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Falling Under the Power of the Spirit

The phenomenon of falling under the power of the Spirit occurred in the revivals of Jonathan Edwards. His assessment was that a person may "fail bodily strength" due to fear of hell and the conviction by the Holy Spirit or due to a "foretaste of heaven."¹ John Wesley recognized falling to the ground as a manifestation from God, and records many such instances in his ministry. In fact, George Whitefield criticized Wesley for permitting the phenomena until it began happening in his own meetings.² The Kentucky revivals of 1800-1801, which involved Baptists, Methodists and Presbyterians, was replete with similar demonstrations.³ In the early 1800s, the revivals led by Methodist circuit riding preacher Peter Cartwright (who was converted in the Kentucky revivals) were often accompanied by people falling under God's power, including some Baptists.⁴ Finney's ministry also frequently manifested fainting or swooning, what he called "falling under the power of God."⁵ The Welsh revival of 1859 was accompanied by swooning as "waves of power often overwhelmed" people.⁶ In the 1860s, Andrew Murray's church started to speak out against people who began to shout and cry and swoon in a revival in his church, until a visitor from America told him about similar manifestations in American revivals.⁷ Decades before holiness evangelist Maria Woodworth-Etter's involvement in the Pentecostal revival, many people in her meetings fell under the power of the Spirit, including Carrie Judd (Montgomery), an early leader in the C&MA.⁸ Moody's associate R.A. Torrey testified of people falling under the power of God due to conviction of sin.⁹ Torrey himself fell under power of the Spirit when baptized with the Holy Spirit.¹⁰ Presbyterian missionary Jonathan Goforth makes reference in his book *By My Spirit* to the phenomenon occurring in his revivals.¹¹

Instances of falling under the power of the Spirit also occurred periodically at C&MA meetings for two decades before Azusa Street. In 1885 A.B. Simpson, the founder of the C&MA, received what we would call today a "word of knowledge" that someone was resisting the Lord. A woman responded, saying it was her. She came forward, and as Simpson anointed her for healing, she was overcome, falling under the power of the Spirit seemingly unconscious for about half an hour, and she received a healing.¹² In 1897 at a joint C&MA/Mennonite camp meeting in Allentown, Pennsylvania, C&MA General Field Supt. Dean Peck preached six services in three days and described: "At service after service . . . I saw people fall as dead under the power of God." He said it was a genuine revival from God and talked about such things happening among the Methodists 50-60 years ago, but are not frequent now because many revivals are of human manufacture.¹³ Manifestations of falling also occurred during the 1907 revival at Simpson's Gospel Tabernacle, apparently with his approval.¹⁴ Presbyterian Greek professor T. J. McCrossan, who joined C&MA in 1923, while serving as interim president of Simpson Bible Institute, wrote in his book *Bodily Healing and the Atonement*: "Hundreds are healed, who do not fall under this power, because they simply trust God's promises; and it is the prayer of faith that heals. Going under this power seems, however, to bring an extra spiritual blessing! This power is not hypnotism! This is not devil power."¹⁵ McCrossan spoke out of the experience of his own life, for not only did he frequently assist Charles Price in laying hands on the sick with people falling, but he himself fell under God's power and was enraptured with visions when he was baptized in the Spirit in 1921 through Price's ministry.¹⁶

Holy Laughter

Holy laughter also occurred in early evangelical and holiness circles. Jonathan Edwards describes the reaction of some who were converted in the Great Awakening revival: "Their joyful surprise has caused their hearts as it were to leap, so that they have been ready to break forth into laughter, tearing often at the same time issuing like a flood, and intermingling a loud weeping."¹⁷ E.M. Bounds records Wesley saying, "The power of God came mightily upon us, so that many cried out for exceeding joy, and many fell to the ground."¹⁸ Charles Finney wrote that after he testified about his experience of being baptized in the Spirit, a usually serious elder of his church "fell into a most spasmodic laughter. It seemed as if it was impossible for him to keep from laughing from the very bottom of his heart."¹⁹

Jessie Penn-Lewis recounts manifestations of holy laughter and being drunk in the Spirit taking place during the Australian Keswick Convention of 1891:

The Convention was marked by clean-cut surrender to God for all His will to be done at all costs, and by an overflowing joy which followed in hundreds of hearts, so that, as Mr. George Soltau wrote, "Literally our mouths were filled

with laughter and our tongues with singing! It was impossible to restrain one's heart, the Lord giving us such a foretaste of heaven. Talk of fleshly excitement, I wish to bear my testimony that it was nothing less than the fullness of the Spirit. We were verily drunk with the joy of the Lord, and with the vistas of the possibilities of faith opening up to the fully surrendered life of the believer. But it was equally manifest to us all that this joy and blessing is only to be received and retained and increased by the death to self and of self and the most painful crucifixion of self.²⁰

In 1897 A.B. Simpson wrote that one of the effects of being filled with the Spirit is fullness of Joy so that the heart is constantly radiant. This does not depend on circumstances, but fills the spirit with holy laughter in the midst of the most trying surroundings.²¹

Simpson himself records in his diary on September 12, 1907, that he experienced holy laughter for more than an hour.²²

Oswald Chambers also recorded in his diary on April 19, 1907: "Last night we had a blessed time. I was called down by the teachers to pray and anoint a lady who wanted healing, and as we were doing it God came so near that upon my word we were laughing as well as praying! How utterly stilted we are in our approach to God. Oh that we lived more up to the light of all our glorious privileges."²³ Chambers evidently believed that laughter could be a sign of revival and, like Simpson, a result of the baptism in the Spirit.²⁴

Praying John Hyde, the great intercessor and missionary to China also experienced holy laughter in the summer of the same year. His companion relates of a low caste Punjabi intercessor:

How often has G_____, after most awful crying seemed to break through the hosts of evil and soar up into the presence of the Father! You could see the smile of God reflected in his face. Then he would laugh aloud in the midst of his prayer. It was the joy of a son reveling in the delight of his father's smile. God has been teaching John and me that his name is the God of Isaac "laughter" Rejoicing, laughing, the same word as Isaac. This holy laughter seemed to relieve the tension and give Heaven's own refreshment to wrestling spirits.²⁵

Even C&MA leader A. W. Tozer also spoke positively of holy laughter:

Now I say that worship is subject to degrees of perfection and intensity. There have been those who worshiped God to the place where they were in ecstasies of worship. I once saw a man kneel at an altar, taking Communion. Suddenly he broke into holy laughter. This man laughed until he wrapped his arms around himself as if he was afraid he would burst just out of sheer delight in the presence of Almighty God! So worship is capable of running from the very simple to the most intense and sublime.²⁶

Spontaneously Dancing for Joy

During the Welsh revival of 1859, many leaped and danced in the exuberance of their rapture.²⁷ Sometimes related to the laughing phenomenon is a spontaneous dancing for joy. Praying Hyde, a staid Presbyterian, is described after a time of intense prayer at the Sialkot Convention (similar to Keswick), "He begins to sing, 'Tis done, the great transaction's done," and he is so full of joy that his whole body begins to move, he claps his hands, then his feet begin to move, and look! he begins to dance for joy, and others join him until the whole place rings with God's praise."²⁸ Such dancing also occurred upon occasion in C&MA meetings. Simpson writes of an African-American C&MA meeting he visited in 1895: "We witnessed a sacred dance by about fifty of the women. They swayed and moved arms and feet, keeping time to the music. The effect was truly grand."²⁹ As Vinson Synan notes, for some holiness groups, spontaneous dance or holy laughter was considered an evidence of Holy Spirit baptism.³⁰

Physical Sensations

Such manifestations of laughing or falling were sometimes accompanied by unusual bodily sensations. Charles Finney avowed his baptism in the Spirit was "like a wave of electricity, going through and through me."³¹ Early C&MA pastor Dr. E. D. Whiteside's testimony of healing in 1888 included both physical sensations and falling under the power of the Spirit: "Like a flash of electricity, I was instantly thrilled. Every point of my body and nerves was controlled by a strange sensation that increased in volume, until I bowed lower and lower to the floor. I was filled with the ecstatic thrill. My physical frame was unable to stand the strain."³² Reminiscent of holy laughter, he reported that he felt he was on the verge of "dying from overjoy."³³ The C&MA journals record many instances of physical sensations like heat, electrical shocks or bright lights accompanying healing.³⁴

Trembling, Shaking, and Convulsions, Strange Sounds and Behavior

Along with swooning, such phenomena as trembling, shaking and convulsions occurred in the ministry of Jonathan Edwards and the Great Awakening. Quakers received their name because they shook. At the outset of the Welsh revival of 1904, Evan Roberts experienced the manifestation of shaking on several occasions: “In the spring of 1904, Evan found himself, as it were, on the Mount of Transfiguration. In his own home and out on the countryside, his loving Heavenly Father revealed Himself to His child in an amazing overwhelming manner which filled his soul with divine awe. At these special seasons, every member of his body trembled until the bed was shaken.”³⁵

A more intense form of trembling or shaking is a convulsing or jerking of the body in contortions, characteristic of some under intense conviction. Jonathan Edwards described a child in this condition, “She continued crying, and writhing her body to and fro, like one in anguish of spirit.”³⁶ Speaking of the revival of 1740-1742, Edwards writes, “It was a very frequent thing to see a house full of outcries, faintings, convulsions, and such like, both with distress, and also with admiration and joy.”³⁷

Sometimes strange sounds accompanied some of these manifestations, such as groaning or weeping. A companion of Praying Hyde relates of Hyde and the Punjab Prayer Convention of 1906 (similar to Keswick), “We began to pray, and suddenly the great burden of that soul was cast upon us, and the room was filled with sobs and cries for one whom most of us had never seen or heard of before. Strong men lay on the ground groaning in agony for that soul.”³⁸ In 1902, after being anointed by C&MA pastor Peter Zimmerman, a woman who had been an invalid for 18 years received a gradual healing over three days accompanied by jerking sensations. She described it as, “The quickening power of God began to come into my body until it seemed every bone in my body would unjoint.” For weeks I felt the quickening power four or five times a day, until I became strong in body.”³⁹

These types of phenomena also occurred in the ministries of Finney and Wesley and other holiness groups, as well as Pentecostals.⁴⁰ In holiness and some Pentecostal circles some of these manifestations were regarded as the work of the Holy Spirit, others of the flesh, and still others as demonic in origin.⁴¹

Trances, Visions, and Dreams

Trances, visions, and dreams occurred frequently in early Methodist camp meetings, and in Maria Woodworth-Etter’s meetings, as well as other denominations and movements.⁴² Presbyterian missionary Praying Hyde, it is recorded, “began to have visions of the glorified Christ as a Lamb on His throne ‘suffering such infinite pain for and with His suffering Body on earth.’”⁴³ Torrey recalled that a man praying for revival in Australia saw a prophetic vision of crowds of people coming to hear Torrey speak.⁴⁴ Street evangelist Jerry McAuley experienced a trance and a vision that led to his founding of a rescue mission.⁴⁵ Prophecies and visions were also features of the Welsh revival.⁴⁶ Amy Carmichael, Anglican Keswick missionary to India, also received prophetic dreams and visions.⁴⁷ Likewise, Charles Spurgeon recognized the validity of dreams and visions from the Lord.⁴⁸ His friend and colleague, F.B. Meyer, a Baptist Keswick leader, also recounted a vision.⁴⁹

Such manifestations occurred in the early C&MA as well. In fact, the missions emphasis of the C&MA was established on Simpson’s response to a vivid dream in which he awoke trembling.⁵⁰ In 1883 early C&MA leader John Cookman had an experience in which “the Lord appeared to him in a vision, and said, ‘I am thy Healer, thy Sanctifier, thy Savior, and thy Lord.’”⁵¹ C&MA missionary statesman Robert Jaffray experienced several dreams with strong impressions from the Lord.⁵² Visions preceding or accompanying healing were not uncommon in the ministry of A.B. Simpson and the early C&MA.⁵³

But Not All Such Manifestations Are from God

On the other hand, not all such physical manifestations were automatically accepted among holiness leaders and some Pentecostals to be a result of the Spirit’s workings.⁵⁴ Classic evangelical and holiness leaders understood that God can lead by impressions, visions, and revelations, but they needed to be tested.⁵⁵ Moravian leader Count Zinzendorf, who was open to supernatural movings of the Holy Spirit, witnessed a man falling into an “inspired fit, jerking and convulsing, and prophesying. Zinzendorf did not hesitate to reject the inspiration.”⁵⁶ John Wesley’s counsel was: “Do not hastily ascribe things to God. Do not easily suppose dreams, voices, impressions, visions, or revelations to be from God. They may be from Him. They may be from Nature. They may be from the devil. Therefore believe not every spirit, but ‘try the spirits whether they be from God.’”⁵⁷ Even though people fell under God’s power in Cartwright

htâ€™s meetings, he also discerned false falling, visions and trances.⁵⁸

Evangelical and holiness leaders recognized that some laughter isâ€fleshly excitementâ€ and some may even be demonically inspired. John and Charles Wesley discerned that some manifestations were unholy laughter.⁵⁹ In 1912, Jessie Penn-Lewis and Evan Roberts in their book *War on the Saints* also write of demonical inspired laughter with twisting and jerking.⁶⁰ Even Catholic exorcists have cautioned that the devil may cause laughter to distract and disrupt.⁶¹

Peter Cartwright regarded the jerking movements in his meetings as the judgment of God or fleshly manifestations of superstitious people, which would subside through fervent prayer. Likewise, he considered manifestations such as jumping, barking and other wild exercises, often accompanied by falling, visions, or trances, to be delusions.⁶²

Evan Roberts and Jessie Penn-Lewis comment, â€œNo one can with safety accept all the supernatural manifestations which accompany Revival, or believe all seeming â€Pentecostal powerâ€™ to be of God.â€⁶³ They recognized that gifts of the Spirit such as prophecy, healing, and tongues could be genuine or false, saying that counterfeit tongues were only a fraction of the counterfeit manifestations.⁶⁴ They cautioned, â€œCounterfeit manifestations of the Divine life in various ways now follow quickly; movements in the body, pleasant thrills, touches, as glow as of fire in different parts of the body, or sensations of cold, or shakings and tremblings, all of which are accepted as from God.â€⁶⁵ However, they did not dismiss all such manifestations as demonic, for Roberts himself experienced some of these manifestations authentically during the Welsh revival, and was by experience able to recognize the counterfeit.⁶⁶ Pentecostals like Carrie Judd Montgomery warned about unusual phenomena and motions which have been accepted in some Pentecostal circles are really a form of witchcraft.⁶⁷

Many animal-like sounds and behavior have been recognized throughout church history as demonic.⁶⁸ Such exhibitions were often considered demonic, both by Pentecostals and non-Pentecostal holiness people. A.B. Simpson, who believed in supernatural gifts and manifestations, nonetheless observed, â€œThere have been many instances where the gift of tongues led the subjects and the audiences in to the wildest excesses and were accompanied with voices and actions more closely resembling wild animals than rational beings, impressing the unprejudiced observers that it was the work of the devil.â€⁶⁹ Paul Rader, pastor of Moody Memorial Church and President of the C&MA after Simpsonâ€™s death, writes of casting out a demon from a man who came down the aisle of Moody Church barking like a dog.⁷⁰ Pentecostal leader Charles Parham also described as demonic manifestations of barking like a dog, braying like a donkey, and crowing like a rooster, and contortions and fits.⁷¹ Woodworth-Etter admonished to â€œtry the spirits,â€ citing a woman who â€œcommenced to go about on her knees, twisting about like a serpentâ€ and speaking in tongues. She said, â€œEvery one knew it was not of God,â€ and that the devil had gotten hold of her.⁷²

That is not to say that in every instance animal-like sounds and behavior are demonic. They may be of the flesh, or they may be a response to something God is doing in a person â€ like the unutterable groanings of Romans 8:26-27. Cartwright described a man who â€œroared like a bull in a netâ€ under the conviction of the Holy Spirit.⁷³ The phenomena may even be misinterpreted by observers. A colleague of this writer who is a researcher of the Campbellite/Christian church movement determined through his research on the 1801 Cane Ridge revival that what was reported by the media as â€œbarking up a treeâ€ and â€œtreering the devilâ€ was, in reality, people under such conviction and emotional distress that they were heaving and groaning in such a manner that it sounded like barking and all the while feeling faint so that they were holding themselves up against a tree.⁷⁴

This calls for caution in automatically branding all such phenomena as demonic. There may be occasions in which sounds are made that are from the heart and soul that cannot be articulated clearly, which may fall under the category of â€œgroanings too deep for wordsâ€ (Rom. 8:26). Nonetheless, the preponderance of evidence would indicate that the vast majority of such animal-like manifestations are either demonically inspired or originate in the flesh. Those which are demonic in nature may be Satanic counterfeits meant to deceive, or they may be already existing demonic influences being exposed or brought to the surface by the moving of the Holy Spirit in revival, like a bird flushing out a pheasant.

Re: SUPERNATURAL PHYSICAL MANIFESTATIONS IN THE EVANGELICAL AND HOLINESS REVIVAL MOVE - posted b

I find this article interesting, if you could reply brother and add the footnotes that would help. I do think some of the quotes are trying to approve of holy laughter and slain in the spirit but are out of context. Especially quotes towards Jonathan Edwards. I saw this in books written by some modern charismatics trying to justify ALL manifestations as genuine by pro of-texting Jonathan Edwards and Wesley but when I checked the sources they were quoted out of context.

I would heed strong caution to saints as I have researched church history and specifically revival history for many years and 90% of the any jerking or falling under experiences were due to demonic activity or extreme conviction of sin in the conscience.

Throughtout all church history believers who sought the Lord intently had experiences of his manifest presence, but to argue all the modern pheonomena is normal and happened in church history and especially in the book of acts is wrong. The proof text for slain in the spirit by modern preachers has been Saul falling off the horse. This is widely out of context, he was "blinded" and it speaks to perhaps the spiritual blindness in our day to accept such teachings.

I wrote this short article many years ago:

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Revival Experiences: Slain In The Spirit
by Greg Gordon

Various accounts of spiritual phenomena during revival

EXTREME CONVICTION

Times of revival bring forth many exuberant and prevailing experiences on the soul and body of men. During these times the phenomena that are involved can be easily seen as something that is extreme and not proper. By looking at the history of revivals we see clearly that phenomena such as "falling under" and being "smiten down" was simply a response to the extreme conviction upon the souls of men. True revival preaching brought forth much strong exhortations and pleadings upon the sinfulness of men and the holiness of God. For any sinner or carnal Christian that heard this preaching would have these type of manifestations because of the deep work of God in conviction and guilt upon the conscience. In modern day Churches preaching that produces conviction, or shows the lost sinner the condemned state he is in, is considered by most legalistic! To bring forth the "terrors of the law" is a thing from the past and is not considered relevant anymore. It is hoped simply through reading these various accounts from past revivals that the reader will realize the true reason for the "experience" of falling under in the Spirit of God. This type of discernment and study is required in our day of perverted and dubious workings of false Spirits and doctrines of devils. The counterfeit has been alongside the truth since the beginning, I give this example from the 1623 Ulster revival:

"There were now many converts in all the congregations which have been mentioned, and Satan observing the prosperity of the gospel amongst them set himself to perplex them by discrediting the work of God in their hearts. This he did by a counterfeit of the operation of the Holy Spirit on several persons at Lochlarne, whom he caused to cry out during public worship, and some of them were affected with convulsive pangs. The number of persons thus affected increased daily, and at first the ministers and people pitied them, hoping that the Holy Spirit was at work with them. but when they had conversed with them, and found that they did not discover any sense of their sinful state or any longing after a Saviour, the minister of the place wrote to his brethren, inviting them to come and examine the matter, who when they had spoken with them saw that it was a mere delusion of the destroyer. The next Sabbath, an ignorant person in Mr. Blair's congregation made a noise, but immediately, says Mr. B., "I was assisted to rebuke that lying spirit which disturbed the worship of God, and I charged the same in the name and authority of Jesus Christ, not to molest that congregation; and through God's mercy we met with no more of that sort."

THE FALLING

During the revival in Cambuslang in 1742 under the ministry of Reverend Matthew Culloch there were many phenomena that surrounded the revival meetings especially the occurrence of "falling under," as it was termed in those days. As to what these young men termed "the falling," it was a way of speaking among scoffers at the time, occasion

ed by the bodily distress which, in many instances, accompanied conviction. the work was much objected to in consequence; but when the intimate connection of soul and body is considered, it will not appear surprising that great outward agitation should mark the emotions of a soul fully awakened to the dread realities of judgement and eternity.â€

Paris Reidhead in his sermon "œten shekels and a Shirtâ€ gives two accounts of this phenomena during times of revival: Wesley was a preacher of righteousness that exalted the holiness of God. When he would exalt the holiness of God, and the law of God, and the righteousness of God, and the justice of God, and the wisdom of His requirements! And the justice of his wrath and his anger! Then he would turn to sinners and tell them of the enormity of their crimes and their open rebellion and their treason, and their anarchy. And the power of God would so descend upon the company, that on one occasion it is reliably reported that when the people dispersed there were 1800 people lying on the ground, utterly unconscious! Because they had a revelation of the holiness of God and in the light of that theyâ€™d seen the enormity of their sins and God had so penetrated their minds and hearts that they had fallen to the ground! It wasnâ€™t only in Wesleyâ€™s day; it was also in America, New Haven, Connecticut, Yale. A man by the name of John Wesley Redfield had continuous ministry for three years in and around New Haven. Culminating in the great meetings in Yale Hall, the first of the Yale Ballsâ€™ back in the 18th century. The policeman were accustomed during those days, if they saw someone lying on the ground, to go up and smell his breath. Because if he had alcohol on his breath theyâ€™d lock him up; but if he didnâ€™t, he had Redfieldâ€™s disease. And all you needed to do if anyone had Redfieldâ€™s disease was just take him into a quiet place and leave him until he came to. Because if they were drunkards, theyâ€™d stop drinking, and if they were cruel, theyâ€™d stop being cruel, and if they were immoral, they gave up their immorality. If they were thieves, they returned what they had. For as they had seen the holiness of God, and seen the enormity of their sin; the Spirit of God had driven them down into unconsciousness because of the weight of their guilt! And somehow in the overspreading of the power of God, sinners repented of their sin and came savingly to Christ.

SMITTEN DOWN

In the Irish Revival 1859 this account of falling under the Spirit was given: "When the conviction as to its mental process reaches its crisis, the person, through weakness, is unable to sit or stand, and either kneels or lies down. A great number of convicted persons in this town and neighborhood, and now I believe in all directions in the north where the Revival prevails, are "smitten down" as suddenly and they fall as nerveless and paralyzed and powerless, as if killed instantly by a shotgun. They fall with a deep groan, some with a wild cry of horror--the greater number with the intensely earnest plea, 'Lord Jesus, have mercy on my soul !' The whole frame trembles like an aspen leaf, an intolerable weight is felt upon the chest, a choking sensation is experienced and relief from this found only in the loud, urgent prayer for deliverance, usually the bodily distress and mental anguish continue till some degree of confidence in Christ is found. Then the look, the tone, the gestures, instantly change. The aspect of anguish and despair is changed for that of gratitude, and triumph, and adoration. The language and the looks, and terrible struggles, and loud desperate deprecation, tell convincingly, as the parties themselves declare, that they are in deadly conflict with the old serpent. The perspiration rolls off the anguished victims; their very hair is moistened. Some pass through this exhausting conflict several times; others but once. There is no appetite for food; many will eat nothing for a number of days. They do not sleep, though they may lie down with their eyes shut."

FALLING UNDER

The Cane Ridge revival of 1801 had many cases of "œfalling underâ€ in the meetings during that time. The majority of people that experienced these manifestations were the mockers, sinners and those convicted greatly under the power of God showing their sinfulness before a Holy God: "œAt its height, about twenty thousand were said to have been in attendance. Religious services of praying, singing, exhorting, and preaching were kept up day and night. Physical expressions of the excitement were numerous and sometimes took bizarre forms. The groans and screams of those under conviction mingled with the shouts of those who had found release and joy. The fear of hell and damnation and the hopelessness of the lost would be succeeded by the bliss of assured salvation. The most common physical experience was "falling." About three thousand are said to have been prostrate at the Cane Ridge meeting. Some of the "fallen" were insensible. Others were aware of what was happening about them but were powerless to move. Women and children were especially suggestible and were the most affected. Yet men were also among "the slain." ... A little later in the course of the revival, hundreds displayed convulsive physical contortions which were known as "the jerks." Frequently those who came to remonstrate or ridicule were themselves sudden victims. Barking, running, jumping, and trances were common.â€

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was that a person may "fail bodily strength" due to fear of hell and the conviction by the Holy Spirit or due to a "foretaste of heaven." R.A. Torrey testified of people falling under the power of God due to conviction of sin. Praying Hyde relates of the Punjab Prayer Convention of 1906, "We began to pray, and suddenly the great burden of that soul was cast upon us, and the room was filled with sobs and cries for one whom most of us had never seen or heard of before. Strong men lay on the ground groaning in agony for that soul." Jonathan Edwards in his book "Religious Affections" gives us some words of wisdom relating to this phenomena: "A work is not to be judged of by any effects on the bodies of men; such as tears, trembling, groans, loud outcries, agonies of body, or the failing of bodily strength. The influence persons are under is not to be judged of one way or other by such effects on the body; and the reason is because the Scripture nowhere gives us any such rule." May God gift His Church with supernatural discernment in these last days hence our Savior's words: "Take heed that no man deceive you!" Oh how we need to see changed lives in response to preaching that brings conviction and contrition. Only God can change a life and make it holy, that is the true litmus test of revival!

Re: - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2021/6/7 7:27

Having been saved in a powerful move of the Holy Spirit in the early 70s, and being in meetings where there were many physical manifestations as a result of the Holy Spirit falling on men, women, and children, I would not be opposed to these manifestations. As the scripture says we are to test the spirits. We do not seek after manifestations, but we also do not quench the Spirit.

I have also studied revivals and in many revivals including the Great Awakening these manifestations were common place. As a matter of fact the well known theologian Charles Chauncey who rejected the manifestations also labeled the Great Awakening as "enthusiasm". Johnathan Edwards in the other hand did not encourage or rail against these manifestations.

Yes, there are abuses, excesses, the flesh, and even demonic manifestations, but usually the same ones that oppose even the true manifestations of the Spirit are also opposed to praying in tongues.

There is a true Baptism of the Holy Spirit that empowers believers so that they will be effective in their ministries. We should as the scripture says, "prove all things and hold fast to that which is good." We should not be afraid of the Holy Spirit. The Father gives good gifts to those that ask. The scripture admonishes us that we should not be getting drunk with wine, but be filled with the Spirit. Many well known men of God have had supernatural manifestations of the Spirit, and we should not discourage such. We should seek all that God has for us the gifts and the fruit of the Spirit. God is much too big for us to try to contain Him in our Denominational boxes.

Physical Manifestations - Derek Prince

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Re: SUPERNATURAL PHYSICAL MANIFESTATIONS IN THE EVANGELICAL AND HOLINESS REVIVAL MOVE - posted by

This is the rest of the article with foot notesI would conclude that the phenomena are not essential to revival. . . I believe that in their origin they are essentially of the Spirit of God, but we must always allow for the fact that because of the very frailty of human nature, and of our physical frames, you will have a tendency to an admixture, partly along the physical, partly along the psychic, and partly is the result of the Devil's activity. But there is nothing more foolish or more ridiculous than to dismiss the whole because of a very, very small part! expect this, and . . . be on guard against the false and spurious! But we must not seek phenomena and strange experiences! What we must seek is revival! Anyone who tries to work up phenomena is a tool of the Devil, and is putting himself in the position of the psychic and the psychological.⁸¹

Generally among holiness and evangelicals of the eighteenth to early twentieth century such manifestations were accepted as genuine but not sought or emphasized, and caution was exercised in not accepting all such manifestations as from God. Non-charismatic or non-Pentecostal people today can thus be assured that such manifestations can be recognized as from God, with use of discernment. At the same time, Pentecostals and charismatics need to be careful to exercise discernments and "test the spirits," not accepting uncritically all such phenomena as genuinely from the Spirit of God.

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A woman came to me and said, "I am afraid this spirit on me is not of God; I was baptised in the Holy Ghost; I went into a mission where they did everything by tongues and they got me so mixed up I did not know where I was; then this spirit got hold of me; it shakes my head and makes my head ache." That is spiritualism. Some people, when they pray for any one and lay on hands, throw their slime off. That is spiritualism! Be careful who lays hands on you, for the devil is counterfeiting God's work. Woodworth-Etter, 508.

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Presented at the 32nd Society of Pentecostal Studies/Wesleyan Theological Society. Joint Conference, March 21, 2003. History Interest Group With the phenomena associated with the "Toronto Blessing," the Pensacola/Brownsville revival, and the ministry of Rodney Howard-Browne, such as falling under the power of the Spirit, trembling, holy laughter, etc., people have tended to either completely accept or completely reject all such phenomena. However, when we study the history of the church, in particular the evangelical and holiness movements of the eighteenth to early twentieth centuries, we see that many of these manifestations have occurred in these movements, but such phenomena were neither accepted out of hand, nor dismissed summarily. As an ordained minister with the Christian and Missionary Alliance (C&MA) who also serves on the faculty of Oral Roberts University, through this study I desire to provide a bridge and a buffer between the evangelical/holiness and the Pentecostal/charismatic camps. This study explores the experiences of evangelical and holiness revivals, and how such manifestations were viewed.

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Without a doubt any charismatic Christian that puts too much emphasis on gifts and spiritual manifestations and neglects the word of God will get into serious error and deception.