

I appreciate your contacting me, Beth. I have no intention of sharing your [email address] or causing you any kind of senseless ruckus in this process, and I understand that you are busy, so I appreciate your time. I am extremely grateful, and prayed that once this attention had gathered, I would have the opportunity to speak with you.

Beth, I have been a Christian for several years. I am in many regards a young person in the faith, and in that have quickly come to realize that there is a lot for me to learn. But one of the very first things I learned, is that the Bible is our only standard for truth.

Of your studies, I will honestly say I've never purchased one or finished one, and haven't felt that these were needed to make an accurate biblical assertion. For the first year of my faith, it was entirely built upon online studies, and watching sermons through YouTube, Facebook, etc. When me and my husband met and we found a solid church, we both carried our love for online studies and research into our daily routines. We have listened to many popular pastors and teachers, and our only goal was to apply what the Word of God has to say, and "test every spirit," as we are commanded in 1 John 4.

I *will* admit that I was never very familiar with your teachings until this past year or so because I have a large number of friends who go to the Passion event. Some people were mad because they saw you as a woman violating Paul's charge to Timothy that you were "exercising authority over men." This was a nonissue to me in the given situation. (That is to say, we were more concerned with what was coming out of her mouth, regardless of where she was when she said it.) I wanted to hear you out. Though I am proud to say I have surrounded myself with men and women of the faith who regularly practice discernment, and are admittedly quick to jumping on these accusations of "heretic" and "wolf," I wouldn't say that I am one to simply regurgitate information.

Me and my husband are often times in disagreement on secondary issues with some of our favorite teachers that we can step past for the sake of unity. I wouldn't say this has been a problem for me. There are some people that have even skewed basic biblical premises that I would use your proposed terms on, that "I strongly disagree with" them.

However Beth, what set my alarms off was when I started hearing you proclaim your private revelations. It didn't take long to find all the clips and bits on the internet, but I'll give you the benefit of the doubt, that I don't think we can always trust the small bits of an entire sermon. Concerned, me and my husband watched several sermons, and Bible studies. We've watched entire sit downs between you and Joyce, small talk discussions, interviews, and sermons including the passion conferences, sermons on not losing your confidence, and several others. Besides the support of men and women who are in direct violation of God's perfect Word, I think the biggest issue for me, (and my apparent "witch hunting" friends) is we can find no biblical justification for continuation, or private revelation.

In the words of respected theologian Justin Peters, who sincerely wishes to speak with you himself, I am fully convinced that you are passionate and sincere, but sincerely wrong.

My goal in any of this conversation is that you would provide for all of us, a sufficient biblical explanation for your visions, and private revelations, *especially* ones that don't line up in God's Word. If you have a study for that, I would prayerfully complete it. If you have a biblical explanation, I will take them time to examine every piece and give you the opportunity to bring me to your level of understanding. To this point, the only response I get when questioning someone's private experience is that knowledge of scripture doesn't define subjective experience with the "holy spirit."

If the Bible isn't the standard by which to judge these things truthfully, then I want to know what is.

I am open to anything you have to say, and plan to test everything to the Word of God. In this discussion, if I am understanding something wrong, I am willing to hear what it is supposed to say.

Thanks for your time,

Jess

