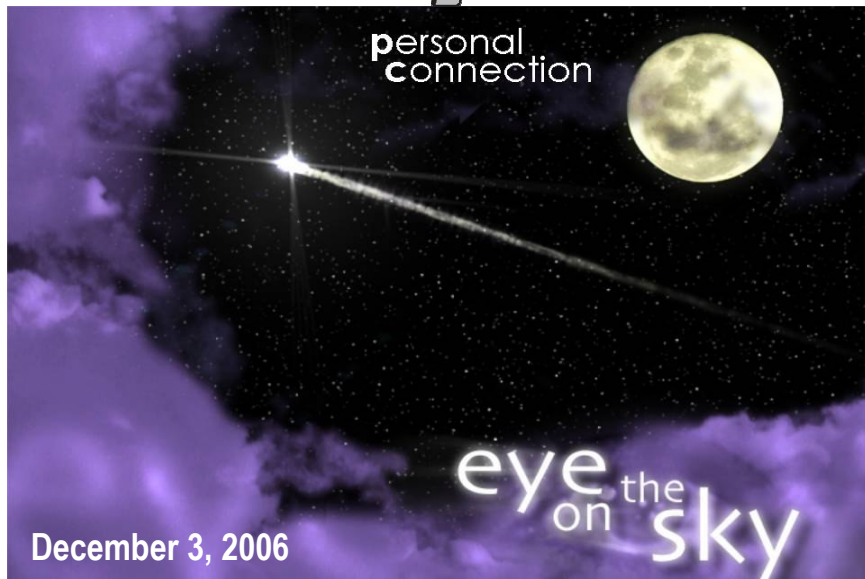


SEACOAST CHURCH



●Have you ever gone out on a clear, crisp evening and looked at the night sky? [Psalm 19:1](#)

●Some look to the stars and wonder if there is [anybody](#) out there. Most people see the universe and know in their souls that there must be a [Creator](#) behind it all. But many people have also come to the conclusion that this Creator is [far off](#) and [distant](#).

The Deal on Deism.

■You might be deist if...

"Deism is a belief in a god of [nature](#) -- a [noninterventionist](#) creator--who permits the universe to run itself according to [natural](#) laws."

■Deism or no deism?

Christmas Proves That God Is A Very [Personal](#) God.

■Ancient eyes on the sky.

- ◆ The Magi were aware of an ancient [prophecy](#) of the Hebrews. It spoke of a [Savior](#), a [Messiah](#). [Numbers 24:17](#); [Matthew 2:1-12](#)



- ◆ Those who [pay attention](#) and follow [God's stars](#) can make the personal connection with Him we all long for.

■Why would He go to the trouble?

[Psalm 8:3-4](#); [Job 7:17](#); [Psalm 40:17](#); [103:14](#); [144:3](#)

- ◆ The Bible tells us that the Creator [cares](#) and that He has [re-vealed](#) Himself to us in several ways.
 - He does so through [creation](#). [Romans 1:20](#)
 - He does so through [conscience](#).
 - He revealed Himself in ancient times via [dreams](#) & [visions](#).
 - He reveals Himself through [providence](#) as shown in [history](#).
 - He reveals Himself in [Scripture](#).
 - Ultimately, His revelation is seen in [Jesus Christ](#).

■"Contact!"

- ◆ He made the most personal connection possible. He came [as one of us](#). [John 1:14](#)

■Personal connection. [Hebrews 10:5-7](#)

- ◆ The simple message of Christmas. Jesus says, "[I have come](#)."

■Why did He make contact?

- ◆ He came because of [sin](#). In the midst of all that is glorious and beautiful about Christmas, we must remember that [sin](#) is the reason for Christmas. [Luke 5:32](#); [19:10](#)
- ◆ He came to bring [truth](#). [John 18:37](#)
- ◆ He came to bring [life](#) in all its [fullness](#). [John 10:10](#)
- ◆ He came because of [love](#). [1 John 4:9](#)
- ◆ He came so that we could [come](#) to Him. [John 6:37](#)

So What?

●He came to us...now we need to [come](#) to Him...[adore](#) Him[accept](#) Him...set Him at the [center](#) of our lives!

Next Week: "Connecting Others"