

1 CORINTHIANS

The Gospel
in Community

WHEN FAITH AND LIFE COLLIDE

SPIRITUAL GIFTS IN CORPORATE WORSHIP

I Corinthians 14

THE NEW ISSUE PAUL IS DEALING WITH

1 Corinthians 12:1 (ESV) Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed.

The Nature
Spiritual Gifts
1 Cor 12:1-11

The Effect of
Spiritual Gifts
in the Body
1 Cor 12:8-31

Spiritual Gifts
and love
1 Cor 13

Spiritual Gifts
The proper use
In corporate
worship
1 Cor 14



1 Corinthians 12:30-31 (ESV) Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? 31 But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

And I will show you a still more excellent way.



1 Cor 13 Love

GOAL OF CORPORATE WORSHIP

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How tongues speaking impacts this

EMOTION



INFORMATION





1 Corinthians 14:1 (ESV) **Pursue love**, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, **especially** that you may prophesy.

GOAL OF WORSHIP TO REALIZE THE PRESENCE OF GOD



1 Corinthians 14:25 (ESV) the secrets of his heart are disclosed, and so, falling on his face, he will worship God and declare that God is really among you.

Are you here to meet God



Worship is a response
Joy, awe , celebration, thanks giving

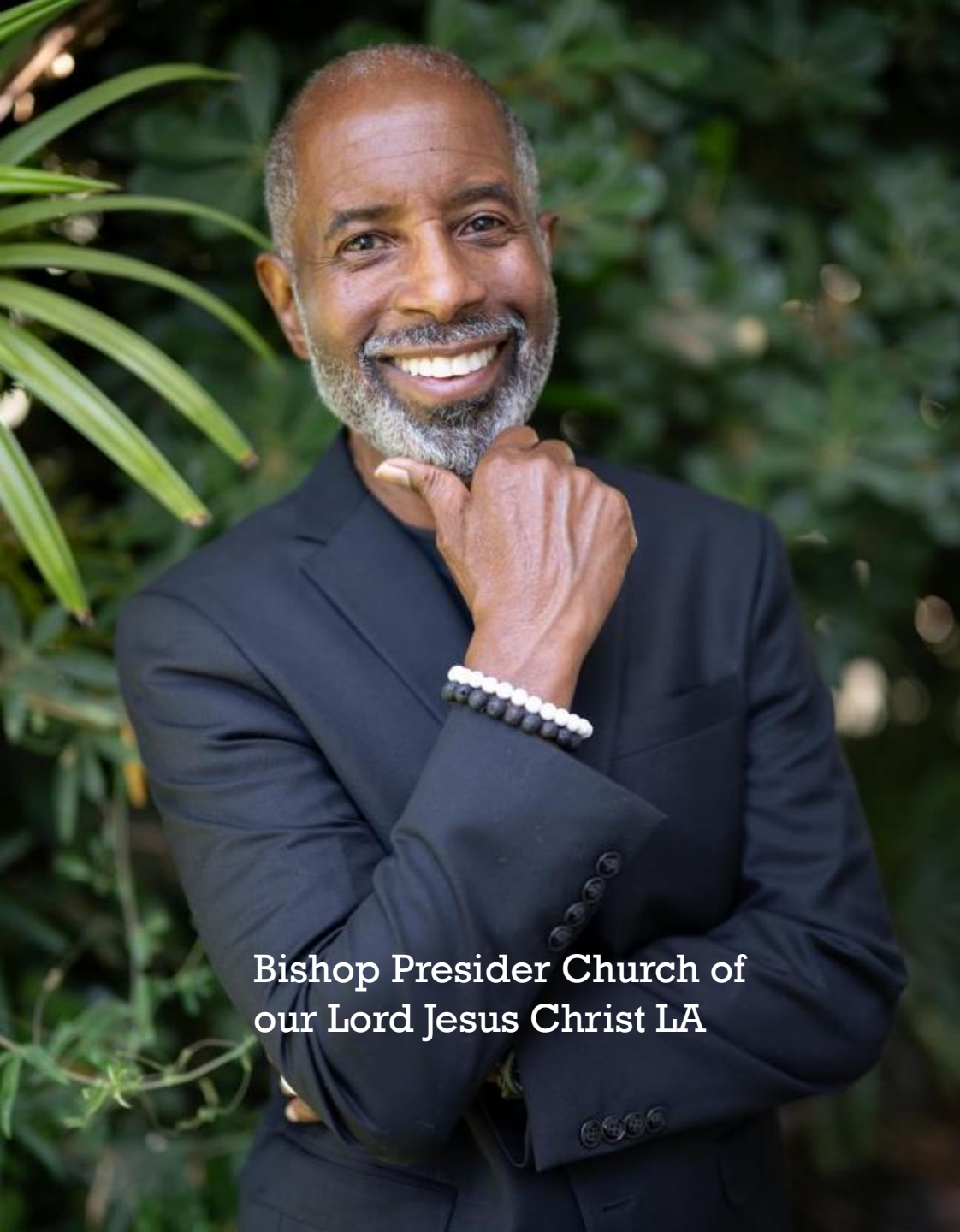
Revelation

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Sign of God's presence

Sign of persons spirituality

Signs and wonders



Bishop Presider Church of
our Lord Jesus Christ LA

THE
POWER
of PRAYING in
TONGUES

EDWARD A. SMITH



EDWARD A SMITH

“Members of these churches are not better than other Christians ..they just get along better in life because they tap into His power and rely on His help by way of the Holy Spirit”

“If you want to reach the highest level of worshipping God you need to be praying to Him in other tongues”

DO NOT USE THE GIFT OF TONGUES IN CORPORATE WORSHIP

1. The focus of tongues is self edification whilst prophecy is designed to build up others
2. It does not build up other worshipper because it is unintelligible
3. It will alienate people in church
4. It will not foster corporate participation and upbuilding
5. Their insistence of using tongues was a sign of their immaturity
6. It is a sign of judgement not edification for the church
7. It has adverse effects on unbelievers who visit the church during worship



HOW CAN WE WORSHIP GOD AND LOOSE OUR NEIGHBOR

- Biblical worship that finds God will also find our neighbor

1. THE FOCUS OF TONGUES IS SELF EDIFICATION WHILST PROPHECY IS DE



We can worship God in song by singing in our native language. But if you want to reach the highest level of worshiping God, you need to begin praying to him in other tongues.

1 Corinthians 14:2-4
Who speaks in a tongue speaks not to men but to God, for no one understands him, but he utters mysteries in the Spirit. 3 On the other hand, the one who prophesies speaks to people for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation.

1. THE FOCUS OF TONGUES IS SELF EDIFICATION WHILST PROPHECY IS DESIGNED TO BUILD UP OTHERS



If we don't take the time to pray in tongues we might live our entire Christian lives without strengthening our spirits.

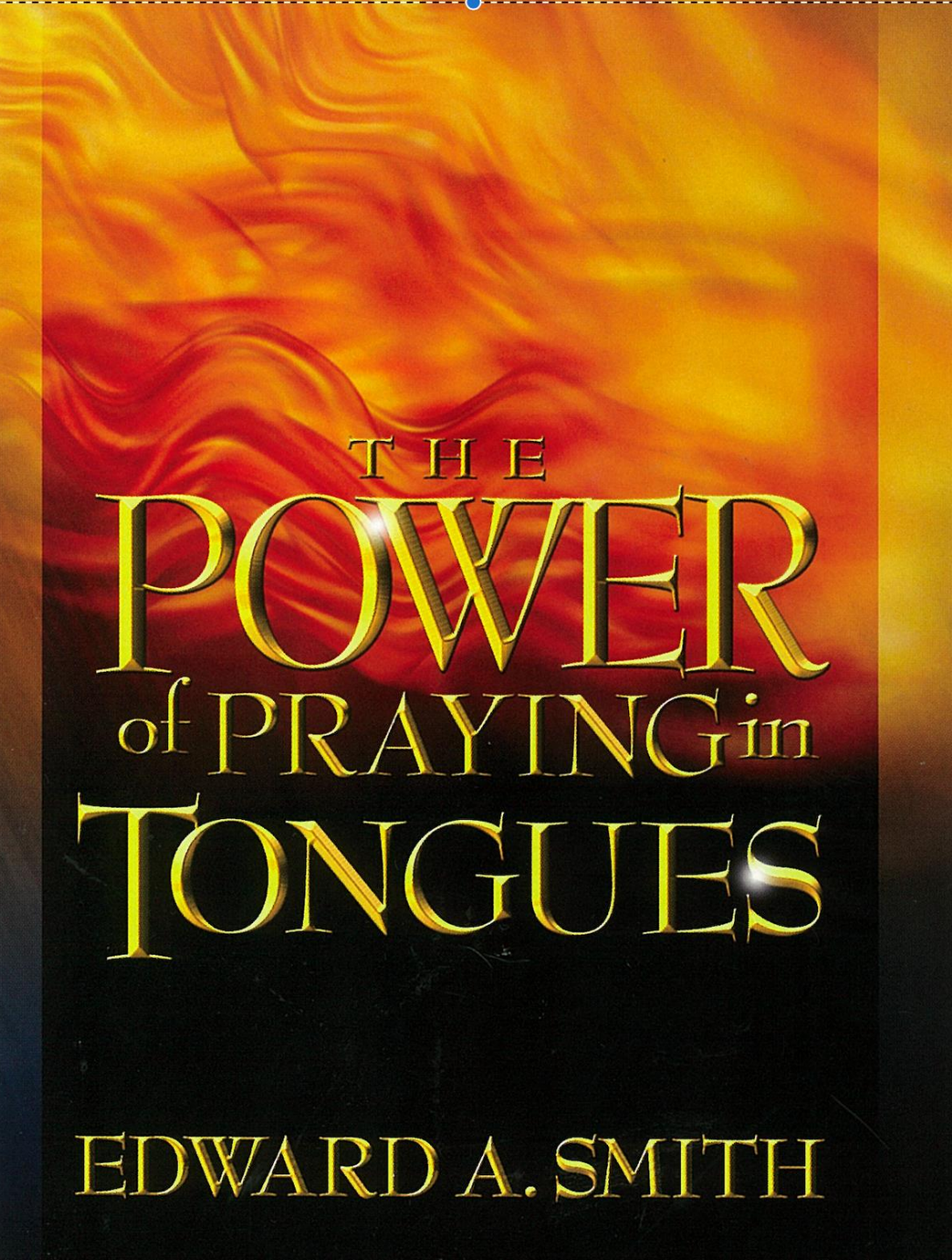
1 Corinthians *Edwards A Smith*

tongue **builds up himself**, but the one who prophesies builds up the church. 5 Now I want you all to speak in tongues, but even more to prophesy. The one who prophesies is greater than the one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the **church may be built up.**



WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE PRAY IN TONGUES

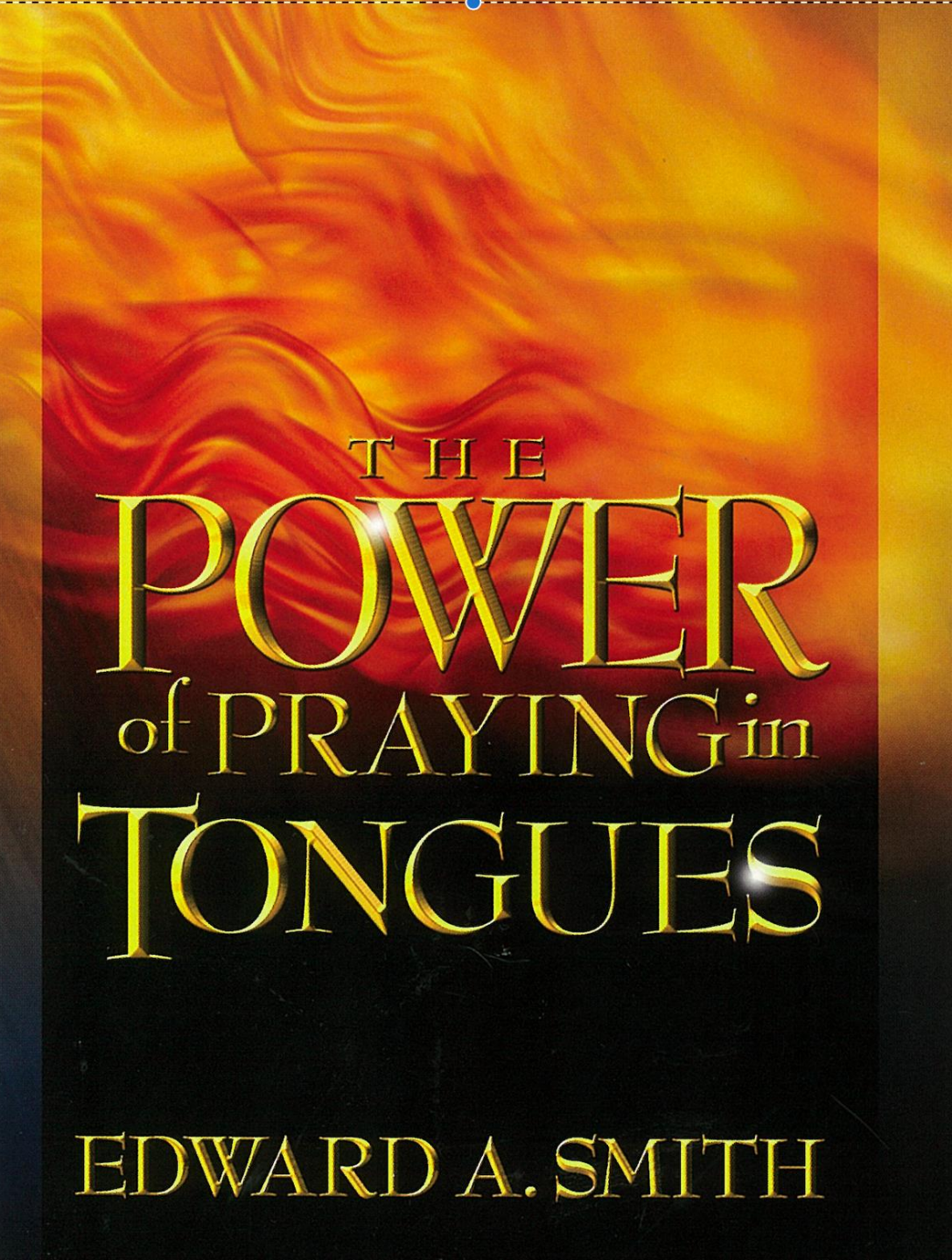
1 Corinthians 14:13-15 (ESV) Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray that he may interpret. 14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful. 15 What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also.



THE
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As you start to communicate to God through praying and worshiping him in other tongues, God will begin speaking to you and giving you insight into his word. But you will only receive this insight when you take the time to build up yourself by praying in the spirit. Any serious bible student who doesn't take the time to pray in tongues but dares to teach God's word often takes the world's slant of the scriptures.

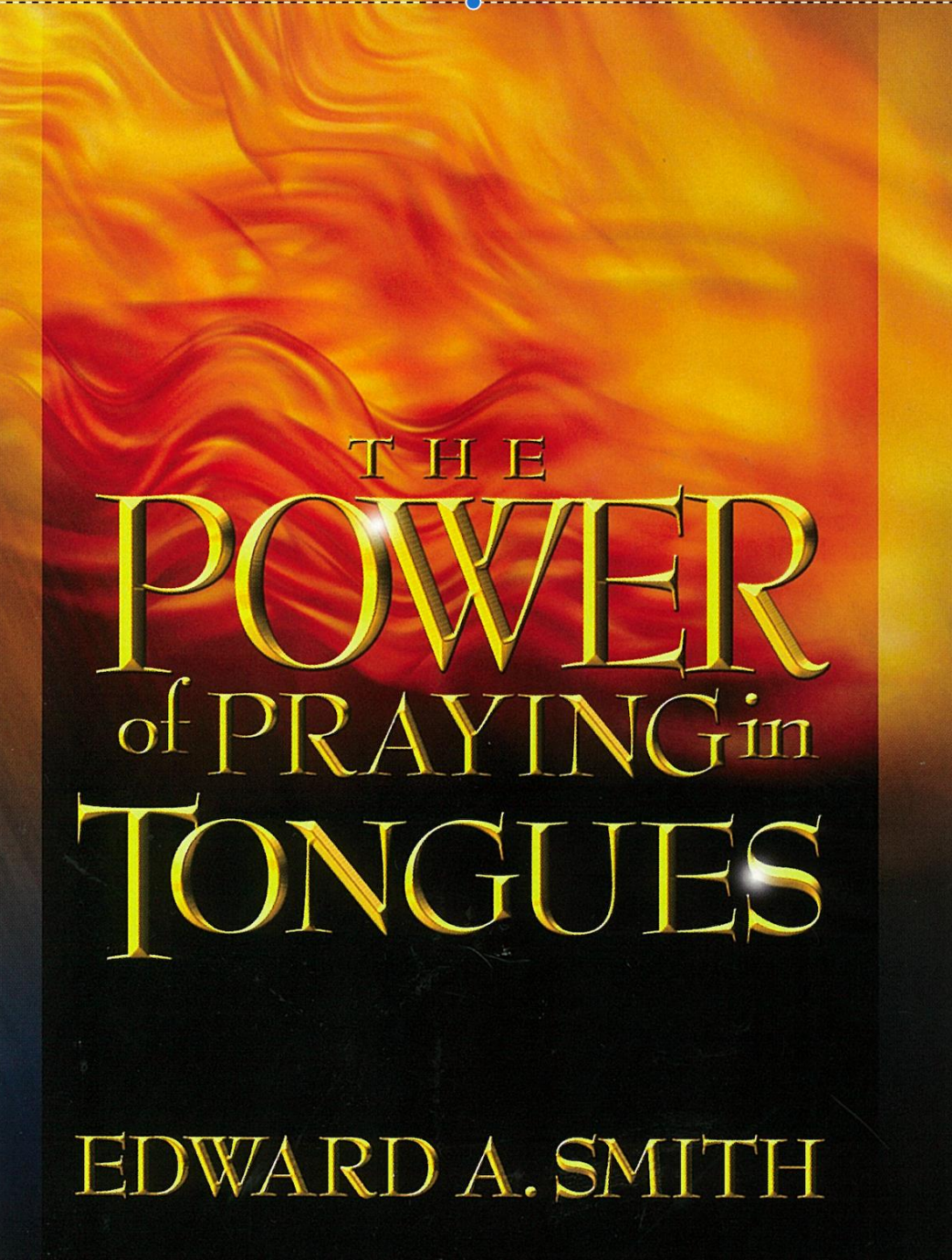


THE
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Ephesians 3:20-21 (ESV) Now 
to him who is able to do far
more abundantly than all that
we ask or think, according to
the power at work within us,

Unless you pray in other
Tongues the Holy Spirit cannot
work for you



THE
POWER
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Phil 4:13 I can do all things
through Christ who strengthens
me ..

The ability to do things are by
being spiritually strengthened
..speaking tongues

2. TONGUES ALONE DOES NOT BUILD UP OTHER WORSHIPPERS BECAUSE IT IS UNINTELLIGIBLE



1 Corinthians 14:6 (ESV) Now, brothers, if I come to you speaking in tongues, how will I benefit you unless I bring you some revelation or knowledge or prophecy or teaching?

ILLUSTRATION 1

inarticulate
expression which
does not constitute a
communicative act



Corinthians 14:7-8
(ESV) If even lifeless
instruments, such as
the flute or the harp,
do not give distinct
notes, how will anyone
know what is played? 8
And if the bugle gives
an indistinct sound,
who will get ready for
battle?



THE RESULT

1 Corinthians 14:9 (ESV) So with yourselves, if with your tongue you utter speech that is not intelligible, how will anyone know what is said? For you will be speaking into the air.



WHICH ONE BETTER?

Unintelligible
Build up self

Tongues

Intelligible
Build up church

Prophecy

3. IT WILL ALIENATE PEOPLE IN CHURCH



1 Corinthians 14:11 There are doubtless many

Makes the others feel alien in their own church

without meaning, but if I do not know the meaning of the language, I will be a foreigner to the speaker and the speaker a foreigner to me.



CONCLUSION: MEANING BEATS MANNER

1 Corinthians 14:12-13 (ESV) So with yourselves, since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church.

13 Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray that he may interpret.

4. IT WILL NOT FOSTER CORPORATE PARTICIPATION AND UPBUILDING



1 Corinthians 14: 16 Otherwise, if you give thanks with your spirit, how can anyone in the position of an outsider say “Amen” to your thanksgiving when he does not know what you are saying?

17 For you may be giving thanks well enough, but the other person is not being built up.



EXAMPLE : PAUL'S TESTIMONY

1 Corinthians 14:18-19 (ESV) I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. 19 Nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

5. THEIR INSISTENCE OF USING TONGUES WAS A SIGN OF THEIR IMMATURITY



1 Corinthians 14:20 (ESV) Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature.

SPIRITUAL IMMATURITY



1 Corinthians 3:1-2 But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. 2 I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, 3 for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way?

THE NET EFFECT



SELF AFFIRMATION



6. IT IS A SIGN OF JUDGEMENT NOT EDIFICATION FOR THE CHURCH



**1 Corinthians 14:21-23 (ESV) In the Law it is written,
“By people of strange tongues and by the lips of
foreigners will I speak to this people, and even then
they will not listen to me, says the Lord.” 22 Thus
tongues are a sign not for believers but for
unbelievers, while prophecy is a sign not for
unbelievers but for believers. 2**



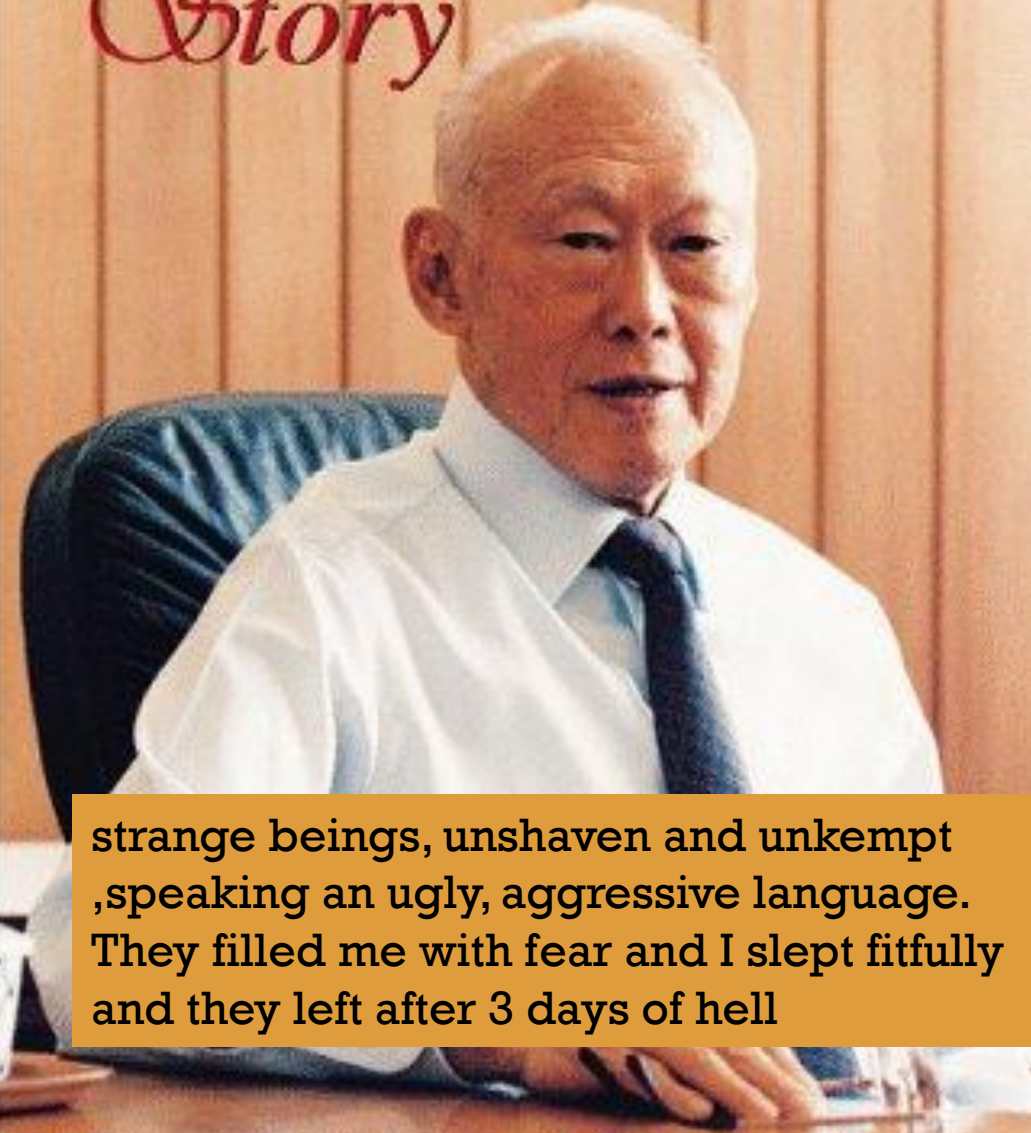
ISAIAH 28



Isaiah 28:11 (ESV) For
by people of strange lips
and with a foreign
tongue the LORD will
speak to this people,

Mother speak to me in Tamil

The Singapore Story



strange beings, unshaven and unkempt, speaking an ugly, aggressive language. They filled me with fear and I slept fitfully and they left after 3 days of hell

Memoirs of LEE KUAN YEW



Lee Hoon Leong

memory of the Japanese language is not a pleasant one at all it evokes all sorts of negative emotions

7. ADVERSE EFFECT ON NON BELIEVERS



1 Corinthians 14:23-25 (ESV) If, therefore, the whole church comes together and all speak in tongues, and outsiders or unbelievers enter, will they not say that you are out of your minds? 24 But if all prophecy, and an unbeliever or outsider enters, he is convicted by all, he is called to account by all, 25 the secrets of his heart are disclosed, and so, falling on his face, he will worship God and declare that God is really among you.

**DO NOT USE THE
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WITHOUT
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IN CORPORATE
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1. It does not build up other worshipper because they will not be able to understand
2. It is essentially non-communicative babbling
3. It will make others feel that they are alien in their own church
4. It will not foster corporate participation
5. Their insistence of using tongues was a sign of their immaturity
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ORDER IN CORPORATE WORSHIP





CONCLUSION

1 Corinthians 14:26-28 (ESV) What then, brothers? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up. 27 If any speak in a tongue, let there be only two or at most three, and each in turn, and let someone interpret. 28 But if there is no one to interpret, let each of them keep silent in church and speak to himself and to God.

PENGUIN CLASSICS

EURIPIDES

THE BACCHAE
AND OTHER PLAYS



ECSTATIC SPEECH



PROPHECY

NT Prophecy

Human interpretation
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FORTHTELLING

prophet is a Spirit-endowed person “whose preaching contains admonition and comfort, the call for repentance and promise” and who also counsels, as a pastor, and “blames and praises”.

David Hill

Teaching



Preaching



Prophecy



...upbuilding and encouragement and consolation.

THERE IS A DIFFERENCE

Teaching is always
grounded in an inspired
text of Scripture

Prophecy -Human report
of a divine revelation

PERSON SPECIFIC



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PERSON SPECIFIC

1 Timothy 1:18 (ESV) This charge I entrust to you, Timothy, my child, in accordance with the prophecies previously made about you, that by them you may wage the good warfare,

1 Timothy 4:14 (ESV) 14 Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you.

SITUATION-SPECIFIC



Acts 13:1-3 (ESV) Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a lifelong friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. 2 While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “**Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.**” 3 Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.



SEPARATE GIFTS

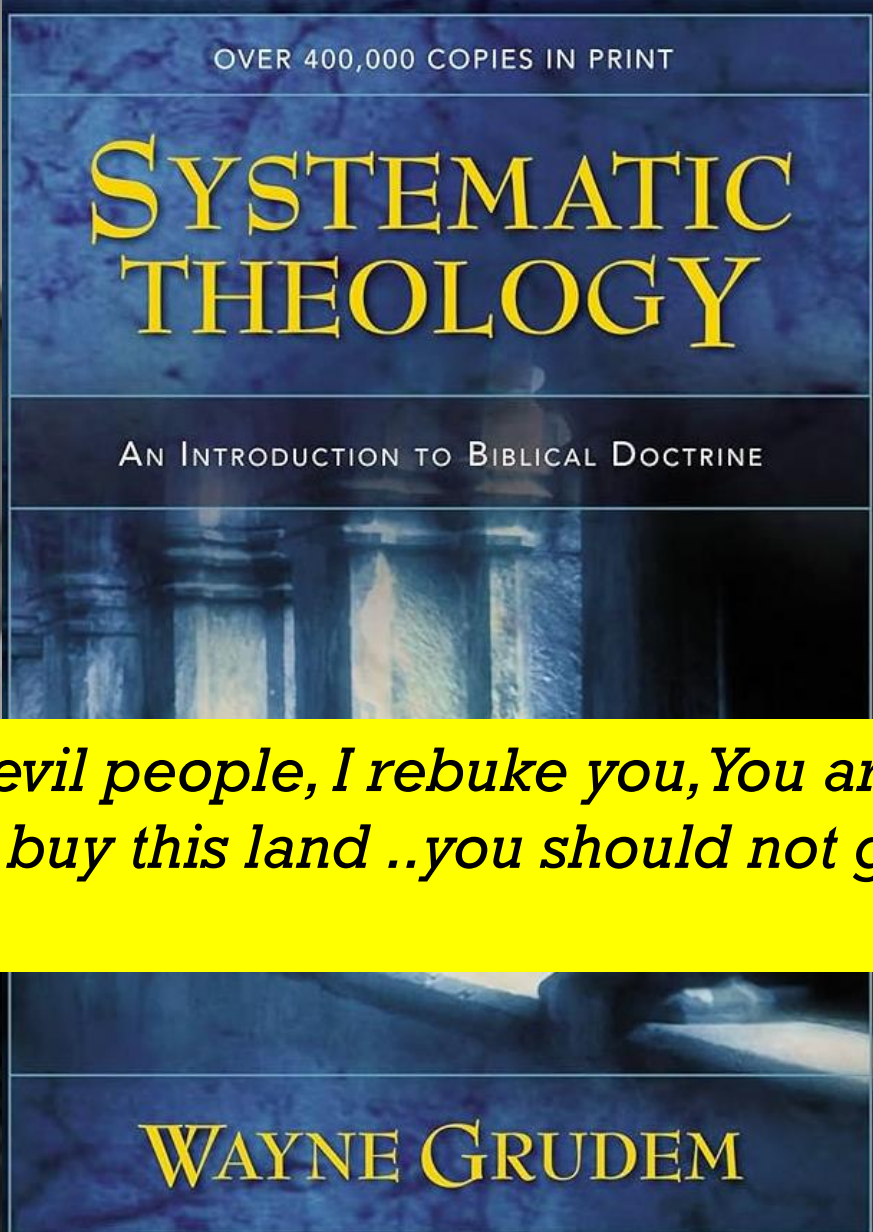
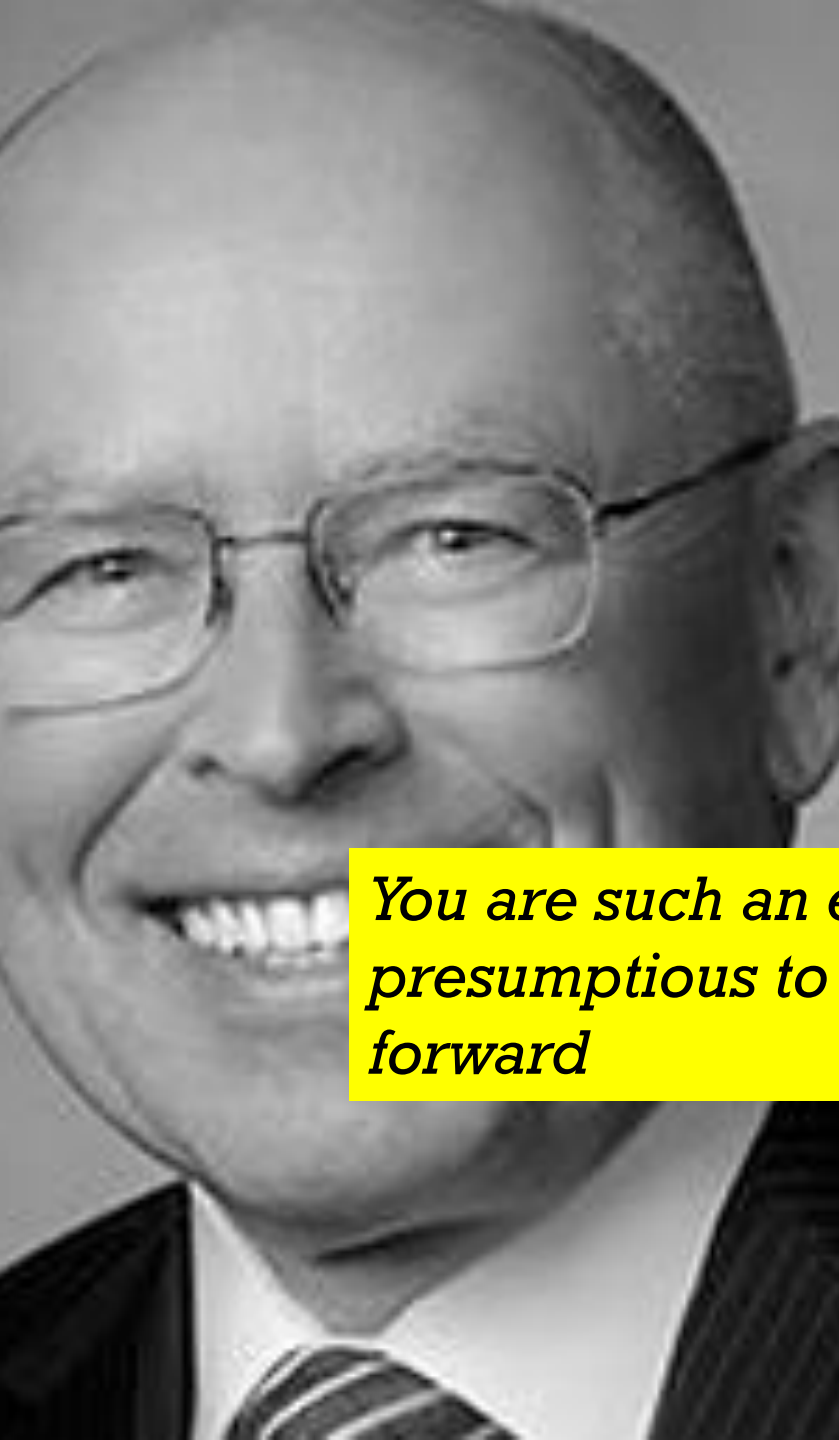
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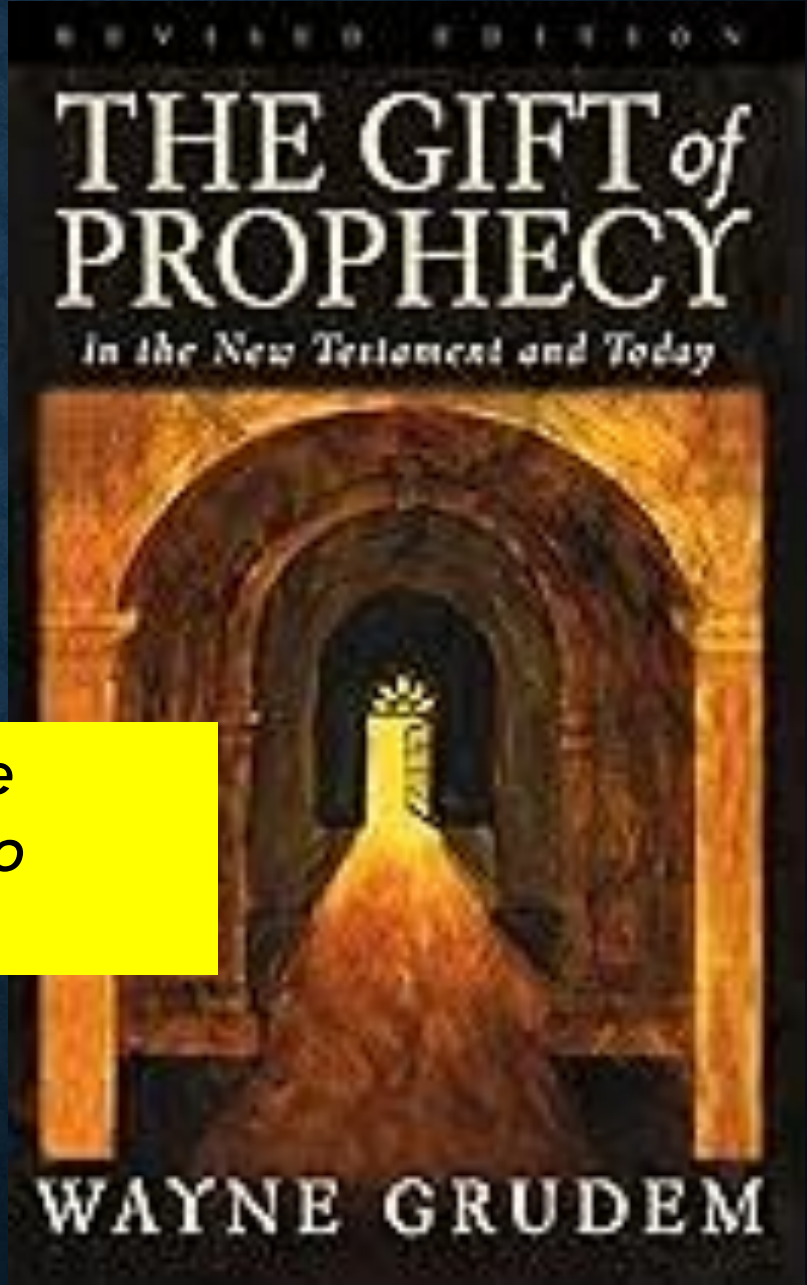
PROPHECY IS NEEDS EVALUATION

1 Corinthians 14:29-30 (ESV) Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others weigh what is said. 30 If a revelation is made to another sitting there, let the first be silent.

Matthew 24:36 (ESV) 36 "But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only.



You are such an evil people, I rebuke you, You are presumptuous to buy this land ..you should not go forward





UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF APOSTLES THE BIBLE-DOES NOT PRODUCE NEW DOCTRINE

1 Corinthians 14:37-38 (ESV) If anyone thinks that he is a prophet, or spiritual, he should acknowledge that the things I am writing to you are a command of the Lord.

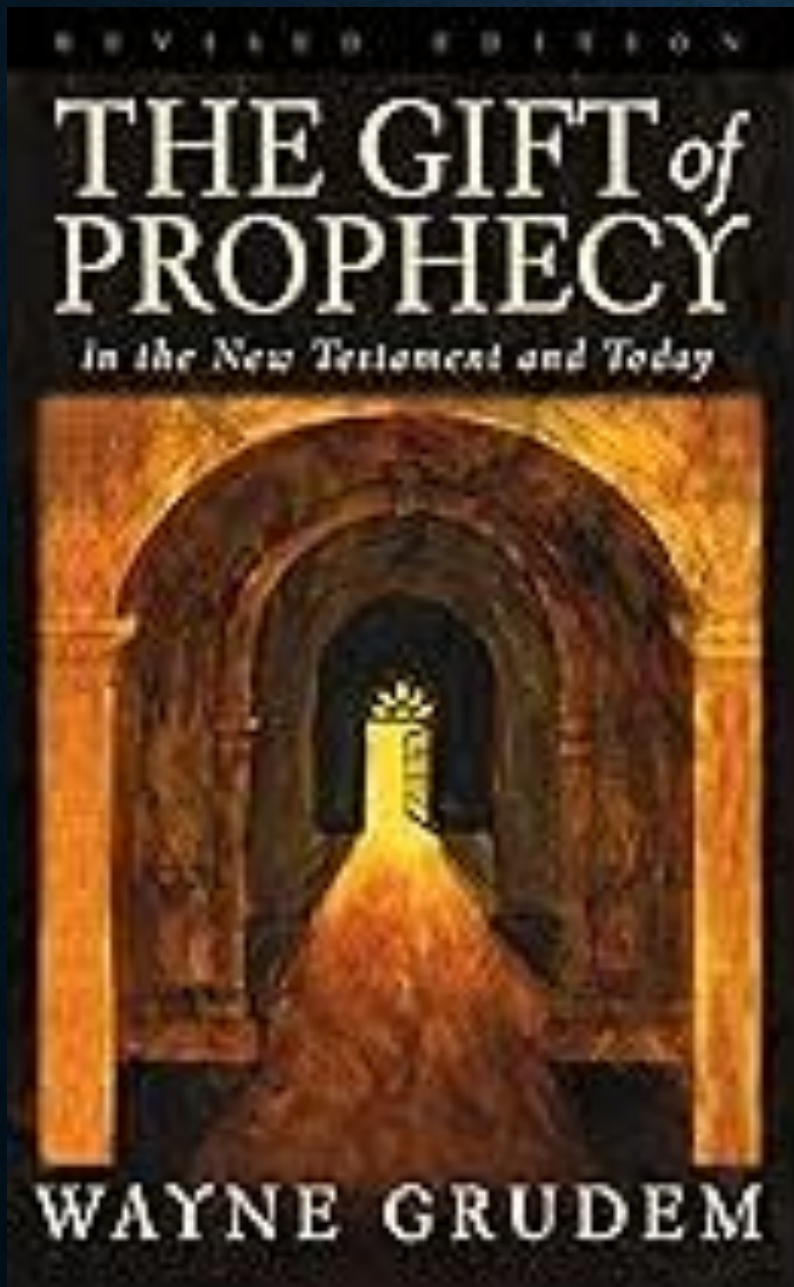
38 If anyone does not recognize this, he is not recognized

Paul's words were never evaluated but his words were the standard against which all prophesy in NT are evaluated

NEW TESTAMENT APOSTLES AND THE OLD
TESTAMENT PROPHETS ARE COUNTERPARTS,
SHARING THE SAME STATUS AND AUTHORITY.



Ephesians 2:19-20 (ESV) 19 So then you are no longer
strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with
the saints and members of the household of God, 20
built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone,



WAYNE GRUDEM

“Those who exercised the gift of prophecy as described in the New Testament spoke something *less* than “the very words of God.”

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Spontaneous revelation



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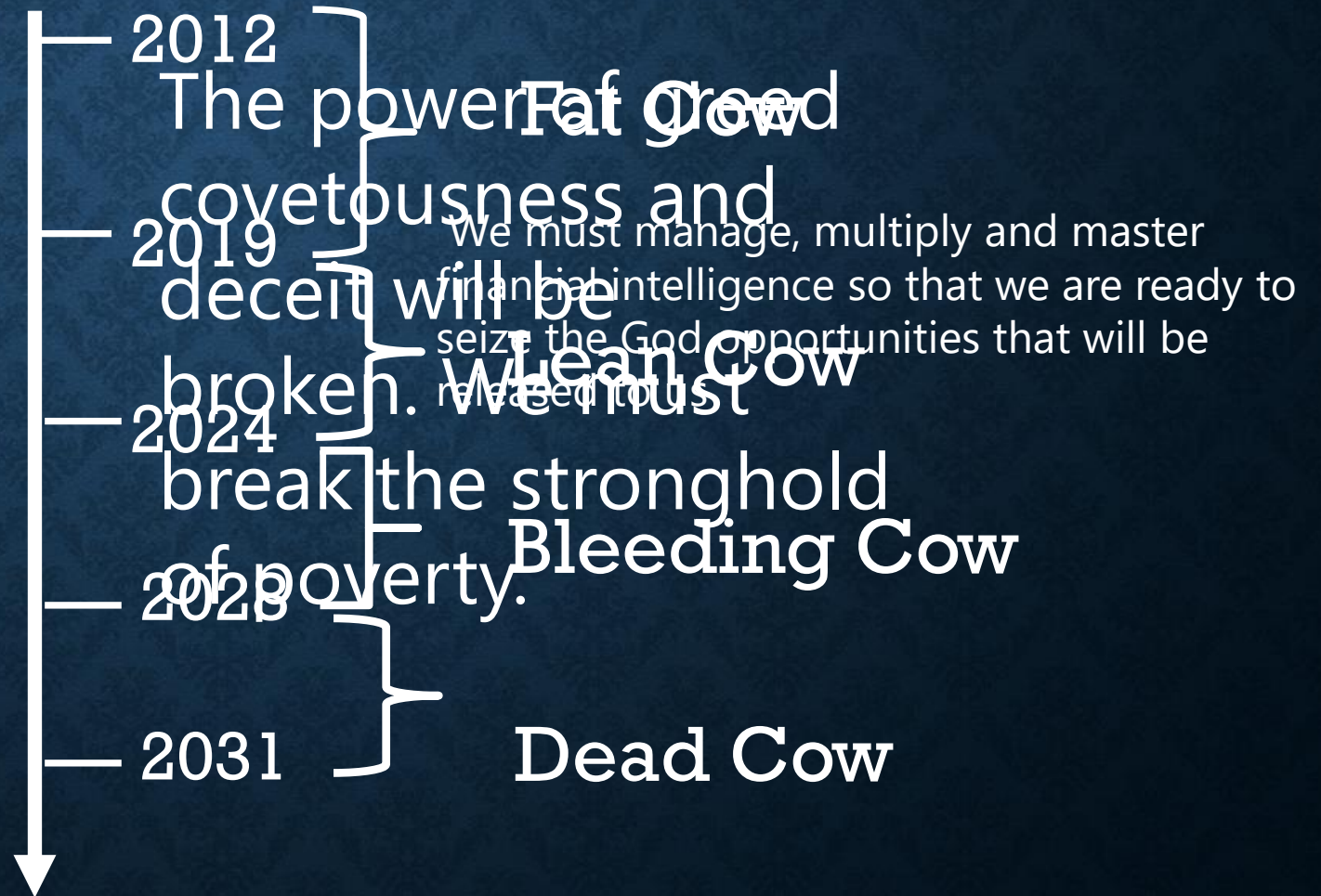
Sermon: result of sustained prayer and sustained prayerful contemplation, meditation, and rational reflection

Upbuilding of the church

THE MALAYSIAN CURRENCY WILL NOT GO ON A FREE FALL BUT IT WILL RECOVER SLOWLY.



Jonathan David





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1 Thessalonians 5:19-21 (ESV) 19 Do not quench the Spirit. 20 Do not despise prophecies, 21 but test everything; hold fast what is good.

CONTRADICTION?

Prays or Prophecies

1 Corinthians 11:5 but every wife who prays or prophecies with her head uncovered dishonors her head, since it is the same as if her head were shaven.

Keep Silent

As in all the churches of the saints, 34 the women should keep silent in the churches. For they are not permitted to speak, but should be in submission, as the Law also says. 35 If there is anything they desire to learn, let them ask their husbands at home. For it is shameful for a woman to speak in church.

SOLUTIONS

Interpolation

Corinthian slogan

Prohibition against disruptive speech

Context of 1 Cor 14—disruption, controlled speech

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Eperootatoosan
Interrogated ..cross examine

SIMILAR WORD

Mark 14:60 (ESV) And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, “Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?”



Eperootatoosan
Interrogated



Our view, in summary, is that wives are told not to judge or question publicly any prophecies emanating from their own husbands. Such action might bring shame upon the marriage. Rather, if they have questions they should raise them at home.

Anthony Thiselton



BIBLE FINAL AUTHORITY

1 Corinthians 14:37-40 (ESV) If anyone thinks that he is a prophet, or spiritual, he should acknowledge that the things I am writing to you are a command of the Lord. 38 If anyone does not recognize this, he is not recognized. 39 So, my brothers, earnestly desire to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues. 40 But all things should be done decently and in order.

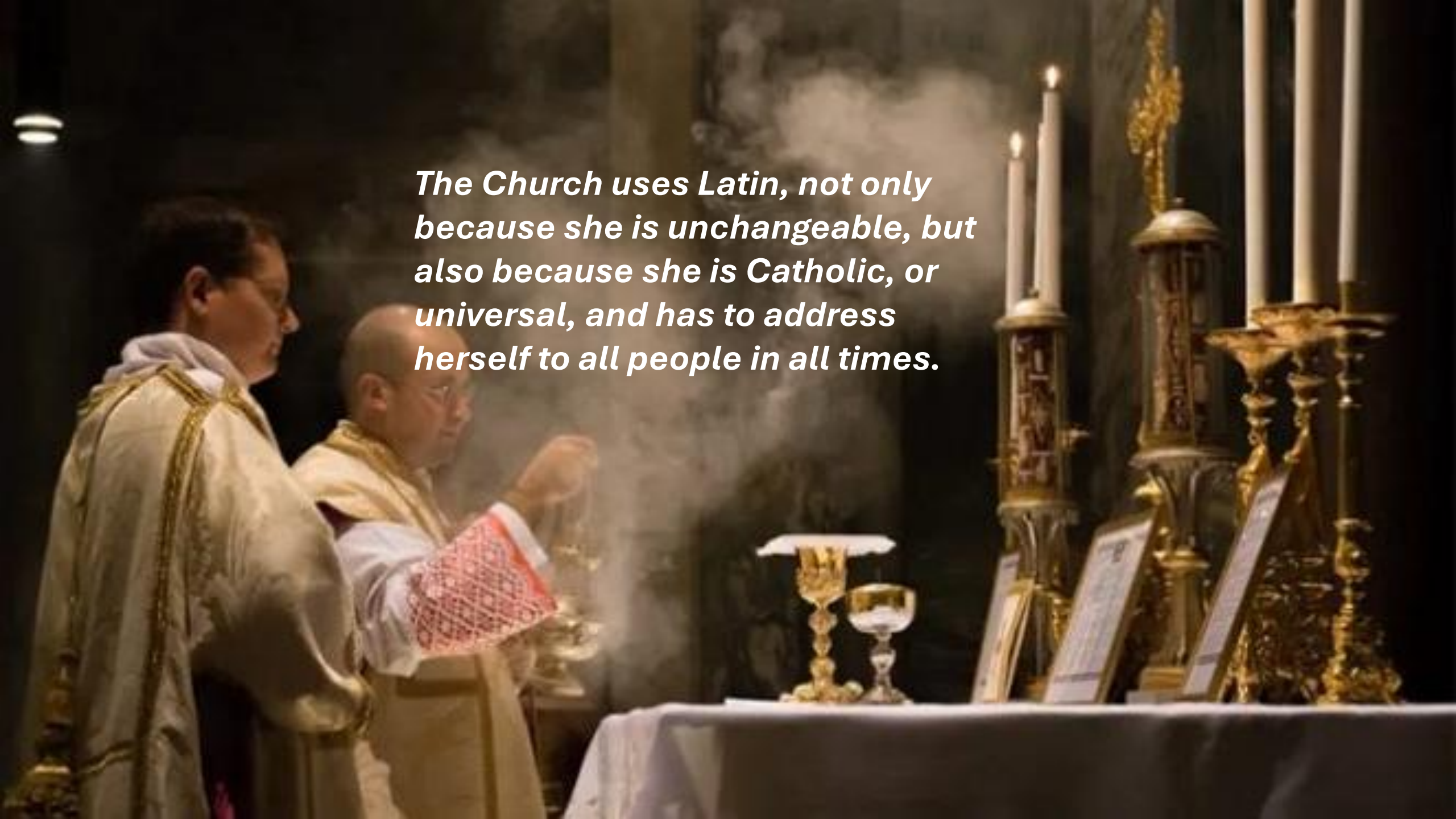
APPLICATION

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**CORNERSTONE OF
CORPORATE WORSHIP
IS UPBUILDING**

TRANSFORMING PRESENCE OF GOD

The Church uses Latin, not only because she is unchangeable, but also because she is Catholic, or universal, and has to address herself to all people in all times.





WORSHIP IS UNDERSTANDING

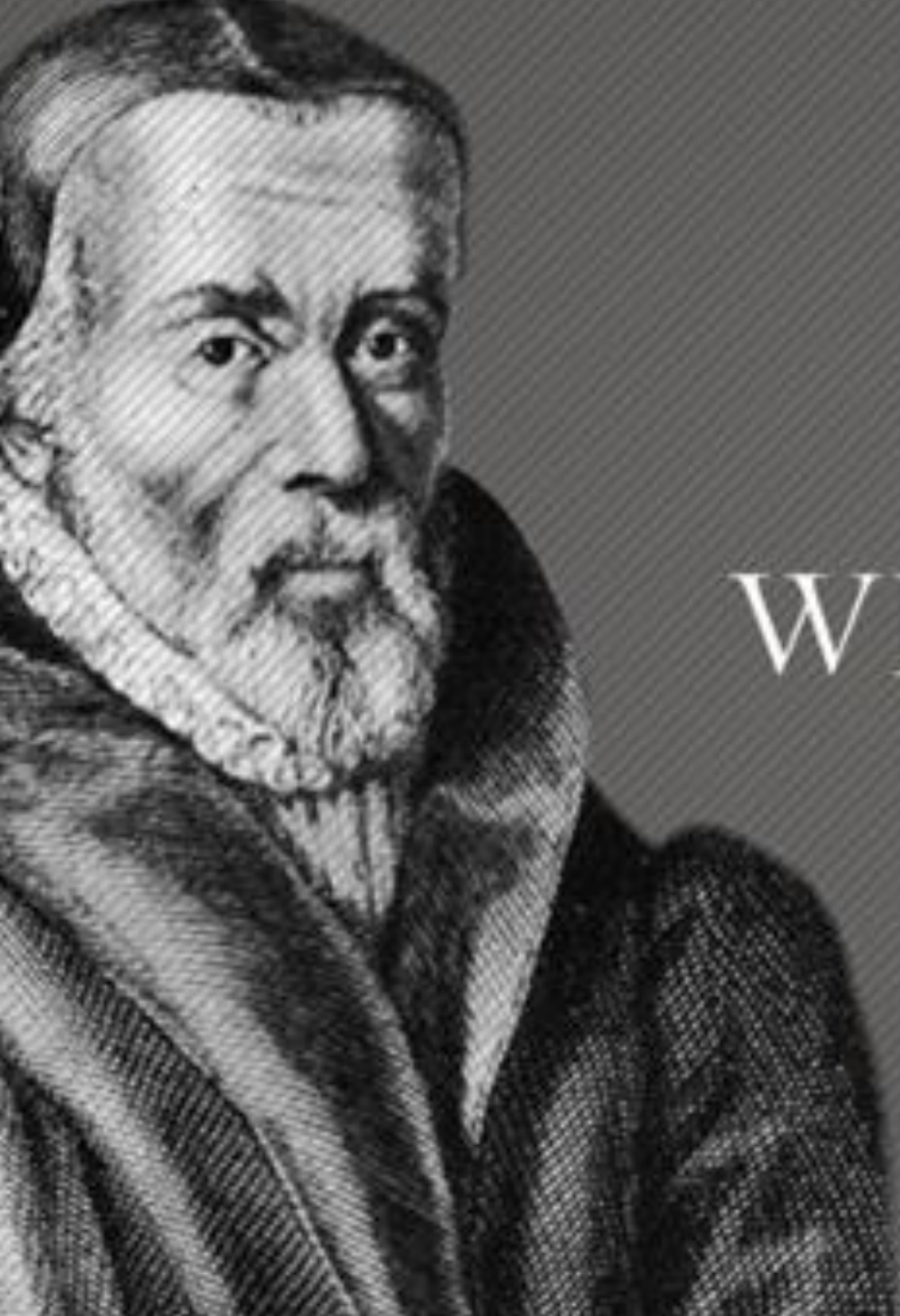
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INTELLIGIBILITY VS CULTURE


The preaching and the singing
were to be done so that they
were accessible even to the
unlearned

John Calvin



WILLIAM TYNDALE

1494–1536



too far behind the times,
tiresome tunes and
meaningless words



ISAAC WATTS

“When I Survey the
Wondrous Cross.” 1690

Joy to the World



WORSHIP SONGS

BEAUTY VS INTELLIGIBILITY

KJV

And the Lord, he it is that doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed.

NIV

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.”

WORSHIP IS PARTICIPATIVE



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What you say and do matters



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WORSHIP IS ORDERLY

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JONATHAN EDWARDS

*God is glorified not
only by His glory's
being seen, but by its
being rejoiced in*



Worship

Joy, awe , celebration, thanks giving

Each one brings a
revelation of God

RELIGIOUS PEOPLE FIND GOD USEFUL. CHRISTIANS FIND GOD BEAUTIFUL.

WHAT EXACTLY IS THE “PROSPERITY GOSPEL”?



EXPECT TRANSFORMATION

- Measure your worship not at 11 am on Sunday but at 8.30 am Monday
- Presence and power of God

Not routine obligation, guilt,