

# John 8:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Jesus answered and said unto them, Though I bear record of myself, yet my record is true: for I know whence I came, and whither I go; but ye cannot tell whence I come, and whither I go.

## Analysis

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Jesus responds that His self-testimony is valid because He knows His origin and destiny - He came from the Father and returns to Him. The Pharisees' ignorance of His identity disqualifies their judgment. True self-knowledge and knowledge of God make Christ's testimony uniquely reliable. The Reformed emphasis on divine revelation finds expression here - only God can reliably testify about God.

## Historical Context

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Jesus' claim to know His origin ('whence I came') asserts preexistence and divine origin, directly claiming deity in a way His audience understood but rejected.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

## Study Questions

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1. How does knowing your identity in Christ affect your confidence?

2. Why is divine self-revelation necessary for knowing God truly?
3. What makes Christ's testimony about God uniquely trustworthy?

## Interlinear Text

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ἀπεκρίθη	Ἰησοῦς	καὶ	εἶπεν	αὐτοῖς	Κὰν	ἐγὼ	μαρτυρῶ	
answered	Jesus	and	said	unto them	Though	I	bear record	
G611	G2424	G2532	G2036	G846	G2579	G1473	G3140	
περὶ	ἐμαυτοῦ	ἀληθής	ἐστίν	ἡ	μαρτυρία	μου	ὅτι	
of	myself	true	is	G3588	record	yet my	for	
G4012	G1683	G227	G2076		G3141	G3450	G3754	
οἶδατε	πόθεν	ἔρχομαι	καὶ	ποῦ	ὑπάγω	ὑμεῖς	δὲ	οὐκ
I know	whence	I came	and	whither	I go	ye	but	cannot
G1492	G4159	G2064	G2532	G4226	G5217	G5210	G1161	G3756
οἶδατε	πόθεν	ἔρχομαι	καὶ	ποῦ	ὑπάγω			
I know	whence	I came	and	whither	I go			
G1492	G4159	G2064	G2532	G4226	G5217			

## Additional Cross-References

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**John 16:28** (Parallel theme): I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father.

**John 13:3** (References Jesus): Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God;

**John 8:42** (References Jesus): Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

**John 14:10** (Parallel theme): Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

**John 17:8** (Parallel theme): For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.

**Numbers 12:3** (Parallel theme): (Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth.)

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