

THE THEOLOGY OF INTENTIONAL LIVING

DISCOVERING OUR PURPOSE
AND IDENTITY INSTEAD OF
CREATING IT



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of life needs to be
founded on sound
Theology

What we consider to be
true

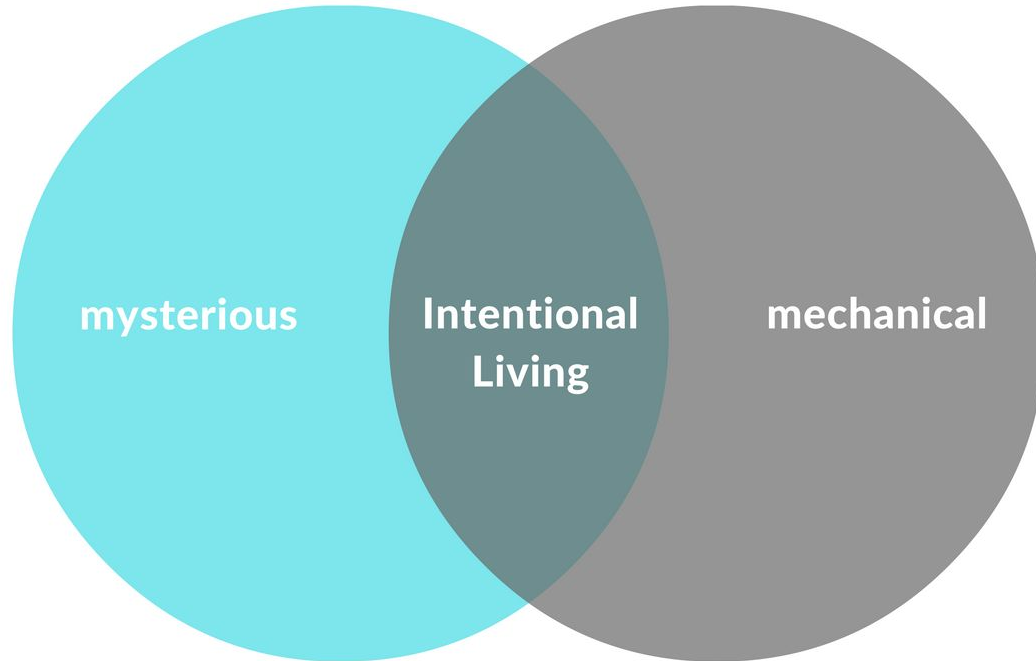
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1.

God Created the
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God has designed the
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How Christianity Works



A seed and a shell

We must take both as
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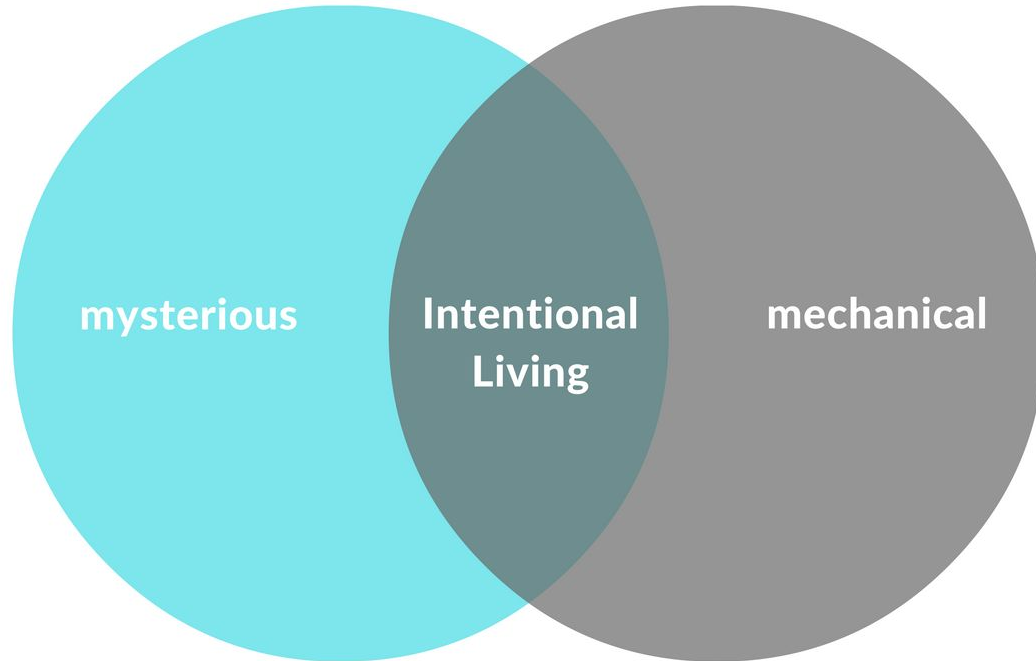
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