

In Defence of Biblical Christianity

Article 8

The Slain in the Spirit & Cessation Heresy

A Paper

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This apologetic paper is the eighth of a series of articles called ‘In Defense of Biblical Christianity.’ I will be challenging false doctrines that have infiltrated, subverted, and perverted the truth of Biblical Christianity.

Apologetic Preface

The following apologetic defence was written to defend the Holy Spirit's character and man's integrity.

Starting in 1994, the evangelical and charismatic church was severely infiltrated by demon spirits, especially the Kundalini Spirit. This spirit induces being slain, laughing, rolling around, jerking, shaking, and ecstasy right out of the Hindu playbook of demonic manifestations.

Before this, we saw the Azusa Street Revival in Los Angeles in April 1906. The so-called third awakening where similar manifestations took place. The LA Times reported on Azusa with a headline, "Gurgle of Wordless Talk by a Sister."¹

The article reported:

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| 1) Weird doctrines practiced. | 4) Gifts of tongues. |
| 2) Fanatical rites. | 5) Fainting |
| 3) Howling of the worshippers. | 6) Wild floor gesticulation. |

Then, before Azusa, these manifestations surfaced during the great awakenings (1790-1830 and 1870-1902) in the United States. They were not widespread but to be expected.

The early church had similar manifestations, but they were unwilling to embrace them. We know this because of the following quote from our church father, Origen.

Origen (c. 248, E), 4.612

*It is **not** part of the divine spirit to drive the prophetess into such a **state of ecstasy and madness** that she **loses control of herself**. For he who is under the influence of the Divine Spirit would be the first to receive beneficial effects... Moreover, when a person is in **close contact** with the Deity, it should be the time of **clearest perception**.*

Here, observe that Origen did not believe that religious ecstasy leading to a loss of control is from the Holy Spirit. He emphatically states that when someone is close to the Deity, the exact opposite occurs- clear perception.

Satan loves to make Christianity look foolish and discredit God.

¹ LA Times <https://www.newspapers.com/article/the-los-angeles-times-azusa-street-revival/10523999/?locale=en-CA>

Today, charismatic church leadership embraces such manifestations and credits them to the Holy Spirit. This must be stopped because it is an insult to the character of the Holy Spirit.

These manifestations also insult the integrity of humanity and the character of God. God is not in the business of making humanity look like a bunch of fools. This is the work of Satan, not God. Satan, through these manifestations, makes God a puppet master and humanity his idiot puppets.

I intend to prove this from the scriptures.

God loves humanity and sacrificed his son so humanity could walk in the power of the Holy Spirit. He restored our integrity to walk in fellowship, obedience and holiness. He did not save us so we could bark like dogs and appear animalistic.

This demonic invasion is no surprise. Paul tells us in **1 Tim 4:1** *Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will **depart from the faith** by **devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons**.*

This is precisely what has happened; most of the Charismatic church has departed from the faith to follow deceitful spirits and the doctrines of demons. Paul's prophecy is being fulfilled in our day.

John tells us to test the spirits to see if they are from God. **1 John 4:1** says *Beloved, do not **believe every spirit**, but **test the spirits** to see whether they are from God, for many **false prophets** have gone out into the world.*

This paper will adhere to this mandate to see if false prophets/spirits have infiltrated the church.

These Kundalini manifestations have existed for thousands of years in Hinduism and other pagan religions like Buddhism and Jainism. Perhaps this is what our church father Origen referenced when discussing the prophetess's loss of self-control.

What would you think if you went to the mall and saw a bunch of people falling unconscious, rolling around on the ground, shaking violently, or barking like a dog? Would you conclude that it was demonic? However, when it happens in the church, it is the Holy Spirit. Really!

Can you imagine what Origen would say to church leaders who permit this madness?

This Satanic infiltration in 1994 was not by accident. In 1964, the Vishva Hindu Parishad set their goal of invading the West. They started with yoga in a Westernized form and sold it to improve strength, balance, flexibility, heart health, relief from arthritis, and so on.

Yoga is now practiced in every facet of our society. Our education system teaches our kids Yoga in Kindergarten. Medical establishments like Johns Hopkins Medicine and even the US military

promote Yoga. Yoga and hot Yoga studios are everywhere. Even some churches offer Yoga classes.

Here is the etymology of yoga from the Ministry of External Affairs of the Government of India. *“The Word “Yoga” is derived from the Sanskrit root “Yuj” meaning to join, or to yoke, or to unite. As per the Yogic scriptures, the practice of Yoga leads to the **union of individual consciousness** with that of the **Universal Consciousness**, indication a perfect harmony between the mind and body, Man & Nature.”*

Here, we observe that yoga is practiced to connect personal consciousness to the universal consciousness. In other words, the goal is to connect your soul to demons.

Do not be deceived. Yoga is not about exercise.

It appears the success of the Vishva Hindu Parishad is unprecedented. Every facet of our culture, even our churches, has been infiltrated by the spiritual forces of Hinduism.

Introduction

Before I embark on my argument, I must qualify myself as someone who knows about being “Slain in the Spirit.” As a young convert to Christianity, I was slain in the Spirit several times.

I know that my experience was rooted in a desire to be perceived as someone spiritual. I also strongly desired to receive from God all that he had for me. These two reasons made me extremely vulnerable to psychological manipulation.

There is tremendous spiritual peer pressure put on people to be slain. Think about this: the Pastor gives an altar call, and you find yourself down the front. You need God to do something for you; your Pastor has just told you that God will do it.

Now, all of a sudden, people are being touched on the forehead, falling backwards, and being caught by someone spiritual in the church.

So what happens if you don’t fall, and what happens if you do? Which one is more likely in this setting? Falling, and here is why!

- The person wants to be perceived as spiritual
- The person wants everyone to think God touched them
- The person wants to fit into the group
- The person will feel all eyes on them if they don’t fall
- The person is looking for acceptance and fears judgment

I want to be clear; I am not suggesting that anyone in the church does this purposefully. I suggest that the evil one has perverted the worship service by employing manipulative schemes that leadership and laity alike have bought hook, line and sinker.

Now, suppose you are laying hands on someone during an altar call, and the person does not fall backwards. This would bring a series of questions into play.

- Was I not prayed up enough?
- Was the person not ready to receive?
- Is there sin in the person's life?
- What is the audience thinking?

I have personally experienced someone pushing on my head and rocking me back and forth as the pressure to fall increases the longer the prayer goes on.

The premise is psychological manipulation rooted in coercive control through the power of suggestion. The power of suggestion, in this case, is used to create an expectation and a reward for correct behaviour. Both parties are invested in the proper outcome.

“The placebo effect is a classic example of the power of suggestion.... However, when individuals are led to believe that they are receiving a potent treatment, they often experience genuine improvements in their symptoms. This demonstrates how the power of suggestion can create physiological and psychological changes.²

I have seen this many times in the church. People at a healing service say they were healed, and then a few weeks later, everyone discovered they were not healed. Satan loves preying on the psychology of man; he uses it to discredit God.

Satan, a.k.a. the Devil, is a master deceiver who appears as an angel of light (2 Cor 11:4). He is behind this deception. He knows our vulnerabilities and preys on them.

I believe Satan has assigned one of his chief demons from Hinduism to deceive the church. Satan is using the teaching of Yoga as the driving force behind this deception.

Please understand that the pagan Gods (Satan) knock people down and make them lose control so that they can possess them. Satan must first gain control of a person's belief system. Then, he can gain control of their mind, will and emotions.

The Spirit of God does the opposite of the Kundalini Yoga Spirit. The only people knocked down by God were His enemies who came to arrest Jesus, as recorded in John 18:6: *“When Jesus said to them, “I am he,” they drew back and **fell to the ground.**”*

² <https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/power-suggestion-psychology-its-subtle-influence-marketing-ekbote/>

The Holy Spirit is given to those who willingly want his presence in their lives. The Kundalini spirit is imposed on people through religious and esoteric deception.

Now, let me introduce you to the Kundalini Spirit.

What is Kundalini

The term kundalini refers to the vital force or energy we all hold within us. Often called the “sleeping goddess” or “serpent power,” it is represented as a serpent coiled around the first chakra or root chakra at the base of the spine.³

Kundalini yoga is considered a more spiritual form of yoga. This yoga adds chanting, singing, movements and specific breathing patterns to promote spiritual enlightenment.

Kundalini teaches that there are seven Chakras listed in the chart below.

- 1) Muladhara Chakra – Root situated at the base of the spine.
- 2) Svadhishtana Chakra - Sacral.
- 3) Manipura Chakra - Solar Plexus.
- 4) Anahata Chakra - Heart.
- 5) Vishuddha Chakra - Throat.
- 6) Ajna Chakra - Third Eye.
- 7) Sahasrara – Crown of Head.

Those who practice Kundalini seek an awakening that leads to the union of personal consciousness and cosmic and divine consciousness.

The following are signs of a Kundalini awakening.⁴ Please pay close attention to the words that are bolded.

- 1) You feel **freedom** from the ego and the material realm.
- 2) You feel **euphoric** in the moment and have a sense of **resounding peace**.
- 3) You transcend the dual nature of the mind and can see that we consciously **create our reality**.
- 4) You **feel love** and **compassion** for all that is and recognize yourself as an intrinsic part of all.
- 5) Your mind is noticeably more still, with a **new ability to focus** on one thought at a time.

³ <https://www.rockcollage.com/single-post/what-is-a-kundalini>

⁴ https://www.mindbodygreen.com/articles/kundalini-awakening#mbg-DB_Qd8d8u2

- 6) Your mind can **witness, observe, and discern** (thanks to an open crown chakra).
- 7) Old problems and even **past trauma do not have the same effect** on you anymore. You remember them, but they no longer bother you.
- 8) You might feel **pleasurable physical sensations**—like a **full-body orgasm** but one that is more sensual than sexual.
- 9) You have profound **new insights** into your or past lives.
- 10) You have a **newfound strength and clarity** that allows you to make **positive changes** in your life without fear.
- 11) Your **creativity surges**.
- 12) You have a significant **increase in empathy**.
- 13) **Your body may shake**. (This can happen if Kundalini rises, but your chakras are unclear, so the energy can't flow.)
- 14) **You feel the heat in the spine**. (This would, again, be an instance of rising Kundalini energy not entirely flowing correctly.)
- 15) **You have trouble sleeping**. (This is another example of what can happen when Kundalini rises in a body with chakras that are not fully clear.)

Minus the shaking, heat down the spine and trouble sleeping I had many of these experiences when I got saved. The Kundalini practices are designed to mimic the Holy Spirit.

This is why it is so deceptive and why many church leaders have embraced it. People feel freedom, peace, love, compassion, increased empathy, empowerment for life, better clarity, and so on. This is the deception of the evil one; he understands the human body and knows how to counterfeit the Holy Spirit.

Satan's has the church employing ancient Hindu yoga techniques. Please stop and watch the manifestations of the Kundalini Spirit in Hinduism and the Church. Click [Kundalini](#) to watch.

Satan knows exactly how to deceive. He knows he needs an argument from the Bible and experiences that mimic the work of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus said man does not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. (Matt 4:4) therefore, I will use his word to prove Kundalini's manifestations are demonic and not from the Holy Spirit.

The Argument

Proponents of being slain in the spirit, a.k.a. falling under the power, or being drunk in the spirit, shaking and jerking, use the following text as proof texts that these manifestations are Biblical.

Let's review the text and see if these proof texts are credible.

Therefore, the textual qualification for credulity must include being slain by falling backwards, hysterical laughing, rolling around on the ground or engaging in jerking and shaking.

If any of these parameters are met, I will put YES beside the text; if not, I will put a NO.

Please read each text carefully to see if my assessment is correct.

Ezek 1:28 (NO)

*28 Like the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud on the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness all around. Such was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw it, **I fell on my face,** and I heard the voice of one speaking.*

Here, observe that Ezekiel chose to fall on his face.

Ezek 3:23-24 (NO)

*23 So I arose and went out into the valley, and behold, the glory of the LORD stood there, like the glory that I had seen by the Chebar canal, and **I fell on my face.** 24 But the Spirit entered into me and **set me on my feet,** and he spoke with me and said to me, “Go, shut yourself within your house.*

Here, observe that Ezekiel chose to fall on his face, and the Spirit stood Ezekiel up; he did not knock him down.

Matt 17:5-7 (NO)

*He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” 6 When the disciples heard this, **they fell on their faces and were terrified.** 7 But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” 8 And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.*

Here, observe that the disciples chose to fall on their faces; they were terrified, and then Jesus touched them to calm their fears; he did not knock them down.

Below are 14 additional scriptures that are used to support falling under the power.

- 1) **Gen 15:12 (NO)** ... a deep sleep fell on Abram
- 2) **Gen 17:3 (NO)**...Then Abram **fell on his face.**
- 3) **Lev 9:24 (NO)**...they shouted and **fell on their faces.**
- 4) **Num 20:6 (NO)**... Then Moses and Aaron ... and **fell on their faces.**
- 5) **Josh 5:14-15 (NO)** ...And Joshua **fell on his face** to the earth and worshiped ...
- 6) **1 Kg 8:1-10 (NO)**... 11so that the **priests could not stand** to minister...
- 7) **2 Chron 5:11-14 (NO)**...**priests could not stand**... the glory of the LORD filled the house...
- 8) **Dan 8:17 (NO)**...was frightened and **fell on my face**...

- 9) **Dan 8:18 (NO)...** **fell into a deep sleep** with my face to the ground. But he touched me and **made me stand up.**
- 10) **Dan 10:7-9 (NO) ... I fell on my face** in deep sleep with **my face to the ground.**
- 11) **Acts 9:4, 26:14 (NO)...** And **falling to the ground** ... (off horse)
- 12) **Acts 10:10-11 (NO)...** **he fell into a trance**
- 13) **Rev 1:17-18 (NO)...** **I fell at his feet** as though dead.
- 14) **Rev 4:10 (NO)...** the twenty-four elders **fall down before him** ...

Please notice that not even one scripture supports falling under the power; indeed, none of them have manifestations that we see in charismatic churches.

All 17 proof texts do not support falling backwards under the power or any manifestations.

The Bible does have much to say about falling on your face in reverence and fear but nothing about being slain or drunk in the spirit. Satan perverts everything. God has people falling on their faces, and Satan has them falling on their backs.

The only verse I could find regarding falling backwards in the Bible was to a corrupt priest who would not disciple his sons, the priest of God in **1 Sam 4:18**, where it says, "*As soon as he mentioned the ark of God, **Eli fell over backward** from his seat by the side of the gate, and his **neck was broken and he died**, for the man was old and heavy.*"

I set the challenge before you: show me any believer in the Bible who was knocked down and started rolling around, laughing, or shaking violently—the only evidence of anyone manifesting such behaviour as those possessed by the devil, evidenced below.

Mark 1:23-24- Synagogue Exorcism

*23 And immediately, there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, 24 "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." 25 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" 26 And the unclean spirit, **convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice**, came out of him.*

So we are clear, the texts used to say that Kundalini manifestations are from the Holy Spirit fail the test.

The argument continues.

The Holy Spirit in the Early Church

I want to be clear: I do not believe in cessation, which means the gifts of the Holy Spirit ended with the apostolic age. I have read the well-crafted arguments in favour of cessation and am unconvinced.

They cite at least six reasons for cessation; however, the short and the long of it is that the gifts ceased at the end of the apostolic age because they accomplished their purpose of authenticating the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

This is utter nonsense and worse than people falling under the power.

The Bible gives recorded evidence of how the Holy Spirit worked in the early church. Below are a few examples.

- 1) **Act 9:12**...a man named Ananias come in and **lay his hands** on him so that he might regain his sight.”
- 2) **Acts 19:12**... handkerchiefs or aprons that had **touched his skin** were carried away to the sick, and **their diseases left them** and the **evil spirits came out of them**.
- 3) **Act 28:8** ...And Paul visited him and prayed, and **putting his hands on him**, healed him.
- 4) **Mark 5:30**...And Jesus, perceiving in himself that **power had gone out from him**,
- 5) **Jam 5:14-15**... Is anyone among you sick? ... and let them **pray over him**, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord

No one would challenge this because even the deceived believe the Bible is the word of God.

Our church fathers gave us direct evidence that the gifts did not cease with the Apostles' death. The gifts were still in operation 200 years after the church's birth.

I draw your attention to the following early church father quotes.

Justin Martyr (C. 160, E), 1.214

*Daily some become disciples in the name of Christ, ... who are **also receiving gifts**, each as **he is worth**. These are illumined through the name of this Christ. **For one receives** the spirit of understanding, another of counsel, another of strength, another of healing, another of foreknowledge, another of teaching, and another the fear of God.*

Here, observe that 130 years after the church's birth, the Holy Spirit was still giving gifts merited by conduct.

Tertullian (c. 197, W), 3.91.

*“What is nobler than to tread under foot the gods of the nations, to exorcise evil spirits, to **perform cures**, to seek **divine revelations** and to live to God? These are the pleasures---these are the spectacles--- that befit Christian men.*

Here, observe that the Spirit was still operating 160 years after the church's birth.

Origen (c. 248, E), 4.415.

There are still preserved among Christians traces of that Holy Spirit that appeared in the form of a dove. They expel evil spirits, perform many cures, and foresee certain events.

Here, observe that the Spirit was still operating 218 years after the church's birth.

Origen (c. 248, E), 4.475.

Not a few cures are brought about in the name of Jesus, and certain other manifestations of no small significance have taken place.

Here, observe that healing and other manifestations of the Spirit were still in operation.

Anyone can look up the writing of the church fathers like I did and realize that the Spirit was still giving gifts.

I have not deviated from my argument. The evidence supporting the gifts of the Spirit was given because my goal is to turn you away from pagan manifestation, not the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit still works in the church today, but it is minimal. The Holy Spirit is not the problem; we are the problem. Origen, our church father in 248 A.D., provides us with the reason for the diminished presence of the Holy Spirit in the following quote:

Origen (c. 248, E), 4.614

*The Holy Spirit gave signs of His presence at the beginning of Christ's ministry. And after His ascension, He gave still more. But since that time, these signs have diminished although there are still traces of His presence in a few who have had **their souls purified** by the Gospel, and **their actions regulated by its influence**.*

Here, Origen says the Holy Spirit operates in those who have purified souls and actions regulated by the Holy Spirit's influence.

The modern church is right full of sin and heretical doctrines. Christianity is in crisis because Satan has infiltrated our seminaries, teaching our leaders doctrines of demons and demonic manifestations. Lies have become mainstream theology.

Should we be surprised that we see the fruit of Satanic lies in our churches? Consider the following?

Multiple Source Survey Data⁵

- Average Christian prays 1-7 minutes per day
- There is no difference in lifestyle between believers and non-believers
- 40% of Evangelical Christians have never read the Bible
- 81% of Christians don't read the Bible regularly
- More than 50% cannot name the four gospels and could only name 2 or 3 of Christ's disciples
- Atheists, Agnostics, and Mormons scored higher than Evangelical Christians in Biblical literary
- 27% believe Jesus sinned while on earth
- 50% do not believe in absolute moral truth

The survey results reveal why the Holy Spirit is not in operation.

1 Cor 12:11 says *-All these(gifts) are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.*

The Holy Spirit will not give gifts within the framework of false teachers, heresy and disobedience to God.

Now, back to the Holy Spirit, His works, gifts and fruit.

The Work of the Spirit

Below are scriptures that reveal how the Holy Spirit works in the church at its founding and now.

I have briefly described the 21 Works of the Spirit and the corresponding citation. Please review the list and consider looking up each citation.

<u>The Work of the Holy Spirit</u>	<u>Scripture</u>
1) The Seven-Fold Spirit	Isa 11:2-3
2) Teacher, Counsellor	John 14:15-18, 26
3) Convicts of Sin	John 17:7-15
4) Directs	Acts 11:12-18
5) Baptizes	Acts 2:38-39
6) Kills Lying Christians	Act 5:1-11
7) Forbids	Acts 16:6-7

⁵ Essential Components for Attaining Spiritual Maturity, Todd M. Fink, Selah Book Press

8) Converts	John 3:3-8
9) Sin Victory, Leads Us	Rom 8:12-14
10) Searches Our Heart	Rom 8:27
11) Love of the Spirit	Rom 15:30
12) Fellowships	2 Cor 13:14
13) Gives Gifts	2 Cor 12:7-11
14) Illuminates the Word	1 Cor 2:14
15) Lives in Us	1 Cor 3:16
16) Gifts of Leadership	Eph 4:11-12
17) Puts Law on our Heart	Heb 10:16-17
18) Disciplines	Heb 12:5-17
19) Speaks to the Church	Rev 2:7,11
20) Invites	Rev 22:17
21) Causes Men to Prophets	Numb 11:25

An exegetical analysis of these scriptures reveals that the Holy Spirit did not induce falling under the power, hysterical laughing, barking or shaking and jerking. In all these texts, we see God's absolute respect for man's integrity.

Please understand that it is not the Holy Spirit if someone starts barking like a dog in church service.

A review of the gifts, Christian conduct and the fruit of the Spirit will further reveal how the Holy Spirit operates in the church without insulting or demeaning man's integrity.

The Gifts of the Spirit

Christ gives twenty-one (21) gifts through the Holy Spirit listed below. I will leave this for your study and review.

Please consider reading each text below that highlights a specific gift.

<u>Gift</u>	<u>Scripture</u>
1) Word of Wisdom	1 Cor 12:8a
2) Word of Knowledge	1 Cor 12:8b
3) Gifts of Faith	1 Cor 12:9a
4) Gifts of Healing	1 Cor 12:9b, 1 Cor 12:28
5) Effecting of Miracles	1 Cor 12:10a, 1 Cor 12:28
6) Prophecy	1 Cor 12:10a, Rom 12:6b
7) Distinguishing of Spirits	1 Cor 12:10b
8) Various kinds of tongues	1 Cor 12:10b, 1 Cor 12:28
9) Interpretation of tongues	1 Cor 12:10b
10) Gifts of Service in serving	Romans 12:7a
11) Gifts of Teaching, Teacher	Romans 12:7b, 1 Cor 12:28, Eph 4:11
12) Gifts of Exhortation	Romans 12:8a

13) Gifts of Giving	Romans 12:8b
14) Gifts of Leadership	Romans 12:8b
15) Gifts of Mercy	Romans 12:8b
16) Gifts of Apostleship	1 Cor 12:28, Eph 4:11
17) Gifts of Prophet	1 Cor 12:28, Eph 4:11
18) Gifts of Helps	1 Cor 12:28
19) Gifts of Administration	1 Cor 12:28
20) Gifts of Evangelist	Eph 4:11
21) Gifts of Pastor	Eph 4:11

Here, observe and acknowledge that no evidence touching various parts of the human body induces manifestations like falling under the power, shaking, jerking, or laughing uncontrollably. These things happen in Kundalini Hinduism, not Christianity.

I believe **1 Cor 14:31-33** is in order. It says, *For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all be encouraged, 32 and the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets. 33 For God is not a **God of confusion but of peace.***

God is a God of order; he would not create chaos by allowing manifestations that cause disorder.

Now, consider some practical implications.

- 1) A woman in a dress is slain in the spirit, and then people rush to cover her so people can no longer see her underwear. Seriously, do you honestly believe God knocks people down and shows their undergarments or worse? Could God not make sure the dress covered her nakedness?
- 2) I would watch a man who would start shaking his hands and making body gyrations, and he would do so until a pastor would stand behind him so that when he fell, someone would be behind him.
- 3) Churches have been sued because people fell under the power and were hurt.

Please understand that this is Satan mocking Christianity. The Holy Spirit is not in the business of making humanity look foolish.

Don't be deceived; rolling around on the ground, laughing, shaking, and barking like a dog does not bring glory to God.

Christian Conduct of the Believer

Christianity is not about chasing experiences. It is about operating in the power of the Holy Spirit. In the following scriptures, I draw your attention to the conduct mandated by God for those who have the Holy Spirit.

1 Pet 1:13 The Mind of a Believer

*13 Therefore, preparing **your minds for action**, and **being sober-minded**, set your **hope fully on the grace** that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 14As obedient children, do not be conformed to the **passions** of your former ignorance, 15but as he who called you is holy, **you also be holy** in all your conduct, 16since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”*

Here Observe

- 1) Our mind must be prepared for action.
- 2) We are to be sober-minded, which means having a single focus.
- 3) We set our hope on the resurrection.
- 4) We are to walk in obedience, not following human passions.
- 5) We are to be holy in all our conduct.

Everything we have just read is the opposite of a false experience in the Holy Spirit. If a person has repented, been baptized and received the Holy Spirit, they have the power to live this life. The manifestations listed above are a sharp mind and walking in obedience and holiness because of the hope of resurrection.

Jesus tells us about this equipping in Acts 1:8 *But you will **receive power** when the Holy Spirit has come **upon you**, and you will be my **witnesses** in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.*

To be a witness is about empowerment to live a godly life, testifying to the power of personal transformation in the Spirit.

1 Pet 4:7 The Actions of a Believer

*7 The end of all things is at hand; therefore, be **self-controlled** and **sober-minded** for the sake of your prayers. 8Above all, **keep loving one another** earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. 9Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. 10Each **has received a gift**, use it to **serve one another**, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: 11whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever **serves**, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in **order** that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

Here Observe

- 1) We are commanded to be self-controlled.
- 2) We are to be sober-minded so our prayers will not be hindered.
- 3) We are commanded to love one another.
- 4) We are commanded to show hospitality.
- 5) We are to serve one another with the gift God has given to each one of us.
- 6) Our speech should be as the oracles of God
- 7) Everything must always be in order.

All of the above reveals the character of the transformed; these people do not bark like dogs, roll around, or engage in uncontrolled laughter.

If your neighbour invited you to a barbeque, and when you got there, he started shaking and barking like a dog. I ask:

- 1) Would you think this person was demonstrating self-control?
- 2) Would you think this person was having a psychological break?
- 3) Would you think this person was demon-possessed?

One thing is for sure: there is no way I would attribute this behaviour to the Holy Spirit.

2 Pet 1:5-8 The Power of the Believer

*3 His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to **life and godliness**, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, 4by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become **partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. 5For this very reason, make every effort **to supplement your faith** with **virtue**, and virtue with **knowledge**, 6and knowledge with **self-control**, and self-control with **steadfastness**, and steadfastness with **godliness**, 7and godliness with **brotherly affection**, and brotherly affection with **love**.*

Here Observe

- 1) We have been given divine power to live this life in godliness.
- 2) We are partakers of his divine nature.
- 3) We are to add to our faith virtue, knowledge, self-control, steadfastness, godliness and brotherly affection with love.

These believers live in the power of the Holy Spirit; they do not seek experiences that make them and Christianity look foolish.

Eph 6:10-18 The Battle of the Believer

*10 Finally, **be strong** in the Lord and in the strength of his might. 11Put on the **whole armor of God**, that you may be able to **stand against the schemes of the devil**. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the **spiritual forces of evil** in the heavenly places. 13Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. 14Stand therefore, having fastened on the **belt of truth**, and having put on the **breastplate of righteousness**, 15and, as **shoes** for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the **gospel of peace**. 16In all circumstances take up the **shield of faith**, with which you can extinguish all the **flaming darts** of the evil one; 17and take the **helmet of salvation**, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, 18praying at all times in the*

*Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, **keep alert** with all perseverance, making **supplication** for all the saints,*

Here Observe

- 1) We are commanded to be strong.
- 2) We are commanded to wear the whole armor of God.
- 3) If we wear the armour, we can stand against the schemes of the devil.
- 4) Our actual battle is against the spiritual forces of evil.
- 5) We stand by wearing:
 - i. The belt of truth.
 - ii. The breastplate of righteousness.
 - iii. Shoes fitted for the gospel of peace.
 - iv. The shield of faith.
 - v. The word of God, by the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit.
- 6) We are to pray at all times with all prayer and supplication.
- 7) We are to keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints.

These believers are focused on the fight rather than escaping into some esoteric experience.

Gal 5:22-26 The Fruit of the Spirit

*22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things, there is no law. 24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have **crucified the flesh** with its passions and desires. 25 **If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.** 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, or envying one another.*

Here Observe

- 1) The evidence of the fruit of the Spirit in our life lists nine virtues.
- 2) Those who belong to Christ have crucified fleshly passions and desires.
- 3) If we live by the Spirit, we must stay in step with the Spirit.
- 4) We must not be conceited or provoke or envy anyone.

These people reveal the character of the Holy Spirit, not the manifestations of pagans.

Conclusion

I trust the overwhelming evidence as presented has convinced you that:

- 1) God does not make Christians look like idiots.
- 2) There is no place for Yoga in Christianity.
- 3) There is no place for Kundalini manifestations in the church.
- 4) The actual manifestation of the Spirit is seen in the conduct of those he has empowered.
- 5) The actual manifestation of the Spirit is seen in the 21 gifts of the Spirit.
- 6) The actual manifestation of the Spirit is seen in the 21 works of the Spirit.

- 7) Being slain, laughing, rolling around, jerking, and shaking are right out of the Kundalini playbook of demonic manifestations, not Christianity

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