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SUBJECT: Men, Women and  
Speaking in Tongues

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# ON SPEAKING WITH TONGUES.

1. "Unknown" 14: 1, 13, 14, 19, 27 is *Idiot* in K. James version.  
 Not in original. The Greek word is *ἄλογος*, used many  
 times in the N.T. Means "tongue," the physical organ as in  
 James 1: 26; 3: 5, 6, 8; 1 Cor. 14: 9. Means language: Rev. 5: 9  
 "These are worthy to take the book and to open the seals thereof, for thou  
 wast slain, and hast redeemed us to thyself by thy blood out of every  
 kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation, and hast made us unto  
 our God kings and priests."

Many scholars, commentators say it always refers to either the  
 a dead tongue or to a language, never to gibberish. So Jamieson,  
 Fausset and Brown.

So the three times in Acts:

2: 4, 7, 8. Sixteen (16) re. counted.  
 10: 46 "heard them speak with tongues and  
 singing psalms." Sayology: times of great  
 emotion, went to another tongue, then, Latin,  
 Greek, Hebrew, and so forth, where words  
 brought from. Ecstasy, gladness.  
 19: 6 Same thing.

So here: 14: 10, 11: "none of them is without  
 signification..."  
 14: 23 "... understood..."

AV: "unknown tongue" *ἄλογος*. g. glossary. book 7 book  
 explaining foreign, technical terms.

2. Not necessarily an accompaniment of the baptizing  
 the Holy Spirit.

Then filled with H.S. - not speak with tongues

John the Baptist 24 1: 13, 16  
 Jesus 24 3: 21, 22; 4: 1 etc

Stephen Acts 6: 5

Samaritan Pentecost Acts 8: 14-17

Barnabas Acts 11: 24



3. Corinth liked the spectacular, and the show of superior wisdom, learning, in debating praising and is tongue greatly appeals to them. A first class show, when all turned down.

This long chapter against its abuse:

- (1) 14:1, 2ff. Seek other gifts, not tongues. 14:19
- (2) 14:11, 12 No tongue to be used in service, unless people understand it.
- (3) 14:27 Never more than two or three in any one service: one at a time. of. Signs, miracle. etc. etc.
- (4) 14:28 2) no interruption, keep silence.
- (5) 14:33 Any service of confusion not of God
- (6) 14:34, 35 NO WOMEN to share in the tongue business at all.

Why?

The temple of Venus on the Acropolis. The sex and morality of the ancients. The dedicated women - the orgies .... where our word "orgy" comes from. 'orgy' = the ceremonial rites in honor of the deity.

Today: it is women who do most of the modern speaking in so-called tongues. It is service when women without understanding the meaning of all confusion abound.

Women are not to lead the service. They have greatly contributed to false prophecies: Mary Baker Eddy, Alice Murray, X2 Science, Unit, Spiritism, etc.

4. Signs, miracle, etc. etc. Simple not show.

Not the education of women.

their place is the ALT<sup>o</sup>  
the Mary, Martha, Lydia, Ananias

the failure of millenium

It is a woman's religion - mother, daughter, wife -  
- when true faith, & alto womanhood

But glad to see husband, son, father lead.

It's call for men.

The wisdom of Edgar A. Hunt  
"has it to the mission...."

the strength, dignity, place in community

Leading the family to church, to God.

(6) "Too long"



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2. In the years and years of my studying and in the uncounted number of volumes of my reading, I have never yet come across a great Christian leader who spoke with tongues - not one; not one of any age or any time or any generation. It belongs to a fanatical fringe and in no wise represents the work of the Spirit in building up the churches of Christ in the earth.

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That situation at Pentecost where the gift of unknown tongues was bestowed upon the apostles was unique and introduced the new age and the new dispensation of grace. The next age to be introduced will commence at the second coming of Christ. The phenomenon that you witness in the jargon muttered and uttered and grunted and mouthed by these aberrationists is a million miles from duplicating the meaning and the significance of the experience of Pentecost.

Remember, that word "unknown," applied to tongues, is italicized in the Bible. That means it has been added by man; it was not in the original.

But enough of this. I could pray that you would give the energies of your life into the service of our Lord, winning souls, visiting the sick, praying for the lost, and not seeking these esoteric experiences in little groups who become divisive in the household of faith.

Prayerfully yours,

W. A. Criswell

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