



"Are Tongues for Today?"

"Wherefore **tongues** are for a **sign** not to them that believe (Christians), but to them that **believe not** (Jews)..." ([1 Corinthians 14:22](#))

Who were 'tongues' meant for?

The nation of Israel. "For the **Jews** require a **sign...**" and "... **tongues** are for a **sign...**" ([1 Cor 1:22](#) and [1 Cor 14:22](#))

What was the purpose of tongues?

Tongues were sent by God as a sign to the nation of Israel, of **irreversible judgment**, fulfilling Old Testament prophecy ([Isaiah 28:11](#)). God was no longer speaking exclusively to the Jew in Hebrew, but in the known 17 languages ... called tongues.

What was this judgment?

Their promised land under Abraham would be taken away for about 2000 years. In AD 70-71, Rome destroyed Jerusalem.

Why did God speak to them like this? Because they were unbelieving and had rejected Jesus Christ as the Messiah, so God put them under judgment. "Wherefore **tongues** are for a **sign**, not to them that believe, but to them that **believe not:...**" ([1Cor 14:22](#))

Has another use of 'tongues' become popular today?

Yes. Man now believes he can use babbling to speak to God. Today's babble is not known tongues or unknown tongues ... it's just babble.

Tongues – the known 17 languages mentioned at Pentecost ([Acts 2:8-11](#))

Unknown tongues – the 17 languages at Pentecost but simply unknown by anyone at a meeting.

Today's babble: - not anything ... just babble and noises coming out of the mouth.

What is unknown tongues?

Unknown tongues were the 17 proper languages spoken at Pentecost, but were simply unknown by anyone at a meeting.

What reasons do people use to justify using their own babble?

There are nine main ones.

1st REASON: "When I pray in "tongues" I'm praying to God?"

The Bible says "No, you are just babbling, as you pray with **your** own **human** spirit. This was with proper languages. *"For if I pray in an unknown tongue (one of the 17 proper languages at Pentecost) **my spirit prayeth ...**" ([1 Cor 14:14](#)).*

Even with a proper language, it is very clear this is our human spirit that is praying and not the Holy Ghost. And this is with one of 17 proper languages spoken at Pentecost.

2nd REASON: "When I pray in an unknown tongue, I pray in the spirit."

You are not even praying in an unknown tongue! You are just praying with babble.

The Bible says no - you are praying with your **own spirit**. *"For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my **spirit prayeth ...**" ([1 Cor 14:14](#)). Furthermore, today so-called 'tongues' speaker is just a babbler that is babbling away to God. He is not speaking in one of the 17 languages spoken at Pentecost!*

But doesn't the scripture say that we are to pray in the Spirit?

Yes. "Praying always ... in the **Spirit ...**" ([Eph 6:18](#)).

What does it mean to pray in the Spirit?

If we are saved, you are in Christ and you now have access to God the Father. *"For through him (Jesus) we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father."* ([Ephesians 2:18](#)).

Praying in the Spirit means Christians have access to God, praying with understanding.

Never in the Bible does God say that praying with babbling is praying in the Spirit.

Today's babbler is not even praying to anyone.

God said the opposite to Israel – even praying in an unknown tongue, one of the 17 proper languages at Pentecost, is praying in your own human spirit ([1 Cor 14:14](#))

3rd REASON: "When I pray to God in an unknown tongue, I speak mysteries."

Question: Did the apostle Paul ever pray to God without knowing what he was praying about ie in mysteries to God?

No. He says that when he prays he does so with understanding. *"...I will pray with the spirit, and **I will pray with the understanding also....**" ([1Cor 14:15](#))*

Babbling to God is just rubbish.

4th REASON: "When I pray in an unknown tongue, I'm praying with an angelic tongue"

The Bible says no. Paul says that he never spoke in an angel tongue. Why? *"Though I speak.."* means "Just supposing that I could speak with the tongues of angels ..."

([1Cor 13:1](#)). In other words, he makes a hypothetical statement.

5th REASON: "But when I pray in an unknown tongue I'm 'groaning in the Spirit' "

That's incorrect. We don't audibly groan as these things can't be uttered by us.

"... the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." ([Romans 8:26](#)). The Holy Spirit groans ... not us!

6th REASON: "But when I pray in an unknown tongue, I feel so good."

Did you know that you can get the same effect and feeling by closing your eyes and repeatedly speaking out loud any word for a few hundred times. The word will soon lose all

meaning as understanding of the mind begins to shut down. This is called Hindu Transcendental Meditation. It is used to lose the mind.

How Transcendental Meditation works

In order to escape the pressure in the mind that comes from everyday living and worry, Transcendental meditators practice a repetitive sound – a form of losing the mind.

Now, the same happens when people 'pray' in an unknown tongue. The mind 'shuts down' as a result of sounds being uttered repeatedly. It results in being left with a sense of lightness and energy.

Unknown tongues are like drugs - addictive.

To get this euphoric energy, today's babblers need this TM fix.

7th REASON: "Well, I believe that the Holy Ghost within me moves my spirit to pray in an unknown tongue."

That's a lie. The Holy Ghost is not there. You are simply babbling with your own spirit. You are not even speaking or praying in an unknown tongue, one of the 17 proper languages spoken at Pentecost – it's just babble!

8th REASON: "God gives me spiritual discernment to know that I'm not speaking the wrong sort of `tongue' "

No he doesn't. You can't speak in tongues or unknown tongues. God's not in it.

Anything babbled today is just rubbish! It's a lie! It's a fraud!

The Holy Ghost never disagrees with God's written word - the King James Bible. Quite simply, any babble today is a deception. Real tongues, the proper 17 languages, were a sign for unbelieving Jews. Unknown tongues, which were proper languages, were just unknown by anyone at a meeting and God said "Shut up".

9th REASON: "I'm filled with the Spirit so I speak in "tongues?"

No you are not. The meaning of *"..be filled with the Spirit"* ([Eph 5:18](#)) is given as *"Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord."* ([Eph 5:19](#)). No mention of known or unknown tongues! No mention of babble either.

You don't speak in the 17 tongues or the same 17 unknown tongues. You are just babbling to get the same Hindu high of Transcendental Meditation.

The last thing to give up

A few years ago, I was talking with a friend of mine who had seen, and had extracted himself from, the false healings, money rip-offs, false prophecies and sexual immorality of so called 'tongue' speaking churches. However, at that stage he hadn't seen the deceptive addiction of unknown tongues. With all the courage I could muster, I said to him "Tongues will be the last thing you'll give up." He got very angry and left. A couple of weeks later, he knocked on the door and said "You're right - it's a deception. I've been deceived!"

Dear reader, I also was hooked on babbling. I remember walking around the suburb babbling in what I thought was an unknown tongue for an hour or two at a time. Man, I felt pumped and wow, didn't I feel `spiritually' energized!

Little did I know I was just performing a version of Hindu Transcendental Meditation. Satan was more than happy.

Put it this way -

As a parent, should you want your son or daughter to speak to you, I'm sure you'd want them to say something intelligible that both you and they could understand? Why should we treat God any differently? **"What purpose is served when I don't know what I'm praying, no-one else does and God doesn't either?"**

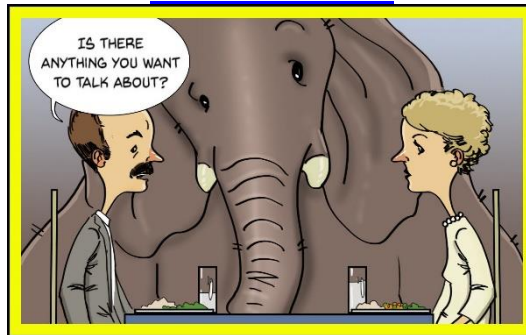
Babbling in babble is a work of the flesh - the Holy Ghost is not involved.

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