

AMERICAN HUMANISMAMERICAN DEISMCHRISTIANITY

Faith in Mankind

Faith in Man's Reason

Faith in God

No need for a belief in God, in order to explain life

There is <sup>A</sup>a God who has no involvement with creation.

"I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth..."

or

There is <sup>B</sup>a God to whom I can pray as I wish on my own.

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited....."  
"Do this in remembrance"  
"where two or three...."

Individualistic

Corporate; church

No Scripture

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Bible as a partial record (in myth, legend, and event) of the God Who Acts

Jesus as a teacher

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Jesus the Christ (Messiah) as God's Word Among Us

Man is the measure of all things.

Not a major part of lives of deists

The Covenant as central to life

Human-centered

God's Will of Love is the measure of all.

Values: humaneness, "Golden Rule," love, brotherhood and justice

essentially the same as for humanism

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. ... Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

atheism: faith that there is no God or gods

agnosticism: faith in suspending judgment whether there is or there is not a God

pragmatism: faith that whatever works is all right