

NEURO – TONGUES

There are two keys to the present-day “Tongues” problem. The primary key, or course, is doctrinal: the fact that New Testament glossolalia was primarily for a “sign” to the Jews, and the true gift of tongues given by the Holy Spirit completely ceased once the New Testament was completed and in use. But it is not even necessary in this instance to use this doctrinal key. The second, the emotional key, opens an adequate revelation to just what the modern tongues activity consists of.

1) First, the vast majority of all those who speak in tongues are very definitely emotional by nature. Many others involved are emotionally unstable.

2) A number today in the ritualistic churches (Episcopal, Lutheran, etc.,) are being brought into tongues. Their emphasis upon soulish ritualism in no way compensates for lack of the true Gospel; it does, however, help condition the individual for the emotional experience of tongues.

3) Significant numbers in the intellectual (so-called) areas of the different denominational churches are entering into the tongues experience.

Since modern tongues is totally in the realm of the emotions, it always reveals one definite fact: the individual’s lack of reality in the Lord Jesus Christ. The (1) emotion-centered; the (2) ritual-centered; and the (3) intellectual-centered often reach out to this “blessing” in a vain effort to compensate for what they do not have or find in the all-sufficient Lord Jesus Christ. Basic lack in spiritual reality is the motivation for all who seek the tongues experience. Even the unsaved are babbling!

Many of the leaders in this neo-Pentecostal movement, all the way from Episcopal priests up to just plain laymen, are seeking respectability and acceptance in sound circles by insisting that most of their tongues activity is restricted to their own private devotions; that their meetings are quiet and fully controlled; and that “interpretations” are faithfully given in response to “messages” in tongues. None of the old Pentecostal errors and excesses here—all very proper and harmless, they would have the unwary believe.

But there is one principle that must ever be heeded: tongues is always entered into today by means of the emotions; all the way from the soulish ritualistic atmosphere of the very “proper” cathedral or chapel, to the screaming madness of the holiness tent meeting. And although it may take a lot to bring one into this experience, once the pattern is established in the individual’s nervous system, there is little or no effort involved in renewing the action.

Consider the following explanation of present-day “Tongues,” taken from “Serious Spiritual Perils,” by K.L. Brooks:

“The lower nerve-centers (the ganglionic system, or the ‘vegetative’ nerves, as they are called), which have their chief seat in the region of the solar plexus, are excited to increased activity. At the same time the central region of the higher nervous system (the cerebral system), which in a normal state of affairs is the medium of conscious perception and action, becomes paralyzed. There is a reversal of the order of nature.

“The lower nerves take over the duty of the higher ones (a sort of compensation). This state of things comes to pass negatively, by the higher organ losing its natural supremacy under the pressure of illness, or artificially by hypnotism, auto suggestion, etc.; and positively by the lower nerves being in some way excited artificially to increased activity, whereby they get the upper hand. These nerves then display abilities which our ordinary organs of sense do not possess; they receive impressions from a realm usually closed to us, such as clairvoyance, presentiments, prophecy, speaking in tongues, etc.

“Those in whom the sub-conscious becomes active in the manner described above, feel as it were an electric stream passing through the body, which is an exciting of the nerves which have their central seat in the region of the stomach. It is from thence that the jaws are moved in speaking in tongues. This feeling of bliss is another characteristic feature of this class of occurrences. By exciting the lower nervous system a feeling of intense rapture is regularly produced. At first we find connected with it usually involuntary contraction of the muscles and movement of the limbs, in consequence of the unnatural inversion of the nervous system.”

This fleshly tongues habit simply amounts to verbal self-abuse.

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For Doctrinal explanation of the Tongues error: "The Use & Abuse Of Tongues." —Back To the Bible Broadcast, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Also, "The Nine Gifts Of the Spirit Are Not in the Church Today, by B.F. Cate. —Regular Baptist Press. This book also deals with "Healing."