

The Dangers of Extra-Biblical Revelation

(appropriate for High Schoolers and older)

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You are attending an all Saturday Christian training conference in order to complete your Awana training requirement and you are trying to decide which class you should attend for your final class of the day. You have five choices:

- 1) A Question & Answer session with a four person panel made up of a former Muslim high school student, a college student from South America, a former Hindu priest, and a former Chinese communist. Each one experienced a visitation/appearance by Jesus as non-believers. Today they are all Christians.
- 2) A testimony from an 8 year old boy and his father, the pastor of an Evangelical church visiting today from another state. Their family experienced a severe auto accident while on vacation a few years ago which caused both the boy and his father to die. The boy went to Heaven and the father went to Hell but both were revived and recovered and are here with us today to report extensive knowledge of both places as well as encounters and discussions with both angels and demons.
- 3) A nationally recognized pastor known as the "Apostle Joel" is at the conference and will be sharing a "Word from God" that he received recently detailing the timing and the specific judgment that is about to come upon America and what God told him to tell you to do to protect your family.
- 4) The director of a Christian Retreat in the Jemez Mountains (pronounced Hay-mez) will be speaking on the importance of prayer and the supernatural appearances of Mary at his facility and the miraculous healings that occur when she appears and speaks to the community.
- 5) Your pastor will be teaching a workshop on Advanced Methods for Studying the Bible. During the first half-hour you will be installing Indexing Tabs in your Bible (one tab for each book of the Bible) to make it easier and faster to look up numerous verses spread among the many different books of the Bible. In the rest of the session you will exercise your new index tabs as you learn how to tell the difference between doctrinal passages and passages of historical revelation, how the transition from the Old Covenant to the New Covenant reaffirms some Old Testament commands and negates others, how to properly interpret passages that contain parables, prophetic language, or symbolic language, and how to draw an application from scripture and determine if the application applies universally to everyone or devotionally just to you.

Which classes will be full? If I come to the conference looking for you, which class will I find you in?

Let's look at the last three verses of the Bible that were written.

Revelation 22:18-21

I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues which are written in this book; ¹⁹ and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book. ²⁰ He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming quickly." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. ²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.

God completed special revelation with the writing of the Book of Revelation and the church validated this by closing the canon of God's Word in 95 A.D. with the 66 Books of the Bible that we use today.

By doing so the church effectively declared that God has said everything to man He desired to say and God's revelation to man was completed when John finished the Book of Revelation. As a result extra-biblical revelation was declared closed from 95 A.D. until the end of the church age (the rapture).

During the church age that we now live in God is not speaking or giving new revelation today. Instead He gave Christians the Holy Spirit to illuminate His written Word (the Bible). The Holy Spirit guides us and helps us understand and apply the Bible. This help from the Holy Spirit in understanding the Bible is sufficient to guide us in all matters of life and in any decisions that we need to make. So, there is no need of further revelation.

Visions & Dreams

Myth: People in closed countries have dreams and visions of Jesus which cause them to become Christians.

Truth: People become Christians because someone shared the knowledge of the Gospel with them.

Here are some problems with the Vision argument:

Colossians 2:18-19

Let no one keep defrauding you of your prize by delighting in self-abasement and the worship of the angels, taking his stand on visions he has seen, inflated without cause by his fleshly mind,¹⁹ and not holding fast to the head, from whom the entire body, being supplied and held together by the joints and ligaments, grows with a growth which is from God.

When someone takes their stand based on visions they have seen it is an indicator that they are not holding fast to Christ. Basing your beliefs on visions leads to becoming prideful and judgmental of others. People who take their stand on visions quickly make themselves judges over those who have not seen visions. In addition, people who take their stand on visions quickly end up worshipping angels (i.e. fallen angels). We will talk more about how that happens in a minute.

Now, I have to apologize to you because it turns out that I am a second class Christian. I have never seen a vision of Jesus. I have never died and gone to heaven and come back to tell you about it in my book. I have never received a word from God to share with you on national TV. I have never been healed of anything by an appearance of Mary. And I will always be one of those "second class" Christians who will never have a personal visitation by Jesus Christ. Why? Because if Jesus appears to me this is what I am going to say. "Who are you? I know you are not the real Jesus. Why are you here? What do you have to say to me that is not already in the Bible? Why are you trying to take my blessing away from me?" (see John 20 where Jesus tells Thomas about the blessing people get when they believe without seeing), "Get out of here!"

(John 20:24-29)

But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.²⁵ So the other disciples were saying to him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."²⁶ After eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you."²⁷ Then He said to Thomas, "Reach here with your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand and put it into My side; and do not be unbelieving, but believing."²⁸ Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed."

That is what I would say if Jesus ever appeared to me in physical form. What about you? What would you say? Would you rebuke him? Or would you fall down and worship him? If you worship him you are really worshipping a fallen angel and that is what **Colossians 2:18-19** is saying.

Key Point: Those who take their stand on visions end up worshipping fallen angels.

Another problem with visions of Jesus is that the scripture indicates He will only appear one more time, not many times in visions.

Hebrews 9:28

so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him.

We are instructed that Jesus will appear a second time, not hundreds of times. And we are told exactly how he will come.

Acts 1:9-11

And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them. ¹¹ They also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven.”

He will come down from the sky, not show up in visions. His coming will be seen worldwide like lightning flashing across the sky.

Matthew 24:24-27

For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect. ²⁵ Behold, I have told you in advance. ²⁶ So if they say to you, ‘Behold, He is in the wilderness,’ do not go out, or, ‘Behold, He is in the inner rooms,’ do not believe *them*. ²⁷ For just as the lightning comes from the east and flashes even to the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be.

And we are told if anyone claims to be Christ outside of these instructions they are liars. His coming is very tightly scripted. There is no leeway for thousands of personal visitations.

Name 5 unique facial characteristics of Jesus

Go ahead. Just shout them out. What are they? (write what they say on the board. Ask them if “long hair” should be on the list if they don’t list it. If “long hair” is on the list then point out that the Bible has stated that we know for sure that one is wrong.

I Corinthians 11:14

Does not even nature itself teach you that if a man has long hair, it is a dishonor to him,

The Bible tells us that Jesus did not have long hair. He had short hair. Who told you Jesus had long hair? The paintings of Jesus with long hair were made during the Renaissance period. They were funded by the kings of Europe. What was the hair style of the kings of Europe during the Renaissance? Long hair. The kings of Europe wanted Jesus to have the same hairdo they had. That’s why the paintings show Him with long hair. But the Bible tells us Jesus had short hair.

For a detailed study on this topic please see, “Why Jesus Had Short Hair & Why That’s Important” at: <http://gciweb.org/2011/04/youth-bible-study-materials-michael-r-daily/>

Now name 5 unique facial characteristics of satan.

Go ahead. Just shout them out. What are they? You can’t. You don’t know what satan looks like, do you? You don’t even know what Jesus looks like! If someone shows up and starts talking to you you don’t know who that really is do you?

II Corinthians 11:14

No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.

This is why we don't put our trust in visions of Jesus. We put our trust in the Word of God. So, you better know your Bible or you are a sitting duck!

Belief that results from a vision is a weak faith.

(I Peter 1:6-9)

In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, ⁷ so that the proof of your faith, *being* more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ; ⁸ and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, ⁹ obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.

There are two components to the vision reporting problem. The first is that some people are reporting supernatural visions who did not really have one. The other is that some people really are having supernatural visions of someone who they think is Jesus.

Why might people report visions that did not really occur?

Let's use Muslim countries as an example. In Muslim countries, where Muslim beliefs rest on the visions seen by one man, claiming that Isa (Jesus) appeared to you and told you to follow him can deflect some of the hostility you might otherwise receive from moderate Muslims (It won't make any difference to the radical Muslims). For the moderate Muslims there is a big difference in saying, "Someone shared the Gospel with me and I decided to believe and follow Isa" versus, "Isa appeared to me just as Gabriel appeared to the great prophet. What could I do but obey his direction?" Another reason a new Christian might say this is to protect the person who shared the Gospel with them from retaliation from the radical Muslims. A third reason that a new Christian might be tempted to report a vision is if all the other Muslims in the area who have become Christians are reporting having a vision of Jesus. It is tempting to want to not be left out or be viewed as a lesser Christian because Jesus did not appear to you in a vision. These are all things that make it tempting for a new convert to report seeing a vision of Jesus.

Why might satan appear as Jesus to non-Christians knowing that some will seek out Christians, hear the Gospel, and become Christians? Why would he do that?

I'm not as smart as an arch-angel so I don't know all the reasons but I can think of two. First, satan knows that he can't stop the elect from becoming Christians but perhaps he can use this to create "sleeper cells". What's a sleeper cell? A sleeper cell is an isolated agent or group of agents, placed in a target country or organization, that lies dormant until it receives orders or decides to act, not immediately but at some future date. The sleeper cell or agent may be dormant for many years before being activated.

So, imagine that satan supernaturally appears as Jesus to a non-Christian. The experience is overwhelming. The sharp imagery, the bright colors, the smells, the euphoric emotions and feelings of love. Its an unforgettable and undeniable experience. And Jesus says something harmless like, "I love you and I want you to follow me". The person then seeks out Christians who share the Gospel with him and he becomes a Christian. But because of the vision he associates the person who appeared to him as being the same Jesus who saved him from his sins. Years go by, say ten years, and the young Christian grows and matures, even becoming the pastor of a church. Then one day the vision happens again and it is exactly the same as last time. The same sharp imagery, the same colors and smells, the same euphoric emotions and feelings of love, the same "Jesus". But this time when Jesus talks he says some things that are not quite right (error). Not enough that you would notice it right away but just enough to cause some destruction in the church. The pastor then takes this false teaching back to his congregation and the damage is unleashed. If nothing else, damage is being done because Christians are learning to put their faith in what the visions say instead of what the Bible says.

Yes, people are coming to Christ but satan understands that he cannot stop the elect from becoming Christians, but he can deprive them of the blessing of believing without seeing, divert their attention from the authority of the Bible, weaken their faith, and eventually use future visions to damage them spiritually.

Isn't it great that Jesus is appearing to non-Christians? Guess what that means. It means we don't have to share the Gospel anymore! All you Christians around the world can stand down. We don't have to obey all those verses in the Bible where we are commanded to share the Gospel - because Jesus is going to do it for us! What a loving God we have. Isn't that great!

It's a great deception and a second reason why it's a win for Satan to perform these appearances.

Because of the church's embracing of "Jesus visits", there exists a whole class of Christians who believe Muslims, Hindus or any other difficult to reach people group is beyond the power of the Gospel. This is a lie. Now instead of preaching the Gospel, men and women wait around for false visitations and the false and shallow teachings that accompany them.

The true power comes when a Christian, working with the Holy Spirit, uses the Word of God to share the Gospel with someone. The reason people don't come to Christ in some cultures is the Christians there are ashamed of the Gospel and do not share it and do not ask people to receive Christ as Savior and Lord.

Romans 10:14-15

How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher? ¹⁵ How will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, "HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS OF GOOD THINGS!"

John 16:7-11

But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. ⁸ And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; ⁹ concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; ¹⁰ and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; ¹¹ and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

Romans 1:15-16

So, for my part, I am eager to preach the Gospel to you also who are in Rome. ¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

1 Peter 1:23

for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, *that is*, through the living and enduring word of God.

End Result

Once we accept that men go to Heaven or Hell and return, men talk to angels and demons, men have visits from Jesus-- once we accept these things, then two things start to happen. First, there begins to be a perception of a class of poor, semi-ignorant Christians and Bible teachers who only have the Bible. Second, we have to be open to the Muslims, Mormons, Jehovah Witnesses and all the other groups who have received spiritual truths from mystical, supernatural experiences. If we accept these kinds of experiences as truth for ourselves then we have to accept that they are true when they happen to these other groups as well.

Coming back from the dead – Visiting Heaven or Hell

Someone gave me a near-death experience book written by a Mormon surgeon. She went to heaven and came back. She had a wonderful experience. It was overwhelming and beautiful. There was one small paragraph in the book where she reported that there is a great hall just outside of heaven where people have a last chance to make their decision to believe in Christ. If we are going to accept these experiences then we will need to add this one in as well. By the way, how might belief in a great hall where you can make your final decision after you die affect your urgency to make a decision while you are alive? How might that be a big win for Satan? If people believe that you can make your decision after you die it takes away the urgency for them to make their decision in this life. But the truth is after you die it is too late.

Hebrews 9:27

And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment,

The Bible is clear. You die once. You stand before the judgment seat of Christ. You are eternally destined for Heaven or Hell. No one may ever return. It is interesting that, in these “near death” experiences, no one ever stands before the judgment seat of Christ. It should also be noted that both Christian and pagans have the same experiences. Lastly, in some of these experiences Christians come back having visited hell and pagans come back having visited heaven.

Jesus addressed the issue directly in Luke 16 when the rich man asked Abraham to send Lazarus back from the dead to warn the rich man’s brothers.

Luke 16:26-31

And besides all this, between us and you there is a great chasm fixed, so that those who wish to come over from here to you will not be able, and *that* none may cross over from there to us.’²⁷ And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, that you send him to my father’s house—²⁸ for I have five brothers—in order that he may warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’²⁹ But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’³⁰ **But he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent!’³¹ But he said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead.’”**

A testimony based on visiting Heaven or Hell has no purpose and no power. Jesus stated that if they won’t listen to the scriptures, a testimony from those returning from the dead will also not persuade them.

The scriptures have the power to save people, nothing else does.

(II Timothy 3:13-17)

But evil men and impostors will proceed *from bad* to worse, deceiving and being deceived.¹⁴ You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*,¹⁵ and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;¹⁷ so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

Any revelation that adds new information not in the Bible is to be rejected, even if it appears to be harmless.

I Corinthians 4:6

Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively applied to myself and Apollos for your sakes, so that in us you may learn not to exceed what is written, so that no one of you will become arrogant in behalf of one against the other.

Here is a report from someone who visited heaven and returned:

Christian lawyer at a testimony service at a Gideon camp meeting:

“I was at a meeting of the Gideons and a man stood up and related how he had died and then been brought back to life. He had seen heaven and was able to tell us what it looked like. He saw Jesus, the streets, the mountains, people he knew who had died, his grandmother rocking in her favorite chair and even his little baby who had died a year before. He was the happiest little baby in the entire world. It was wonderful.”

Pastor in discussion after this same man gave his testimony in church at the invitation of the above lawyer:

“I don’t see what you are making such a stink over. All he was doing was sharing an experience. How do we know he did not in fact go to heaven? The few things that came out in his testimony that are not in the Bible are of no consequence. I doubt seriously if anyone was listening as closely as you were. Chances are they went right past the whole congregation.”

Teenage daughter of a deacon in the church where the lawyer's quest recounted his story:

"If we are going to stay the same age we are now when we die and go to heaven then I don't want to go there. I thought we were going to get perfect bodies; I don't want to be stuck for eternity in some old decrepit body. Or what if I die tonight and have to be 14 for eternity? I can't stand to think about it."

She has refused to go to church or youth meetings since that occurrence. If you want to keep listening to these innocent stories you go right ahead - but this is the type of damage you can expect to occur.

"Oh, but Mr. Daily, what if the person relating their visit to heaven or hell does not reveal any new information that is not already in the Bible. Then its OK, right?"

No. It still should not be shared. Why? Because the person who had the experience is thought of as a special person thus devaluing the faith of those who have not had the experiences. In addition, people start to ask questions of the person, seeking spiritual truth from them instead of from the Bible. They have, in effect, made this person their supreme authority, not the Bible. Also, if no new information is being shared that we don't already have in the Bible then what is the point? We are just wasting time we could be using to study the Bible more thoroughly.

Talking With Angels and Demons

Do angels appear today, during the Church Age which we are living in? Yes. They appear in two ways. But since new revelation is not allowed during this time period, they are under constraints in how they can appear or what they can say. In the most common "appearance scenario", angels appear as humans and are not recognized as being angels. Since they are not recognized as being angels they can talk to people without any danger that their words will be interpreted as a revelation from God.

Hebrews 13:1-2

Let love of the brethren continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.

Imagine that you are on a mission trip to a far off country. You have flown 10,000 miles, your plane has landed in a third world country, and you are standing in the boarding area of the small airport building. You look around for your friend who promised to pick you up at the airport but you don't see him. You see people trying to go out of various doors guarded by soldiers carrying machine guns. Everyone is speaking a language that you do not understand and the soldiers are yelling at the people and pointing their guns at them. People seem to be having trouble leaving the boarding area. You are scared and unsure what to do so you sit in a chair and start praying, asking God for help. While you are praying someone taps you on the shoulder. You look up to see a fat, bald man, needing a shave, who speaks English. He says to you, "You seem to be unsure what to do. Why don't you try that door over there", pointing to a specific door. Then he walks off. You look at the door. Then you look back at the man but he has walked off and you don't see him. You get a strong feeling that you should try that door so you walk toward it even though there are armed soldiers on both sides of the door. As you approach the door the guards look at you but don't say anything. You walk out the door and are outside the airport building. You soon see your friend waiting for you next to his car and he waves at you to come over. Was the fat, bald man an angel? Who knows? You won't know until you get to heaven. Did he say anything that could be interpreted as new revelation from God? No.

The last dialog we have between a Christian and an angel is recorded in Revelation 22:8-9.

Revelation 22:8-9

I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed me these things. ⁹ But he said to me, "Do not do that. I am a fellow servant of yours and of your brethren the prophets and of those who heed the words of this book. Worship God."

The angel's message? Worship God and heed the words of the Book. This closes our dialog with angels until after the Rapture.

As John experienced, the appearance of an angel, including a fallen one, can be so emotionally overwhelming that one feels compelled to worship them. Unlike the angel who corrected John, fallen angels will let you worship them while they teach their doctrines to you. (Remember Colossians 2:18)

Galatians 1:8-9

But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed! ⁹ As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to be accursed!

I Timothy 4:1

But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons,

If an angel does appear as an angel (not as a human) then we would expect them to not say anything. Why? Because, if clearly presenting themselves as an angel, their words would be new revelation from God. We would have to write down whatever they say and staple it into the back of our Bibles as the words of God. So, if an angel from God does appear in angelic form, they won't speak. The only possible exception to this is if the angel directly quotes a passage of scripture accurately and says nothing else.

Key Point: If an angel appears to you and says anything other than a direct quote of scripture (and nothing more) then you know immediately that the angel is a fallen angel and not one from God.

Miracles and Other Signs and Wonders

Jesus is not a big fan of signs and wonders.

Matthew 7:22

Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.'"

Lord, what about me? I was a prophet in your name! (Jesus: "I never knew you")

Lord, what about me? I cast out demons in your name! (Jesus: "You practiced lawlessness")

Lord, what about me? I performed miracles in your name! (Jesus: "Get out of here")

John 4:48

"Unless you people see signs and wonders, you simply will not believe."

Luke 11:29

"This Generation is a wicked Generation; it seeks for a sign, and yet no sign shall be given to it but the sign of Jonah."

Matthew 12:38-40

Then some of the scribes and Pharisees said to Him, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from You."³⁹ But He answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation craves for a sign; and yet no sign will be given to it but the sign of Jonah the prophet;⁴⁰ for just as JONAH WAS THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS IN THE BELLY OF THE SEA MONSTER, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

Those who demand signs and wonders are labeled as being in the class of "evil and adulterous" people.

In John 10:41 and Matthew 11:11 God tells us that John the Baptist never performed a sign yet Jesus considered him to be great among men.

John 10:41

Many came to Him and were saying, “While John performed no sign, yet everything John said about this man was true.”

Matthew 11:11

Truly I say to you, among those born of women there has not arisen *anyone* greater than John the Baptist! Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

The Antidote to Extra-Biblical Revelation

If the Bible is not going to be your supreme authority in life then you will eventually end up believing in a doctrine of demons of one type or another. What is the antidote to prevent this?

I Timothy 4:6-7

In pointing out these things to the brethren, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, constantly nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound doctrine which you have been following. ⁷But have nothing to do with worldly fables fit only for old women. On the other hand, discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness;

The antidote is disciplining ourselves to study the Bible and rejecting worldly fables and hearsay.

In other words, given the five training options at the beginning of our study, number 5 (your pastor's class) would be the correct choice.

Extra-Biblical Revelation Summary

Extra-biblical revelation is any new information concerning spiritual things that is not found in the Bible. New revelation is closed until the return of Christ. The Bible is a finished product - nothing will be added or removed.

Extra-Biblical Revelation Includes:

- 1) Visions in which Jesus is visually seen or in which God audibly talks to them.
- 2) Near-death experiences where information is gleaned about Heaven or Hell that is not in the Bible.
- 3) Information about the passage into Heaven or Hell which is not in the Bible
- 4) Any appearance of a supernatural being that says anything other than a direct quote of scripture and nothing more.
- 5) Dream, vision, or near-death experience where they overhear a conversation God is having with someone
- 6) Any statement that begins with a variation of “God said”

If from God, we would need to write these revelations down and staple them into our Bibles. This is unacceptable. We do not say that these people do not have experiences. But we do say that these experiences are not new revelations from God. Instead, we hold to the doctrine of the closed nature of the Bible. No new information will be added and none will be taken away.

QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD

JEREMIAH 15:16

THEME: *The Dangers of Extra-Biblical Revelation*

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Revelation 22:18-21*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

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How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *II Corinthians 11:14*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

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QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD

JEREMIAH 15:16

THEME: *The Dangers of Extra-Biblical Revelation*

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Romans 10:14-15, Romans 1:15-16*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *John 16:7-11, I Peter 1:23*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Hebrews 9:27*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

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QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD

JEREMIAH 15:16

THEME: *The Dangers of Extra-Biblical Revelation*

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Luke 16:26-31*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *II Timothy 3:13-17, I Corinthians 4:6*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Hebrews 13:1-2*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

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QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD

JEREMIAH 15:16

THEME: *The Dangers of Extra-Biblical Revelation*

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Revelation 22:8-9*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Galatians 1:8-9, I Timothy 4:1*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Matthew 7:22*

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QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD

JEREMIAH 15:16

THEME: *The Dangers of Extra-Biblical Revelation*

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *John 4:48, Luke 11:29, Matthew 12:38-40*

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *John 10:41, Matthew 11:11*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *I Timothy 4:6-7*

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