



Cheap Parlor Tricks

Have you had your future told or read by a person? What about the future? Can someone know the future? It might surprise you to know that people, demons, fallen Angels, good Angels, might indeed know parts of the future, but if these entities can know the future are there any limitations?

Does just God tell the future, or can other entities as well tell the future?

A quick review of your local yellow pages will show psychics listed, perhaps more than one. Most likely the psychic will be a raspy-voiced woman in her late 50s, with a small sign in the front yard advertizing a “reading”. She will explain her pricing plan for tarot cards or palm reading, maybe even a crystal ball. Most “readings” are made of broad speculations and generalizations that anyone could make.

But,

¹A spirit of divination (Act 16:16) said, “These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation”. This shows knowledge of things akin to foretelling and is in fact, called a demon of “divination” practicing “soothsaying”.

Divination: "python", in Greek mythology was a name of the Pythian serpent, dwelling in Pytho, at the foot of Mount Parnassus, guarding the oracle of Delphi. The word was applied to diviners or soothsayers, regarded as inspired by a demon instigating the cult of Apollo, and thus had "a spirit of divination."

Soothsaying: Fortune-Telling

It is seen in Act's that demons are involved in special knowledge and foretelling. I have always thought that the test of a “prophecy” was whether or not it came true. This is untrue; a close examination of the Old Testament will show that demons can give correct predications! A correct predication is therefore not the only examination by which we must examine prophecy or “Prophets”.

ⁱⁱ(Deu 13:1) “If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, And **the sign or the wonder come to pass**, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; Thou shalt **not hearken** unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams:

False “prophecy” and false “Prophets” can give, “**signs or wonders that come to pass**”. This is also seen in the Book of Revelation where the false prophet causes the image of the beast to take on life and speak. See our E-book: “Can Satan Create”

We are told also that at times they do not come to pass, ⁱⁱⁱ“When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, **if the thing follow not**, nor come to pass, that [is] the thing which the LORD hath not spoken” We are told that their falsehood will come back upon them (Jer. 14:4).

In both cases the operative point to examine or on which we are to base our judgment is, does that which is spoken turn us toward or away from the Lord?

(Deu 13:5) ^{iv}And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death; because he **hath spoken to turn [you] away from** the LORD your God.

I have been under the assumption as has been most Christians that the test of prophecy was if it came to pass. Well, I guess that might not be the whole story. Again, correct predication is therefore, not the only examination by which we must examine prophecy or “Prophets”.

* Jer 23:28 “the prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully”.

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ⁱ Acts 16:16 And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying: Acts 16:17 The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation. Acts 16:18 And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.

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gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; Deu 13:3 Thou shalt **not hearken** unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Deu 13:4 Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him. Deu 13:5 And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death; because he hath spoken to turn [you] away from the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to thrust thee out of the way which the LORD thy God commanded thee to walk in. So shalt thou put the evil away from the midst of thee. Deu 13:6 ¶ If thy brother, the son of thy mother, or thy son, or thy daughter, or the wife of thy bosom, or thy friend, which [is] as thine own soul, entice thee secretly, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which thou hast not known, thou, nor thy fathers; Deu 13:7 [Namely], of the gods of the people which [are] round about you, nigh unto thee, or far off from thee, from the [one] end of the earth even unto the [other] end of the earth; Deu 13:8 Thou shalt not consent unto him, nor hearken unto him; neither shall thine eye pity him, neither shalt thou spare, neither shalt thou conceal him: Deu 13:9 But thou shalt surely kill him; thine hand shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people. Deu 13:10 And thou shalt stone him with stones, that he die; because he hath sought to thrust thee away from the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. Deu 13:11 And all Israel shall hear, and fear, and shall do no more any such wickedness as this is among you.

ⁱⁱⁱ Deu 18:22 When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, **if the thing follow not**, nor come to pass, that [is] the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, [but] the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.

^{iv} Lev 20:27 A man also or woman that hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death: they shall stone them with stones: their blood [shall be] upon them.

V Jer 14:14 Then the LORD said unto me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them: they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart. Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the prophets that prophesy in my name, and I sent them not, yet they say, Sword and famine shall not be in this land; By sword and famine shall those prophets be consumed.