

*We cannot make ourselves more holy or more worthy than the blood of Jesus already makes us. The Holy Spirit is a gift and cannot be earned.*

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## **A COUNTERFEIT HOLY SPIRIT**

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Jonas Clark, a Florida based minister who offers prophetic training and apostolic equipping in his Remnant Company gatherings and who is quite prolific on the internet, made this statement recently: *“A dangerous spirit is entering Christian churches in North America. That spirit is prophetic, offers visions, dreams, and feelings of peace. It even looks like the Holy Ghost and only the most discerning are seeing it.”* Clark goes on to describe a service he visited: *“The minister was preaching, praying, and prophesying. It looked like the Holy Spirit was moving but something was wrong. There was a clash in my spirit and I just couldn’t enter the service. My spirit was not in agreement. I even felt like my spirit was warring against something unseen....then suddenly I saw it. The Holy Spirit opened my eyes, and I saw another spirit on this preacher. It was one of the highest occult spirits I have ever seen. It was a serpent looking reptile curled around this man’s spine and laying across his shoulders. It was really difficult to see because it camouflaged itself becoming transparent at times. Later I asked the intercessors with me if they had a witness to what we saw and heard. Like me they confirmed that the preaching was good but something was wrong. They just didn’t know what it was. I told them what the Lord showed me. This person, dear reader, is a popular Christian speaker, writer, and television guest in America. I was very grieved in my spirit after this experience. This man was not flowing in the Holy Ghost but another spirit. I believe the name of this counterfeit Holy Ghost is Kundalini. Kundalini is a New Age serpent spirit.*

Clark tells us that this Kundalini spirit gained access in America from India through New Age teachings and Yoga. Some of the physical effects of a Kundalini spirit on people are the following:

1. Involuntary jerks, tremors, shaking, itching, tingling, and crawling sensations, especially in the arms and legs.
2. Energy rushes or feelings of electricity circulating the body.
3. Intense heat (sweating) or cold
4. Rapid breathing or hyperventilation

5. Visions or sounds at times associated with mystic visions and false prophecy
6. Depression
7. Pressure inside the skull and headache
8. Feelings of universal love and universal connectedness

Another one who has written extensively on the Kundalini spirit and has noted the presence of this spirit in recent Northern American revivals is Andrew Strom. Strom seems to me to be very balanced and bold in standing for truth and the Word of God. He is from New Zealand and has a ministry called *Revival School* and *John the Baptist TV*. Because this spirit has become so common in the Prophetic movement, Strom has withdrawn from this movement. He cites the following errors in the movement:

*The giving and receiving of "ear tickling" words.*

*The giving and receiving of money in expectation of prophecy.*

*False words and false teachings.*

*The lack of a true Repentance message.*

*The spiritual "blindness" that allows familiar spirits and spirits of divination to flourish.*

*The failure of this movement to judge itself, meaning that God must judge it.*

*The idolizing of well-known prophets-placing them on a pedestal.*

Spirits, such as the Kundalini spirit, are all too common today. Jesus warned us on more than one occasion in the Word to beware of last days' deception. He went so far as to say that false christs and false prophets would do signs and wonders to try to deceive believers: ***For false christs and false prophets will rise and show signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect*** (Mark 13:22). This is clearly telling us that Satan, who tries to appear as an angel of light, will try to do miraculous things in order to deceive the followers of Jesus. Paul also wrote of this in 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 2:9-12: *The coming of the lawless one [the Antichrist] is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. As for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.*

Derek Prince writes, "Deception-not sickness, poverty, or persecution-is the greatest single danger in the end of the age. Anyone who denies his vulnerability to deception is already deceived...It is important to realize that

signs and wonders neither guarantee nor determine truth. Truth is established and unchanging; it is the Word of God.”

Prince goes on to say, “One should not accept every unusual manifestation indiscriminately, however. Two questions should always qualify every such manifestation. First, is it a manifestation of the Holy Spirit of God or some other source? Second, is the manifestation in harmony with Scripture, or does it contradict the Word of God?”

In order to try the spirits I have compiled questions that I feel we should always ask ourselves when we are in a meeting where it seems there is a move of the Holy Spirit:

1. **Is what happening in the Word of God?** Revelation 22:17-18: *And the Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” And let him who heareth say, “Come.” And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book. If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book; And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the tree of life and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.*
2. **Does the message bring Glory to Christ?** Psalm 24:7-8: *Lift up your heads, O ye gates and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of Glory shall come in. Who is this King of Glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.*
3. **Are Jesus and the Cross at the center or are experiences and sensational manifestations and phenomena the center?** 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1:18: *For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us who are saved, it is the power of God.*
4. **Is the prophetic voice humble or drawing attention to self?** 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 5:2-3 & 5-6: *Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight of it, not by constraint but willingly; not for filthy lucre but being examples to the flock...In like manner, ye younger submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another and be clothed with humility; for God resisteth the proud and giveth grace to the humble.*
5. **Are angels being glorified?** Colossians 2:18: *Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into these things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind (KLV). Don't let anyone condemn you by insisting on self-denial. And don't let anyone say you must worship angels,*



even though they say they have had visions about this. These people claim to be so humble, but their sinful minds have made them proud (NLT).

6. **Is there too much advertising of merchandise?** Matthew 21:13: *And [Jesus] said unto them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called the house of prayer,' but you have made it a den of thieves."*
7. **Do the speakers try to help the Holy Spirit and push you over?** Psalms 119:128: *Therefore, I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right, and I hate every false way.*
8. **Are you coerced or made to feel guilty about giving?** 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 9:7: *Every man according as he purposed in his heart, so let him give, not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver (KJV). You must each make up your own mind as to how much you should give. Don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves the person who gives cheerfully.*
9. **Do they pray?** 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5:17: *Pray without ceasing.*
10. **Do the speakers spend a good bit of time talking about their accomplishments?** Isaiah 64:6: *But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.*
11. **Is there talk about sin and repentance?** Luke 15:7: *I say unto you that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine righteous persons who need no repentance.*
12. **Is the music trance-inducing music?** 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 14:8: *For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to battle?*
13. **Do you feel uncomfortable in your spirit?** Isaiah 32:17: *And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever.*
14. **Did the speaker let the supernatural happen or did he try to make it happen?** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 2:9-12: *The anarchist's coming is all Satan's work. All his power and signs and miracles are fake, evil sleight of hand that plays to the gallery of those who have the truth that could save them. And since they're so obsessed with evil, God rubs their nose in it-gives them what they want. Since they refuse to trust truth, they're banished to their chosen world of lies and illusions (The Message).*
15. **Is the speaker under spiritual authority?** Hebrews 13:17: *Obey them that have rule (guide) over you, and submit yourselves; for they*

*watch for your souls, as them that must give account, that they may do it with joy and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you (KJV). Be responsive to your pastoral leaders. Listen to their counsel. They are alert to the condition of your lives and work under the strict supervision of God. Contribute to the joy of their leadership, not its drudgery. Why would you want to make things harder for them?*

**16. Do your spiritual authorities witness to the movement?** Proverbs 11:14: Where no counsel is, the people fall; but in the multitude of counselors there is safety.

**17. Does the fruit remain?** John 15:16: *Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that you should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit shall remain...*

“Don’t depend on an experience to keep you. It is not the blessing that keeps you; it is a person, the Lord Himself. You must abide in Christ. God never meant to give us any blessing that would fix us up so we could get along without Him. We must recognize our constant need of the Lord and depend continually on Jesus.”

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