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## THINGS NON-PENTECOSTALS DON'T KNOW

— About The Rapture & *The Magic Twins*<sup>SM</sup> —

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From #rap-1—

History confirms that the *September, 1830*, article in *The Morning Watch* was the first-ever official publication of any of the subsequent array of pre-Tribulation "escapism" theories.

You may recall that A. J. Scott had moved to London to become Irving's assistant. Mary Campbell was present there, too, as of early 1831. It appears that her leadership role was unofficial, though.

We have uncovered no evidence to indicate that Irving ever talked in tongues, but he did encourage the frequent spontaneous, ecstatic utterances of indecipherable sounds and phrases by several women and at least one very strange man (Robert Baxter) in his church.

"...Scottish Presbyterian pastor Edward Irving and members of his congregation practiced speaking in tongues and prophesying. Irvingite prophets often contradicted each other, their prophecies failed to come to pass, and their meetings were characterized by wild

excesses.

The movement was further discredited when some of their prophets admitted to falsifying prophecies and others even attributed their 'giftedness' to evil spirits.

This group...became the Catholic Apostolic Church, which taught many false doctrines, embracing several Roman Catholic doctrines and creating...apostolic offices."

—*Charismatic Chaos* (1991), John F. MacArthur, p. 234

Edward Irving, sometimes called the father of Modern Pentecost, adopted BOTH of "The Magic Twins." His congregation and he were discredited, but the new winds of doctrine thrive on in the hearts and minds of sincere adherents to the various global factions of Modern Pentecost.

The second preacher to whom Margaret Macdonald gave a copy of her handwritten rapture prophecy transcript reacted very differently. Perhaps he read the handwriting on the wall!

History confirms that he was a frequent visitor to the Macdonald home during the pivotal time of the Occult events that we've shared with you. He quickly determined that the first of those cojoined "Twins" had been sired by the devil. There was clearly "something" about that second-born "Twin" that kept him coming back, though. What might that have been?

Today, the memory of that preacher is treasured by non-Pentecostal clerics everywhere. John Nelson Darby was to begin *behaving as if* he had received that rapture prophecy directly from the Holy Spirit. No, he never even once vocalized that or expressed it in writing, but his die-hard disciples, continue to insist that he would *never* have stolen it from a poor little teenaged TB victim who, with her BFFs, was an Occult practitioner.



John Nelson Darby

Their claim that Darby published an article about a pre-Tribulation rapture long before 1830 has been credibly and very effectively debunked.

So! By rejecting the first-born cojoined "Twin" in favor of the more attractive second-born "Twin," he effectively launched them on separate journeys into the mainstream visible church on both sides of the Atlantic: Pentecostals typically think a person must "talk in 'tongues'" to go up in the rapture. Getting "truly 'saved'" is perceived by non-Pentecostals as the primary requisite.

At no time since the early First Century had theological Premillennialism<sup>^</sup> included anything that might be perceived

as even remotely resembling "rapture." About 15 centuries before the time of John Nelson Darby the Premillennialism<sup>^</sup> theory had fallen out of favor among theologians, in favor of "Postmillennialism."<sup>^</sup>

Premillennialism had resurfaced from time to time, yes; but its support had fizzled every time—when the associated predictions of "the imminent return of Christ" had failed to materialize.

Along with the *Darby New Testament* (1867), Mr. Darby introduced his *new, improved* Premillennialism<sup>^</sup>, calling it "Dispensationalism<sup>^</sup>." Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892) was a staunch critic, but Cyrus Scofield (1843-1921) is widely credited with having popularized Darby's theories.

<sup>^</sup> "Premillennialism"—the belief that the world will continue to get worse until Christ returns to set up a visible, 1,000-year reign of righteousness.

<sup>^</sup> "Postmillennialism"—the doctrine that Christ will return to Earth *after* that 1,000 years of righteous reign. It was the predominant theory of the theologians for the 18 centuries before Margaret Macdonald's April, 1830. *revelation*.

<sup>^</sup> "Dispensationalism"—a dividing of history into seven (7) distinct periods, the last of which is Christ's 1,000-year reign of righteousness—a.k.a. "The Millennium."

Dispensationalism is the primary culprit behind the error that is rampant among current end-time-prophecy super stars.

