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DEISM: Part 1
The Eight
Questions

The Clockwork Universe
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Introduction

- Historical Perspective
- Historical believers in Deism



Worldview Question 1

- Q: What is prime reality-the really real
- A: *A transcendent God, as a First Cause, created the universe but then left it to run on its own. God is thus not immanent, not triune, not fully personal, not sovereign over human affairs, not providential. Pg. 51*



Terms

- NOT!
 - Immanent
 - Triune
 - Fully Personal
 - Sovereign
 - Providential



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Worldview Question 2

- Q: What is the nature of external reality, that is, the world around us?
- A: *The cosmos God created is determined, because it is created as a uniformity of cause and effect in a closed system; no miracle is possible. Pg. 52*



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Terms

- Determined



Worldview Question 3

- Q: What is a human being?
- A: *Human beings, though personal, are a part of the clockwork of the universe. Pg. 52*



Terms

- Self-consciousness
- Self-determination
- Human intelligence
- Morality



Worldview Question 4

- Q: What happens to a person at death?
- A: *Human beings may or may not have a life beyond their physical existence. Pg. 53*



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Worldview Question 5

- Q: Why is it possible to know anything at all?
- A: *Through our innate and autonomous human reason and the methods of science, we can not only know the universe but we can infer at least something of what God is like. The cosmos, this world, is understood to be in its normal state; it is not fallen or abnormal. Pg. 54*



Terms

- Autonomous
- God as Architect



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Worldview Question 6

- Q: How do we know what is right and wrong?
- A: *Ethics is intuitive or limited to general revelation; because the universe is normal, it reveals what is right. Pg. 56*



Terms

- Human intuition
- General revelation



Worldview Question 7

- Q: What is the meaning of human history?
- A: *History is linear, for the course of the cosmos was determined at creation. Still the meaning of the events of history remains to be understood by the application of human reason to the data unearthed and made available to historians. Pg. 58*

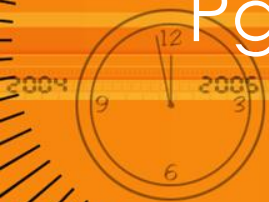


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Worldview Question 8

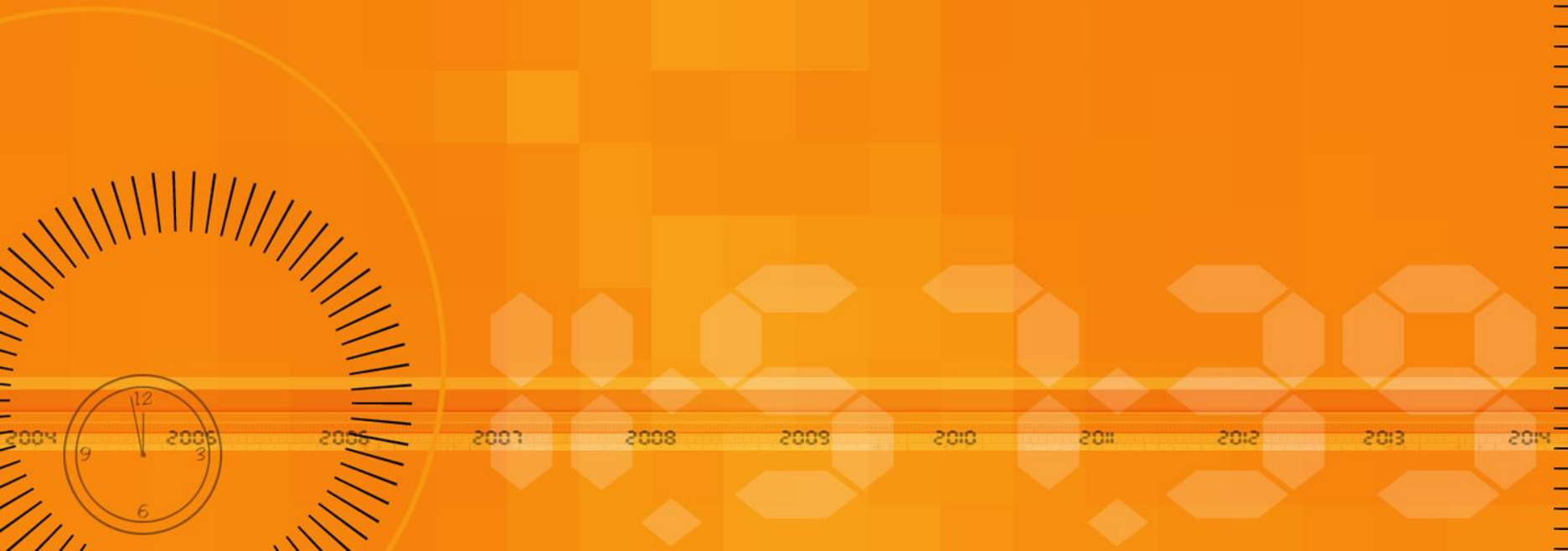
- Q: What personal, life-orienting core commitments are with this worldview?
- A: *Cold deists use their own autonomous reason to determine their goal in life; warm deists may reflect on their commitment to a somewhat personal God and determine their goal in accordance with what they believe their God would be pleased with.*

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Terms

- No Orthodox Deism
- Pluralistic



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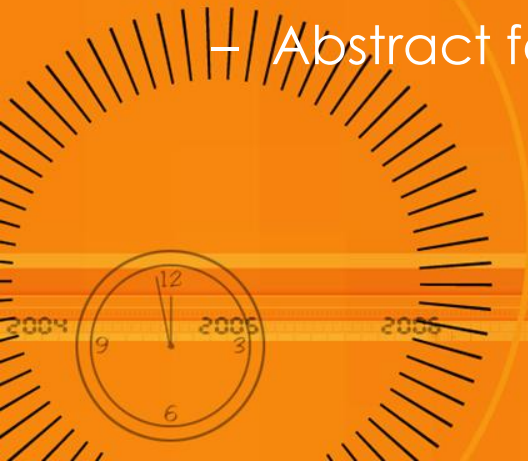
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DEISM: Part 2
Modern Deism

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Modern Deism

- Sophisticated Scientific Deism
 - Higher Power at Work (Example: Flagellum)
 - *Total Truth: Liberating Christianity from its Cultural Captivity*”
- Sophisticated Philosophic Deism
 - Mystery of Being; Order of Existence; Hidden Sphere; Absolute horizon or Final Horizon
- Popular Deism
 - A vague belief of Americans in a God
 - Abstract force in the World



Young Spiritual Americans

- Moralistic Therapeutic Deism

- “A God exists who created and orders the world and watches over human life on earth.” (Page 162).
- “God wants people to be good, nice, and fair to each other, as taught in the Bible and by most world religions.” (Page 162).
- “The central goal of life is to be happy and to feel good about oneself.” (Page 163).
- God does not need to be particularly involved in one’s life except when God is needed to resolve a problem.” (Page 163).
- “Good people go to heaven when they die.” (Page 163).



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