



# Virtual Deity

(man) as god vs. Men of God)

*Daniel 3:1-30*

*Human efforts to get to “godlike” status are foolish & futile especially when we realize how God has gotten & does get to us!*

## ***The Measure of man as god... Nebuchadnezzar***

### **A. Man getting to “god” (God as Impossible Status)**

1. Misdirection (bringing God down to size)
  - a. Managing the “Faux-cus”
  - b. Projecting your “virtual truth”
2. Manipulation (training people to worship you)
  - a. Image-ineering
  - b. Mesmerizing with Magnificent Music
3. Motivation (making personal objectives public opinion)
  - a. Exploiting shared weakness
  - b. Making an offer they can't refuse
4. Mimicry (believing your own fabrications)
  - V.15 – *Who is the god who will deliver you out of my hand?*

## ***The Measure of Men of God... Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego***

### **B. God getting to Man (God as Real Person)**

1. Divine Present of Prudence: I/We cannot, will not, ever get to “god”
  - v.16 ...*We have no need to answer you in this matter.*
2. Divine Preeminence: God's will, not mine/ours, is what must be and will be done...
  - v.17 ...*He will deliver... if not... we will not serve your gods...*
3. Divine Presence: God is already here with us... v.25 *I see four men...*
4. Divine Power: God's work is proceeding... v. 25 *the fourth is like a son of the gods...* [Jesus: God getting to “man”!!!]