

do. We know the Devil is behind it and is very successful in his efforts to hoodwink people into such quackery. Why? It is easy, entertaining, and popular.

The Bible says, *There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, But the end thereof are the ways of death* (Proverbs 16:25).†

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“YADDA YADDA YADDA BUSHI” TONGUES OR BABY BABBLE?

Multitudes follow the charismatic Pentecostal religious sect. If you want to learn about how they conduct themselves, you can easily do so by searching the web. I was recently doing some research on the Holy Spirit and ran across some pretty bazaar things concerning “speaking in tongues”. It seems that many of our charismatic friends tend to lean toward this particular “gift”. What are some of the reasons for the popularity of this particular “gift”? There could be several, but I believe one reason is that it is convenient. Let’s face it just about everybody has a tongue in their mouth, even snakes have a tongue! Another reason I believe the tongue is chosen is that it can be used to whip folks up into a frenzy, and proper speech does not even have to be used! It would appear to me that charismatic preachers should have to do very little preparation. They can put in a few “Thank you Jesus’s and Praise you Lord’s”, then tear into one of those “yadda yadda yadda’s” and they’re all set. Another reason this mumbling is so popular is that it has no conviction to it. These types of preachers tend to rattle on about prosperity, healing, and feeling good. Yes, the charismatics are connected at the hip with the prosperity gospel. So you can go to service and get all cranked up on some feel-good stuff, get entertained with some claptrap, and leave without being convicted of one sin. Oh, and speaking of the prosperity gospel, Paula White, for example, is one such individual whose blather has prospered her quite well. It has made her a multi-millionaire (net worth estimated to be about five million)!

I have an example of Paula’s guff (I refuse to call it preaching) for your consideration as it regards the topic at hand. There is a video clip of a Miss Paula White in some sort of religious service really get-

silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression (1 Timothy 2:11–13). Secondly, I believe she missed God's message about how he ended the miraculous age, Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away (1 Corinthians 13:8–10). Thirdly, I would challenge her to show where anyone in the New Testament church ever used the miraculous gift of tongues and spewed out this unintelligible gibberish. It does not take a Rhodes scholar to figure this one out. All one has to do is look up the word "tongue" Let us see what it means, 1. glossa (γλῶσσα, is used of (1) the "tongues" ... like as of fire" which appeared at Pentecost; (2) "the tongue," as an organ of speech,.... "the supernatural gift of speaking in another language without its having been learnt" in 1 Cor., chapters 12 and 14, the use of the gift of "tongues" is mentioned as exercised in the gatherings of local churches; 12:10 speaks of the gift in general terms, and couples with it that of "the interpretation of tongues"; chap. 14 gives instruction concerning the use of the gift, the paramount object being the edification of the church; unless the "tongue" was interpreted the speaker would speak "not unto men, but unto God," (Vines) If you will notice from this definition the gift of tongues were foreign languages spoken. The Christians at Corinth were rebuked because they, in fact, abused this gift and spoke where no interpreter was available, which rendered their speech useless. It is akin to one who speaks to a crowd of Japanese individuals in the English language with no one there to interpret. It may also need to be mentioned that, in one sense, we are comparing apples and oranges here. What they spoke, God could understand (it was a language), but what Miss White is speaking, God nor all the host of heaven can understand. Perhaps the Devil can, but I doubt that as well. Whatever it is that miss White uses for her so-called tongue speaking is far removed from any form of language. It is simply meaningless.

It amazes me that millions follow such mumbo jumbo, but they

ting down with some "tongue speaking". In this video, she has some around him, pacing back in forth (who knows for what purpose) as she lets her driver fly. This clip can be found on YouTube if you care to endure it, but I do not recommend it. I have taken a bit of time (I really did not want to waste a lot of time) to try as best as I could and transcribe part of her nonsensical performance. I really want you to read this as carefully as you possibly can because you may miss the main point:(it will help if you think of a popular rap tune as you read (it)

"Lord ha ha mahonda aka sata raka ashata, In the name of Jesus hey hey, maca aka ba tata hamonda aka ata raka dega baca sonda otta ambo oso cosco dee acka ponda otta reeka dee dee asha angelic reinforcement, angelic reinforcement, angelic reinforcement angelic reinforcement, iacka hosa anda otta hora basa rasssa eka eka mada rasa ta, in the name of Jesus hey hey my momma tara bacha hey kata ba come on worship, come pray pray, worship the Lord worship the Lord worship the Lord worship the Lord worship the Lord, mata racha socka nitta ha sa taca, every alter of Baal is being broken down."

Well, there you have it—a great, meaningful message from a sage messenger of God. If you would like proof that she is legitimate, just ask her and she will tell you, "When I was just eighteen years old, the Lord gave me a vision that every time I opened my mouth and declared the Word of the Lord, there was a manifestation of His Spirit where people were either healed, delivered, or saved. When I shut my mouth, they fell off into utter darkness and God spoke to me and said 'I called you to preach the gospel.'" I would challenge her or anyone for that matter to find one place in the New Testament that teaches us that we will receive a direct spoken message from God today. It is not there! God at one time spoke directly to a select few, but now he speaks to us through his word, the Bible.

This debacle is wrong on so many counts we can not address all of it in this short article, but we shall try and address a few things. First, the plain fact of the matter is that Paula White has absolutely no authority to be in the pulpit and preaching, *Let the woman learn in*