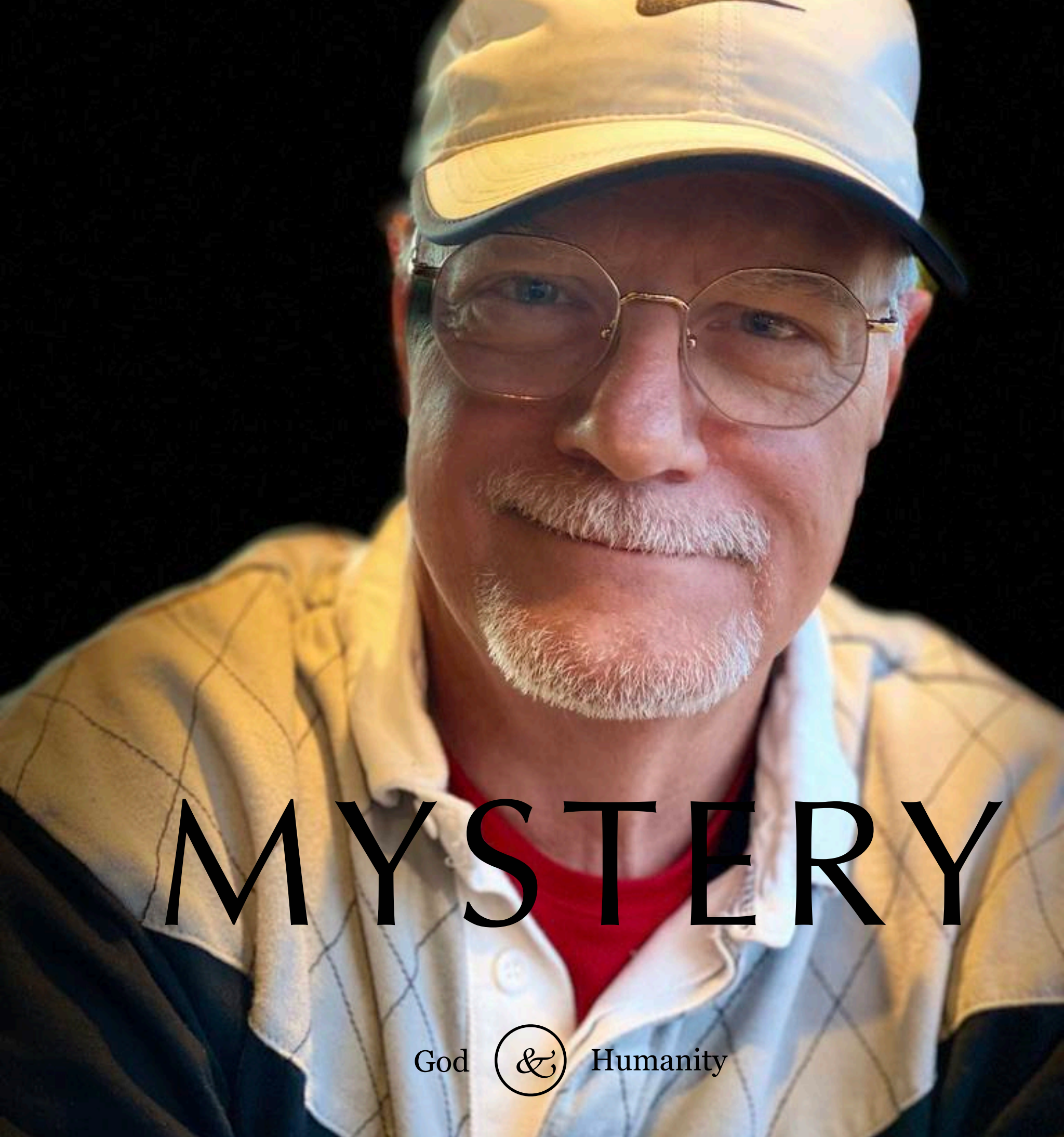


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Once a secret - now made known to all.

Celebrate God because He celebrates you.

“...that is, the MYSTERY which has been hidden from the past ages and generations; but has now been manifested to His saints, to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this MYSTERY among the Gentiles, which is ***Christ in you***, the hope of glory.”

(Colossians 1:26-27 NAS77 emphasis mine)



IT IS WHAT IS ON THE INSIDE THAT COUNTS.

and it is no longer a MYSTERY.

We all know what's in the bottle, a genie who can grant wishes to the owner of the bottle. Most often, as the story goes, what the person desires, once received, causes them more pain, regret, discomfort, or shame than had they just kept the genie inside.

In much of Christendom, it is the same. We are convinced we are lacking, this bottle with a message inside shows up with a promise. We, with some trepidation, open it and read, The MYSTERY is that the very glory of God resides in you in the Person of Jesus Christ.

Of course, anyone with half a challenged cranium knows this Jesus character is bad news and demands more of you than your strictest guardian or instructor. Then, to make things worse, He damns you to hellfire because you

read the message and then didn't do all it required. This sucks!

Well, that whole scenario is fiction, and much worse, it is...

the LIE!

The message is not a call for us to try to become like Christ, but to let Christ become our very essence, which defines us as evidenced by what we do. Do what? Love. Who?

Get serious!

If the one who made the bottle, put the message in the bottle, sent the bottle to you, will not fulfill all that is promised in the bottle, then that one must be a



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trickster, a charlatan, a deceiver, well the LIAR.

“...that their hearts may be encouraged, having been knit together in love, and attaining to all the wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding, resulting in a true knowledge of God's MYSTERY, that is, Christ Himself,” (Colossians 2:2 NAS77 emphasis mine)

Like the wine glasses above, simply open up and receive this MYSTERY which is Christ living IN you.

How do we live this MYSTERY? We don't. The mystery is like that genie's wish. It is so big and strong it takes hold of you, rocks you, shakes you, sees life through your eyes, and lives you. He in you desires to love (not sex) everyone else as if the person in them was the very same Person in you. The MYSTERY is that God has come to earth to walk in your shoes and with one propose. Love.

Okay, why is it people throughout he centuries who say they have opened the bottle and read the message turn around and kill others? Because they want to live their lives their way, on their terms, and for their desired end. They hate the message and want God to be their slave.