

## What's up With That Message - A KOG or KOD?

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Prophetic streams . . . yes, there is a flow. It's a prophetic stream. It comes from the same source (Godly or demonic).

Let's explore this:

- The stream produces the intended result of the source/Source.
- The stream has the nature and characteristics of the source/Source.
- The stream may or may end of up in the same place (e.g. destination). It could change course at some point in the flow resembling a body of water in the natural.

If you have been in prophetic circles, you've heard the term "flow". I want you to know flow doesn't mean everybody is saying the exact same thing in 14 different ways. The common denominator is the source/Source. God can say what He wants, to who He wants, when He wants. It's a deception to believe that because we are all a part of this ministry, group, etc., we are always going to receive the exact same unified message. It also does not mean because I'm a prophet/tess and you are a prophet/tess that God is telling us the same thing.

Remember, the key to prophetic utterances come out of our intimate relationship with God. Someone may be at a different point in their walk with God and in a different stage of life and ministry. So, what they hear may be different from what He's telling you. It doesn't mean they are the devil, against the vision, or against you. This deception is humanly inspired. By that I mean, we [not necessarily God] want everyone to speak the same overarching message/theme.

Now let's explore the sources. There are two sources that can give you a message. They are: 1) a Godly source and 2) a demonic source. The below chart will help you discern the purposes of each source.

<b>Godly source and purposes of the message</b>	<b>Demonic source and purposes of the message</b>
Comfort	Condemn
Confirm	Accuse and deny
Purify (heart, life, and spirit)	Contaminate, taint, infiltrate our mind and lives, compromise purity
Polish, shine, perfect	Make dull and unsharp
Affect our soul agreeably	Torment
Exhort	Push and promote a mindset that is evil, destructive, of a bad nature, and contrary to divine or human law
Build up our faith	Tear down our faith, instill doubt and 2nd guessing
Bring peace	Bring confusion, trouble, unrest, and injure
Chasten, correct, direct, train, disciple	Punish those that are his when they don't follow through on his commands and demonic assignments. See the devil chastens, trains, and direct his own too! He's always trying to be like God. Not so!
Restore our soul to a joyful state	Steal joy and keep us constantly unsettled, sick, and block our ability to receive healing and strength
Impart truth	Purport deception, sell, propose, and suggest lies
Advance and build up the Kingdom of God	Advance and build up the kingdom of darkness and tear down the Kingdom of God e.g., attempt to stop progress/advancement

I thank God for the insight He imparted via this chart. Thus far we have been delving into the sources and purposes of the message.

Now, I want to mine further for more gold and look at how this applies to delivering the word also. If you are bringing a true word to a demonic source, the same purposes could manifest. What do I mean? Let's say I bring you a word from God. It's a true word from a true vessel delivered from the Spirit of truth, but you turn and personally accuse me of not being Holy Spirit inspired, hurl slanderous remarks, spread rumors about me, attempt to damage my reputation, and play tormenting mind games. Now, re-read the above list of characteristics of a demonically inspired message, did you catch the similarities? That's eye-widening isn't it?!

If you have delivered prophetic messages before you could have easily replaced the me's and I's in that classic example with yourself, right? This is one of the reasons I wrote this article. This is not an uncommon practice, and this type of behavior is fear-induced. The mindset is, "I'm afraid of what you might hear from God", "I'm afraid God might expose or reveal something I don't want revealed or exposed", and if the truth be told, "I'm afraid of

the real power of God." This is one strategy the devil uses to make true prophets believe they are not hearing from God. Listen to him talking . . . "That's not what I hear God saying." Remember, the devil is a liar! The people who say this could be totally oblivious [e.g. what I call a blind witch] or could have gone astray as a prophet in the way of Balaam. Sadly, they have sold out. Let me ask you, "How much pride do you have in your prophetic track record when God uses someone to speak something you might not have heard or is different than the messages all around you?" A Selah moment . . . pause . . . calmly and prayerfully consider that!

When everybody is saying the same thing ALL the time, we need to really check to see if it is truly God. It could be the DIM factor – domination, intimidation, and manipulation. Simply put witchcraft. Here is a prophetic announcement: witchcraft and control is not mentoring and training . . . although some think it is!

In team ministry, I have found the prophetic stream builds. For example, one person will prophesy either a personal or corporate to the Body and then another team member will prophesy. The prophetic words form a continuous stream of what God is saying to the individual or the Body. By the time the entire team has an opportunity to accurately share what God is saying, a theme may emerge. At the same time, the prophecies are distinctly unique and different. I have personally experienced this in small groups, our local church, and when my husband and I minister prophetically.

Many prophets wonder and ask why God tells other prophets things about their life that He doesn't tell them. They say things like, "Why would God tell you something about my husband, wife, ministry, job, etc., but not tell me?" Here is an answer. "You are not ready to hear what He wants to share. So, He tells someone who is and is not emotionally or spiritually attached to the results or the issue." The truth is, you are too proud to hear and receive what He wants to say. Could it also be He doesn't tell you because you won't respond appropriately? The person He tells will pray and handle what He says with great wisdom, but you will nag, worry, plot, and scheme.

Prayerfully, this article has armed you with the ability to discern a KOG [Kingdom of God] message from a KOD [kingdom of darkness] message. Just a gentle reminder, the message should contain all the characteristics of a KOG to be one. If one cog or link is missing, it's a cod.

Dig Deeper – If you want to go blepo [a Greek word meaning to see in secret where man sees nothing], look up the word cog in a regular dictionary and the word cod (i.e., fish) in a Bible dictionary. I know Holy Spirit will unfold a mighty, hidden switcheroo to you. Note: for this exercise, use a dated dictionary vs. a modern dictionary for the richness of the meanings.

I close this article with a prayer for those of us who deliver and receive prophetic messages from the Lord.

## Prayer

Jehovah–Nissi the One who lifts our standard/flag in war and Jehovah–Tsidkenu and Jehovah–Tsaddiq our righteousness, I call on you and ask you to help your true prophets be able to stand and boldly proclaim your messages right in the midst of deception and demonically–inspired messages. I pray you anoint their words so that life, spirit, and fruit are clearly seen. I pray for a quick manifestation of what they speak. I call for purely chosen words from pure vessels that produce what you intend . . . immediately, straightway. I declare before they finish speaking and calling on you, the manifestation of power, signs, and wonders will appear. Thank you for shining your light on them and through them. In the matchless name of Jesus, I pray. Amen!

Article inspired by the following scriptures: Psalm 7:9, Jeremiah 23:6, Psalm 4:6, Matthew 7:22, 24:23–25

Power PS – Did you notice the words KOG and KOD almost sound the same? You really have to place emphasis on the "G" in order to differentiate. Just one more discernment tip; the message could almost sound the same. Watch and pray.

Strategically,

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