

We Live in an Instant Pudding World

We want and demand everything instantly, especially our communication. So few people sit down to write a letter to a friend. It requires too much time, writing it, addressing an envelope, and attaching a postage stamp. Then you must send it by "snail-mail," knowing it will take several days before your friend receives your letter. Most people send their messages by e-mail, since the message arrives in a matter of seconds. We demand speed. Today, a phone conversation takes too long, or we no longer want to be tied up for a 20 minute phone conversation, so we text our friends instead. It's short, sweet, and instant. However, we will get annoyed if our friend does not respond to our text with a matter of minutes.

It has gotten to the point that we cannot be bothered to do the simplest tasks. It seems that in this instant age, making a peanut butter and jelly sandwich has become a tedious task. Taking a knife and spreading the peanut butter on one slice of bread and jelly on another, and then putting them together consumes too much time! Food manufacturers now offer pre-made frozen peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. No fuss, no muss, and definitely instant.

Is it any wonder then why skills that require hours of time to develop may be on the decline? This explains why the quality of mediumship is declining. Today, after taking two or three classes student mediums feel they are ready to find a nice comfortable office, and begin reading for people. These people are often not interested in honing their craft and abilities, or learning how to provide depth to their evidence. Often their focus is on the bottom line, of making a large sum of money, so they can leave their "day" job, and no longer have please their demanding boss.

However, that attitude is not the way it has always been. Personally, I prefer cooked pudding to instant. I find that despite the fact I have to stand over the stove for perhaps 8 minutes, and constantly stir the pot of cold milk with the pudding mix, until it slowly reaches its boiling point, it is well worth the effort. The pudding is so much richer, soother, and even tastier than instant pudding. A generation ago the mediumship was like slow cooked pudding. Once a person discovered he or she had mediumistic abilities, the student worked under one teacher for perhaps a decade, before the teacher declared that the student was ready, and had earned the title of *medium*.

It is not in my experience, to make pudding without a mix. However, I am sure that my grandmother made pudding from scratch, which would be more time consuming than cooking a mix. I am told that at one time even established mediums would sit for an additional 8 to 10 years, to unfold, or develop an additional skill, such as becoming a medical intuitive: being able to scan a aura person's aura to discover any medical ailments, or suggest changes in the diet to bring about better health for the sitter.

Who, today, would devote 20 years of their lives to develop this skill? And that is the precise reason why there are so few genuine physical mediums. For there is no instant pudding mix to have a spirit materialization, or direct voice, where Spirit could speak directly to an ungifted physical person. It takes a medium, sitting with a group of sitters decades before the beginning of Spirit materialization. In our instant pudding world, the person with that much patience is as rare as the Hope Diamond.

So why am I discussing this? The reason is that as has often been said, “The laws of psychic science (or mediumship) have not changed over time. What happened in Biblical times can still happen today.”

There is a Bible verse that has always baffled me. It occurs in the Bible story of Elijah’s ascension better known as Elijah and the fiery chariot.

Elijah knows that his time to leave the earth plane is eminent. As he walks with his student Elisha, from Gilgal to Bethel, Elijah says, “Stay here Elisha, the Lord / Spirit has told me to go to Bethel by myself.” Elisha tells Elijah, there is no way he is allowing Elijah to travel by himself, and accompanies his teacher to Bethel.

In Bethel, a group of prophets come up to Elisha and ask him:

“Did you know that the Lord is going to take your master away from you today?” [NLT]

Elisha tells them he knows, but doesn’t want to talk about it, especially in front of Elijah. This story is repeated again with Jericho as the destination. The prophets of Jericho as Elisha:

2 KINGS CHAPTER 2 VERSE 5

KJV	1611	Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to day?
BIBLE	DATE	TEXT
BREN	1844	Dost thou know that the Lord is about to take away thy master to-day from thy head?
YLT	1898	‘Hast thou known that to-day Jehovah is taking thy lord from thy head?’
DARBY	1920	Dost thou know that Jehovah will take away thy master from over thy head to-day?
FENT	1922	“Do you know that to-day the ever-Living will take your master from your head?”
LAMSA	1933	Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?
NASB	1960	“Do you know that the LORD will take away your master from over you today?”
NLFV	1986	“Do you know that the Lord will take Elijah from you today?”
GLT	1993	Do you know that today Jehovah will take away your lord from your head?
CEV	1995	“Do you know that today the Lord is going to take away your master?”
NLT	1996	“Did you know that the LORD is going to take your master away from you today?”
AKJV	1999	Know you that the LORD will take away your master from your head to day?
ACV	2001	Do thou know that Jehovah will take away thy master from thy head today?
OJB	2002	Doest thou have da’as that hayom (today) Hashem will take away thy adon from over thy rosh?
VTB	2012	Are you aware that the Eternal One is going to snatch your mentor away from you today?

The (King James Version) KJV’s wording is very accurately translated from the Hebrew “take away thy master from thy head,” for the Hebrew word ראש/*rosh* is used in this sentence. This clearly provides evidence proving that Elijah was the teacher, and

Elisha was his disciple. Elisha was studying the techniques of mediumship (prophethood) under Elijah’s tutelage. The relationship between Elijah and Elisha will become important as we continue this story.

Again Elijah tells Elisha that he now has to go to the Jordan River, and must travel alone. Elisha again refuses to abandon his teacher and accompanies him to the Jordan River.

When they reached the shores of the Jordan River, Elijah takes off his cloak or mantle and hits the water. The river divides, and the two of them walk across on dry ground!

Then Elijah said to Elisha, “What can I do for you before I am taken from you?” Elisha has an interesting response:

“And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me. [KJV]”

2 KINGS CHAPTER 2 VERSE 6B		
KJV	1611	And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.
Bible	Year	Text
GLT	1993	a double mouth of your spirit on me
UTV	2001	a double opening of your spirit be upon me
CLEAR	2000	a double portion of the Holy Spirit that the Lord has given you
NET	1999	a double portion of the prophetic spirit that energizes you
KNOX	1944	a double portion of the spirit thou leavest behind thee
OJB	2002	a double portion of thy ruach be upon me
GURGO	1877	a double portion of thy spirit be upon me
AEB	2001	a double portion of your [power from God's] Breath upon me
EXB	2011	a double share [portion] of your spirit [C like a firstborn heir (Deut 21:17)
ARATJ	1987	a double share in the spirit of your prophecy with me
EPBT	1994	a twofold mouth of your spirit be on me
MESS	2002	Your life repeated in my life I want to be a holy man just like you
CCB	1995	Grant that I may have the best of your spirit
TYND	1537	have thy spirit double in me
VTB	2012	I want to have twice the portion of your power
WMF	1975	I would like to be twice as capable as you are
DOU	1609	in me may be thy double spirit
THB	2003	let a double mouth of your spirit be upon me
BUCB	2008	let a double portion of thy gifts and operations of the Spirit of God be upon me
KJV	1611	let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me
EPBL	1994	let a double portion twofold mouth of thy spirit be upon me
MODL	1945	Let a double share of your spirit be upon me
OGD	1950	let a special measure of your spirit be on me
YESC	2010	let him be mouth twos with spirit of you ones to me
NLT	1996	let me become your rightful successor

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MOFF	1922	Let me fall heir to your spirit
TAV	1539	let me have thy spirit double in me
EEBT	2003	Let me have twice the amount of your spirit
MATT	1549	let me I pray thee, have thy spirit double in me
NIV	1978	Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit
RSV	1952	let me inherit a double share of your spirit
INCP	2007	Let me inherit two-thirds of your spirit, he said
TEV	1976	Let me receive the share of your power that will make me your successor
PUR	1764	Let me then have, I pray, a double Portion of thy Spirit
GFT	1999	let me, I pray you, have your spirit double in me
SWHI	2012	let there be a double opening of your spirit to me
SMGO	1939	Let there be now a twofold share of your spirit upon me
THOM	1808	Let there be, I pray thee, a double portion of thy spirit on me
HRB	2009	let there now be a double mouth of your spirit on me
LITV	1995	let there now be a double portion of your spirit on me
GRT	1540	let thy spirit be double upon me
NLFV	1986	let twice the share of your spirit be upon me
FENT	1922	Let twice your spirit come upon me
HAAK	1657	let two parts of thy spirit be upon me
TFFR	1986	let your spirit be upon me twofold
BECK	1976	May a double share of your spirit be on me
NAB	1970	May I receive a double portion of your spirit
STONE	1996	May twice as much as your spirit be mine
JUSMI	1876	Now shall the mouth of two in thy spirit be to me
CEV	1995	Please give me twice as much of your power as you give the other prophets, so I can be the one who takes your place as their leader"
LIV	1971	Please grant me twice as much prophetic power as you have had
ARTB	2008	Please, have two of your spirit-winds at my mouth
KEN	1978	that thy double spirit may be on me
COV	1535	That thy spirit may be upon me to speak twice as much
CPDV	2008	that twice your spirit may be accomplished in me
NWT	1961	that two parts in your spirit may come to me
EWYC	1384	there be double thy spirit double in me
NWYC	2010	thy double spirit be made in me
LTOG	2006	two-fold in unto-a-currenting-to-of-thee upon to-me

What is Elisha asking of Elijah? This verse doesn't make any sense to our 21st century minds. We understand the Spirit is our soul, and is made up of energy. Is Elisha asking for part of Elijah's energy? How could that be achieved? This small verse raises many questions.

Of course, I am not the first person to be confused by this verse, so I consulted traditional Bible commentators as to their perspective on this verse.

Let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me - Like Solomon, Elisha asks for no worldly advantage, but for spiritual power to discharge his office aright. The "double portion" is that which denotes the proportion of a father's property which was the right of an eldest son Deuteronomy 21:17. Elisha therefore asked for twice as much of Elijah's spirit as should be inherited by any other of the "sons of the prophets." He simply claimed, i. e., to be acknowledged as Elijah's firstborn spiritual son.¹

This is verse to which commentator is referring:

He must acknowledge the son of his unloved wife as the firstborn by giving him a double share of all he has. That son is the first sign of his father's strength. The right of the firstborn belongs to him.²

A second commentator concurs:

Elisha considered himself the only child or first-born of Elijah, as the disciples of eminent teachers were called their children; so here he claims a double portion of his spiritual influence, any other disciples coming in for a single share only. Sons of the prophets means no more than the disciples or scholars of the prophets.³

A third commentator comes right to the point.

... But the phrase, "a double portion," was applied to the first-born [De 21:17], and therefore Elisha's request was, simply, to be heir to the prophetic office and gifts of his master.⁴

Even if we understand the context of the request may be in accordance with the laws of inheritance, it still remains an odd request. If Elisha wanted Elijah to pronounce him Elijah's successor, why not ask Elijah to do so directly. Why talk about a double portion of Elijah spirit.

¹ Barnes' Notes on the Bible. biblehub.com/commentaries/2_kings/2-9.htm. Oct 13, 2013.

² Deuteronomy 21:17 [NIV].

³ Clarke's Commentary on the Bible. biblehub.com/commentaries/2_kings/2-9.htm. Oct 13, 2013.

⁴ Jamieson-Fausset-Brown Bible Commentary. biblehub.com/commentaries/2_kings/2-9.htm. Oct 13, 2013.

This fourth commentator provides a very different interpretation in his attempt to explain this verse.

and Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me; the two parts of the gifts of the spirit he had, that of prophecy, and that of doing miracles, as some think; or two parts out of three of what Elijah was possessed of; or rather double as much, and which he might desire, not from a spirit of vanity and ambition to be greater than his master, but from an eagerness to promote the glory of God, and the interest of religion, to reclaim the Israelites from their idolatry, and establish the true religion, which he might observe Elijah was not able to do with that measure of grace and gifts he had; or however this phrase denotes an abundance, a large portion or measure, as it everywhere does.⁵

Now we are suppose to think that Elisha was asking Elijah for several of the Gifts of the Spirit. Clearly, this demonstrates this commentator lacks of knowledge of psychic science. No physical person can hand over a psychic gift to another human being. It is possible that in time, Spirit can help to unfold or develop a gift in a medium, but that takes work of both the Spirit and medium. Therefore, these bible commentators have not provided a clear reason to explain why Elisha asked this rather unusual request.

Very recently, I received the key to unlock this mystery. I took a class with two very experienced mediums. They both had been trained in the traditional way, attending a development circle with one teacher for over a decade.

One of these mediums stated that until recently, when these mediums would observe another medium giving spirit messages, they could identify the medium's teacher, not by the style of the message but by **an energy imprint**. There was a "signature" of the medium's teacher in the medium's aura. I imagine it is quite similar to Rembrandt signing his masterpiece, or photographer putting a watermark in their photo image using Photoshop.

I later asked this medium for further clarification. The master teacher will alter the vibration of a small part of his student's aura. This was done when the master teacher felt the student was worthy of being called a medium.

Suddenly this mysterious verse became crystal clear. Elisha was asking Elijah to alter twice as much of his aura, with his signature. Elisha wanted to be able to carry on Elijah's mission, and since Elijah was such a powerful medium, Elisha was asking for additional energy or ability so he could work at his master's standards.

Elijah responds

"You have asked a difficult thing," Elijah replied. "If you see me when I am taken from you, then you will get your request. But if not, then you won't."⁶

⁵ Gill's Exposition of the Entire Bible. biblehub.com/commentaries/2_kings/2-9.htm. Oct 13, 2013.

⁶ 2 Kings 2:10 [NLT].

As they were walking along and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated [drove between] Elijah from Elisha. Then Elijah went up [ascended] to heaven in a whirlwind. 12 Elisha saw it and shouted, "My father! My father! The chariots of Israel and their horsemen [its charioteers/or horses]!" And Elisha did not see him anymore. Then Elisha grabbed his own clothes and tore them in two [a sign of mourning or distress].⁷

It is clear from this description that Elisha saw Elijah leave the earth plane, and therefore his request had been granted. As one continues to read the Bible one learns that Elisha became a great medium, and did many of the same gifts as his teacher. Elisha healed the sick, and multiplied food,

One last clarification is need in this story, and that concerns the image of Elijah being taken up into Heaven on a chariot of fire. One must realize that men who lived in Biblical times wrote the Bible. Therefore, they used language and images that were accurate for their time.

What we are reading about is not Elijah's death, but his ascension. Elijah, like Enoch, before him, and Jesus after him, ascended from earth. The word ascension means that the physical body is NOT left behind, as it is in death. The person who ascends into Heaven/the Spirit World/a higher dimension takes his physical body with him.

The process of ascension occurs when the physical person has the ability to raise the frequency of the physical body. The rate of vibration continues to increase until suddenly, the physical body is vibrating so fast that gravity no longer has any effect on it. Therefore, the body rises into the air. When the vibration exceeds the speed of light, there is an explosion of light, and normal human eyes no longer can see the physical body. The person is now taken both their spiritual and physical body in the Spirit World.

The writers of this verse did not have this knowledge. All that Elisha saw the body of his teacher rise into the air. There were no airplanes, helicopters, or even hot air balloons in biblical times. The only mode of transportation was horse and chariot. When Elisha saw the explosion of light, it reminded him of fire. Therefore, he described Elijah's ascension the only way he could understand... Elijah went up to heaven on a fiery chariot, pulled with fiery horses.

⁷ 2 Kings 2: 11-12 [NLT].