

The Verz in the Sky

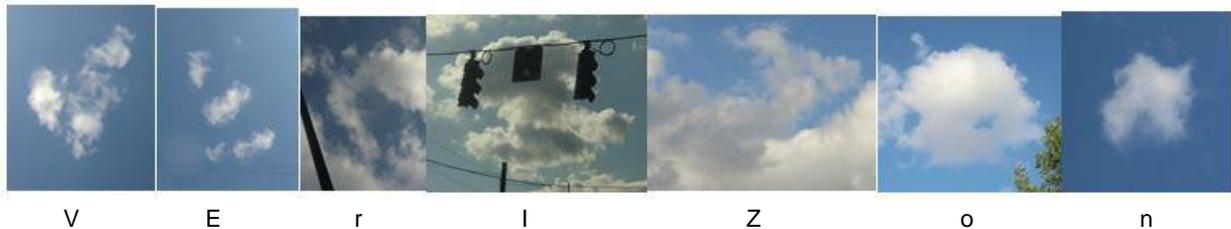


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Thank you to everyone that has been praying for my job situation. I really appreciate your prayers, help, and thoughts! I am currently working a contract position at Verizon. This position is scheduled to end on June 2nd, just a couple weeks away. I have been applying for a replacement job, but to no avail, and time is growing short. But, once again The Lord has come through in a miraculous way!

On Thursday, May 15th I received a call from my current employer with an offer for a permanent position with Verizon. It was a good offer. I would be working Monday to Friday for a salary that was very acceptable. Just 5 minutes later another employer called about a 6 month contract position with them. This new position works Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon, with 3 days off during the week. I have told several people over the last couple months that I would be working a new job on the weekends.

Some of you might know that I always take these, and many other, decisions to The Lord. So, like normal, I asked Him what to do. On the way to get my son from school I asked The Lord what to do again. As I drove I felt the urge to open the sunroof. I saw a cloud in the shape of the letter V. I said “hmmm, ok, spell it out in the sky for me Lord.” Within a few minutes the “cloud letters” came. One by one they spelled a word – and they appeared in order! Soon the message was complete.



But, for some reason I did not feel 100% confident in these letters though. Something just didn't feel right. As I always do, I **boldly** asked The Lord for confirmation. I said “Ok Lord, if this is You – If You want me to work for Verizon - confirm it in the Name of Jesus Christ!” I learned this from the story of Gideon and the fleece test from Judges chapter 6 – to ask The Lord for confirmation so that we can truly understand Him and His will and not make our own speculations and assumptions. It helps build our communication and relationship with Him and keeps us in total reliance on Him too.

The moment that I asked for confirmation my head was filled with a complete and sudden silence! A babble of many subtle and imperceptible voices suddenly shut their mouths and stopped murmuring. There was a nice, sudden, empty, and calming silence!

Later, as I examined the letters at home I noticed that they were not complete letters. When I had seen cloud messages from The Lord before the letters and messages were always complete. And there was always a spiritual surety about them! And there was always a confirmation! They were always grammatically correct too! And there were always instructions – I am left wondering: “uh, what about Verizon??” I asked my daughter what she thought about the letters. She looked at the letters and said that these letters looked like a kindergartener wrote them – they were immature and clumsy. She said that the letters that we had seen before had always been distinct and in much better handwriting.

My wife was excited about the Verizon position because it was a full time job and had benefits. But I just didn't feel good about it. So, I decided to make a list of pros and cons and compared the two jobs. When I got done with the list I heard a voice ask a simple question “Do you enjoy the Verizon job?” – that simple question made things much clearer for me right there! I honestly didn't enjoy the job and there was a lot of stress associated with it.

A couple days later my manager called and asked about the delay in my decision. I spoke to him and found out there was a catch – the Verizon position would require us to work Monday to Friday and the weekend also – every weekend! I would be working 7 days a week....until who knows when. I would also be oncall too. This would continue into the foreseeable future.

I was then prompted to ask for a salary increase with the new position. They accepted and made the offer almost comparable to the Verizon offer, except as a contractor I would not have benefits. But, there was one big advantage of the new job - I would have 3 days off in a row during the week so that I could spend time with the kids during the summer, or work on other projects as well. My time off is extremely valuable – you can always make more money, but you can never get time back! Time is priceless and irreplaceable! How many trillions of dollars would it cost to create a time machine to go back in time just a few minutes much less a year or two?

I believe that out of the two positions, the new job serves The Lord in a much better capacity at this time. I am not completely satisfied, but for now it will do for now until The Lord sends me in another direction. It is not only the final destination that is important, but it is the walk and the journey with The Lord – the one on one relationship - that is important too! He has always taken care of me, even providing several previous jobs out of the blue at the last minute, even jobs that I did not apply for!

As soon as I accepted the new position I felt a nice peace come over me.

So, what is there to learn from this? Jesus said not to follow after signs and wonders. They can be misleading, dangerous, and often misinterpreted. They can be counterfeited too! The Bible tells us that in the end times satan will deceive even the very elect with signs and lying wonders. It is important to use discernment and interpret signs and wonders correctly. We must worship God in spirit and in truth! We must learn how to truthfully discern the spirits! When I saw these letters I was not 100% convinced. I felt that something was not right so I asked The Lord for confirmation and none was given! My eyes told me one thing – but the Spirit told me something else!

I praise The Lord for His wisdom, guidance, favor, and protection over my life. He is mighty and awesome and worthy of ALL glory, and honor, and praise!

Something to note also, my new job just happened to be in the building beside my old job. Here's a picture of my old work place and my new work place together:



Update:

A few days after I wrote this Testimony, The Lord spoke with me. He indicated that my interpretation of the writing was not 100% correct. He indicated that just as the word "Verizon" started off strong and then began to break up, mixed both capital and lowercase letters, and finally ended in a very small letter n, it was actually an indication that my job at Verizon must diminish as well.

My wife had always been asking for The Lord to write letters to me in English instead of Hebrew so she could see and understand. Well, here ya go ☺

My First day:

On my first full day at my new job I was sitting in the parking deck and noticed a very bright and vivid rainbow, which turned into a double rainbow...a reminder of the promise The Lord made to me long ago...to watch over me...



Amen!

In the Name of Jesus,

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