

彼得後書

5. True or False 真真假假

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Spam Emails

- Junk emails
- Promotional
 - Inexpensive drugs
 - Weight loss program
 - Online degrees
 - Job opportunities
 - Online gambling
- Fraudulent
 - Reward
 - Lottery
- Phishing Emails

Purposes of 2 Peter

- Peter's time is short (1:13-14)
 - 我知道我離世（“離世”原文作“離開這帳棚”）的時候快到了… (CNV 1:14a)
- Last Will and Testament
 - 我要盡力使你們在我離世以後仍然常常記得這些事。(1:15 CCB)
- … 並且繼續增長 … 不至於閒懶不結果子。(1:8 CNV)
- … (不要) 忘記他過去的罪已經得了潔淨 (1:9CNV)
- … 要更加努力，使你們所蒙的呼召和揀選堅定不移 (1:10a CNV)
- 這樣，你們就得著充分的裝備，可以進入我們的主和救主耶穌基督永遠的國。(1:11 CNV)

Purposes of 2 Peter

- Reminder of the basis in Christian faith (1:16-21)
 - Jesus, the Messiah
 - Scripture, the Word of God
- Warning of false teachers 假教師 (2:1-22)
 - How to deal with... (email frauds)
 - How to discern... (fake news)

Fake News

- Named Collins' Word Of The Year 2017
 - Its usage rising by 365% since 2016
 - Defined as “false, often sensational, information disseminated under the guise of news reporting”
 - 以新聞報導為幌子傳播的虛假信息，通常是聳人聽聞的信息
- Propaganda (政治宣傳)
 - Influence people's thinking, decision
 - China uses it to control and rule the masses
 - Russia uses it to influence elections
- To deal with fake news (媒體亂象)
 - The News Literacy Project – categorize information, critique news
 - Media literacy 媒體教育 – a new curriculum for Taiwan students

How to Deal with False Teachers

The basis in Christian faith (1:16-21)

- For we did not follow **cleverly devised stories** when we told you about **the coming of our Lord Jesus** Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty (1:16 NIV)
 - 我們從前把我們主耶穌基督的大能和降臨的事告訴你們，並不是隨從**巧妙捏造傳奇的故事**，我們卻是親眼看見過他威榮的人。(CNV)
- Stories – Greek *Mythos*
 - Myth (神話/傳說)
 - Fabricated
- Peter - Eyewitness of Jesus' majesty
 - Jesus' Majesty – True-self – 本相 – 我們卻是親眼看見
 - 有這樣的聲音對他說：“這是我的愛子，我所喜悅的。” (1:17b CNV)
- Second Coming is not a Myth

How to Deal with False Teachers

The basis in Christian faith (1:16-21)

- We also have the prophetic message as something **completely reliable**... you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation ... though human, spoke from God as they were carried along **by the Holy Spirit**. (1:19-21 NIV)
 - 我們還有先知的話，是更**確實的** ... 最要緊的，你們應當知道：聖經所有的預言，都不是先知自己的見解 ... 而是人受**聖靈的感動**，說出從 神而來的話。(CNV)
- The message 先知的話 is “completely reliable”
 - By the Spirit – from God
 - The prophecy - Messiah would establish a universal reign
- Scripture is true and from God

The Basis in Christian Faith (1:16-21)

- Jesus is from God, is God
- Jesus will return in power
- Scripture is completely reliable
- Scripture is carried along by Holy Spirit
 - 人受**聖靈的感動**，說出從 神而來的話。(CNV 1:21)
 - 全部聖經都是 **神所默示的** (CNV – 2 Timothy 3:16a)
- Transfiguration and prophet messages came from the same source – God himself

提防假先知和假教師

- But there were also **false prophets** among the people, just as there **will be false teachers** among you. (NIV 2:1a)
 - 從前在人民中，曾有假先知出來；照樣，將來在你們中間，也必有假教師出現。(CNV)
- Mentioned of false prophets in OT
 - Micah 3, Jeremiah 6, Ezekiel 22, Isaiah 30...
- 如果有先知擅自奉我的名，說我沒有吩咐他說的話，或是奉別神的名說話，那先知就必須處死。(Deut 18:20 CNV)
- False Teachers
 - 擅自奉我的名，說我沒有吩咐他說的話
- 假傳聖旨...
 - 懲罰他們的，自古以來就沒有鬆懈；毀滅他們的，也不會打盹。(2:3b CNV)

Will be False Teachers

- Future tenses
- Peter wasn't foretelling the future
 - "Quote" Jesus' warning on false teaching
- Many false prophets will appear and deceive many people (Matthew 24:11 NIV)
 - 也有許多假先知出現，要迷惑許多人 (CNV)
- For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect (Mark 13:22 NIV)
 - 因為必有假基督和假先知出現，行神蹟和奇事，如果可以的話，連選民也要迷惑了。(CNV)
- False teaching infecting church should be no surprise

Copycat?

- 2 Peter 2 and Jude
- Obvious similarities between the two books
- Confront the problem of false teachers
- Severe warnings
- Use of similar OT examples
- Last books to be accepted as scripture

Copycat?

- False teachers' condemnation (Jude 4, 2 Peter 2:3)
- Deny the Lord (Jude 4, 2 Peter 2:1)
- Angels for judgment (Jude 6, 2 Peter 2:4)
- Sodom and Gomorrah (Jude 7, 2 Peter 2:6)
- Reject authority (Jude 8, 2 Peter 2:10)
- Angels do not bring accusations (Jude 9, 2 Peter 2:11)
- Blemishes 滿了污點與瑕疵 (Jude 12, 2 Peter 2:13)
- Clouds without rain (Jude 12, 2 Peter 2:17)
- Scoffers 好譏笑的人 (Jude 18, 2 Peter 3:2)

Copycat?

- Both rely on a lost common source
- 2 Peter borrows from Jude
- Jude borrows from 2 Peter
 - 2 Peter wrote 65~68 AD
 - Jude likely wrote between 65~80 AD

False Teaching Then and Now

- If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9 NIV)
 - 我們若承認自己的罪，神是信實的、公義的，必定赦免我們的罪，潔淨我們脫離一切不義。(CNV)
- Tendency on treat sin lightly
- Suppose immoral w/o penalty
- Need a more balance view
- Better knowledge of God