

Two Proofs!-gm

There are Two Proofs of God's Inspiration and Direction which validate His Word (The Bible) and His Prophets.

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These two proofs are evidences that anyone who claims to speak for, or by God's will as a Prophet, is from God. These two proofs, if neither is present, means that anyone claiming to be a Prophet of God, a founder of a new religion or sect, a person to be followed, is a false leader! Any book so called "holy," that is absent of prophecy being fulfilled, and signs and wonders being manifested, is also false.

God gave us these two proofs: **PROPHECY & MIRACLES** in order to make a difference between that which is truly God inspired, and that which is not.

Prophecy

The first proof is prophecy. Prophecy means publicly expounding, declaring, speaking the Word of God to teach, exhort, rebuke, warn, or predict the future, under God's inspiration. God's word is eternal explaining the past, dealing with the present, and predicting the future. It is the predicting of the future aspect that is so important.

"I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, my counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure." (Isaiah 46:9-10, emphasis added)

Only God knows the past, present and *future*. Only God can speak and reveal what is going to happen days, months, years, decades, and centuries before it happens. No other being exists with this capability. God did not grant any other being the ability to see the future. Only those who have heard from God can know, or see anything, about the *true* future. Only those who have truly heard from God, what they say will come to pass.

“Hear now My words: If there is a prophet among you, I, the Lord make Myself known to him in a vision; I speak to him in a dream.” (Numbers 12:6)

In another place,

“I will raise up for them a Prophet like you (Moses) from among their brethren (Jews), and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him (Jesus).” (Deuteronomy 18:18)

Yet there is this **WARNING**:

“But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, *that prophet shall die*. And if you say in your heart, ‘**How shall we know the word which the Lord has not spoken?**’ (Deut. 18:20) When a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, *if the thing does not happen or come to pass*, that is the thing which the Lord has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously: you shall not be afraid of him.”

Very simply then, when someone speaks/prophesizes in the name of the Lord, if what he/she says comes to past, it is the Lord; if not, then they are to be put to death.

This is a very high standard! Furthermore, they were to be afraid, and respect, the position of a true prophet of God (under the Old Testament Standard). We are not to fear false prophets.

The Examination goes like this:

Does a religion, a book of so-called holy writings, contain prophecy? Does a man or women who claim to speak for God, prophesy?

The proof of God is prophecy that comes to pass. This is the proof that God has given us to know whether or not a man, or woman, a holy writing or book, is of God. Not only prophecy that comes to pass, but that **ALL** the prophecies are accurate and come to pass. In other words, it is one hundred percent accuracy not some lucky guess.

There are many claiming *psychic* powers to know the future.

David Hocking, of Biola Bible Class radio broadcast reported on a fascinating article entitled "*The Shattered Crystal Ball.*" This study analyzed the accuracy of the ten top psychics whose prophecies were published over a three-year period, 1976-1979. The study compared all of the published predictions with their subsequent success or failure rate. The results are certainly intriguing: 98% percent of all their predictions were totally incorrect. Only 2 percent of their predictions were fulfilled. However, some predictors were much less accurate than their colleagues: Six out of the ten psychics were wrong 100 percent of the time as recoded in the study. The other four accurate

psychics made only one correct prediction each during the three-year study. (Information gleaned from the Book Armageddon, Appointment with Destiny, by Grant R. Jeffrey, page 15)

This of course, is only one study, but others have been done with very similar results.

The standard for God's Prophets is not getting something right but getting them **ALL** right. When a prophet is wrong, when what they claim would come to past, didn't come to pass, but something else did, they were to be put to death.

This high standard means that God doesn't take it lightly that someone would try to fool, mislead, misinform, or counterfeit His proof of inspiration. No one was to be tolerated or allowed to live. Why? It is because the eternal destination of everyone depends on getting it right. It depends on hearing God's Word, believing, and responding to Him in repentance, and accepting His plan of salvation—not some other. That plan of salvation centers around one figure, Jesus Christ.

How do we know this? Jesus Christ fulfilled over 300 prophecies in His coming, birth, ministry, teaching, suffering, crucifixion, death, and resurrection. Furthermore, Jesus' prophecies in His prediction of His death, where and how, His resurrection, the destruction of the Temple and Jerusalem, all came true, just to name a few. *Jesus fulfills the first Proof of God's inspiration like no other.*

It is a very dangerous thing then, in God's eyes, to speak presumptuously about prophetic future telling either as His spokesman, or for some other god.

“There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, or one who practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets

omens, or a sorcerer, or one who conjures spells or a medium or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. For all who do these things are an abomination to the Lord, and because of these abominations the Lord your god drives them out from before you.” (Deut. 18:10-12)

[**Witchcraft** involves using spirits or spells to influence or overcome the will of others. **Soothsaying** involves demonic connections, mimicking of the dead, bringing false comfort to others (Jonathan Edwards of TV Fame). **Interpreting omens** is predicting future events, curses, blessings, based on worldly foundations or truth. **Sorcery** is deception, half-truths, manipulations from the world of the demonic, trickery, illusion to gain power over others. **One who conjures up**: makes up spells in acting like a **medium** between our world and the demonic world, a **spiritist**, who calls up the dead. **Diviners** are those who are trying to act like they have divine powers such as psychics, palm readers, tarot card readers, crystal ball readers, all of which predict the future. These diviners are connected to evil spirits which attach themselves to those who come to them and become under their power and influence. All of these practices are an effort to confuse, diffuse, distract, counterfeit, and mislead from the One true God.]

The true prophet of God would be taking his own life in his hands by fulfilling the position of a Prophet. In other words, it isn't something you try out for, or that practice makes perfect, or give it a try and see how it turns out.

How do we apply this proof?

First, we take a person who claims to be a Prophet and examine whether or not he/she has made prophetic statements--Statements that include future events coming to pass.

This is important because God established this as a proof that He was speaking through a person or not—by predicting the future. Only God can do this, so as a sign that God is indeed speaking to this person, future predictions (prophesy) were always included to validate God's true Prophets. These future predictions were **short term, medium and long term** predictions. This countered the idea of someone only predicting events far off into

the future alone. Predicting only events to take place long into the future would make it impossible to examine or verify. God set up this proof in order to validate it; therefore, God always, with His true Prophets, gave them short term prophecies that could be examined.

Second, we examine these prophecies in light of history to see if they came to pass. *We are always looking for 100 percent accuracy*—surely God would be that accurate.

It is a simple test, yet it has far reaching ramifications. This simple procedure is not always easy to apply. Sometimes our information about history is skewed, sometimes the facts have been covered up, and sometimes the prophecies themselves are obscured from our eyes until they have come to pass.

This last point is a very important. In war as in the spiritual war that God is in with the satanic, it is not always wise to be so obvious. We understand this when we code our messages to keep their true meaning hidden from our enemy (especially in times of war).

However, there are certainly major and very clear prophecies from every one of God's Prophets that we can see and validate. We don't necessarily have to argue or struggle over the not so clear, the obscure, and coded prophecies.

Who are God's Prophets?

Christianity and Judaism recognize the same Old Testament Prophets. For example:

Noah, who predicted and prepared for the flood, also was given the promise of the rainbow, and:

“While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest,
Cold and heat, Winter and summer,
And day and night Shall not cease.” (Gen. 8:22)

What we have to understand is that before the flood, the world was very different, it was balanced, there were only tropical conditions all over the earth, and the earth was watered by the dew each morning (Gen. 2:6). It had never rained until the flood, according to scripture. Furthermore, they did not know cold and heat, winter and summer--that was all new as well. This prophecy, as history has shown, is and has come true. Also, the rainbow that represents God’s promise to never destroy the whole earth again by water, has also held true.

Abraham, God established a covenant with him:

“Get out of your country, from your family and from your father’s house to a land that I will show you, I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” (Gen. 12:1-3)

Abraham is promised the land of Canaan, or Israel, as we know it today. God revealed to Abraham that his descendants would be enslaved in Egypt for four hundred years. God delivers them through Moses. God promises Abraham a son in his old age, Isaac, and there are many other predictions in the account of Abraham.

These predictions came true: history verifies that the children of Israel (who is Abraham’s grandson), lived in Egypt and were delivered from the greatest nation at that time. Isaac of course, was born to him a year after the Lord promised. This happened even after Sarah’s womb had ceased its function. And Abraham is known as the father of faith to Judaism, Christianity, and even Islam. The nations that have descended from Abraham

are numerous. The most outstanding prophesy is that through His lineage Jesus, the Messiah, is born. It is through Jesus that all families of the earth are blessed, saved, and redeemed.

Each of these men listed below were prophets in some way, and can be examined for predictions of prophecy that came true, and are coming true.

Isaac	Samuel	Daniel	Nahum
Jacob/Israel	Elisha	Hosea	Habakkuk
Moses	Elijah	Joel	Zephaniah
Joshua	Job	Amos	Haggai
Judah	Isaiah	Obadiah	Zechariah
David	Jeremiah	Jonah	Malachi
Solomon	Ezekiel	Micah	

As far as the *writings of Holy Scripture*, the test is also applied. Consider the number of prophecies in some of the following biblical books:

<u>Book</u>	<u>Number of Predictions</u>	<u>% of Book covering predictions</u>
Genesis	77	14
Exodus	69	40
Numbers	50	36
Deuteronomy	58	36
2 Kings	50	20
Psalms	59	10
Isaiah	111	59
Jeremiah	90	60
Ezekiel	66	65
Daniel	58	45
Hosea	28	56
Joel	25	68
Amos	26	58
Obadiah	10	81
Micah	40	70
Zechariah	78	69
Zephaniah	20	89

Matthew	81	26
Mark	50	19
Luke	75	22
Acts	63	13
Romans	29	21
Hebrews	52	45
Revelations	56	63

(Information gleaned from Fast Facts on Defending Your Faith, by John Ankerberg & John Weldon, page 59, 60).

Special Note: The Bible’s rate of fulfillment is 100% accurate, (not including future prophecies yet to be fulfilled). Interestingly, over 1800 verses in 29 books (including 318 verses in the NT) **deal with the second coming of Christ**. The Bible predictions are specific and far-reaching having to do with Israel and the political landscape of history for everyone to see. These prophecies are so sound and thoroughly investigated by honest scholarship that no one can dispute them, nor can they claim they were written after the fact.

Blaise Pascal in regards to the Messiah:

“If one man alone had made a book of predictions about Jesus Christ, as to the time and the manner, and Jesus Christ had come in conformity to these prophecies, this fact would have infinite weight. But there is much more here. Here is a succession of men during four thousand years, who, consequently and without variation, come, one after another, to foretell this same event.”

This includes 39 different books written by 30 different authors over a 2,500-year period, describing in detail the life and death, resurrection of one person, hundreds and even thousands of years in the future. (Information gleaned from Fast Facts on Defending Your Faith; John Ankerberg & John Weldon. PP. 59-62)

Matthew 12:18-21

Psalm 118:22

I Peter 2:7

His Ministry includes Miracles

Isaiah 35:2; 61:1-24

Matthew 9:35;

Luke 4:16-21

The Sheep would scatter when Shepherd was struck

Zechariah 13:7;

Matthew 26:31, 56;

Mark 14:27, 49, 50

He would be betrayed by a friend for 30 pieces of silver

Zechariah 11:12, 13

Matthew 27:9-10

He would die a humiliating death

Psalm 22; Isaiah 53

Matthew 28

He would be rejected

Isaiah 53:3

John 1:10, 11; 7:5, 48

He would be silent before his accusers

Isaiah 53:7

Matthew 27:12-18

He would be mocked

Psalm 22:7

Matthew 27:31

His hands & feet would be pierced

Psalm 22:16 Luke 23:33

He would be crucified with thieves

Isaiah 53:12

Matthew 27:38

The list continues... (I left out the citations for brevity—they are available)

He would pray for persecutors

His side would be pierced

Buried in a rich man's tomb

*Cast lots for his garments
Be given vinegar & gall to drink
He would rise from the dead
Would be hated without cause
Rejected by rulers
Ascend into heaven
His star would appear
His lineage of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Judah, Jesse,
David, Solomon,*

In all there are as many as 456 specific prophecies concerning the Christ in His first coming! Some prophecies are repeated by different prophets...(Information gleaned from Fast Facts on Defending Your Faith; John Ankerberg & John Weldon. Pp. 64-67)

Why prophecies? To make it clear and obvious and to *make imposters impossible!* The Prophecies stand up under intense scrutiny and show themselves true despite every possible criticism, objection, or denial. To the open-mind, to every honest, seeking, hungry skeptic, atheist, or agnostic, these prophecies are *proof that God is in Christ reconciling the world to Himself.*

What is that proof?

First, that the prophecies are real, they were written hundreds and sometimes thousands of years before their fulfillment. Second, that the magnitude and number of prophecies coming to pass in Christ's life, is **astronomically impossible to have happened by chance.**

Taking only 30 of the more than 300 prophecies concerning His life, mission, and death, and resurrection, the chance of all of them coming to pass on their own, is a number of 1 times 10 to the 110! That is a number one with 110 zeros after it. Any number larger than 1 times 10 to the 50, is believed by scientists to be

impossible—in other words, no chance. The only way that 300 prophecies come to pass in Christ is by divine inspiration. It is the only logical and consistent answer!

From the New Testament we find *a new set of Prophets* for which ONLY Christianity recognizes:

Mary the mother of Jesus
Joseph the step father
Elizabeth, Mary's cousin
Simeon, who met the baby Jesus in the Temple
Anna, the prophetess who exhorted Mary
John the Baptist
Jesus
John
Matthew
Peter
Paul

The first test of Prophecy is found in their testimony, and/or in their writings. For example **Peter** in Acts Chapter 2, during the Day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came upon the hundred and twenty, stood up and prophesied:

“But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:
‘And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God,
that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh;
Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
Your young men shall see visions,
Your old men shall dream dreams...’

Then Peter declared:

“For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.”

Peter predicted the birth of the Church of God in Christ Jesus and that the Holy Spirit was not given just to them, but to everyone. And it is as he spoke even to this day 2000 years later. Peter also predict that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying,

“Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.” (2 Peter 3:3, 4, emphasis added)

For example, **Paul** wrote the Letters to the Thessalonians and in it, he speaks of the last days and the great apostasy:

“Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.”

The great apostasy is taking place today across Europe and America concerning the mainline Churches. They are abandoning the scriptures in favor of modern interpretations, evolutionary ideas, human reasoning and experience, claiming that the Bible is not in touch with today’s science, information, technology, etc. This is one of the signs of the end times which also included rampant, aggressive, and provocative, homosexuality as in the days of Sodom and Gomorrah.

There are literally hundreds of examples of prophecy being spoken, written, and then coming true in history. This IS the reason the Church has embraced the Old and New Testament scriptures, because of the validation of prophecy coming true 100 percent.

For more information on these and other proofs the following is a small bibliography:

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As astounding as the prophetic picture is, there is still another proof. This one test would be enough, but there is still another...

The Second Proof: Signs, Wonders, and Miracles!

Jesus said, "Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will by no means believe." (John 4:48)

The book of Hebrews testifies that the Word of God, Jesus Christ, was confirmed among us by:

"God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit..." (Heb. 2:4)

The second test is the signs, wonders, and miracles that Jesus performed. These proofs are validated not just by His

followers, but attested to by His enemies. Beyond the Biblical text, there are extra Biblical confirmations and affirmations of Jesus' life, ministry, and miracles.

Josephus (born A.D. 37), a well known Jewish Historian, wrote a lengthy piece about Jesus called *Testimonium Flavianum*:

“About this time there lived Jesus, a wise man, if indeed one ought to call him a man. **For he was one who wrought surprising feats and was a teacher of such people as accept the truth gladly.** He won over many Jews and many of the Greeks. He was the Christ. When Pilate, upon hearing him accused by men of the highest standing among us, had condemned him to be crucified, those who had in the first place come to love him did not give up their affection for him. **On the third day he appeared to them restored to life, for the prophets of God had prophesied these and countless other marvelous things about him.** And the tribe of Christians, so called after him, has still to this day not disappeared.” (Josephus, *The Antiquities* 18:63-64)

Tacitus, a Roman Historian in A.D. 115, wrote:

“Nero fastened the guilt and inflicted the most exquisite tortures on a class hated for their abominations, called Christians by the populace. **Christus**, for whom the name had its origin, **suffered the extreme penalty during the reign of Tiberius** at the hands of one of our procurators, Pontius Pilatus, **and a most mischievous superstition**, thus checked for the moment, again broke out not only in Judaea, the first source of the veil, but even in Rome...Accordingly, an arrest was first made of all who pleaded guilty: then, upon their information, an immense multitude was convicted, not so much of the crime of firing the city, as of hatred against mankind.” (Tacitus, *Annals* 15.44)

These are two prominent extra-biblical sources and there are more. What is remarkable is that among the enemies of Christ Jesus, and His apostle's recording of the gospels, is no where refuted written testimony, arguing to be false, His miracles, signs, and wonders. There are no denials that Jesus performed these

things, what is argued or debated, is the source of them God or Satan?

What Jesus did in His life in fulfilling hundreds of prophecies concerning the Messiah, what he taught is without question words of eternal life and value, *but what he did*, also shows the glory of God among us.

Jesus may have spent as much as 80 percent of His time healing, delivering, and showing signs of God's glory. He healed the sick, made the lame to walk, the blind to see, and reconstructed missing or deformed limbs. He raised the dead, cast out demons, and restored the insane. He walked on water, made the winds and waves to calm down, and fed thousands with little available. These things alone are wonderful, but Jesus didn't do anything without some purpose. He came to heal, to deliver, to show signs of God's glory, but most importantly He came to minister! He said plainly that He didn't come to be served, but to serve.

He claimed to forgive sins and in proof healed a man sick of palsy (Matt. 9:6). **He came to place a choice** before us that whosoever believes in Him, will have eternal life; but he who does not believe, is condemned already (John 3:16, 17).

He came to show signs and wonders that we might believe-Even the winds and waves obey Him (Matt. 8:27). When John the Baptist sent disciples to ask of Jesus if He was truly the Christ, Jesus said:

“Go and show John (the Baptist) again those things which you do hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.”
(Matt. 11:4, 5)

“And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing ever sickness and ever disease among the people.” (Matt. 9:35)

He came to fulfill the prophets and the promise...

“When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken of Isaias the prophet, saying, ‘Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.’” (Matt. 8:16, 17)

“And many of the people believed on Him, and said, ‘When Christ cometh, will he do more miracles than these which this man hath done?’” (John 7:30).

He came to convince...

“Then Jesus said to him, “Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will by no means believe.” (John 4:48)

“Then the chief priests and Pharisees gathered a council and said, ‘What shall we do? For this man works many signs.’” (John 11:47)

“If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father.” (John 15:22)

“But I have a greater witness than John’s (The Baptist) for the works which the Father has given Me to finish—the

very works that I do—bear witness of me, that the Father has sent Me.” (John 5:36)

His ministry was prophesied:

“I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old...” (Psalm 78:2)

“Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as a hearts, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.” (Isaiah 35:5, 6)

“The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, because the Lord has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord,” (Isaiah 61:1,2)

In Case You Are Wondering:

The foundation for signs, wonders, and miracles was established by God in the Old Testament. Only God can intervene in the natural course of the physical world and perform miracles. A miracle is anything that is contrary to natural causes. Miracles interrupt the natural laws by overriding them, changing, putting them on hold, erasing the consequence, changing the outcome contrary to it's natural result.

The Fundamental Truth: there is only one god and that being defined in reference to divine (god) powers is signs, wonders, and miracles.

God is thus sovereign:

“Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows that he will also reap.” (Gal. 6:7)

“The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.” (I Cor. 15:56)

‘Now see that I, even I, am he, and *there is no god besides Me*; I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; Nor is there any who can deliver from My hand.” (Deut. 32:39, emphasis added)

“You are My witnesses,” says the Lord, And My servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe Me, And understand that I am he. *Before Me there was no God formed, Nor shall there be after Me.*” (Isaiah 43:10, emphasis added)

“I, even I, am the Lord, and besides Me there is no savior. I have declared and saved, I have proclaimed, and there was no foreign god among you; Therefore you are my witnesses,” says the Lord, “*that I am God. Indeed before the day was, I am he; and there is no one who can deliver out of My hand; I work, and who will reverse it?*” (Isaiah 43:11-13, emphasis added)

“Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: *I am the First and I am the Last;*

Besides Me there is no God.” (Isaiah 44:6, emphasis added)

It is God who established signs, wonders, and miracles as proof of God’s involvement. God validated His prophets by these signs. It is what made the man Moses like god before Israel and Pharaoh of Egypt, in the time of their deliverance. What established Moses before the people, before Egypt and the whole world were God’s miraculous signs:

“So the Lord said to Moses: ‘See, I have made you **as God to Pharaoh**, and Aaron your brother shall be your prophet. You shall speak all that I command you. And Aaron your brother shall tell Pharaoh to send the children of Israel out of his land. And I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, **and multiply My signs and My wonders in the land of Egypt.**” (Exodus 7:1-3)

How does this apply then to validate anyone who claims to speak for God?

Examine any prophet in history from any religion, from any founding sect, from any one claiming to speak for God, then see if they have any signs, wonders, and miracles to support their claims.

As you may well know, **anyone can claim truth**, can claim to know God, and can claim to teach in God’s name; however, *no one can manifest signs, wonders, and miracles without God.*

The following examples are so-called prophets, founders, people who claim to speak for God. Neither **Prophecy nor Miracles** are present in their lives, or teaching, to substantiate their claims that God sent them, or spoke through them:

Muhammad, the founder of Islam

Confucius, the founder of Confucianism

Joseph Smith, the founder of Mormonism

Mary Baker Eddy, the founder of Christian Science

Herbert W. Armstrong, the founder of Armstrongism,
The Church of God

Charles Taze Russell, founder of Jehovah's Witnesses and
The Watch Tower Society.