

THE BOOK OF
ACTS
LIFE IN THE SPIRIT



Acts 13

Message + Mission + Multiply

Acts 13: 1 NIV

Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul.

Acts 13: 2 NIV

*While they were
worshiping the Lord and
fasting, the Holy Spirit
said, "Set apart for me
Barnabas and Saul for the
work to which I have
called them."*

Acts 13: 3 NIV

So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

Acts 13: 4 NIV

The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus.

Question

Which two were
sent out?

Acts 13: 2 NIV

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Acts 13: 4 NIV

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Roughly 25 years have passed since Pentecost. The church has reached Jerusalem. It has reached Judea. It has reached Samaria, and is now spreading to the ends of the Earth on a boat headed to an island in the Mediterranean Sea.



Acts 13: 5 NIV

When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the Jewish synagogues. John was with them as their helper.

Barnabas and Paul

The First Missionary Journey



Acts 13: 6a NIV

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Barnabas and Paul

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Question

Who attacks
when the
Salvation of
Jesus is
spreading?

Acts 13: 6 NIV

They traveled through the whole island until they came to Paphos. There they met a Jewish sorcerer and false prophet named Bar-Jesus,

Question

What does this
false prophet's
name mean?

Please turn to:

Matthew 16: 15-17

Matthew 16: 15-17 NASB

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Matthew 16: 15-17 NASB

*And Jesus said to him,
“Blessed are you, Simon
Bar-Jona, because flesh
and blood did not reveal
this to you, but My Father
who is in heaven.*

Acts 13: 6 NIV

*They traveled through the whole island until they came to Paphos. There they met a Jewish sorcerer and false prophet named **Bar-Jesus**,*

Question

What do the
following people
have in common?

1. John Hugh Smyth-Pigott
2. Haile Selassie I
3. Lou de Palingboer
4. Ernest Norman
5. Krishna Venta
6. Ahn Sahng-Hong
7. Sun Myung Moon
8. Jim Jones
9. Marshall Applewhite
10. Yahweh ben Yahweh
11. Laszlo Toth
12. Wayne Bent
13. Ariffin Mohammed
14. Mitsuo Matayoshi
15. José Luis de Jesús Miranda
17. Thomas Harrison Provenzano
18. Shoko Asahara
19. David Koresh
20. Hogen Fukunaga
21. Marina Tsvigun
22. Sergey Torop
23. Apollo Quiboloy
24. Alan John Miller
25. David Shayler
26. Maurice Clemmons
27. Oscar Ramiro Ortega-Hernandez

Please turn to:

2 Corinthians 11: 2-3

2 Corinthians 11: 2-3 NIV

I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy. I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to him.

2 Corinthians 11: 2-3 NIV

But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

Question

What is Paul
afraid of?

2 Corinthians 11: 2-3 NIV

But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

2 Corinthians 11: 13-15 NIV

For such people are false apostles, deceitful workers, masquerading as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.

2 Corinthians 11: 13-15 NIV

*It is not surprising, then, if
his servants also
masquerade as servants of
righteousness. Their end
will be what their actions
deserve.*

Please turn to:
1 Timothy 4: 1

1 Timothy 4: 1 NIV

*The Spirit clearly says that
in later times some will
abandon the faith and
follow deceiving spirits
and things taught by
demons.*

Acts 13: 6 NIV

They traveled through the whole island until they came to Paphos. There they met a Jewish sorcerer and false prophet named Bar-Jesus,

Acts 13: 7 NIV

*who was an attendant of the **proconsul**, Sergius Paulus. The proconsul, **an intelligent man**, sent for Barnabas and Saul because he wanted to hear the word of God.*

The Proconsul was
the governor. This
was similar to
Pilate's role that he
had previously
held in Palestine.

Question

Why are so many
intelligent men
mislead by
satan?

Why Are Atheists Generally Smarter Than Religious People?

By [Laura Geggel, Senior Writer](#) | June 5, 2017 12:21pm ET



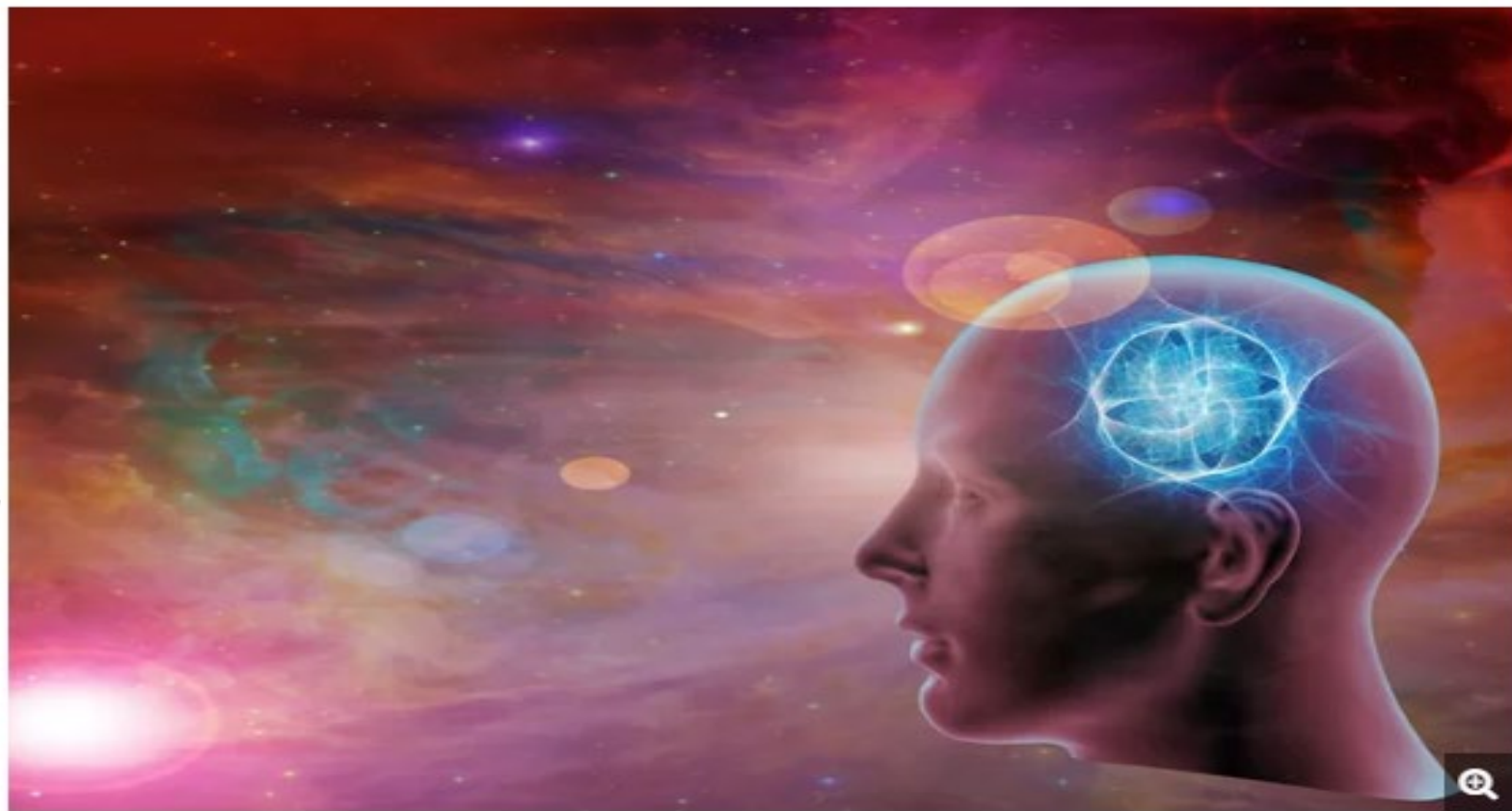
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“For more than a millennium, scholars have noticed a curious correlation: Atheists tend to be more intelligent than religious people.”

Intelligent People Fall Prey to Cults



Creativity & Imagination Can Be Used to Control a Person

Cult mind control groups thrive to the extent that they can recruit such intelligent, dynamic people. It is essential for all members of the Team (part of the SIA) to realize that cults target these people for recruitment. The more creative a mind a person has, the more his imagination can be used to control him. Indeed, bright people sometimes have even more sophisticated fantasies about the group and its doctrine than does the cult leader. The bright member usually follows his own fantasy construction of the group's belief system.

Can you guess which
false religion known for
having a high level of
intelligence believe that
humans are not bodies,
but immortal beings who
have only forgotten their
true self or nature.

They believe that to find their true self they have to gain information about an extraterrestrial ruler called Xenu who killed space aliens and the souls of the aliens, which are called thetans.



SCIENTOLOGY



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Acts 13: 8 NIV

Bar-Jesus,

who was an attendant
of the proconsul, Sergius
Paulus. The proconsul, an
intelligent man, sent for
Barnabas and Saul
because he wanted to hear
the word of God.

Acts 13: 8 NIV

*But Elymas the sorcerer
(for that is what his name
means) opposed them and
tried to turn the proconsul
from the faith.*

Acts 13: 9-10 NIV

*Then Saul, who was also called *Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked straight at Elymas and said,*

**(Note: from here on Saul's name is changed to Paul)*

Acts 13: 9-10 NIV

“You are a child of the devil and an enemy of everything that is right! You are full of all kinds of deceit and trickery. Will you never stop perverting the right ways of the Lord?”

Acts 13: 11-12 NIV

*Now the hand of the Lord is against you. You are going to be blind **for a time**, not even able to see the light of the sun.”*

Acts 13: 11-12 NIV

Immediately mist and darkness came over him, and he groped about, seeking someone to lead him by the hand. When the proconsul saw what had happened, he believed, for he was amazed at the teaching about the Lord.

Acts 13: 13 NIV

From Paphos, Paul and his companions sailed to Perga in Pamphylia, where John left them to return to Jerusalem.

Question

Remember verse 5?

Acts 13: 5 NIV

*When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the Jewish synagogues. **John was with them as their helper.***

Question

Why did John,
who was helping
them, leave
them?

Paul is very upset
with John leaving
them as we see
later in the 15th
chapter of Acts

Acts 15: 37 NIV

*Barnabas wanted to take John, also called Mark, with them, but Paul did not think it wise to take him, **because he had deserted them** in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in the work.*



Acts 13: 14 NIV

*From Perga they went on
to Pisidian Antioch.*







Acts 13: 14 NIV

From Perga they went on to Pisidian Antioch. On the Sabbath they entered the synagogue and sat down.

Acts 13: 15 NIV

After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the leaders of the synagogue sent word to them, saying, “Brothers, if you have a word of exhortation for the people, please speak.”

It was common practice in the synagogues to invite visiting Rabbi's to speak so they could listen to different interpretations of the scripture. Therefore Paul, being a well-known Jewish Rabbi formerly in the Sanhedrin, was asked to speak.

Acts 13: 16 NIV

Standing up, Paul
motioned with his hand
and said: “***Fellow***
Israelites and you
Gentiles who worship
God, listen to me!

We get to hear
the first and
longest recorded
sermon by Paul!

Acts 13: 17-41 NIV

The God of the people of Israel chose our ancestors; he made the people prosper during their stay in Egypt; with mighty power he led them out of that country;

Notice how Paul begins his sermon
by letting them know that he was
one of them and that God was on
their side!!!

- They were Special to God
- He Chose them Out of the World
- He Exalted Them Above the Nations
- He Brought Them as a Nation to the Promised Land

Notice also that
Paul is not
afraid to speak
the Truth!

Acts 13: 17-41 NIV

*about forty years he
endured their conduct in
the wilderness; and he
overthrew seven nations in
Canaan, giving their land
to his people as their
inheritance.*

Where is Paul
finding the
material for his
sermon?

*All this took about 450 years. "After this, God gave them judges until the time of Samuel the prophet. **Then the people asked for a king**, and he gave them Saul son of Kish, of the tribe of Benjamin, who ruled forty years.*

*After removing Saul, he
made David their king.
God testified concerning
him: 'I have found David
son of Jesse, a man after
my own heart; he will do
everything I want him to
do.'*

*“From this man’s
descendants God has
brought to Israel the Savior
Jesus, as he promised.
Before the coming of Jesus,
John preached repentance
and baptism to all the
people of Israel.*

As John was completing his work, he said: 'Who do you suppose I am? I am not the one you are looking for. But there is one coming after me whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.'

“Fellow children of Abraham and you God-fearing Gentiles, it is to us that this message of salvation has been sent. The people of Jerusalem and their rulers did not recognize Jesus, yet in condemning him **they fulfilled the words of the prophets that are read every Sabbath.** Though they found no proper ground for a death sentence, they asked Pilate to have him executed.

When they had carried out all that was written about him, they took him down from the cross and laid him in a tomb. But God raised him from the dead, and for many days he was seen by those who had traveled with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. They are now his witnesses to our people.

*“We tell you the good news:
What God promised our
ancestors he has fulfilled for
us, their children, by raising
up Jesus. As it is written in
the second Psalm:*

*“‘You are my son today I have
become your father.’
God raised him from the dead
so that he will never be
subject to decay.*

*As God has said, “I will
give you the holy and sure
blessings promised to
David. So it is also stated
elsewhere: “You will not
let your holy one see
decay.’*

“Now when David had served God’s purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his ancestors and his body decayed. But the one whom God raised from the dead did not see decay.”

*“Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. Through him **everyone** who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses.*

*Take care that what the
prophets have said does
not happen to you:*

*“Look, you scoffers, wonder
and perish, for I am going to
do something in your days
that you would never believe,
even if someone told you.”*

Acts 13: 42 NIV

*As Paul and Barnabas
were leaving the
synagogue, the people
invited them to speak
further about these
things on the next
Sabbath.*

Acts 13: 43 NIV

When the congregation was dismissed, many of the Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who talked with them and urged them to continue in the grace of God.

Question

How do you think
Paul and Barnabas
are feeling things
went?

Acts 13: 44 NIV

*On the next Sabbath
almost the whole city
gathered to hear the word
of the Lord.*

Question

How excited do
you think Paul and
Barnabas were
seeing such a
crowd?

Acts 13: 45 NIV

*When the Jews saw the crowds, **they were filled with jealousy**. They began to contradict what Paul was saying and heaped abuse on him.*

Question

What happened?

Acts 13: 46 NIV

*Then Paul and Barnabas answered them boldly: “We had to speak the word of God to you first. Since you reject it **and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life**, we now turn to the Gentiles.*

Acts 13: 47 NIV

*For this is what the Lord
has commanded us:*

*“I have made you a light
for the Gentiles,*

*that you may bring
salvation to the ends of the
earth.”*

Acts 13: 48 NIV

When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord; and all who were appointed for eternal life believed.

Acts 13: 49 NIV

*The word of the Lord
spread through the whole
region.*

Acts 13: 50 NIV

But the Jewish leaders incited the God-fearing women of high standing and the leading men of the city. They stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region.

Acts 13: 51 NIV

So they shook the dust
off their feet as a
warning to them and went
to Iconium.

Question

What is the
significance of
shaking the dust
off their shoes?



Acts 13: 52 NIV

*And the disciples were
filled with **joy** and with the
Holy Spirit.*

Next Week

Please Read
Acts 14: 1-28