



CLASS Two:
**"Hearing God with
Signs & Wonders"**

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class series

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"Signs & Wonders" ACTivities:

For this list of ACTivities, I want to emphasize that ACTION is important to promote change. You don't have to use all of these. Take whichever ACTivity you feel most drawn to. At least choose ONE ACTivity, though. The important thing is to ACT.

REQUIRED ACTivity: COLLECT THE SIGNS!

Print out the "My Signs and Wonders Journal" file to use, or create your own. Use a blank book you've been saving, or just a regular notepad if you prefer. Regardless, it is time to begin recording the messages you receive in your daily life. **Get started now!** COLLECT your signs. In class 4 we will begin CONNECTING them to discover meaning.

TIPS on Collecting Signs:

Regardless of whether you intend to journal, I recommend you use a small notepad and pen handy at all times (I keep mine in my purse and I have one clipped to the sunshield in my car). Signs come at any time of day, so take time to simply make a BRIEF note to yourself so you don't forget to record it later – OR these brief notes could end up being your ultimate collecting technique if you wish. Just be sure you keep these notes together in some kind of container so they don't get lost.

Go back to your notes or journal entries later and make note of what category this "sign" fits into (synchronicity, God by Proxy, other). Your "sign" might fit into two or three categories, so mark down whatever comes to mind. This will help you learn the techniques God uses most to get your attention, and consequently you will learn to pay more attention to this type of message in the future.

Recording Signs From The Past

You may use your journal to record messages you remember from the past as well as the present. Is there a "lightening bolt" experience from your life that sticks out in your memory? Write about it. Reflect upon it.

QUESTIONS TO PONDER WHILE REFLECTING:

What style of communication did God use to get my attention, here?

What effect did this experience have on my life?

What did this experience mean to me?

Why was this such a memorable event for me?

GLOSSARY OF Signs & Wonders

From Signs and Wonders by Albert Clayton Gauden

Acts of Nature – wind, rainstorms, rainbows, clouds, fire.

Angel Murmur – a soft or gentle utterance.

Cautions – a sudden/dramatic warning or admonishment that may come as gut feeling/intuition or a physical obstacle.

Click – like two pieces that fit together, two people with something in common, or an event going off without a hitch.

Coincidence – when events seem to have some connection without an apparent plan/design.

Daydream – a visionary, usually wishful, creation of the imagination. Combined with meditation, daydreams can provide insights into God's will for one's life.

Dreams – a series of thoughts/emotions/images occurring during sleep.

Echo Effect – God's use of repetition of events, ideas, or people to make a point.

Epiphany – a sudden manifestation or perception of the essential nature or meaning of something.

Foreshadowing – when one event heralds another and prepares us for a culminating occurrence.

God-By-Proxy – the principle that God speaks to us through other people.

Gut Reaction – an intuitive response to a person or situation which involves basic emotions.

Hunch – a strong intuitive feeling concerning a future event or result.

Inner Knowing – when you have no facts to back you up but some compelling urge or sense of understanding tells you what you know to be true.

Intuition – the power or faculty of attaining direct knowledge or cognition without the use of rational thought and factual information.

Omen – an occurrence or phenomenon believed to portend a future event.

Premonition – anticipation of an event without conscious reasoning.

Ringin' True – a fact rings true when you hear someone discussing something you know nothing about firsthand but a certain resonance and head-heart connection tells you that what you are hearing is true.

Serendipity – the faculty of making fortunate discoveries by accident.

Signs – billboards, postcards, business cards, headlines, skywriting, or the untimely appearance of an animal, object, or event.

Synchronicity – meaningful coincidences. A coincidence that always involves a crucial time element.

Thought Impression – when a tutor of the mind seems to be giving you ideas or altering your thinking but there is no audible sound.

Vision – the mystical experience of seeing as if with the eyes of a supernatural being. The vision itself is usually a miraculous appearance that conveys a revelation.

Wonders – God's use of awe and spectacle to bring attention to His omnipotence.

The 4 Styles of Communication:

LISTEN TO CLASS RECORDING TO TAKE THE "4 STYLES" TEST!

Clear seeing, brings Divine guidance as still pictures or miniature movies that your mind's eye sees inside or outside your head.

Clear hearing, involves hearing guidance coming from the outside or from inside your mind. This is the "still, small voice" within. It may or may not sound like your own voice.

Clear feeling, involves receiving Divine guidance as an emotion or physical sensation such as a smell, tightened muscles, or a touch.

Clear knowing, means suddenly knowing something for a fact, without knowing how you know.

True vs. False Guidance:

True guidance shows you scenarios in which you make a meaningful contribution with your natural talents. Your material needs are met while you undertake this endeavor, and other people appreciate your work. In contrast with the scenarios created by false guidance, however, your true self will never elevate you above other people. All of its advice is based on the knowledge that God loves everyone equally.

True guidance consistently gives us empowering advice while false guidance always gives fear-based suggestions that lead to rash decisions.

True guidance is mature.

True guidance speaks in second person terms ("You" not "I").

True guidance is consistent.

True guidance feels like a warm hug.

True guidance is about helping others.

True guidance is supportive.

True guidance doesn't procrastinate.

True guidance is to-the-point.

True guidance is strong and powerful.

True guidance comes suddenly and completely.

True guidance sounds familiar.

True guidance never puts us above or below others.

Information above has been taken from Doreen Virtue's book, Divine Guidance.