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What is the primary objective of the Holy Spirit? Is He performing specific task(s) relevant to Christians? Let's focus on those explicit duties that He is presently performing for those of faith.

First, let's get the concept that the Holy Spirit has been sent to perform a specific and personal work just for you and just for me. The question is, "What is the major objective of His work?" How are you helping Him to perform His work in you? Let's make sure of what that work is; perhaps we can cooperate with the Holy Spirit.

Jesus said, "I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever" (John 14:16). Jesus asked the father to send us (*we Christians*) the Comforter. Realize however, the Comforter has not been sent for the world at large, "Even the Spirit of truth; whom *the world cannot receive*, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you" (John 14:17).

In order to understand the Holy Spirit's work, we first need to review "the anointing!" Many in Christian circles speak openly about "the anointing;" yet they remain uncertain concerning exactly what it is. Some hold the anointing on such a high plane that they think that only the famous faith healers, the great evangelists, the well-known prophets of God, or pastors & ministers can operate in the anointing. **However**, that is simply not the case; the anointing is for all Christians! The anointing is available to every born-again believer; as we seek to understand the work of the Holy Spirit, let's first review how the anointing functions in us!

We simply need to gain some understanding in order to begin to live in the anointing. On Jesus' last evening with his disciples He shared additional information, "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, **he** shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you" (John 14:26). Many have attempted to teach that the Holy Ghost is merely a form of God's power. That teaching is vastly incomplete; **He** is a person, in fact the third person of the Trinity!

Jesus taught concerning the Holy Spirit whom He referred to as the Spirit of Truth, "he will guide you into all truth" (John 16:13). But how does the Holy Spirit teach us? The Holy Spirit of God teaches us through His unction (*anointing*), "But ye have an **unction** (*anointing*) from the Holy One, and ye know all things" (1 John 2:20). John went on to teach, "But the **anointing** which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not



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that any man teach you: but as the same **anointing** teacheth you of all things, and is truth" (1 John 2:27). There three usages of the Greek word *charisma*; (*note the last three*

highlighted words) these are the only three Biblical instances or appearances for the word *charisma*, which has been rendered as "anointing" and "unction" in the New Testament. Literally, the word *charisma* means, "to smear on," "to overshadow," or "to paint over."

Some of the best Christian leaders teach that we should view the anointing in the following fashion: The Holy Spirit is a person and the anointing is His personality! When you receive the anointing you are smeared with everything that makes up the Holy Spirit directly onto your natural being. It would be as if His personality overshadowed you or clothed you with His virtues, His character, His power, instead of your own! This is the "**super**" coming from the third person of the Trinity mixing with your "**natural**" to form in you the "**supernatural!**" One possible definition for the anointing could be, "God's power to get results in human vessels."

Now just exactly what kind of power are we talking about here? Peter and John had just healed a man who was lame from birth; that miracle took place just outside of the Temple gate known as "Beautiful." Focus your attention on Peter's words, which were directed toward the gathering crowd who was amazed at the man that had been healed, "the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom **ye delivered up, and denied him** in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go. 14 **But ye denied the Holy One**" (Acts 3:13-14). Peter's words were intended to provoke the people's hearts into repentance; he reminded them of their complicity and agreement in the denial of Jesus Christ when, "they cried out the more exceedingly, Crucify him!" (Mark 15:14)

However, now try to reconcile Peter's accusatory words regarding their denial of Jesus in that lecture with how he himself had reacted about eight weeks earlier on the night that Jesus was arrested. Just outside of the High Priest's house a young maid identified Peter as one of Jesus' disciples, "This man was also with him. 57 And **he denied him**, saying, Woman, **I know him not**. 58 And after a little while another saw him, and said, Thou art also of them. And Peter said, Man, **I am not**" (Luke 22:56-58). Peter went on just about an hour later to deny Jesus for a third time that evening! The whole point is that Peter was afraid of being identified with Jesus just a few months earlier; then suddenly on the day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples and gave them power (*an anointing*)! Peter operated in this anointing which gave him the power to unashamedly accuse others of his own similar act of denial.

Since we have been focusing on Peter, notice his own words which identify this new power that suddenly had overshadowed his being. In fact his words were addressed to this same crowd during which Peter accused them of denying the Holy One. Notice his words concerning this amazing power, "Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, **as though by our own power** or holiness we had made this man to walk?" (Acts 3:12). Peter was making it clear that while this man who was born lame was now walking around, it was not by Peter or John's power, "**as though by our own power**" No. It was not Peter's power; rather, it was the anointing that Peter had received from the Holy Spirit just days earlier, "And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. 4 And **they**



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were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance” (Acts 2:2-4). The anointing came upon Peter just exactly

as Jesus had earlier promised, “ye shall receive **power**, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you” (Acts 1:8). Peter was exercising a whole new kind of **power**, one that was able to cause the lame man to walk. Peter received this power through the anointing he obtained as a result of receiving the Holy Spirit. The manifestations which became apparent as a result of this anointing was intended by Jesus to be signs for unbelievers, “these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover” (Mark 16:17-18). The anointing is a yoke destroying, burden removing unction intended, “to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke” (Isa 58:6). Peter operated in all of these signs, which the LORD had prophesied.

The anointing is the **power** of God that is intended to operate in us! Notice more of Jesus’ words, “behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until **ye be endued with power from on high**” (Luke 24:48-49). The disciples were told to wait until they were endued (*which means to be dressed or clothed with the virtues or qualities of the person from which the endowment is coming*) with this **power** from on high! Like Peter, Paul too was certainly aware of this same anointing **power** from God. He wrote, “according to the **power that worketh in us**” (Eph 3:20). --- If you would like to know more about this anointing, please get the Bible Study entitled, “Anointed Son of the Blessed.” You may obtain a copy from the World Wide Web at:

<http://www.rivkah.org>.

It is certainly true that the anointing is manifest in different people to varying degrees. We can liken the release of the unction from God by picturing two major spiritual valves that regulate the flow of the anointing in our lives. These regulating valves that hold us back from truly walking in the full glory as the Sons of God are: (1) Ignorance; and (2) Immaturity! When we are in “ignorance” of the Bible promises, we simply do not know what is included in our salvation and since we do not realize that we have access to “all things,” we do not claim many of those things of which we are entitled. Secondly, when our limiting condition is a result of “immaturity” we simply need to develop maturity. Why is it that my brother Ivan would not entrust his diesel pickup to Bo, his young nine-year-old son? The answer is that Bo simply has not yet attained the maturity to handle a vehicle with that kind of power. A child simply does not yet know how to exercise judgment and properly cope with the associated responsibility. Bo would actually become dangerous to those around him if he had access to all of that power while still a child. If you would like to learn more about the promises that are included with salvation, you may obtain a copy of the Bible Study entitled, “What about Dominion?” from the World Wide Web at: <http://www.rivkah.org>.

From the outset of this Bible Study we realized that in order to understand the Holy Spirit’s work in us, we first needed to review certain aspects about the anointing. Now that we have gone through a quick review, let’s get back to the main question that we started with this evening, “What is the objective of the Holy Spirit on this earth?” “What is that



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specific work that He is performing in you and in me?” Now that we have reviewed the anointing, let’s begin to study more closely the work of the Holy Spirit in us.

We can begin by taking a look at David’s son Solomon. David was almost certainly the greatest king who ever ruled over Israel. He amassed scores of billions of dollars in today’s dollars for material and resources from which Solomon later built the Temple of God. Therefore, David was quite wealthy; as a result, Solomon surely grew up in a “want for nothing” atmosphere. He would have enjoyed the best of educators and training. When Solomon had just become the king of Israel; notice his request of the LORD God through a dream, “O LORD my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: and ***I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in***” (1 Kings 3:7). In his humility, Solomon spoke of himself as, “but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in.” Yet, he certainly had a good education and high quality training. So why was Solomon so humble in his own sight? As we continue with the story we learn that he asked of only one specific thing from the LORD, “Give therefore thy servant ***an understanding heart*** to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people? 10 And ***the speech pleased the Lord***, that Solomon had asked this thing” (1 Kings 3:9-10). Solomon asked for an understanding heart; the Hebrews word (*shaw-mah*) is actually closer to the meaning, a “***hearing heart***.” We know that Adam and Eve enjoyed an unfettered communication with the LORD. Yet, the first time that we see (*shaw-mah*) in the Bible it references the fact that this communication between man and the LORD had been lost, “And they heard (*shaw-mah*) the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day” (Gen 3:8).

Exactly what did it mean to Solomon to have asked for a ***hearing heart***? His own proverb concerning a ***hearing heart*** may give us some understanding, “***Hear*** thou, my son, and be wise, and guide thine ***heart*** in the way” (Prov 23:19). The Prophet Ezekiel wrote about how he communed with God, “he said unto me, Son of man, all my words that I shall speak unto thee ***receive in thine heart, and hear with thine ears***” (Ezek 3:10). Surely, this is the kind of a ***hearing heart*** that Solomon sought after. He wanted to commune directly with God because he knew that wisdom would be required to lead His people Israel. Solomon had also carefully observed that his father David had a close heartfelt relationship with God; further, he knew that close relationship was the key to his success. In the beginning of his reign





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Solomon started out with the right heart. God says that he will be with the humble and contrite of heart; “I dwell . . . with him also that is **of a contrite and humble spirit**, to

revive the **spirit** of the humble, and to revive the **heart** of the contrite ones” (Isa 57:15). For whatever reason he fell from God’s grace, it certainly sad that Solomon did not maintain his contrite spirit and humble heart to the end of his days, “when Solomon was old, that his wives **turned away his heart** after other gods: and **his heart was not perfect with the LORD** his God, **as was the heart of David his father**” (1 Kings 11:4).

The point is that the **hearing heart** that Solomon asked of the LORD in the early part of his reign had nothing to do with the blood-pumping organ in his chest; rather, he was referring to his inner spirit and how it conversed with God! The Bible reveals that the heart and spirit of a man are closely associated, “A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken” (Prov 15:13). --- If you would like to learn more about this association, you may freely obtain the Bible Study entitled, “Spirit, Soul and Body” from the World Wide Web at: <http://www.rivkah.org>.

Now, as we get to the main point, let’s focus for just a moment on what the process is through which we human beings have learned everything that we know. Let me ask the question, “How have you learned everything that you know?” A more specific question is, “How do we humans gather information?” To really get to the heart of our Bible Study, the question is most precisely phrased, “What specific inputs do you utilize in order for you to gather and store information into your memory?”

— *Discuss these questions for a few minutes* —

We can observe the Biblical answer regarding how we learn both in the natural and the spirit; to get that answer let’s notice a narrative where the concept shows up. Jesus had just finished asking His disciples, “whom say ye that I am,” (Matt 16:15). In other words Jesus was asking His disciples what they said amongst themselves concerning His identity. They had already exhausted all of their speculative thoughts, “**Some** say that thou art John the Baptist: **some**, Elias; and **others**, Jeremias, or one of the prophets” (Matt 16:14). Suddenly Peter just blurted out, “Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. 17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for **flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee**” (Matt 16:16-17). Here Jesus is making the specific argument that Peter’s customary methods of obtaining natural information (*flesh and blood*) as input devices for his memory: sight, sound, touch, taste, and smell, were none of input mechanisms that Peter used in order for him to say, “Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Peter **knew** something in his spirit which required some sort of an extrasensory input mechanism in order for him to positively speak as he did! Sight, sound, touch, taste, and smell are all of the inputs which feed our natural minds. As long as we remain in the natural these are the only methods that we have in order to conclusively prove what we know. In fact, the world of science has developed what they call the “scientific method” through which they study and qualify natural things; they are founded on the fact that they use only the five senses as their input media.

Certainly there are other recognized methods of input into the human mind such as intuition. However, since these methods cannot be objectively or quantitatively measured or observed they are generally rejected by the world’s scientific community and referred to as extrasensory (*meaning outside of the five senses*). A human phenomenon that cannot be



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dismissed and which falls into the class of hunches, premonitions, instinct, suspicion, and the “*sixth sense*,” are most commonly categorized into ESP (*extrasensory perception*). These “strange” phenomena are usually relegated to the world of the unusual and therefore customarily ignored by the “rational” world. The Bible refers to the natural “rational” world as “the flesh;” Jesus too referred to two entirely different realms, “That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit” (John 3:6).

Notice from the passage out of the Book of Joel that God plans to extend beyond the five senses in those humans who live “after the spirit,” “it shall come to pass afterward, that I will ***pour out my spirit*** upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall ***prophesy***, your old men shall ***dream dreams***, your young men shall ***see visions***” (Joel 2:28). For God to communicate with humans through prophecy, dreams, and visions means that He certainly plans for mankind to experience input beyond the five physical senses.

What does the Bible have to say about humans receiving information from God? Does God really want to share His sovereign information with humanity? ***YES!*** According to Peter’s interpretation of that prophecy from Joel, God has already begun to pour out His Spirit upon all flesh! God does not want to keep us in the dark; rather, He wants to show us His glorious light! God wants to teach us; however, He will not teach us through our five physical senses. The deep things of the spirit that we learn must come by the spirit. Jesus told the woman at the well, “God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth” (John 4:24). Given that statement of Jesus concerning worship in the spirit realm, it follows that those who communicate with God must communicate through the spirit realm also. Therefore, using Jesus’ statement regarding worship, let’s postulate: ***they that hear from God must hear from him through the spirit realm***. Let’s study this understanding from the Scripture.

Paul taught that Jesus personally ***revealed*** Himself to the apostle (*This means that in essence, Paul received information outside of his five senses*), “I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. 12 For ***I neither received it of man***, neither was I taught it, but ***by the revelation of Jesus Christ***” (Gal 1:11-12). We must start by realizing that God’s method of communication with humanity takes place through the spirit realm. God teaches us by the Holy Spirit; therefore we need to learn to eliminate the natural human resistance to the spirit realm, “Ye stiffnecked and ***uncircumcised*** in heart and ears, ***ye do always resist the Holy Ghost***” (Acts 7:51). Notice that the uncircumcised in heart and ears (*meaning, those who are unconverted*) naturally resist the Holy Ghost.

It should not be difficult for us to realize that there are secrets known only by God. The laws of aerodynamics have existed since creation; however, humanity simply did not know about the laws nor did he know how to use them to his benefit for over 5,950 years. In like fashion, the laws of electricity have existed since creation; however, humanity simply did not know about the laws nor did he know how to use them to his benefit for over 5,900 years. God possesses information, which simply resides beyond the natural human understanding until it has been revealed. Certainly after knowledge is revealed and understood by the human mind, it can be used from that time forward, “The ***secret things*** belong unto the LORD our God: but ***those things which are revealed*** (*notice carefully that there are secret things that will be revealed!*) ***belong unto us and to our children for ever***” (Deut 29:29). The point is that God reveals secret things to Christians! Our teacher is the



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Holy Spirit; He has come into us to reveal things to our own human spirit! You can think of it as if we have two separate spirits living within us. The Holy Spirit and our

human spirit! It is the Holy Spirit's job to communicate and give revelation to our human spirit.

Now get this; God wants to reveal the secret things to us, "The *secret things* belong unto the LORD our God: but *those things which are revealed belong unto us.*" It is important that we realize that we have the inner capacity to learn things that do not filter through our five senses but rather are revealed us through our spirit! These secret things come from the Holy Spirit and were given to our human spirit. This kind of knowledge that comes directly from the Holy Spirit is called revelation. In essence, revelation is God's releasing of *inside information* to us! A human spirit that can hear what God's Holy Spirit reveals is the essence of what Solomon desired from God. He asked of only one specific thing from the LORD, "Give therefore thy servant *an understanding heart* to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad." Solomon knew that he needed God's *inside information* in order to rule Israel!

(Human Spirit) (Holy Spirit)



Our Human Spirit gets
its revelation from
God's Holy Spirit

This brings us right back to the Apostle Paul who regularly operated in this exact type of *inside information*, "my speech and my preaching was *not with enticing words of man's wisdom* (Paul's information did not come to him by his five physical senses), but in demonstration *of the Spirit and of power* (Paul's information came by the Holy Spirit!): 5 That *your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.* 6 Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: 7 But *we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom* (Remember, "The *secret things* (or *hidden wisdom*) belong unto the LORD our God), which God ordained before the world unto our glory" (1 Cor 2:4-7). Now keep in mind that we have been talking about getting *inside information* or revelation from God, but that revelation cannot come by the five senses. With the concept regarding the limitations of our five senses in mind, let us continue with Paul's words, "But as it is written, *Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard,* (these are the two major senses used for the delivery of human education or "man's wisdom.") neither have entered into the heart of man (the heart of the *unconverted* natural man cannot receive this revelation because he does not have the Holy Spirit to reveal things to him!), the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 10 *But God hath revealed them unto us* (Christians have the revelation) *by his Spirit:* for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God" (1 Cor 2:9-10). Paul went on to explain that revelation of God's



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inside information is limited to the Christian because, “the things of God knoweth no man (the natural man), but **the Spirit of God**” (1 Cor 2:11). Therefore only human beings

who are imbued with the Holy Spirit of God have the capacity to receive God’s secrets. This information is a revelation!

Armed with this information, we can now understand Paul’s explanation much more clearly, “How that **by revelation** he made known unto me the mystery” (Eph 3:3). In essence, Paul explained that the Holy Spirit gave him **inside information!** Because of Paul’s “abundance of revelations,” the demonic world reacted with great hostility to Paul, “through **the abundance of the revelations**, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me” (2 Cor 12:7). Later, God even **revealed** to Paul that he had sufficient Grace to overcome satan’s messenger!

One of the goals of this Bible Study is for you to get the revelation that the Holy Spirit of God is our personal teacher! You might recall our opening question in this Bible Study, “What is the objective of the Holy Spirit on this earth?” Through the Holy Spirit and in time, God will to reveal to us His **inside information**, this is why John could write, “and **ye know all things**” (1 John 2:20). Clearly, my puny physical pea brain does not now know “all things;” but, the Holy Spirit inside of me does and He reveals to me what is needed, as I am ready! We have already observed that Paul’s major revelation was Jesus Himself, “I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by **the revelation of Jesus Christ**” (Gal 1:12).

Since Paul’s major revelation was of such significance, let’s study more closely the concept of “**the revelation of Jesus Christ**” by observing Peter’s supernatural **inside information** experience, “When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?” (Matt 16:13). The disciples responded that, “**Some** say that thou art John the Baptist: **some**, Elias; and **others**, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. 15 He saith unto them, **But whom say ye that I am?**” (Matt 16:14-15). Now, at this point let’s observe the exact words between Peter and Jesus very carefully, “And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, **the Son of the living God!**” Simon Peter immediately blurted out his words and directly answered the question that Jesus had just asked, “**But whom say ye that I am?**” However, Peter must have startled himself with his own answer to Jesus’ question. From the context Peter must have muttered something like the following under his breath, “Now where did that come from?” How do we know that Peter muttered some kind of a question to himself? Simply follow the text; let’s pick it up in context with Peter’s answer, “Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And **Jesus answered.**” Now why would Jesus answer if no question had first been asked? The only solution is that Jesus answered Simon Peter’s mumble to himself, “And **Jesus answered** and said unto him, Blessed art thou, **Simon Barjona**: for **flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee** (Peter had just gotten a revelation concerning Jesus from God almighty! We can easily read from John 1:40-41, “One of the two which heard John (the Baptist) speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ” The point is that from the beginning Peter had learned from Andrew (certainly flesh and blood) that Jesus was the Messiah; what had never entered into his heart was that Jesus was, “the Son of the living God.” Jesus’ words continue



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concerning what had been revealed to Peter and by whom that information had come) **but my Father which is in heaven**" (Matt 16:17).

With that whole concept in mind that Peter received revelation or ***inside information*** from God about Jesus, now let's notice how Jesus concluded that specific episode, "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matt 16:18). In order to properly understand what transpired in that instance, we must first notice that the apostle was given a new name on that occasion. Notice from verse 17 (*above*) that Jesus had just referred to him as, "Simon Barjonah;" next, in verse 18 Jesus proclaimed, "***thou art Peter***, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Through these words, Jesus was actually speaking into Peter's life regarding the revelation or ***inside information*** that he had just received! Peter had just received a revelation from God and as a result his faith was becoming solid! Jesus' words, "***upon this rock*** I will build my church" meant that upon this solidifying of revelation from God concerning Jesus, He would build His church! Through the Holy Spirit, and in the spirit realm, we receive revelation from God Almighty! When you experience the receipt of revelation from God, you end up with a deep down knowing in your being that the revelation is true. In the same fashion, the Church drinks in truth which has originated from Jesus Christ. Like the children of Israel in the wilderness, they, "did all eat the same spiritual meat; 4 And ***did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ!***" (1 Cor 10:3-4) In essence, Jesus was saying that He would build his Church upon revelation through the spirit realm! Notice Jesus words to the gentile woman at the well (*who is a symbol of His future church*), "***If thou knewest*** (*Jesus begins by focusing on the concept of revelation*) the gift of God (*the Holy Spirit*), and who it is (*the Messiah*) that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water" (John 4:10). Clearly, the woman was focused on her physical senses: sight, sound, touch, taste, and smell; therefore, she argued with Jesus because he obviously had nothing with which to draw this "living water." Jesus explained that those who drink water from the well would certainly thirst again, "but the water that I shall give him (*in other words drinking from the Rock*) shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life" (John 4:14). As if to place an explanation mark on the concept of revelation, Jesus revealed to her that she previously had five husbands. This revelation astonished her. We know this because she was moved to say, "Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet" (John 4:19). Notice that her follow-up activities were fostered because of revelation, "The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men, 29 ***Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did:*** is not this the Christ?" (John 4:28-29).

Are you drinking from the Rock? The answer to that question would depend upon how thirsty you are! Unless one is thirsty he will not drink! All of humanity needs to try God's water! The ancient prophet Isaiah proclaimed, "Ho, ***every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters***, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. 2 Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. 3 Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live" (Isa 55:1-3). The point is that ***we must***



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develop a hunger and a thirst for the things of God,

“Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on

me ***shall never thirst***” (John 6:35). Jesus proclaimed early in His ministry, “Blessed are they which ***do hunger and thirst after righteousness***: for they shall be filled” (Matt 5:6). Further, very near the end of His ministry He again made proclamation regarding the drinking of water, “In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, ***If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.*** 38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. 39(But ***this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive***: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified” (John 7:37-39).

In the not too distant future, Jesus will return to the earth and give us revelation which will place everything in the proper light, “until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God” (1 Cor 4:5). Until then, whatever we need to know, the Holy Spirit will reveal to us. He will reveal to us a direct proportion of those things for which we hunger and thirst, “Thou gavest also ***thy good spirit to instruct them***, and witheldest not thy manna from their mouth, and ***gavest them water for their thirst***” (Neh 9:20). Jesus does not withhold any information; however, in order to get the deep things of God you must demonstrate a thirst for that revelation. As you thirst for deeper spiritual knowledge the Holy Spirit will reveal even those deep secrets to your heart.

The entire world wants a genie (*mythical spirit*) from which they can receive ***inside information***. The amazing truth is that powerful ***inside information*** is available to Christians from a non-mythical spirit, rather from the Holy Spirit! Are you getting this ***inside information***? In order to receive this ***inside information*** all you need to do is drink from the Rock!

The great mistake in Moses’ life involved a particular instance when he did not follow precise instructions. He had been told to, “speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock” (Num 20:8). Instead of following precise instructions, Moses relapsed back to a previous instruction given on a much earlier date, “thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink” (Ex 17:6). Whether out of anger, frustration, or out of a lack of attention to detail, Moses did not get water for the people by speaking to the rock as he had been instructed! Instead, he struck the rock according to an old instruction. Let us not make that same mistake! Jesus has been smitten for us as a sacrifice for our sin. Once we come under that sacrifice it is not required that he is smitten once again in order for us to receive the Holy Spirit of God which gives us revelation. Jesus Christ our Rock has already been beaten once and for all, “now ***once*** in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself” (Heb 9:26).

The children of Israel drank from the rock in the wilderness and they thirsted again and they even died. We drink from the Rock (Jesus Christ) and His water satisfies our thirst. In order for us to receive revelation from Jesus, He does not need to receive stripes and undergo sacrifice again; rather, all we need to do is speak to the Rock, “speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water” (Num 20:8).

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