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THINGS NON-PENTECOSTALS DON'T KNOW

— About The Rapture & *The Magic Twins*SM —

#rap-1— **Online NEWSpaper** "RAPTURE" series. Each editorial builds on the aggregate foundation of all the previous ones.

On an otherwise uneventful Sunday morning in March of 1830, a young lady named Mary Campbell caused quite a stir in a Presbyterian church near Port Glasgow, Scotland. She stood and spoke loudly in a language that nobody could understand.

We are told that that sort of thing never happened in that church again. But the historical record confirms that it had become a common occurrence in a home, nearby.

The pastor, along with all of the church's lay leadership and all but one of the church staff condemned the event as having clearly been inspired by the forces of evil. The staffer hold-out was a young man by the name of A. J. Scott. He was a pastoral assistant.

Scott was friends with a pastor in London who had been telling him that the church should be experiencing some of the 1st-Century phenomena that were an extension of the Day of Pentecost events. He soon left his assignment at the church in Scotland and moved to London to serve as a pastoral assistant, there.

The Campbell sisters, Mary and Isabella, were either the first or among the very first people in 18 Centuries to have practiced the utterance of excited guttural sounds of indecipherable words and phrases during their frequently observed displays of

spiritual ecstasy. They were well known Occult spiritualists in the area of Port Glasgow, Scotland. The dominant sister, Mary, is said to have been much more "gifted" in the Occult arts than Isabella.

Andrew Drummond wrote this under the name of Andrew Lansdale, his pseudonym—

"Mary Campbell practiced automatic writing and she was a young woman of intense psychical power...Had she lived at the end of the 19th Century instead of at the beginning, her energies would probably have found expression as a medium."

—Edward Irving and His Circle, (1937), pp. 141-2

Mary Campbell's BFF was the 16-year-old Port Glasgow lassie, Margaret Macdonald. Perhaps you have heard of her, but then maybe not. She lived with her older brothers, James and George, who ran a shipping business in the maritime city of Port Glasgow. It was in their home where the hyperspiritual prayer meetings were common.

Bedridden for at least 18 months with tuberculosis, little Margaret always enjoyed Mary Campbell's frequent visits. It was her chance to learn more about the Occult and its *compatibility with Christianity*. Mary's sister, Isabella, often came along, too.

Whether those three girls were part of a larger group of Occult practitioners in that area

or not we have not discovered.. But we have gained some good additional insight from Robert Norton's chronicles—

"I have seen both her [i.e.: Mary Campbell] and Miss Margaret Macdonald stand like statues scarcely touching the ground, evidently supernaturally."

—The Restoration of Apostles, (1861), p. 25

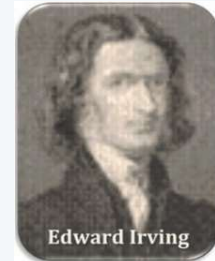
Note: Many, today, who teach the Occult practice of levitation often seek to entice naïve Christian believers with this: "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up."
—James 4:10

It was Margaret Macdonald who uttered and then handwrote at least two transcriptions of that fascinating prophecy we wrote about in the last editorial series. The London preacher who got one of those hand-written transcriptions of Miss Macdonald's prophecy was Edward Irving, friends with A. J. Scott.

Originally from Scotland, Irving was an ordained Church of Scotland (Presbyterian) preacher. In 1822, his superiors asked him to pastor a church in London. That church exhibited all the classic signs of dying. The fifty-or-so parishioners who remained were struggling to keep the church alive.

Irving's flamboyant style paid off: Within a few months, membership in the congregation had climbed to over a thousand. After a short five years, there

remained no choice but to find much larger quarters. They purchased a building at Regent Square.



Edward Irving

At some point in 1827, based on his studies in the book of Acts, he embarked on the pursuit of two brand

new passions—

1. That the 19th-Century church should enjoy the same spiritual gifts that the First-Century church enjoyed.
2. That there would soon be a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit and then Jesus would return—in 1864, shortly after the Jews would be returned to Jerusalem.

He challenged his members to start seeking the Holy Spirit. He was convinced that if they would do that there would be inevitable manifestations of the First-Century gifts.

Irving published the essence of Margaret's handwritten transcript in his September, 1830, newsletter, *The Morning Watch*, but he didn't credit Margaret...

The essence of it was that there would very soon be a secret rapture of all the real Christians who would join Our Lord at The Marriage Supper of the Lamb. That party would last for seven years, after which they would return to reign with Christ for a thousand years.

