

2 Peter Series

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THE TRUTH vs. Myth, Fable, Fantasy

2 Peter 1:16–21



2nd PETER

Guard Against False Teachers

2 Pet. 1:12, “Therefore, I will not neglect to remind you constantly about these things even though you have known them and have been made stable by means of the truth [*en—by means of*] that you now have [or the present truth].” ~RD

The Basis of Knowledge

	SYSTEM	STARTING POINT	METHOD
Autonomous Systems of Perception	RATIONALISM	Innate ideas; <u>Faith</u> in human ability	Independent use of logic & reason
	EMPIRICISM	Sense perceptions; External experience; Scientific method; <u>Faith</u> in human ability	Independent use of logic & reason
	MYSTICISM	Inner, private experience; Intuition; <u>Faith</u> in human ability	Independent, Nonlogical, Nonrational, Nonverifiable
Divine Viewpoint	REVELATION	<u>Faith</u> in the objective revelation of God	Dependent use of logic and reason

2 Pet. 1:13, “Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you,

2 Pet. 1:14, “knowing that shortly I must put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me.

2 Pet. 1:15, “Moreover I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease.”

John 8:32, “And you shall know THE TRUTH, and the truth shall make you free.”

John 14:17, “the Spirit of THE TRUTH, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.”

John 15:26, “But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of THE TRUTH who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.”

John 16:13, “However, when He, the Spirit of THE TRUTH, has come, He will guide you into all THE TRUTH; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.”

John 17:17, “Sanctify them by Your THE TRUTH. Your word is TRUTH.”

John 17:19, “And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by means of TRUTH.”

2 Pet. 1:13, “Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you,” ~NKJV

2 Pet. 1:13, “I consider it right, as long as I am in this bodily tent, to wake you up with a reminder,” ~HCSB

2 Pet. 1:14, “knowing that shortly I must put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me.”

οἶδα *oida*

perf act part masc

sing nom

to know, because

I know

John 21:18, “ ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish.’ ”

John 21:19, “This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, ‘Follow Me.’ ”

2 Pet. 1:15, “Moreover I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease.”

2 Pet. 1:15, “Moreover I will be diligent to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease.”

σπουδάζω *spoudazo*

**1 sing fut act indic to
be diligent; to be
zealous, labor over**

2 Pet. 1:16, “For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty.

2 Pet. 1:17, “For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: ‘This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.’

2 Pet. 1:18, “And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.”

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How do we Know it is True?

- 1. Because it is the revealed (prophetic) Word of God.**
- 2. Because it was confirmed through what they saw and heard (empiricism—their experience).**

TRUTH vs. Myth

Revelation

1. Originates from the One, TRUE Living God.
“voice from heaven,” 1:17
not “from the will of man,”
1:21
Holy Spirit moved, 1:20
2. Objective light, 1:19
3. Confirmatory evidence
which conforms to
revelation, 1:17–18
4. Linear

Myth

1. Originates from human
thought, fantasy, legends
2. Irrational concepts, “true
myth,” factitious
3. Polytheistic instead of
monotheistic
4. Cyclical, not linear

TRUTH vs. Myth

Revelation may be confirmed by evidence, i.e., what is seen and heard.

**Experience is evaluated by revelation;
Revelation is not evaluated or interpreted on the basis of experience.**

Biblical TRUTH is never in a vacuum; when God speaks or acts, it is confirmed through evidence.

TRUTH vs. Myth

Acts 1:1, “The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,

Acts 1:2, “until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen,

Acts 1:3, “to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.”

**2 Pet. 1:17, “For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory:
*‘This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.’ ”***

Matt. 17:1, “Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves;

Matt. 17:2, “and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.”

Rev. 1:14, “His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire;”

Matt. 17:3, “And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him.”

Matt. 17:4, “Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, ‘Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles [*skene* “dwelling places”]: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ ”

Matt. 17:5, “While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, ‘This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!’ ”

Matt. 3:17, “And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, ‘This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.’ ”

Psa. 2:7, “I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, ‘*You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.*’ ”

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ספר *saphar* piel

imperf 1 com sing

cohortativeB

**to count, relate; to
recount, or declare**

Psa. 2:7, “I will declare of the decree of the Lord: He said to Me, ‘*You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.*’ ”

2 Sam. 7:14, “I will be his Father, and he shall be My son.”

David was anointed in 1 Sam. 16:12–13

Psa. 2:7, “I will surely tell of the decree of the Lord: He said to Me, ‘*You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.*’ ”

ספר *saphar* piel

imperf 1 com sing

cohortativeB

**to count, relate; to
recount, or declare**

חֹק *ḥōq*

ordinance,

statute, legal

document

**ילד *yalad* qal* perf 1 com sing to bear,
beget; but here “declare your Sonship.”
The word should be understood as the
causative *hiphel*, “You are my Son, this day
I have declared your sonship.”**

2 Pet. 1:18, “And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.”

2 Pet. 1:19, “And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;”

**Mal. 4:2, “But to you who fear My name
The Sun of Righteousness shall arise with
healing in His wings; And you shall go out
and grow fat like stall-fed calves.”**

Morning Star

Num. 24:17, “I see Him, but not now; I behold Him, but not near; A Star shall come out of Jacob; A Scepter shall rise out of Israel, and batter the brow of Moab, and destroy all the sons of tumult.”

Luke 1:78, “Through the tender mercy of our God, with which the Dayspring from on high has visited us;” ~NKJV

Luke 1:78, “Because of our God’s merciful compassion, the Dawn from on high will visit us” ~HCSB