

Psychic Predictions

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Psychics have “Prophetic Accuracy Quotients.” These are the percentages when their hunches turn out right. Jeane Dixon, Daniel Logan, David Bubar, and the others try to score high. But it is quite rare that they guess any future event correctly.

The predictions of prophets in the Bible were quite different. They were given with certainty, the certainty of God backing them. Every prediction given by a prophet always came true unless, because men repented of their sins and returned to God—or because they decided to leave Him,—the predicted outcome must be changed. If men will sincerely repent, God will give them another opportunity. But, with this one exception, the predictions of the prophet will always come to pass.

It is in the Bible that we find the predictions of the prophets. Their messages originate with God. In contrast, we find the predictions of the psychics and astrologers in the newspaper tabloids. Their messages come from spiritualism.

Prophets reproved sin and exalted the power of God; their writings lead men to Christ and warn them of coming crises.

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And what of their predictions?

Every year there seems to be more psychics than the year before. And they are predicting all kinds of events—engagements of movie starlets, political results, TV star contracts, the births of new “messiahs,” next year’s clothing fashions, spiritualistic phenomena, and airplane crashes.

We need information. But sources are important. We dare not go to the wrong ones. Are the psychics and their fellow travelers (the astrologers, clairvoyants, mediums, and satanists) safe? Are they reliable? There are ways we can

know.

Whereas the prophets of God received visions from heaven, warning men to repent of their sins and return to God; the psychics obtain their information from contacts that are far different.

They tell us that their powers to predict come from crystal balls, light bulbs, electronic boxes, and “spirits of dead men” who visit them; ouija boards and séances are other means of information. And, as we shall find, guesswork is yet another helpful source.

Oddly enough, the events themselves seem generally to be focused on celebrities: movie stars, singers, politicians, and so forth. More often than not, the occurrence predicted will just be a marriage or some such affair.

But not so with the ancient prophets sent to men with messages from Heaven. They received their directions directly from God through visions and dreams. And they warned men everywhere to flee from sin and return to the Lord while there was still time. And they predicted judgments upon the land.

They clearly declared that these judgments would come because of disobedience to the laws of God. And—unlike the psychics of our day,—their predictions could be counted on to come true unless men repented of those sins.

Edgar Cayce was one of the leading psychics in the middle of the 20th century. He gained prominence because of his astounding prophecies, not one of which came true. Cayce predicted that the lands of Japan, America, and the Arctic would be totally devastated sometime between 1958 and 1998. Within a single generation after 1941 (25 years), He predicted that Los Angeles, San Francisco, and New York City would be blotted out of existence. He said that, by 1969, the mythical continent of Atlantis would rise up out of the ocean. He also declared that a “pole shift” would cause devastation throughout the entire world in the year 2001.

At the beginning of 1978, Ralph Blodgett decided it

was time to settle this matter of “psychics.”

So he did what other people had generally only thought of doing. He went from one magazine vending counter to another, buying up the first-of-the-year sensational and gossip tabloids. Then he took his loot home and carefully compiled a list of 250 definite predictions for the year 1978.

As the year passed, he kept close tab on the news stories as they broke—in the newspapers, as well as the major news, science, gossip and sports magazines—and kept watching for fulfillments of those 250 predictions.

Then he sat down at the end of the year and put it all together. Out of 250 specific prognostications, by the thirty leading psychics of the world, *less than 3 percent* (i.e., 6 out of 250) could be listed as reasonably fulfilled. Ninety-seven percent missed the mark entirely. (The six correct ones had been stated in such general terms that it was not difficult to find someone or someplace that could fulfill them.)

“What kind of predictions are we talking about?

Here are a few for 1978 that flopped: U.S. space shuttle disaster sets program back 10 years; another major power failure to hit New York City in early 1978; a fire ravages the White House; the price of gas to reach \$1.50 a gallon in U.S.; Quebec to split from rest of Canada; Carter to impose mandatory nationwide four-day work week in January; Cuba to apply to become fifty-first state; nationwide postal strike to halt all Christmas mail; Carter to reintroduce the draft in September; discovery of a cancer cure; Red China and the Soviet Union to go to war; CIA and FBI merge into a super spy agency; and remains of Atlantis discovered in Mediterranean off Turkey.”—*Ralph Blodgett, “Supermarket Psychics Spin the Roulette Wheel Again,” These Times, March, 1979.*

Not only predictions of major news events were included, but also many that were little better than ridiculous: Five different psychics predicted that “Charlie’s Angels” TV show would be canceled. It was predicted that Burt Reynolds would marry Sally Field; Lindsay Wagner would become a TV superstar rage, replacing Farrah Fawcett-Majors; “Big-foot” would be captured. (None of which came true.) Such are not the messages of God to our world today.

In order to test the validity of horoscopes, an advertisement was placed in a Paris newspaper (*Ici Paris*) in 1979. A free, personal horoscope was offered to anyone

who would report back on how accurate it had been.

Of the first 150 people who replied, 94 percent declared that it exactly fit their circumstances, their personalities, and the events of their lives. In addition, 90 percent of their friends and family agreed with this assessment.

Later, those who placed the ad revealed that everyone had been sent, not a personalized horoscope, but the same one. And it was disclosed that it was one prepared for a mass murderer.

In 1982, an organization known as the *Australian Skeptics* compared horoscopes found in 13 different newspapers for the same week. It was discovered that they gave a wide range of differing predictions for the same astrological sign. Checking them over carefully, they found that about half predicted good fortune for the week while the other half predicted disaster.

Seven years later, in response to a \$100,000 TV show challenge, a well-known astrologer cast the charts of 12 people after being given their birth information. After this, the psychic spoke at length on the show with each of the twelve; and it was found that his charts did not match what happened in each of their lives for the time periods horoscoped.

In 1994, the Melbourne *Sunday Age* newspaper challenged six astrologers to predict the winner of the forthcoming Melbourne Cup, a famous yacht race. Every one of the six totally failed to predict the outcome.

The well-known psychic, Gordon-Michael Scallion claims that his predictions average nearly 90 percent accuracy. That sounds good, as long as you do not check his track record. Out of 66 predictions made for 1995, only a few came to pass; and all those were merely the continuation of an obvious trend or worded so vaguely they could hardly fail (herbal sales will increase, the number of witches will increase, there will be more UFO sightings).

The Bible says, “Thus saith the Lord, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven” (*Jeremiah 10:2*).

The only reliable source of information is the Lord.

“And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep and that mutter; should not a people seek unto their God? [instead of] for the living to [seek guidance of] the dead? To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this Word, it is because there is no light in them”—*Isaiah 8:19-20.*

The Road to the Occult

There are five levels of reading. Remain on the highest levels. The lower ones can destroy you.

THE HIGHEST LEVEL

The highest level is the God's Inspired Writings. The Holy Bible can prepare you for heaven. Only God's Holy Word can lead you on the path to heaven.

Next to that are stories of great Christians and missionaries, along with stories of Christians who have been faithful in earlier centuries. These are always helpful. Reading them encourages you to want to live like them, true to God to the end.

THE REAL WORLD

The next level down is current events. Here we have the news of the day, some of which is worth learning about. Also included here is history, technology, and scientific facts. (Not included here is evolutionary theory, which is a form of fantasy, a far lower level.)

THE FICTITIOUS WORLD

The next level down is fiction. The best type consists of books and articles which try to warn of spiritual dangers and encourage you to live a better Christian life. But this is not the best level of reading. God's Word is.

Below this comes a variety of fiction which is very bad for you. There are millions of books which belong here. Although the stories are generally set in the real world, they encourage you to like vicious, licentious, and all kinds of evil things.

People who read fiction find it harder to handle the duties and problems of everyday life with Christian patience and trust in God.

THE FANTASY WORLD

Now we drop still lower to the world of

fantasy. These are stories about impossible things in make-believe worlds, inhabited by giants and gremlins, talking animals and strange creatures. This is an unreal world, and learning to like it is not good. The reading of fairy tales prepares you for the next level down, which is witchcraft.

In this category, we find Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland*, J.R.R. Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings*, and C.S. Lewis' *Chronicles of Narnia*.

Both in this category and the next, we find many of the Andersons' and Grimes' fairy tales, also the Oz stories by Frank Baum—which are about actual witchcraft.

THE SPIRIT WORLD

Now you enter the world of horrors. By the time a person reaches this level, he has learned to enjoy the things of witchcraft.

Here we find stories about witches, vampires, and other horrible creatures which, although imaginary, are actually the things used by spiritualists to frighten and catch you.

Anton Lavey's *Satanic Bible* would fall into this category.

THE OCCULT WORLD

Next we come to books which actually instruct the reader in the details of witchcraft. These books do more than merely talk about witches, they explain in detail their training program and how they carry on their magic.

Here we find the actual instructional books for witches in training. Included here are J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter books. They provide entry-level instruction.

The *Ordo Anno Mundi* (OAM) Series are books for professional witches. They contain instruction only somewhat in advance of the Rowling books. ***They have complete witch-***

craft instructions—yet are little different than the Potter books!

Here is a comparison between the professional witchcraft training series and the Harry Potter books:

OAM has seven degrees of “*Magical Training*,” and includes classes strikingly similar to those offered at Hogwarts, Harry Potter’s school.

OAM General Education primer: “Ancient Runes.” / Here is an example from the Harry Potter books: “Those are my books for . . . Divination, the Study of Ancient Runes” (*Prisoner of Azkaban*, p. 57, original edition).

OAM First Degree: “Divination.” An example in Harry Potter: “We will be covering the basic methods of Divination this year” (*Prisoner of Azkaban*, p. 103).

OAM First Degree: “Spellcasting.” An example in Potter: “All students should have a copy of each of the following: *The standard Book of Spells (Grade 1)*” (*Sorcerer’s Stone*, p. 66).

OAM Fourth Degree: “Animal Transforma-

tion (witches also call it “transfiguration”).” An example from the Potter books: “Transfiguration is some of the most complex and dangerous magic you will learn at Hogwarts” (*Sorcerer’s Stone*, p. 134). “My transformations in those days were—were terrible. It is very painful to turn into a werewolf . . . [My friends] could each turn into a different animal” (*Prisoner of Azkaban*, pp. 353-354).

OAM Fifth Degreee: “*Magical Lore*” An example from Potter: “Their very last exam was History of Magic” (*Sorcerer’s Stone*, p. 263).

In addition to incantations, the Harry Potter books contain the most horrible stories about people being killed by Hogwarts’ students, who laugh about it then and afterward.

There is also profanity in the books. For example, in *Book 4*, you will find it on pp. 43, 62, 127, 232, 344, 470, 561, and 626.

Such books should be read neither by children nor by adults. They are evil and a menace to the eternal welfare of the soul.

“God has expressly forbidden all pretended communication with departed spirits. In the days of the Hebrews there was a class of people who claimed, as do the spiritualists of today, to hold communication with the dead. But the ‘familiar spirits,’ as these visitants from other worlds were called, are declared by the Bible to be ‘the spirits of devils.’ (Compare Numbers 25:1-3; Psalm 106:28; 1 Corinthians 10:20; Revelation 16:14.) The work of dealing with familiar spirits was pronounced an abomination to the Lord, and was solemnly forbidden under penalty of death. Leviticus 19:31; 20:27.”—*Great Controversy*, 556.

“There are few who have any just conception of the deceptive power of spiritualism and the danger of coming under its influence. Many tamper with it merely to gratify their curiosity. They have no real faith in it and would be filled with horror at the thought of yielding themselves to the spirits’ control. But they venture upon the forbidden ground, and the mighty destroyer exercises his power upon them against their will. Let them once be induced to submit their

minds to his direction, and he holds them captive. It is impossible, in their own strength, to break away from the bewitching, alluring spell. Nothing but the power of God, granted in answer to the earnest prayer of faith, can deliver these ensnared souls.”—*Great Controversy*, 558.

“Many will be confronted by the spirits of devils personating beloved relatives or friends and declaring the most dangerous heresies. These visitants will appeal to our tenderest sympathies and will work miracles to sustain their pretensions. We must be prepared to withstand them with the Bible truth that the dead know not anything and that they who thus appear are the spirits of devils.”—*Great Controversy*, 560.

“Spiritualism, which numbers its converts by hundreds of thousands, yea, by millions, which has made its way into scientific circles, which has invaded churches, and has found favor in legislative bodies, and even in the courts of kings—this mammoth deception is but a revival, in a new disguise, of the witchcraft condemned and prohibited of old.”—*Great Controversy*, 556.