

Falsities of Modern Tongues

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Much of the speaking in tongues of this modern day is greatly in error. This error is traceable to direct disobedience to the Word of God which commands us to test every spirit.

God definitely warns us not to believe "every" spirit. When He says "every," He proceeds with the command to "test," or try, every spirit to find out whether it is of God or not (I John 4:1-3). Those who speak in tongues under the power of a spirit without testing it do so in disobedience to God's positive command. They throw themselves open to Satanic deception. They seek to speak in tongues with the expectation that it is by the "baptism of the Holy Spirit." They thereby put themselves at the disposal of a demon spirit which may give the gift of tongues as a manifestation of this false doctrine. If the spirit were tested, the seeker would soon learn that there is something wrong. The false spirit would be detected, and the person would likely become unsettled. He would try to find out what is wrong with a doctrine that led him into association with a deceiving spirit.

As it is God's saved people who are being deceived, the writer puts forth briefly some facts he has experienced to be true, so that others may not fear to test the spirits and be delivered from them and their influences which come through this practice.

Demon spirits are anxious to have the Christian believe that speaking in tongues is the baptism of the Holy Spirit. If such were true, it would be a most important aspect, a thing he would certainly strive to obtain. But it is this very seeking for a baptism with signs which gives the demons the opening they desire. Their object is to gain control of the whole human being. "Tongues" is the one gift which manifestly touches the body. If demon spirits can prevail upon a person to let them into his body, they will have gained a footing to take further territory.

When the mind is expecting a manifestation to the body in a certain way, it will allow the body to relax and give way in anticipation. The body is the easiest point of entrance for demon spirits. It offers the least resistance to them of any part of our being. The body of flesh is a steppingstone towards affecting the nerves, and from there to the man himself, who inwardly is mind and soul. For this reason demons insist on the person seeking tongues. When an entrance is once gained, they take steps towards their further evil designs, which

Disobedience in this one point puts the individual in a position to be easily deceived by other false teachings and practices. These are numerous and varied. We shall find that not all who speak in tongues, and teach the necessity of "the baptism," are agreed in these things. Demon spirits have separated those who have these two things in common into several divisions of the Christian Body. Many are led into further Satanic doctrines and practices.

The writer has for many years had contact and fellowship in several branches of the Christian Church who practice speaking in tongues. He has personally talked with the spirits while they were using human voices, the voices of born-again children of God. He has received direct response from these spirits through the medium of the human voice.

For a long time a great fear swept over him at the thought of putting a spirit to the above-mentioned test, but he found that this fear comes from a spirit who is opposed to obeying God's written Word.

His experience has proven that the greater part of speaking in tongues is done through evil spirits. These evil spirits, when asked in the Name of Jesus Christ, "Is Jesus Christ come in the flesh?" will refuse to answer that question, will give an evasive answer, or say "no" in English with the person's voice.

lead to nervous troubles and even insanity. Statistics of two large mental institutions in the United States show that between eighty and ninety percent of the inmates are from branches of the Christian Church which practice speaking in tongues. The writer has had personal contact with, and watched the process in a number of cases which led to insanity through speaking in tongues.

DEMON GAINS SUBMISSION OF MIND

The mind first consents to the teaching, then the body submits and its resistance weakens. The thinking turns into agreement with the demon world, the nervous system is involved, and obedience to demons becomes a practice. Disobedience to God grows, experiences supersede the authority of God's Word. Wild speculations take the place of faith, spirit manifestations are taken as revelations from God, and the person lives in communion with a spirit which he thinks is the Holy Ghost, but which really is a counterfeit. He believes he is developing spiritually when in reality he is slipping mentally and spiritually. Since he believes he has greater revelation and experience than others, he refuses warning from those whom he thinks his spiritual inferiors. There is thus no limit to what may develop short of insanity, suicide, or some like disaster. The writer knows of a number of misled

Christians who have had a terrific battle in order to keep from committing suicide.

God says, "present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (Rom. 12:1). Note that this is SERVICE while we are LIVING, putting our body to work in God's service under OUR control, not passively relaxing to become seized and controlled by another.

The devil says to those who seek "tongues," "You cannot now be deceived as to your experience because you were looking to God when you sought your baptism. Your heart is toward God and He will not forsake you." God handed over the dominion of the earth to Adam, then Adam turned it over to Satan. God gave over control and dominion of our bodies to us. We are free to do as did Adam—turn our bodies over to Satan.

NEXT, BODY, MIND, AND SPIRIT CAPITULATE

Usually the mind is passive and relaxed along with the body in order to receive the false baptism. Demons are not anxious to attempt possession till one is in this condition. If they wait till then, they will have more of the person under their sway. They insist on both body and mind to use as their tools.

God shields His child to a great extent. He intends him to keep control of his own

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body. But he steps out of God's protective sphere, and gives himself, mind and body, over to another spirit. Demons may be hindered or they may choose to wait till the person is in this passive state of both body and mind. A delay tends to bring the seeker into a disturbed and impatient attitude of mind. This condition prepares him to be a better servant of his new master. The seeker is led to believe that he is not yet in a sufficiently pure state for the "baptism." He must strive for a holier condition to be fit for this—"free" gift from a loving Father. Such reference to lack of purity is a decoy, and at the same time it is a covering for a deceiving spirit. The seeker may spend long periods agonizing in prayer, even staying up nights, and getting into a physically run-down condition. The worry over not getting his baptism becomes a strain on his mind.

Thus body, mind, and nerves, through the delay, are ready for the enemy to use as his tools. The child of God has worked hard for a "free" gift. He has developed himself into a superior spirituality of which he is proud, although he may call it humility. He has attained that which puts him far above all who do not accept the "baptism." It has become the idol of his life. He is instrumental in getting others to seek this doctrine. His whole conversation is about baptism by the same process. The topic of tongues is so important to him that he parts

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company with those who do not accept his way of thinking. He is strong now and they are weak. He, therefore, lords it over others, looks down upon them, or casts them from him. He knows not that he is of another spirit that knows nothing of obedience to the Word of God, for example, in receiving that supposedly weaker brother (Rom. 14:1). Satan has gained his purpose. He has not only deceived a child of God, but he has used him to lead others into the same deception, and thus cause division in the Body of Christ.

DEMON VEHEMENTLY RESISTS TEST

The writer found in actual experience that a demon spirit opposes being tested with all the power that it can muster. At the very suggestion of the test it puts into the mind of the person a terrible feeling of resentment with the thought of sinning against the Holy Ghost. It brings up all sorts of argument why a test should not be made. This is blasphemy, unbelief, sin. It gives reasons why this should not be attempted, and makes it quite plain that the spirit is grieved. All this is evidence of a false spirit, since the whole thing is against obeying God's written Word. "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty" (2 Cor. 3:17). There is no hindrance imposed by the Holy Spirit in the matter of obeying the Scriptures. Furthermore, a man may disobey the

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Holy Spirit without strong opposition such as comes from a demon spirit in the matter of testing the demon's identity.

The test of a spirit should be made when the possessed is speaking in tongues. The one who does the testing should address, not the human being, but the spirit, in this manner: "Spirit, in the Name of Jesus Christ, answer, Is Jesus Christ come in the flesh?" A demon is most reluctant to answer this question. It will either leave, evade a definite and positive answer, or say "No." In one case, when a woman was speaking in tongues, another asked the spirit that question. The woman knew the Scripture and tried to say "Yes," but the spirit overpowered her voice and said "No" against her will.

When one has the true gift of tongues from God, it is truly a "gift" which belongs to the person and is under his control at all times. "The spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets" (1 Cor. 14:32). Other spirits try to get control, whereas the Spirit who is from God permits Himself to be controlled.

(We are not here arguing the point as to whether or not anyone today has the true gift of tongues. We have met an odd one who seems to have a scriptural experience. We have heard of rare instances where God in grace has given some needy and hungry soul a message beyond the knowledge of the speaker. That would be scriptural and quite

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in keeping with the wisdom and love of God. But such instances constitute no ground for the doctrinal positions as held today by "tongues people," so called. We are simply analyzing the methods back of this mass of falsehood and chaos. This all emanates from the unyielding insistence of the flesh that speaking in tongues is the evidence of the baptism of the Spirit. It is this domineering insistence which leads to the false and disastrous results in so many lives.)

A missionary brought pictures of an African under demon possession. They showed the native throwing himself on the ground and going through many contortions. He was speaking in tongues while doing this. The other natives wanted the missionary to interpret for them as they thought the language must be English.

A group of converts in West China were visited by one who began to tell them about the baptism of tongues. But they said they wanted none of that as they had spoken in tongues in devil worship before ever they heard of Christ.

DEMONS PLAY ON THE PHYSICAL BEING

Demon spirits seem to seek human bodies in which to dwell. They will pass from one body to another. Persons seeking the tongues baptism receive it more readily when they come in bodily contact with those

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who already have it. The power goes from one person to another and can be felt physically. Also, in the ceremony of laying on of hands, there is a transfer of spirit from one person to another through the flesh. For this reason there is much false teaching in this modern day regarding the laying on of hands. Demon powers gain undisputed entrance into the bodies of those who seek and believe that they can with the natural faculties sense the working of God.

Years ago the writer had such first-hand experience. He noticed a tendency to a trembling sensation in his own body while another was praying or preaching under a strange spirit. The same thing happened when he was present with a group aspiring to reach the high-pitched physical state of spirit possession.

A Christian in China, driving past idol temples, reported that he felt a similar trembling in his body. He did not know what it was till he came back to America. There he felt the same reaction among those who have this false baptism.

The testimony of many Christians is that when they first entered a building where the false-tongues spirit was in evidence, they had a feeling of terrible fear. Some left, determined never to go back into such a place again. Others lived down this feeling and later succumbed to spirit influence.

As demons play on the body they use every

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possible means to get it prepared for their use. Light, syncopated music with a lively rhythm accompanying hymns is best suited to their use. They endeavour by this type of music to get the mind away from serious thinking and deep reverence for God. This rhythmic music also reacts on the body to promote an excited state, favourable to spirit working.

The modern Tongues Movement is being permeated with many doctrines which, when practiced, have a direct effect on the body. Healing, called divine, is one of the leading practices. God gives true healing which is in accord with His Word. This relates to the body, so the counterfeit is easily introduced. Indeed, Satan is anxious to work miracles, which he does. There are so many perversions in these circles and connections that we cannot deal with them here. Dieting, fasting, faith messages, are all taught and also published in printed form. The unsuspecting seeker for truth uses these to his own undoing when he gives over his body to them.

DEMONS AND THE TONGUES MOVEMENT

One of the evidences of a false spirit is noticeable when the person is praying or preaching. He assumes a high-pitched voice which normally he does not have. A short gasping ends each sentence and certain

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words. At the same time the rapidity of speech is very marked. Thus, speaking organs are affected by demon power. Another may try to mimic this because it sounds more spiritual. He helps the spirit of his own accord by attempting this. Such method of speaking or praying attracts attention. He seems superspiritual; he has something others have not. This leads them to desire it also, and so they seek this power.

In order to get the obedience of Christians, demons give guidance in spiritual matters. They put thoughts into the mind, even getting the person to pray about the matter. They give assurance that the Lord is very present in the case. Such guidance often promises and leads to financial prosperity. Things which greatly please the person come to pass so as to train the person in a certain line of guidance. They put an urgency into the mind to cause the person to obey. When the person hesitates to obey, pressure is imposed which he takes as conviction. It is really all of the devil. Today, testimonies of marvellous things being done are attracting thousands into this movement. In reality, evil spirits are bringing to pass many miracles.

SNARES OF THE DEVIL

Such revelations as "Jesus is coming soon" are given. This is nothing new to the Christian, as he already knows it from the Word.

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Another popular manifestation is a beautiful vision of Christ on the Cross. The Holy Spirit wrote, "there is NO beauty that we should desire Him," and "His visage was so marred more than any man." Revelation 1 describes Him as He now actually is. The Holy Spirit's work is to reveal Christ. Such visions do not reveal Him as He ever was or ever will be. Such things are a decoy to lead the believer into thinking he is very close to God. Students in Bible School have spent whole nights in prayer until their health was impaired. As a result they were not able to complete the studies God had planned for them.

Demons attempt to turn aside those who can successfully do Christian service. Others they urge to enter Christian work, and then cause them either to fail, or to act in their way and manner. They prevail upon zealous ones to put themselves into the most impractical places. For instance, a woman was led to leave her children at home with her husband against his will, and go out into gospel work with another man. The world looking on has a sense of standards which forbid such a thing. The world sees divorces come out of such spirit leadings regarded as the highest of Christian attainments. The devil draws the world's attention to such things, and at the same time blinds the minds of deceived saints.

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DEMONS GAIN CONFIDENCE BY USE OF "TONGUES"

The Spirit beareth witness with our *spirit* (Rom. 8:16). False spirits bear witness to our flesh, soul, nerves and mind. Through our spirit the Holy Spirit gives us the mind of Christ. We need to learn to distinguish between the Holy Spirit giving us the mind of Christ through our *spirit*, and demons which come to us through these other gateways. That which comes to us as guidance through the faculties pertaining to our lower nature cannot be of God. He communicates through our *spirit*. There is nothing in the gift of tongues to lead or guide through the flesh, whether the manifestation comes from God or a demon. Demons gain entrance and confidence by the use of tongues. They thus cause their guidance to be accepted, and hold sway over the physical being. We keep our body under. The Holy Spirit does not take over the flesh. Paul says, "I speak with tongues" (1 Cor. 14:18). We are given the power within ourselves to do so. This is done in co-operation with the Holy Spirit, not in subservience to Him, as is the case with demons.

Some instances of demon possession have taken place immediately the person relaxed the body and mind for the "baptism." One, a Mrs. E., was greatly rejoicing that she had the "baptism." But she found after-

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God refers to the unity existing between man and wife as an analogy of the relationship between Christ and the Church (Eph. 5:28-32). Satan strikes at the sacred bond of marriage. Many divorces and scandals among Christians are traceable to spirit leading. It begins as guidance, apparently, at first, of God. Then the deceived believer is gradually led astray. Nowhere in God's Word are we permitted familiarities with our lower nature. But God does promise us the gift of a sound mind (2 Tim. 1:7). For this He holds us, as freewill beings, responsible for its use.

One who is deceived by guidance which he senses with his natural faculties soon learns to expect guidance through his feelings. After being trained in the Satanic school of experience, he will be given some real concern to go to God in prayer. Then a demon will respond in the manner the person has been taught to expect. Later, when he really seeks God about something, and the response is not forthcoming as he expects it should, he concludes God is refusing to answer. The devil will tell him he is out of touch with God, or will make him think that God cannot be trusted. Or the devil may heap on him a driving condemnation that he is a failure and cannot succeed, leading him to bewilderment and despair.

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wards that whenever she opened her mouth to pray, the evil spirit prevented her talking to God. All she could do was speak in tongues. It took a long time for her to get free of this demon control, and regain control of her own body so that she could pray. Another, a man at Y, was seeking baptism with tongues for a long time. He was in great distress because he could not get it. When, finally, he did speak in tongues, he said something "snapped" in his head. The result was that he had to be confined in a mental hospital.

Those who have spoken in tongues under demon power are subject to nervousness. They become impatient and irritable. At the same time they boast of great spiritual power. They cannot submit to opposition or correction. They are intolerant and very dogmatic. They become extremely touchy when anything is done or said which disapproves, or corrects, speaking in tongues. "The wisdom that is from above is . . . easy to be intreated" (Jas. 3:17).

WAY OPENED FOR FALSE DOCTRINES

As demons use the nervous system to impose their desired ends on the mind, false doctrines come to be accepted without caution. One is readily led into radical speculations which show a decline in his thinking power. At the beginning there is usually a close parallel to Bible truth until obe-

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dience without question is gained. Then this confidence is turned into dubious paths which, as time goes on, lead farther and farther into irrational behaviour called "greater faith."

We are told that false signs will be prevalent at the end of the Church age. So, false tongues may be expected, among other erroneous manifestations which are to precede the revelation of the Antichrist. The following Scriptures give an outline of happenings which are to pave the way for him: "In the LATTER TIMES some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of demons" (1 Tim. 4:1); "Know this also, that in the LAST DAYS perilous times shall come . . . men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith" (2 Tim. 3:1, 8); "For there SHALL ARISE false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect" (Matt. 24:24). According to these clearly stated prophecies of the last days there is to be a great outpouring of manifestations by the devil. This dispensation will close with the world and false religions in it prepared through supernatural demonstrations to receive the Antichrist, "whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and SIGNS and lying wonders" (2 Thess. 2:9). These show that, in the last days, Satan will work wonders, to

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They shall take up serpents;
and if they drink any deadly thing,
it shall not hurt them;
they shall lay hands on the sick, and
they shall recover"
(Mark 16:17, 18).

Notice that speaking in tongues was to be one of several signs of "them that believe."

On the day of Pentecost, Galileans spoke in tongues (Acts 2:7), indicating that they were believers. At that time Jews from all over the known world were assembled in Jerusalem for the feast season. They were there from many Gentile countries, as well as from Judea and Galilee and Jerusalem. Those who spoke in tongues were "filled" with the Holy Ghost. Speaking in tongues indicated to all Jewry that Galileans were accepted and approved of God. It was generally thought among Jews that those appointed to serve at Jerusalem were specially favoured, and that at Jerusalem God was working. Peter announced that what their Jewish prophet told them had come true, that God's Spirit was to be poured out on ALL flesh (Acts 2:16, 17). This word "all" included all Jews, and all Gentiles also.

On that occasion this Galilean, Peter, said unto them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:38).

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deceive Christians into believing a false interpretation of Scripture. This will lead them to seek for the manifestation of tongues. He will deceive all who accept it.

Many seek a false refuge by pleading the "blood" over a place or a situation in order to obtain immunity from Satan's power. Satan is well pleased with this, because our power over demons is not through the "blood." The "blood" cannot be used as a charm or a fetish against demons when we proceed on wrong principles. We overcome "by the blood of the Lamb" (Rev. 12:11), when the accuser brings our sins against us to put us under a false condemnation (Rev. 12:10). Our refuge against this accusation is by pleading the blood, and "The blood of Jesus Christ . . . cleanseth us from all sin." God has left us in a warfare on earth in the devil's territory to use the weapons He has supplied (Eph. 6:13-18). Having used all of them, we are yet to "stand."

THE GIFT OF TONGUES IN SCRIPTURE

There is only one prophecy that mentions speaking in tongues before Pentecost. There it is listed as a SIGN among other signs, without any preference being given one or another. "And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name

shall they cast out devils;
they shall speak with new tongues:

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Here he addressed all Jews, telling them the condition they must meet to receive the Holy Ghost. Immediately there were 3,000 converts (Acts 2:41). A day or so later, at this same feast season, another 5,000 were converted (Acts 4:4), making a total of 8,000. "They were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness" (Acts 4:31). The Greek renders these words "they were all filled with the Holy Ghost" identically the same as in Acts 2:4, just as in the King James version. Note that all of the 8,000 had the same "filling" as had the Galileans on the day of Pentecost, but the outward "sign," or manifestation, was different. A few spoke in tongues at Pentecost, but later the great majority exhibited the power of a new life in proclaiming the Word of God boldly.

In Acts 2:4 they spoke in a language which was understood by the listeners. Those who claim to have the same experience today must speak the "wonderful works of God" (2:11) in a language which is understood by the listeners. Otherwise they are not Scriptural. And if their pattern is Acts 2, where are the cloven tongues of fire? Little wonder that of all the able Bible expositors of all ages not one has ever advocated the "tongues position."

THE GIFT OF TONGUES WAS A SIGN

Speaking in tongues is mentioned only

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three times in the book of Acts. The first instance, in the place the Jews would not allow a Gentile to enter (Acts 21:28, 29), Jews spoke the language of the Gentiles. Peter declared that the Holy Spirit was to be poured out upon ALL flesh. This should have been convincing enough to make it clear that the Gentiles were made equal to the Jews in God's sight, but God still had to prove this to the Jews. He must have Gentiles speak in tongues before the Jews would believe it.

At Pentecost it was proved that Galileans, Jews who lived outside Jerusalem, through the use of tongues, were accepted of God. The second time such a miracle is recorded occurred in the house of Cornelius, the Roman, outside Jerusalem. The Jews were astonished to find that these Gentiles were given the same "gift" (Acts 10:45 and 15:8, 9) as was given to the Jews that Gentiles outside Jerusalem were accepted of Him on the simple grounds of faith in Christ.

On this occasion Paul's word to the Corinthians on the purpose of the sign of tongues finds beautiful illustration: "Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not; but prophesying serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe" (1 Cor. 14:22). It should be noted that the designating clause, "them that believe not,"

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refers to God's unbelieving people. Paul has been referring to God's ancient and disobedient Israel who had to be taught by the lip and lash of the Assyrian, a people of a different tongue. Wherefore Paul says to the "carnal" and childish Corinthians: "Wherefore tongues"—such as you Corinthians insist on and elevate to a place of supposed superiority—"are for a sign, not to them that believe"—for God's believing people do not require signs—"but to them that"—as God's Israel of old—"believe not." Then, still having God's people in mind, Paul concludes the verse by saying that "prophesying serveth not for them that believe not"—plain speaking will do them no good for they know not how to take things by faith—"but for them"—prophesying is amply sufficient and nourishing for them—"which believe."

The truth of this Scripture found abundant illustration in the case of Peter at the house of Cornelius. Peter and the six brethren who accompanied him were certainly those "that believed not" that the Gentiles could be accepted on the same plane with the Jews. How were they persuaded of this equality? They "heard them speak with tongues" (Acts 10:46). Tongues were for a sign to Peter and his six Jewish brethren "that believed not." No amount of prophesying or sheets let down from Heaven, could have persuaded Peter otherwise. He and his unbelieving

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brethren required the sign of tongues. It was an indication, not of their strength, but rather of their unbelief and weakness. It should be noted carefully that in 1 Cor. 14:23, 24 Paul next considers the "unbelievers" of the world, and shows that "prophesying," i. e., simple and easily understood preaching, "convince" such men of the truth. Anything else causes the world in general to say, as they say today, "ye are mad." The distinction made in Paul's argument, between GOD'S unbelieving people and the unbelieving people of the WORLD, needs to be kept clearly in mind or else Paul's argument is missed entirely.

Finally, the disciples at Ephesus, no doubt Jewish followers of the great and mighty John of twenty-five years previous, would be among those believers who "believe not" unless they see "signs and wonders." They could scarcely be brought to believe that the John, whom many wondered whether or not he might be the Messiah, was but a man of the past. The simple Jesus with His invisible baptism had superseded John entirely. They "required a sign." But they were convinced; they "spoke with tongues and prophesied." Instantly John was no more.

Subsequent to these three references in Acts to speaking in tongues, the Bible is silent with one exception. It is found in 1 Corinthians 12, 13, 14. There, the reference is to a "gift." No where in the whole Bible

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is speaking in tongues called, or referred to, as "the baptism." In Acts this miracle is used as a "sign," and in Corinthians it is called a "gift" to be used as a "sign" (1 Cor. 14:22), but never as the "baptism."

God catalogues the values of gifts in 1 Cor. 12:28, and there values tongues as "least" of the gifts. We are told to seek the "best" gifts (12:31). When God gives a gift it is "as He will" (12:11). We are not to deliberately choose and insist on having the least one and exalt it above the others. It is this self-willed insistence that leads the saints to "give place to the devil."

BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

John the Baptist foretold of Christ: "He shall baptize you in the Holy Ghost." In every reference it is Christ Who is the baptizer, and not the Spirit. It is not a baptism of the Holy Ghost. The Greek renders this "baptize you IN the Holy Ghost," not "WITH the Holy Ghost," as do also the revised translations. The term "baptism of the Holy Ghost" is not a true Scriptural term. The revised correction of 1 Cor. 12:13 is also true to the Greek. Here "IN one Spirit," not "BY one Spirit," is used. In the passage, "IN one Spirit were we all baptized into one body," the verb "were" is past tense, whereas the Greek uses the aorist tense which expresses not only past tense, but completion. "We" includes Paul and

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those to whom he is writing. At the time they became members of Christ's Body, the Church, they "were" already completely baptized IN the Spirit. Paul says to these, who had this past and completed baptism, "I would that ye all spake with tongues" (14:5).

The Corinthians were manifestly eager to speak in tongues. Paul must therefore charitably say to them, "Now I wish you all to speak with tongues," i. e., in intelligible languages to the edification of hearers who will understand what you say. He would show them he was far from objecting to what they thought so important. Then he expresses his real and far higher wish: "But rather that [or, in order that] ye prophesied" (1 Cor. 14:5). Also he asks them the question, "Do ALL speak with tongues?" (12:30) inferring that they all had this baptism and yet all did not speak in tongues. In the face of this Scripture, "Tongues People" resort to making a sharp distinction between what they call "initial evidence" in Acts, and "the gift" in 1 Corinthians, an utterly unwarranted assumption, but demanded by their doctrinal position.

Those who declare that the first time one speaks in tongues is the "baptism," and after that it is a "gift," find no support in the Scriptures for such teaching. The demon which spoke through a person the first time in response to a false doctrine will often remain with that one and continue to speak

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through him. This was proved when a group thought they had the gift of tongues, and had spoken in tongues more than once. These spoke again in the presence of one who understood the language. He said he had never heard such foul utterance and blasphemy from human lips.

Shall we allow an evil spirit to use our body and thereby live in disobedience to God's Word?

Reader, is there a resentment in your mind against this exposure of demon powers? If so, the writer asks you calmly to investigate, and ferret out the cause of that resentment.

AN ALLEGORY NIGHT LETTER

Dated Latter Times.

To—Underminer D. Ceiver.

Address—Heavenly Places on Earth.

From—Arch D. Ceiver,

Secretary, Rulers of Darkness.

Address—Underworld.

As Secretary of the "Council Below," I am instructed to notify you, a demon on Earth, that we are not satisfied with your reports till you have fulfilled your commission to destroy body, soul, mind, and, if possible, the spirit of Zealous Christian, who lives in the village of Untaught.

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Remember the motto we gave you the day you were commissioned, "His ambitions are your opportunities." This is true only so long as you keep them under your control.

He must be withheld from knowing the prophecy he is fulfilling, namely, the one foretelling that many in the latter times will give heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of demons.

Now that you have made yourself "familiar" with him he must never have a suspicion that you are a demon.

Keep the atmosphere well filled with that odour, so sweet to us below, which you carry in the vial labeled "Division in the Church." Whenever the wind is blowing his way, keep it unstopped.

Give him sensations pleasing to the flesh so he will keep shouting "Hallelujah, Praise the Lord." Do not be alarmed at this; it is of great profit to us: We are really thrilled to know that he is attracting others to you for the same thing that makes him feel so good. This is our best advertising. Zealous will soon have all his kin coming your way, and they will bring other residents of the village of Untaught with them.

Do not hurriedly give them outward manifestations which they especially choose. Be more attentive to "tongues" than other signs, because "tongues" gives you the vantage for further operations. They believe their Heavenly Father is one of love and cannot with-

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hold any good thing from them. Tell them they still have sins and have not yet prayed and strained enough for their "baptism." Accuse them of past sins which He has already wiped off their record, and worry them about these for a while. Tantalize them till they wonder if Father really has a "gift" for them at all. Make them beg, lose sleep, and tarry in the night to get the "free" gift of love which the Father of Light gives "as He will." Then, when they are nearly frantic, let them have it. They think they at last have God agreeing with them.

This procedure has widespread results. After working so long and hard they will believe they have "earned" the "free" gift. They will glory in their experience and attainments. This superiority complex makes an excellent refill for your vial. Of course the odour is so strong it may tend to drive away many whose sense of smell is not accustomed to it. But take care and continue to fan the breeze so it is sure to drift their way. They will either leave, or stay around until they develop a liking for it. Then they will relish inhaling more of it. It even sticks to their garments so it is detected by others. But they themselves do not notice it after they have been in its atmosphere for a time.

The Father of Zealous made this rule: "Honour to whom honour is due." He refuses to adopt any orphan who breaks this

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rule by praising our master here below for any work His Holy Spirit does. He calls it blasphemy against the Holy Ghost, unpardonable, and will not wipe it off His slate, but holds it forever against the offender. Now, when you get your patient to praise the Holy Spirit for what you (a demon) are doing, you have a very close parallel to the unpardonable sin. The caverns below ring with the first verse of our Victory song over this. We cannot sing the chorus yet because your work still stands in jeopardy at one point. Zealous must not get into the camp of the saints where they know your tactics, and believe in testing spirits according to 1 John 4:1. If they ever lift your blinds off that passage of Scripture, you will have to leave in a hurry, with your work unfinished.

Keep him busy with excitement and things to do so he cannot settle down to really think. Give sufficient manifestations so he will shout "Hallelujah." Loud Hallelujahs for your work will keep the warnings of matured Christians muffled so he cannot hear them. For greater safety, keep the cork out of the vial so they will be kept a good distance apart.

The Father of Zealous is a tyrant. He promised the orphans rest before He adopted them, but He never permits His children to sit or lie all the day long. He commands them to keep walking, and is better satisfied when they run. They must always stand up-

right. The only rest He allows them during the whole day is when they can lean on a pillar He named "Faith." It is at the upper end of a steep climb along the straight and narrow path, so difficult that flesh is exhausted by the time the pillar is reached. He gives His children bread and water and expects them to make the climb. Zealous, though growing fast, is still delicate, and naturally desires extra help. He has been crying to his Father for help that he may rest at Faith. He has a great desire to feel the rest of Faith. As you are familiar with him, now is your opportunity. Take him by the hand and help him in the way he wishes. Go with him to the bottom of the straight and narrow path. There you will see a pillar within calling distance of the pillar, Faith.

Now Faith is a safe place, but the other pillar, though on the side of the path, is also at the edge of a dangerous precipice. The Heavenly Father named this pillar "Spiritual Experience." It is so located that one must leave it behind before he can rest at Faith. He did not make it to be leaned upon, but only as a signpost to direct one past the danger zone to Faith. It is much smaller than the other pillar and, being hollow, it is also very weak. The title, "Spiritual Experience," was originally in small insignificant letters. Also in very small print was something about the working of the Spirit

in guidance—healing, miracles, revelations, interpretation, and speaking in tongues. The only striking mark on it was a large imprinted arrow which pointed up toward the pillar, Faith. When you glance at this smaller pillar you will not recognize it, since our Father below has used his paintbrush on it. You will notice that he has greatly enlarged the letters, "Spiritual Experience," so they completely cover the arrow. One with a preconceived idea of how it looks now will not notice that an arrow was ever there. The smaller letters are so obliterated that one needs the old Guide-Book to be able to trace them. They are replaced with larger and more legible lettering in an unknown tongue.

Stop with Zealous at Spiritual Experience. The older children up at Faith will call to him not to stop there, and tell him that pillar is only a signpost and not to be leaned upon. You whisper in his ear, "feel it." This he will proceed to do, but while he is feeling it you hold it so firmly it will not even shake. Then draw his attention to the inscriptions. Of course he cannot understand them. Have him reach into his own bosom and pull out the little book of interpretation you have already placed there. When he sees the interpretation he will be so delighted he will shout "Hallelujah, Praise the Lord." This will attract attention up at Faith and they will begin to listen to him.

So ardent will he be that he will shout to those at Faith, "Come down. I have found IT. This pillar is better than Faith. It is solid, because I have felt it, and it has many interesting and thrilling things attached to it." He will be so sincere that he will cause a division among those at Faith, even reaching a hot argument as to whether he is right or not. Some of the younger ones at Faith will leave the others there and come down to join his company. Have Zealous interpret for them so they may have an unshakable confidence in Spiritual Experience. When he leans upon it before them; you hold it firmly till he comes to a restful position, then let go. It will snap off and he with several others will take such a fall over the cliff, they will likely never stand or walk upright again.

Our father filled the hollow of the pillar with dust so that, when it breaks, any who are lingering near cannot see what happened. Many will wander over the edge with their eyes shut. Very few have vision to see the way back to Faith with this dust in their eyes.

Now that Zealous is a useful tool, use him only so long as it is safe and profitable. Our whole family is waiting below to see the jolly ending. Do not take too long, our time is short.

Signed,
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