



## STATEMENT DJ010

### **Jeane Dixon And Prophecy**

JEANE DIXON, known to millions through her books and newspaper columns, claims to be a prophet of God, one who is doing “the Lord’s work.” In fact, she has gone so far as to say that “the same spirit that worked through Isaiah and John the Baptist also works through me.”<sup>1</sup>

This is quite a sobering claim. To be a prophet or seer of God, to speak for Him, and to reveal His will to the world is indeed a mighty calling.

However, Jesus Himself warned us to beware of “false prophets” who would “mislead many.” (Matthew 24:11) How can we tell if someone is genuinely a prophet (or prophetess) of God? The best way to validate a person’s claim to a prophetic office is to compare him or her to the prophets of God found in the Scriptures. Since Jeane Dixon claims to be one such prophet, we must apply this test to her.

#### CRITERIA FOR A PROPHET

The first criterion for testing one claiming to be a prophet would obviously have to be a life that is pleasing to God. Obviously, someone who lived in rebellion to the Lord’s will, or who practiced things which God strongly condemns, could hardly be a reliable or true source of messages from God.

Unfortunately, when one examines Jeane Dixon’s life, a rather significant problem emerges: Mrs. Dixon advocates astrology. Since her teen years, she has had an active interest in astrology and horoscopes, and she currently has a syndicated astrology column in numerous newspapers, across the country. (She has even prepared an astrology book for cats!)

Biblically speaking, astrology is a form of divination. Divination can be defined as the attempt to obtain knowledge, especially about the future, by the reading and interpreting of certain signs. Astrology clearly falls into this category.

God has some very strong and definite things to say about astrology and divination. In speaking to the nation of Israel, He declared his feeling about such practice by saying, “There shall not be found among you anyone...who uses divination...or one who interprets omen...For whoever does these things is detestable to the Lord.” (Deuteronomy 18:10-12)

In fact, God made it very clear through the prophet Isaiah that astrology cannot save; it is valueless! (Isaiah 47:9-14) The same is also true of the other occult tools used by Mrs. Dixon (crystal balls, cards, etc.).

#### FALSE PROPHECY

The second criterion for evaluating prophet is in the area of accuracy in discussing the issue of prophet and prophecy with the Israelites, the Lord told them: “But the prophet who shall speak a word presumptuously in My name which I have not commanded him to speak, or which he shall speak in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die. And you may say in you heart, ‘How shall we know that word which the Lord has not spoken?’ When a prophet speaks in the name, of the Lord, if the thing does not come about or come true, that is the thing which the Lord has not spoken. The prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him.” (Deuteronomy 18:20-27)

From this passage it is clear that the Lord’s prophets - those who were truly inspired by Him - would have 100% accuracy record; they wouldn’t prophesy something that would fail to come to pass. (God makes no mistakes.)

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We need to remember that when modern-day psychic or “prophet speaks, people have a tendency to remember only those pronouncements that come true. No one remembers the many false prophecies that were uttered - the ones that didn’t “come to pass.” Such failures do not generally make the news. However, whether it’s newsworthy or not, the record of false prophecies does tell us whether a prophet is from God or not.

Unfortunately, Jean Dixon has had a large number of significant false prophecies. For example:

She predicted that the Russians would be the first to land a man on the moon.<sup>3</sup>

She predicted that Richard Nixon would not resign from the presidency of the United States.<sup>4</sup>

She predicted that the Vietnam War would be over by 1966.<sup>5</sup>

She predicted that the Panama Canal treaties would not be approved and ratified.<sup>6</sup>

She predicted that UFOs, with super-advanced humans from a hidden planet would land and make contact with us by 1977.<sup>7</sup>

She predicted that in 1978 Pope Paul VI would “surprise the world with his energy and determination” - yet he fell ill and died!<sup>8</sup>

### JEANE DIXON AND GOD

The third (and perhaps most important) test for a prophet concerns the message that the prophet brings, for even a perfect prophetic record (which Mrs. Dixon does not have) is not the absolute test of one’s claim to be a representative of the Lord.

God told the children of Israel that “If a prophet or dreamer of dream, arises among you and gives you a sign or wonder and the sign or wonder comes true, concerning which he, spoke to you, saying, ‘Let us go after other gods (whom you have not known) and let us serve them,’ you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams; for the Lord your God is testing you to find out if you love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.” (Deuteronomy 13:1-3)

And how can we know if the “God” a prophet represents is the true and living God or one of the “other gods?” The prophet Isaiah records an answer for us: “And when they say to you, ‘Consult the mediums and the wizards who whisper and mutter,’ should not a people consult their God? . . . To the law and the testimony: if they do not speak according to this word, it is because they have no dawn.” (Isaiah 8:19-20)

Here Isaiah is saying that a prophet of God will speak in accord with what God has already said in the past; God doesn’t contradict Himself. In other words, the message that a true prophet brings will be consistent with what He has already revealed (which, for Christians, is found in the Bible).

What of the message that Jean Dixon brings?

“Such (great) interest in the Bible inspires me because it demonstrates that, however wide the difference in our forms of worship and religious concepts, we all look to the same spiritual source from whence comes everything in the universe, seen and unseen, heard and unheard.”<sup>9</sup>

“There is only one God and only one faith, but there are Innumerable channels, and each must find the right one for him...A Buddhist is going to recognize that One Power. So let us forget about such terms as ‘Inter-faith.’ Let everybody seek his own faith at the one Central Source.”<sup>10</sup>

In the above quotes it appears that Jeane Dixon believes that there are many possible paths to God, each one as good as the next. This is reflected in her statement that “Religions are many, but God is one.”<sup>11</sup>

This is not consistent with the truth we find revealed in Scripture, where Jesus Himself says: “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through me.” (John 14:6) Although it might seem nice to think

that those in pagan religions and non-Christian cults are worshipping the same God, God's word says it isn't so. Apart from Christ, there is no access to the true God.

Mrs. Dixon avoids the topic of sin and man's separation from God in her writings, although she does speak of having harmony with God. However, this harmony is to be achieved through realizing the full potential of one's talents<sup>12</sup> - not through confessing one's sin and casting oneself on God's mercy, trusting in the atoning work of Christ on the cross. She also states: "Our talents are our weapons for security and survival - eternal survival."<sup>13</sup>

Mrs. Dixon also promotes other ideas foreign to Scripture in her writings. For example, she blurs the clear biblical distinction between God and His creation when she says that "From the very moment we are conceived and receive life, we become... a part of God."<sup>14</sup> She also teaches a somewhat modified version of reincarnation in which particular "spirits" (distinct from a person's individual soul and yet somehow at work in conjunction with the soul) are reincarnated in various people until the missions of these mysterious spirits are fulfilled, at which time, she says, these, spirits will "become perfection" and "become synonymous with God."<sup>15</sup>

## OTHER CHARACTERISTICS

Other things which characterize the work and teachings of those serving in a prophetic role for God are strangely absent from the writings of Jeane Dixon. She claims to be moved by the same spirit that directed John the Baptist and inspired the prophet Isaiah, but how very different is her message! John the Baptist testified of Jesus, saying: "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29) Isaiah called the nation of Israel to repentance, declaring the awfulness of their sins. He also prophesied of the coming Redeemer and encouraged his hearers to forsake idols, false religions, and wickedness to follow hard after the living God.

We have examined the words and work of Jeane Dixon in the light of the biblical criteria for testing and determining the truthfulness of a prophet; unfortunately, she fails on every point. Not only does she embrace practices that God clearly forbids, but her false prophecies and unbiblical message brand her as one of those that Jesus warned His disciples about. Is her "gift of prophecy" a commission from God? Decidedly not.

Paul the apostle, in writing to the church in Thessalonica, told them: "Do not quench the Spirit; do not despise prophetic utterances. But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good; abstain from every form of evil." (1 Thessalonians 5:20-21)

We feel that it is important to take these words to heart. We are not to "despise prophetic utterances," but that doesn't mean that we are to freely accept whatever a self-proclaimed prophet may say. We need to test everything carefully, as we have done with the prophecies and practices of Jean Dixon - and she fails the test of Scripture. For those that would truly follow after the Lord, there is only one option.

Let us speak up clearly for the Lord, and "not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them..." (Ephesians 5:11) Let us also encourage others to "abstain from every form of evil." May God bless you as you strive to follow the teachings of the Bible.

Footnotes:

<sup>1</sup> Rene Noorbergen, The Soul Hustlers, p. 114

<sup>2</sup> The Zondervan Pictorial Bible Dictionary, p. 222

<sup>3</sup> Ruth Montgomery, A Gift of Prophecy, p. 186

<sup>4</sup> The Soul Hustlers, p. 120

<sup>5</sup> Ibid.

<sup>6</sup> The Skeptical Inquirer, Vol. 3 No. 3, pp. 22-23

<sup>7</sup> National Inquirer, Sept. 14, 1976

<sup>8</sup> The Skeptical Inquirer, P. 23

<sup>9</sup> Jean Dixon, My Life and Prophecies, p. 208

<sup>10</sup> Christian Herald, March 1976

<sup>11</sup> M.M. Delfano, The Living Prophets, p. 111

<sup>12</sup> My Life and Prophecies, p. 197

<sup>13</sup> A Gift of Prophecies, p. 172

<sup>14</sup> My Life and Prophecy, p. 197

<sup>15</sup> The Living Prophets, p. 113