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THINGS PENTECOSTALS DON'T KNOW

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

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From #pen-2—

We think Satan will inspire genuine tongues and genuine interpretations when he comes to masquerade as Jesus...

We think his army of super-preachers will demonstrate real healings and other supernatural phenomena, too. If you've read 2 Thessalonians recently you will recall that there will be a "falling away" before the real Jesus comes. We're convinced that those supernatural demonstrations will be the culprit. Who but hyperspiritual folk would be first to fall for it?

While you're contemplating that you may also be smart to remember this: Unbelievers can not "fall away."

You may also recall that to those who will refuse to believe the Truth, God will send a strong delusion so that they'll believe a lie and be damned.

All scriptural examples of interpreted Holy-Ghost tongues have three things in common—

- 1 What is spoken is either praises to God – a.k.a. "prophesying" in the New Testament context – or, as at Acts 2, proclaiming the wonderful works of God.
- 2 What is spoken is only for foreign-language-speaking unbelievers; and *never* for the benefit of believers,

especially monolingual (single-language) believers.

- 3 Only when a tongue is a perfect match for an unbeliever's hometown dialect is it to be deemed a credible and, therefore, effective sign.

After each "'message' in 'tongues'" at a large pentecostal church near us, the pastor growls into his microphone, "Who was that for?" Dozens of naïve believers raise their hands. By what spirit...?

He holds a doctorate degree in theology and he teaches ministerial students at a well-known Bible university. Is it even possible that he is not familiar with the pertinent scriptures...and even the original languages...and the fully vetted history of modern pentecost?

Might he be purposefully withholding his full knowledge of original truth, so as to sustain the momentum of his substantial financial empire? Might denominational politics and allegiance to the bias of denominational doctrines also play roles in that? (Every denomination owns a "what 'we' believe" franchise.) Given any other profession, wouldn't that be malpractice?

Is that reverend doctor's motive conscious, or might it be subconscious? In either case, would you be willing to trade

trade places with him on the Day of Judgment?

How might that scenario differ from blasphemy? Then, who'd be guilty of it?...believers?...their preachers? Can Holy Ghost blasphemy be forgiven?

We must pray for millions of sincere, but misinformed believers who have invested considerably more of their *Faith Equity*™ in their preachers than in God's written word:

> "Thus saith the LORD; Cursed [be] the man that trusteth in man..." —Jeremiah 17:5

If an unbeliever's only language were English, in what possible way might the utterance of any "unknown 'tongue'" inspire him to repent and to become a Christian?

How many foreign-language unbelievers have heard praises **TO** God or testimonies **OF** His wonderful works in their own native tongues and dialects at your pentecostal church? How many of them have been amazed again when a second speaker has interpreted, accurately, what had been spoken by the first speaker? How many of them have subsequently testified of such life-changing experiences? If none, then what discerning believer would want to trade places with YOU on Judgment Day?

Again, can Holy Ghost blasphemy be forgiven?

The GIFT of Tongues

Just two (2) verses in the entire Bible address the gift of tongues. They are 1 Corinthians 12:10 and 1 Corinthians 12:28. In the first example, that gift is called "'[divers] tongues.'" In the second example, the KJV translators' "'diversities' of tongues" is similar. Then, how is it that every *tongue*-talker we have heard since the late 1940s appears to have received a gift of just **ONE** *tongue*? Surely, you have observed that, too...

- Some *tongue*-talkers have polished their single *tongue* to a high gloss. (Might that justify the endearment, *glossolalia*?) That *tongue* may sound quite dignified, too. But have you also noticed that each speaker's accent and phrasing are always the same with each new "'message' from God?"

Why would the Holy Ghost grant the gift of "diversities" of tongues? Wouldn't that be to make sure that, no matter what the native language and dialect of an unbeliever who might be present, there might always be a credible sign for him—as at Acts 2, our only clear precedent?

He that speaketh in an [unknown] tongue edifieth himself.

—1 Corinthians 14:4

If no one had ever told you what that verse means, how might YOU paraphrase it?

