

# Tests For Christian Clergy



What would you think of a salesman who wouldn't use the very product he sells? He would appear to be a hypocrite and it wouldn't make sense for you to buy what he's selling.

The same holds true for Christian preachers and ministers. If they don't believe enough in the teachings of the book they're trying to sell you, the Bible, to demonstrate its truth according to its *own* teaching, then they're really not followers of nor believers in the Bible.

A case in point is Mark 16:15-18 which says among other things that those who believe in Jesus and the Bible can "drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; and they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."

If this is true, which I know by using my God-given reason that it is not true, then any Christian who wants to win millions (of people, not dollars!) for the Lord can easily do so by publicly and verifiably drinking a pint of deadly poison before his or her church service. If the Bible holds true and the preacher does not drop dead, almost everyone in attendance would become a Christian.

If they're not in the mood to guzzle some poison, they can go to their local hospital and "place their hands on sick people", and I mean really sick people not the hard of hearing or someone with a minor ailment, and clear out the hospitals! Of course, this Bible promise is not true either. Based on these two false claims, it doesn't look like the Bible is from God!

The only way to get closer to God is by using the gift of reason that God has given you. Our God-given reason tells us these Bible promises are nonsense and have absolutely nothing to do with God. Isn't it time we honor our Creator and ourselves by rejecting the superstitions of the Bible and the "revealed" religions? It's time to call a spade a spade and reject the Bible for what it is – ancient mythology that has nothing to do with Nature's God!

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