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## THINGS PENTECOSTALS DON'T KNOW

— About The Relationship Between First-Century Pentecost & Modern Pentecost —

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The Occult practitioners at Azusa Street apparently felt right at home. A few may have known that euphoric *tongue-talking* pre-dates the Christian era, in pagan worship:

After his *baptism in the Holy Ghost*, the late Dr. Marcus Bach became fascinated with the notion that other faiths might also manifest *tongues*: “...I learned some startling things. For example, it had never been pointed out to me until I prowled through historical commentaries that glossolalia had pre-Christian antecedents and that the phenomenon was by no means uncommon in ancient rituals where pagan gods were worshiped.” —p.72 of The Inner Ecstasy, by Dr. Bach

“When the exuberance of the worshipers reached rapturous heights, the incredible, sometimes musical utterances, began. They were like sounding brass and tinkling cymbal. The speakers became the center of attraction. Initiates listened enthralled and often they, too, became overpowered and burst into a babble of sounds. Something we did not have in Pentecostalism.

“These Greek festivals flourished during the Golden Age, the prehistoric period ruled by Cronus, god of the harvest. In these extravaganzas, held in spring and fall at planting and reaping time, devotees not only



spoke in tongues but were also baptized in rivers. They sang and clapped their hands just as we did when we felt the Spirit.” —pp.72,73

“...the path of glossolalia led from the festivals of Eleusis to Delphi where the oracle sat in the sulphurous mist, her throne the tripod of Apollo, whose messenger she was...Here she prophesied and often when the ecstasy came upon her, her voice was taken over by Apollo and her words would be unknown even to herself. Men said she was intoxicated with the presence of the god, but a city grew up around Delphi because of her. Delphi—where men drank of the sacred stream and stood at the water’s edge and spoke in tongues.” —p.75

You can find the late Dr. Bach’s book for sale on the Internet or you can read it online (and even download it) from BYU’s Harold B. Lee Digital Library: <https://contentdm.lib.byu.edu/digital/collection/Bach2/id/8112>

We are convinced that God would not have left us His Written Word in a form that could be “interpreted” in many different ways by so many “experts” and organizations. Yet, each denomination claims a monopoly on truth.

- > “All of us approach truth with our fists tightly clinched to our haggard bag of things we want to be true, desperately hope are true and notions we’re hell bent on pretending are true, regardless of what evidence [says] otherwise. This reality is as true for middle-aged white men with bad suits and obvious comb-overs as it is for tattooed hipster Christians who are heavier on cynicism than orthodoxy.”

—Rick Henderson, Mr. Henderson has demonstrated that for us, recently, Subconscious?

- > “Millions of believers study to confirm Doctrine. Few study to gain Truth. Per Matthew 7:13-14, God clearly prefers the few.” —TC Newsome

We sincerely hope and pray that you will embark on your own aggressive study of God’s written word to gain Truth—as opposed to studying to confirm Doctrine. We’re convinced that you will discover that it is much easier to do that than you might think.

You may even want to encourage a few close friends

and/or family members to study with you.

I assembled a small group of people like that even before I retired. Multi-denominational, we quickly learned that we had each been studying to confirm “what ‘we’ believe.” Why? Because that’s what our preachers had taught us to do.

The more you study for Truth, the more you will learn about how and why your preachers have done that.

Maliciously? No; they’re victims, too. The visible church has missed the mark of its high calling. The Church will arise from its ashes. Will you be counted with those who’ll rise up with it?

The Church (the one against which Jesus said the gates of Hell will not prevail) is alive and well, but it is for the most part *invisible*. Might it include you?

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