The Spirit Told Me...Really?

Does the Spirit of Yah really talk to some people? Many claim that they can hear the Spirit tell them things such as what to do, where to go and what to say. Is this biblically correct? There are many spirits recorded in the Bible for our admonishment. We are warned to discern their origin, for they are not all the same ...yet there is only **one** "Holy Spirit." You and I have a spirit, our spirit which we control and which in turn often controls us. The words of the prophet Malachi describe **our spirit** as rebellious against Yah.

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Malachi 2:15~16 And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to **your spirit**, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth. For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away: for one covereth violence with his garment, saith the LORD of hosts: therefore take heed to **your spirit**, that ye deal not treacherously.

Our spirit is not Yah's Holy Spirit. We are able to take correction from His Holy Spirit to the degree we are willing to yield to His lead. But just because we know Yah or know of His ways does not mean that we are following the lead from His Holy Spirit.

Hosea 4:12 My people ask counsel at their stocks, and their staff declareth unto them: for the **spirit of whoredoms** hath caused them to err, and they have gone a whoring from under their God.

Ezekiel 13:3~9 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Woe unto the foolish prophets, **that follow their own spirit**, and have seen nothing! O Israel, thy prophets are like the foxes in the deserts. Ye have not gone up into the gaps, neither made up the hedge for the house of Israel to stand in the battle in the day of the LORD. They have **seen vanity** and **lying divination**, saying, The LORD saith: and the LORD hath not sent them: and they have made others to hope that they would confirm the word. Have ye not seen a **vain vision**, and have ye not spoken a **lying divination**, whereas ye say, The LORD saith it; **albeit I have not spoken**? Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because ye have spoken **vanity**, and seen **lies**, therefore, behold, I am against you, saith the Lord GOD. And mine hand shall be upon the prophets that see **vanity**, and that **divine lies**: they shall not be in the assembly of my people, **neither shall they be written in the writing of the house of Israel** (*the Book of Life*), neither shall they enter into the land of Israel; and ye shall know that I am the Lord GOD.

2Corinthians 11:4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or **if ye receive another spirit**, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.

Most assuredly there are other spirits that deceive us, the worst being our **own spirit**, the inner you that has befriended us from the beginning, telling us to satisfy the desires of the flesh at our own expense. We know this spirit spanning our lives from the beginning, in childhood as it led us into all sorts of results, some good and some bad. Through the years we all have gotten used to **our spirit's voice** as it sits on our shoulder whispering its desires to our waiting ears. But this same voice that beckons to satisfy the desires of the flesh or encourages us to take revenge after stewing over an offence cannot in the next breath lead one into truth. **Yah's Holy Spirit is never divided against its self**. Thus one may hear a spirit speaking to them, but truly it not Yah's Holy Spirit.

The concept that Yah's Holy Spirit talks directly to individuals is proven biblically erroneous. Scriptures declare that Yah the Father is Spirit.

John 4:23~24 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in **spirit** and in **truth**: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. **God is a Spirit**: and they that worship him must worship him **in spirit and in truth**.

No one has ever **seen** or **heard** the Father at any time. Yahshua states this fact as He is declaring Himself a greater witness that John the Baptist. Is the scripture in error, is Yahshua lying to us?

John 5:37 And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape.

The fact remains that throughout biblical revelation no one has ever **seen** or **heard** Yah the Father who is Spirit, for Yah and His Spirit have and do remain invisible to humans. Yet Yah has spoken to men in the past **through mediators**, often revealed as angels with His message to us conveyed through them. If we search the scripture we will not find a reference to Yah's Holy Spirit talking to man directly. Some 4500 years of scripture reveal no such occurrence. It would be foolish to declare that Yah has changed in these latter days without corroborating biblical proof. That being said, scripture proclaims the God of the Old Testament was none other than Yahshua, the Messiah of the New Testament who does not and has not changed. Yahshua Himself has spoken to mankind directly on numerous occasions as amply documented in scripture.

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In regards to the Holy Spirit's role in our lives, the scriptures are emphatic in stating that the Holy Spirit of Yah **leads us into all truth**. Thus if one is being directed by Yah's Holy Spirit, one is not being talked to, but is being **led to the truth through His words**. It is **His written word** shown to us for our admonishment that defines **all truth**. For it is stated His words hold all truth and apart from His words there is no truth.

Psalms 119:142 Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth.

John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

To reiterate; note carefully what is being declared: **His words** recorded for us in the scriptures are the only source whereby one is **legally assured** of where one is being led. For truth is seen nowhere else other than in Yah's word; **for Yah's words are true**. One cannot legitimately declare a path of truth apart from Yah's word. Thus His word, written for our admonishment, coming into remembrance becomes **the sole legal basis to merit truth**. There are many sources other than the words of the Bible that confirm His truth, but apart from the words of Yah themselves they cannot stand.

Isaiah 8:16~20 Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples. And I will wait upon the LORD, that hideth his face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for him. Behold, **I and the children whom the LORD hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts**, which dwelleth in mount Zion. 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? for the living to 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.**

Consequently the Spirit of Yah leads us to truth as it confronts **our spirit**, brings into remembrance the instructions by which to walk that is and has been revealed in His word. Yah provides definite assurance in the written word to collaborate the inspiration of His Holy Spirit found in the scriptures to **validate the truth**. Without such validation in the written word, there is nothing to authenticate truth. Thus one declaring to be led by the Holy Spirit can prove its direction only if scriptural verses affirm such a declaration.

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Luke 4:1 And Jesus being full of the Holy Spirit returned from Jordan, and was **led by the Spirit** into the wilderness,

Romans 8:14 For as many as are **led by the Spirit** of God, they are the sons of God.

Galatians 5:18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

John 16:13 Howbeit when he, **the Spirit of truth**, is come, he will **guide you into all truth**: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

John 15:26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even **the Spirit of truth**, which **proceedeth from the Father**, he shall testify of me:

1John 4:6 We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we **the spirit of truth**, and **the spirit of error**.

So what is the Spirit of Truth and how can the Spirit guide us into truth if we are not able to validate if it is true? Once again there must be a foundation, an origin and a source by which to measure truth. Simply stated there is a **spirit of truth** and there is a **spirit of error**. How does one discern between the two? Hence the validation; **Yah's word is truth**...not man's, though at times the latter is more appealing. No...that spirit on your shoulder speaking in your ear can't be good and bad at the same time. You can't drink clear water from a spoiled well. Our spirit's direction may at times be opposed to that of Yah's Holy Spirit, but truly they are not the same, because our spirit often deviates far from being Holy and true.

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Psalms 119: 9 & 142 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto **according to thy word**. Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, **and thy law is the truth.**

Revelation 19:10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

As we grow in truth and knowledge, His Holy Spirit continues to **guide us** through Yah's **written word** which is there for all to recognize and utilize for salvation. There must be no ambiguity over the source of that voice leading us to truth as defined in the Word of Yah. Many spirits are contending for our devotion, but we must be sure that what we are listening to is Yah's Holy Spirit. That can only be accomplished when what we are **"Being Told or Guided To"** agrees with the Written Word in the law and the prophets. We are given instructions to be vigilant and told to **test the spirits** whether they are truly from our Creator.

1 John 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, **but try the spirits** whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

Again this same scriptural message read from the Bible Basic English version of 1John 4:1: "My loved ones; do not put your faith in every spirit, but put them to the test, to see if they are from God: because a great number of false prophets have gone out into the world."

So how does one test the spirit? What becomes the litmus paper for truth? Is it personal inspiration rooted in feelings and desires or is truth joined to a source greater than ourselves? Where is the source by which truth is defined, that one may judge between right and wrong, truth or deception? Yet again we are shown the way by the scriptures that state... **His words are truth**. Therefore, we must continually be willing to make the effort to compare the dialogue of spirits to what is spoken of in the Holy Scripture. **Thus the written scriptures remain the basis for all truth...not personal inspiration**.

Acts 17:10~12 And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews. These were **more noble** than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and **searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so**. Therefore many of them believed; also of honourable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few.

These men of Berea were declared nobler, more forthright, in receiving these spiritual words, being able to discern their validity. For they searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so, meaning they scrutinized, investigated, interrogated, determined, questioned, examined, judged, that is to say, they sought out the scriptures to legitimize their authenticity, whether they originated from man or from Yah's Holy Spirit.

Isaiah 8:19~20 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? for the living to 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.

The instructions are clearly given regarding the law and testimony: If they do not speak according to **Yah's Word**, it is because there is no light in them. We are told to test the spirit for its **legitimacy**, not to believe everything that we hear...it must **agree with Yah's Word**, no matter what any spirit, angel or prophet tells us.

This has been the instructions throughout the entire writings recorded in the Old and New Testaments for our admonishment...IF we are willing to heed it's warning through His written word. Please listen to the instructions about being lead away by deceptive spirits.

Leviticus 19:31 Regard not them that have **familiar spirits**, neither seek after wizards, **to be defiled by them**: I am the LORD your God.

Deuteronomy 13:1~10 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: 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. 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. 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. 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; 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; 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: 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. 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.

Deuteronomy 18:15~22 The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken; According to all that thou desiredst of the LORD thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not. And the LORD said unto me, They have well spoken that which they have spoken. I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him. But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die. And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken? 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.

Jeremiah 23:9~40 Mine heart within me is broken because of the prophets; all my bones shake; I am like a drunken man, and like a man whom wine hath overcome, because of the LORD, and because of the words of his holiness. For the land is full of adulterers; for because of swearing the land mourneth; the pleasant places of the wilderness are dried up, and their course is evil, and their force is not right. For both prophet and priest are profane; yea, in my house have I found their wickedness, saith the LORD. Wherefore their way shall be unto them as slippery ways in the darkness: they shall be driven on, and fall therein: for I will bring evil upon them, even the year of their visitation, saith the LORD. And I have seen folly in the prophets of Samaria; they prophesied in Baal, and caused my people Israel to err. I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem an horrible thing: they commit adultery, and walk in lies: they strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that none doth return from his wickedness: they are all of them unto me as Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah. Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts concerning the prophets; Behold, I will feed them with wormwood, and make them drink the water of gall: for from the prophets of Jerusalem is profaneness gone forth into all the land. Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Hearken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you: they make you vain: they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of the LORD. They say still unto them that despise me, The LORD hath said, Ye shall have peace; and they say unto every one that walketh after the imagination of his own heart, No evil shall come upon you. For who hath stood in the counsel of the LORD, and hath perceived and heard his word? who hath marked his word, and heard it? Behold, a whirlwind of the LORD is gone forth in fury, even a grievous whirlwind: it shall fall grievously upon the head of the wicked. The anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly. I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. But if they had stood in **my counsel**, and had caused my people to hear **my words**, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings. Am I a God at hand, saith the LORD, and not a God afar off? Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD. I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed. How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? yea, they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart; Which think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbour, as their fathers have forgotten my name for Baal. The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? saith the LORD. Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces? Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets, saith the LORD, that steal my words everyone from his neighbour. Behold, I am against the prophets, saith the LORD, that use their tongues, and say, He saith. Behold, I am against them that prophesy false dreams, saith the LORD, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their lightness; yet I sent them not, nor commanded them: therefore they shall not profit this people at all, saith the LORD. And when this people, or the prophet, or a priest, shall ask thee, saying, What is the burden of the

LORD? thou shalt then say unto them, What burden? I will even forsake you, saith the LORD. And as for the prophet, and the priest, and the people, that shall say, The burden of the LORD, I will even punish that man and his house. Thus shall ye say every one to his neighbour, and every one to his brother, What hath the LORD answered? and, What hath the LORD spoken? And the burden of the LORD shall ye mention no more: **for every man's word shall be his burden; for ye have perverted the words of the living God**, of the LORD of hosts our God. Thus shalt thou say to the prophet, What hath the LORD answered thee? and, What hath the LORD spoken? But since ye say, The burden of the LORD; therefore thus saith the LORD; Because ye say this word, The burden of the LORD, and I have sent unto you, saying, Ye shall not say, The burden of the LORD; Therefore, behold, I, even I, will utterly forget you, and I will forsake you, and the city that I gave you and your fathers, and cast you out of my presence: And I will bring an everlasting reproach upon you, and a perpetual shame, which shall not be forgotten.

Ephesians 1:15~23 Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you **the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him**: The eyes of **your understanding being enlightened**; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

Ephesians 2:1~3 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, **the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience**: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, **fulfilling the desires** of the **flesh** and of the **mind**; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

Ephesians 5:6~13 Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. Be not ye therefore partakers with them. For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth; Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret. But all things that are reproved are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light.

Philippians 1: 9~11 And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more **in knowledge** and **in all judgment**; **That ye may approve things that are excellent**; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ; **Being filled with the fruits of righteousness**, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

Galatians 1: 6~9 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, **If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.**

2 Thessalonians 2:7~14 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of

unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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No one is more shabbily dressed than when displaying false religion as a cloak

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