

# The Widespread Belief in Fortune Tellers

**Divination** is the practice of seeking knowledge of the future or the unknown by supernatural means. It has been practiced in many cultures throughout history and is still practiced today <sup>1</sup>. The word “divination” comes from the Latin word “divine,” which means “to foresee” or “to be inspired by a god.” It is condemned by God.

The origins of divination are difficult to trace because it has been practiced for so long. However, it is believed that divination was used in ancient Mesopotamia as early as 3000 BCE <sup>3</sup>. Astrology was also one of the first sophisticated forms of divination and dates back to ancient Mesopotamian times <sup>3</sup>. The Egyptians, Druids, and Hebrews relied on scrying. The Druids also read death throes and entrails of sacrificed animals. .

In ancient Rome, divination was an accepted practice in the early church. However, it became viewed as a pagan practice by Christian emperors during ancient Rome <sup>1</sup>.

Divination, on the other hand, is an occultic counterfeit of the gift of the Holy Spirit, evil infiltrating many churches, drives to tell what it knows, speaks as an oracle, a “Knowing One,” out of a need for personal recognition, pushy, controlling plays Holy Spirit to everyone around him, creates an atmosphere of spirituality but brings division through counsel against counsel, tries to position self in a role of authority usurps control of Bible studies, prayer groups, and churches, cops attitude if left out of anything, becomes angry when not obeyed and tries so hard to be godly, but they actually try to make something happen for God.

The enemy, we know, counterfeits the work of God. Divination is the act or art of foretelling future events through an occultic spirit. Prophecy comes by divine inspiration to reveal the will of God or a message from Him and it is to edify and exhort. Also, I believe the scripture you’re referring to is Gen. 42:23....”And they know not that Joseph understood them; for he spake unto them by an interpreter.” I really love how Pastor Henry exhorts us all to be Bereans....study the Word for ourselves.

I love Hebrews 5:13 & 14 Also, I believe that ventriloquism is deception, trickery, and works of darkness... not of God because....He is Truth and Light.

The history of scholarly celestial divination is therefore generally reported to begin with late **Old Babylonian** texts (c. 1800 BC), continuing through the Middle Babylonian and Middle Assyrian periods (c. 1200 BC).