

Becoming Human Again: a Theology of Sanctification
Lesson 10: On Discerning the Will of God, & the Leading of the Spirit
[Part 2]: Critique of the Mystical Method

Review

Problems common to the mystical methods of discerning God's third will

- I. Supposing (for the sake of argument) that we are to find God's decretive plan for us by means of extra-biblical "directives," what happens when we *decide not to act* on them?
- II. Again, supposing (for the sake of argument) that we are to find God's decretive plan for us by mystical means, what happens when we *miss* it and make a "wrong turn"?
- III. None of them provide a basis for confidence, since none of them carry clear and reliable marks of being from God
- IV. All of them can lead to false guilt and anxiety, as well as unwarranted disappointment and anger toward God
- V. All of them tend toward self-deception and the justification of selfish, foolish, self-destructive decisions
- VI. They all tend toward individualistic piety and lack of accountability, since there is no corporate and public method for verifying (or falsifying) them

