D. Our Mystery Stewardship.

**Question:** Who controls the dissemination and understanding of mysteries and what passage would you choose to illustrate this?

**Question:** What happens when we refuse to obey the light God has given us?

**Question for discussion:**

On a scale of 1 to 10 how well does the average believer understand the aforementioned mysteries?

Now?  Ten Years Ago?  Fifty Years Ago?

How many of these mysteries do you and I understand enough to teach to others?

1 Corinthians 4:1-2

*Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.*

2 Corinthians 4:1-6

*Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*
C. The True Mysteries of Christ.

Psst! These Are Secrets You Can Share :)

The Old Testament

If we were to single out one Old Testament book which speaks most to the subject of mysteries, this Bible teacher believes it would be the book of Daniel. We see the symmetry in this when we realize that the book is written in the context of Babylon, the mother of all counterfeit mysteries! However...

The New Testament

...the fact is, the word mystery is proprietary to the New Testament with some 27 occurrences. Most of these references point to the plan and program of God as unveiled in the Person and work of Messiah. These secrets were kept from both men and angels. (1 Peter 1:10).

Mystery: A Good Biblical Definition:

Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith: (Romans 16:25,26)

A typical list from a C. I. Scofield Note Set. You may also wish to see an old time Baptist listing at EarnestlyContending.org

A “mystery” in Scripture is a previously hidden truth, now divinely revealed; but in which a supernatural element still remains despite the revelation. The greater mysteries are:

(1) The mysteries of the kingdom of heaven Matthew 13:3-50.

(2) the mystery of Israel’s blindness during this age Romans 11:25 (with context);

(3) the mystery of the translation of living saints at the end of this age 1 Corinthians 15:51 1 Corinthians 15:52 ; 1 Thessalonians 4:14-17.

(4) the mystery of N.T. church as one body composed of Jew and Gentile Ephesians 3:1-11 ; Romans 16:25 ; Ephesians 6:19 ; Colossians 4:3.

(5) the mystery of the church as the bride of Christ Ephesians 5:28-32.

(6) the mystery of the in-living Christ Galatians 2:20 ; Colossians 1:26 Colossians 1:27.

(7) the “mystery of God even Christ,” i.e. Christ as the incarnate fullness of the Godhead embodied, in whom all the divine wisdom for man subsists Colossians 2:2 Colossians 2:9 ; 1 Corinthians 2:7.

(8) the mystery of the processes by which godlikeness is restored to man 1 Timothy 3:16.

(9) the mystery of iniquity 2 Thessalonians 2:7 ; Matthew 13:33.

(10) the mystery of the seven stars Revelation 1:20.

(11) the mystery of Babylon Revelation 17:5 Revelation 17:7.