

New Section on Website

In the 'Pentecostal' section of our website there is now a new section titled '*Pentecostal Founders and Pioneers*'. This section will be featuring new articles on the key *founders and pioneers* of the movement.

How movements are founded and what doctrines were introduced is important to understanding how orthodox these movements may or may not be. This is especially so when new doctrines change or add to the Gospel and the 'faith once delivered' (Jude 3).

This history will be a valuable resource for those who might be in the Pentecostal movement. The articles contain history not found in many places online and is little known today. Some of the resources will be eye opening accounts of the real history of those who founded the movement.

We hope these will be interesting articles worthy of distribution.

Sermons on Website

In the '*Other Resources*' section of our website we have a section '*Sermons*'. This section has recently been updated. It now features various Gospel sermons and a '*Topical*' list of various other sermons.

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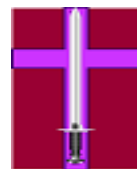
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New Series

In the last issue (March/April) we began a new series on *Founders and Pioneers of the Pentecostal Movement*. In this issue (May/June) we are printing the second in the series.

These articles will be uploaded to the website in the Pentecostal/Charismatism section and under '*Pentecostal Founders and Pioneers Series*'.

Editor's Comment

We have often reported on the *state of the church* in the west as following closely behind the *shifting cultures of the world*. One's world view and one's view of the authority of scripture will determine how we discern this.

The *state of the world* shows a rapid *decline in moral views* as to what is right and wrong, good and evil. *Lawlessness* seems to reach new levels. What was wrong just years ago is now right; what was right is now wrong. Gay marriage and homosexuality, once outlawed, is now lawful, loving, and celebrated. Men and women were clearly defined; now one's sex can be reversed by choice, and even 'experts' cannot define what a 'woman' is...all within just decades.

Yet humans know what is right and wrong - the law is *written our our hearts* (Rom.2:15)! But if the conscience to that law is ignored enough then it is '*seared*' and '*seducing spirits and doctrines of devils*' bury any discernment (1Tim.4:1,2).

The moral decay and lawlessness is surely the seed for chaos and destruction of societies. History proves this. Historians point to the collapse of past nations such as Rome (5th c.) and Egypt (4th c.) which fell into gross immorality in the form of sexual *decadence*, the loss of the *family structure* and *marriage*, self *indulgence*, and a *disrespect* for one's own nation. Revelation chapter 18 details 'Babylon' as finally fulfilling this decadence against the living God.

But the above signs are also in *the church which increasingly apes the world*. Lying, adultery, charlatanism are now seen weekly by those who are the popular leaders in denominations and mega-churches. Major denominations - Anglican, Methodist, Uniting and some U.S. Presbyterians have wholesale capitulated to the new sexual and moral standards, standards that would shock those who founded these churches. The wars of gender confusion and same sex marriage have split whole denominations. Transvestites preach in pulpits, Christian leaders openly support abortion... Truly *the world has come into the church to take the church into the world!* But '*woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!*' (Is.5:20).

But what happens to character formation when the external pressures of changing moral standards are now so negotiable? An example of this is the *Boys Scouts* organisation which has capitulated to new gender equity ideology. The giving in to the culture has literally undermined the very foundation of the organisation which was founded *to build character in boys!* Such young boys will not become more 'open minded' but rather confused and unmoored from reality and truth and with no *certain standard*.

Every mind needs to be 'open', but it also needs a filter on that mind. For a Christian that filter must be the *truth* of the Word of God. Cultural morals will change with the shifting desires within the heart of man. But the truths and morals in scripture are *unchangeable* and *non negotiable*. The warnings of shifting morals are in scripture itself. We are warned that '*in the last days...men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents,*

The Koran and the Bible - on Jesus and the Faith

Koran (4.157) '*And their saying: Surely we have killed the Messiah, Isa [Jesus] son of Marium, the apostle of Allah; and they did not kill him nor did they crucify him, but it appeared to them so (like Isa) and most surely those who differ therein are only in a doubt about it; they have no knowledge respecting it, but only follow a conjecture, and they killed him not for sure*'.

Bible: All four Gospels (Matt.27, Mk.15, Lk.23, Jn.19...), many epistles, as well as historical accounts testify of the crucifixion of Christ.

Koran (4.171) '*O followers of the Book! [Christians] do not exceed the limits in your religion, and do not speak (lies) against Allah, but (speak) the truth; the Messiah, Isa son of Marium is only an apostle of Allah and His Word which He communicated to Marium and a spirit from Him; believe therefore in Allah and His apostles, and say not, Three. Desist, it is better for you; Allah is only one God; far be It from His glory that He should have a son, whatever is in the heavens and whatever is in the earth is His, and Allah is sufficient for a Protector*'.

Bible: The deity of Jesus is constantly affirmed as one of the necessary tenants of the faith (Jn.1:1,14; 20:28; Tit.2:13; Heb.1:8; Is.9:6...)

Koran (5.51) '*O you who believe! [Muslims] Do not take the Jews and the Christians for friends; they are friends of each other; and whoever amongst you takes them for a friend, then surely he is one of them; surely Allah does not guide the unjust people*'.

Bible: Jesus was an example of friendship with the unsaved as a testimony...(Matt.5:14-16,44 Jn.13:35; Lk.7:34...)

Koran (2.193) '*And fight with them until there is no persecution, and religion should be only for Allah*'

Bible: Love those who oppose us; separate where necessary...(Matt.5:44; 10:14)

'The Koran takes a number of stories from the Bible, and retells them quite differently, in order to make a different point. In this retelling, the message is always about how the Jews ignored their prophets, and therefore were punished by God' ('*The Story of Mohammad - Islam Unveiled*' P.11)

Quotable

'While the atheistic faith has a lot of questions to answer, the biggest in my mind is: How did an impersonal, non-conscious, meaningless, purposeless, and amoral universe accidentally create personal, conscious, moral beings who are obsessed with meaning and purpose? ...

Something can't give what it doesn't have, so how did that happen?'

(Robin Schumacher, Christian apologist)

Spirit', but they miss Acts 8 with the Samaritans where there were *no tongues*. They also miss what real 'tongues' was in every single case. The Greek words used for tongues are 'glosse' and 'dialektos' (Acts 2:6,8) - no Greek scholar would say this is anything but a *known foreign, human language/dialect*...What you hear today in churches is NOT the real thing. I know of people who have gone into churches and spoke in *real tongues* (languages/dialects) and it has always been 'interpreted' as something *not* the language spoken...Honestly, it is a massive deception and this was called out strongly by church leaders when it first entered church services from 1901 onwards!

You mentioned Mark 16 and the contradiction with the 'Revival Centres'...spiritualising the signs - this is obvious hermeneutical bias and plain false interpreting. The text has to be taken literal as the rest of the text is obviously literal. *These things really did happen* in Acts as 'signs', except perhaps for the 'deadly drink' which is why it has a hypothetical 'if' in the text. Mark 16 did happen to the 'eleven' (vs.14) and were *signs*, especially to the Jews...[More on Mark 16 is in 'Diakrisis' 2014 May/June; 2015 Nov/Dec; and on the website in Pentecostal section - 'Gifts, Babies and Bathwater']

Revival Centres (RCI) teach tongues as necessary for salvation, a further emphasis to most Pentecostal churches...contradicting scriptures which state not all would have 'tongues', it being the 'least' of the gifts (1Cor.12:28,30).

The Gospel has NO tongues in it and NO healing of the body in this life...This is why many believe RCI is actually preaching 'another gospel'...

Where you are is very close to where I was in 1994-1995 when the 'Toronto Blessing' hit. It was of God that I was then in a mission organisation...having access to literature that most Pentecostals would never see or read. It was also the *history of the movement* that caused me to take a step back...

A final e-mail from this subscriber:

...The pastor recently...pushing the tongues...quoted Isa.33:19 as prophecy for speaking in tongues - I suspect it was...a word search with no check on context...

Editors reply:

Isaiah 33 does have a prophecy for Israel, referring to an impending invasion by the Assyrians on the walls of Jerusalem. The 'stammering tongue' would be the Assyrian language/dialect, which the Jews would not understand - Assyrian is a *real known human foreign language* which is what the word 'tongue' is in Isaiah 33:19 (Hebrew 'lason'). (OT tongues corresponds with 'glosse' or 'dialektos' in NT Greek). The historical account of this event is in 2Kings 18. This was actually part of an impending invasion and *judgement* upon the Jews who would not listen to their prophets in their own language! It is alluded to in 1Cor.14:21,22. Verse 21 is a direct reference to Isaiah 28:11-12. Tongues here is put as a *sign to the unbeliever*, not the believer!

If the pastor connects Isaiah 33 with today's 'tongues', then again - are the tongues today Assyrian or a *real foreign known language*? Or are they the counterfeit *unknown ecstatic unbiblical sounds* now called 'tongues'?

unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God...Men will 'walking in their own lusts' (2Tim.3:1-4; 2Pet.3:3).

One of the results of the new morality is its *hypocrisy*. World leaders and politicians say one thing then do another on the world stage. A recent example was highlighted in an article written by an Iranian American who immigrated to the U.S. after being sentenced to death in Iran for the crime of converting to Christianity. On *International Women's Day* she wrote of the oppression of women in Iran under Islamic rule and the hypocrisy in the west. Iranian women for decades have been forced to wear Hijabs and beaten mercilessly in public if they do not, even if they show any hair. Brutal 'honour killings' for conversion to Christianity are sometimes carried out by family members. Yet, activists, Feminists and the new gender moralists almost ignore such oppression. In utter hypocrisy, instead of making the Islamic regime accountable, the United Nations rewards the regime by giving the Iranian regime representatives a seat to 'monitor women's rights' around the world.*

However, a similar hypocrisy is seen in many churches with pastors being exposed now weekly who have preached on moral high grounds, even against the sins they were for years hiding *unconfessed* and seemingly *unrepentant*.

The sins of the world are only barely, if at all, a step ahead of many churches. The new cultural 'norms' are slowly being owned by churches offering a market place to excel the latest cultural aspirations of the world.

For the remnant of Pilgrims who navigate around these rocks and shoals, it is not a time to relax. 'Him that thinks he stands, take heed lest he fall' (1Cor.10:12). One cannot afford to be comfortable, self sufficient, lazy, even proud of our Christian life or our local church. What is happening in the world, in western Christianity, when there is 'distress of nations', we are told to 'look up for our redemption is near' (Lk.21:25,28). Whether we are close to the Lord's coming or at the end of our lives, *we are living a heartbeat away from eternity* (James 4:14).

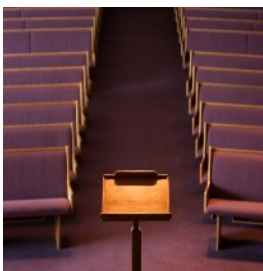
Ultimately Christ is the answer - the only way, the truth, and the life (Jn.14:16). If we believe in Him, in His sacrificial offering to a holy and just God on our behalf for our sin, then this is the good news and the ultimate comfort we need to navigate the narrow road that the world ignores at its peril.

Christian, set in motion daily reading, study, and daily prayer! Hear from God in and through His Word, and speak to Him in prayer. For the day comes when the Lord of the Heavens will receive us out of this body and into His presence, unless first He burst through the skies and snatch those He has justified. One is like a vapour that passes away quickly; the other is just as sudden. This life is really nothing compared to the eternity of His presence as is promised in His written Word. Run to finish the race well (Heb.12:1; Acts 20:24)!

Terry Arnold

* https://www.christianpost.com/voices/iranian-womens-courage-must-not-be-forgotten.html?utm_source=Weekend&utm_campaign=Weekend&utm_medium=newsletter

Christian Resurgence Among Young Adults in UK - 'Misleading'



Despite rumblings of a Christian resurgence among young adults in the United Kingdom, recent surveys purporting to find high levels of religiousness among youth may be misleading, according to the Pew Research Center [Feb.2 2026]...An analysis on Jan.23 concluded that most surveys indicating rising Christian identity and church attendance among young adults in the U.K. were opt-in surveys, typically commissioned by faith-based groups.

'Surveys using random samples of the population do not show clear evidence of a Christian resurgence...In such surveys, you can only participate if the researchers randomly select you to respond'.

In recent years, several surveys have...prompted some church leaders and commentators to speculate that a 'spiritual awakening' is underway among younger generations. One report from last year by the Bible Society, titled 'The Quiet Revival', found that the share of 18 to 24 year-olds who attend church at least once per month rose from 4% in 2018 to 16% by 2024...The study also showed that men were more likely to attend church than women.

Pew's analysts, however, questioned the methodological foundations of those conclusions because participants in opt-in surveys are typically not randomly selected but instead volunteer to complete them...The results...are sometimes biased with 'bogus respondents' who take the survey for a promised reward...According to LFS data cited by Pew, the percentage of 18 to 34 year olds who identified as Christian went from 37% in 2018 to 28% in the summer of 2025...Annual British Social Attitudes survey of more than 3,000 randomly sourced participants also showed 'no clear evidence of a Christian revival'...

(Samantha Kamman, The Christian Post, Feb.2, 2026)

Editor's Update:

Before going to print, 'YouGov' who did the research has now apologised to the Bible Society, stating that 'a number of respondents we can now identify as fraudulent'. One wonders why the Bible Society was so quick to accept these findings of a 'quiet revival' when so many other surveys had shown the opposite.

When events occur like the assassination of Charlie Kirk or a major catastrophe, there are short surges of interest in Christianity. But dozens of surveys cited in this newsletter have shown that the number of church goers as percentage of population continues to fall in the west. Gallup and Pew report that Americans claim 21% are regular church attendees. But a study done using geofencing and satellite imaging found the number closer to 5%.

In Australia less than 4% claim to be Christian. Such a 'falling away' does not always satisfy those who believe in an endtime 'revival' or a 'Gospel age'. Apart from local revivals, the current church age is to end in apostasy (2Thess.2:3; 1Tim.4:1-3; 2Tim.3:1-5). Yet God is still saving those He calls and chooses (Rom.8:28-30; Eph.1:4,5)!

gospel)...I read your analysis of Mark 16...and it made a lot of sense to me...I know the Holy Spirit has been working with me and my family, but recently questions have come up more in my thoughts and prayers.

The church leadership's preaching seems 'everything is about speaking in tongues'. I feel the Gospel of Jesus Christ is left out - I try to address this in my own preaching but feel constrained...Appreciate any comments you would make - I really appreciate your love for the truth and the way you open the scriptures up.

(Name withheld at editor's discretion)

Editor's reply (extracts):

I would urge you to look at our website taministries.net. In the 'Articles' section and 'Pentecostalism' you will find articles on Tongues and Gifts there. Also in 'Other Resources' you will find the 'Charismatic Confusion' conference done in 2023 which explores all these issues.

Any experience of receiving 'tongues' should be tested. I had the same experience of tongues as a charismatic Catholic yet later knew I was not born again...(I took up 'tongues' again in Pentecostalism...).

Your mention of the 'Toronto Blessing' - it was that movement which was the trigger for me to begin testing Pentecostalism...and 'tongues'.

The gospel in the Revival Centres has additions which cloud many truths. The Baptism with the Spirit as a second ('subsequent') reception of the Spirit with the 'evidence' of that to be speaking in tongues - is a new doctrine invented at the turn of the 20th century...The very men who propagated it actually later disbelieved it (Charles Parham and William Seymour).

Then there is the question of what 'tongues' do we actually have today? Is it really that of Acts and Corinthians?...And what of the 'gifts' - there are 19 of them, yet the Pentecostal/Charismatic/Revival churches focus on *nine* and then further *one* of them (tongues). The problem I have with claiming that the sign gifts are here today is - are they the real thing as in the 1st century? The 'tongues' today are *not real languages*; the healings are *not like Jesus and those He ordained possessed* in the 1st century, which were always *instant, complete, at will*, obviously *miraculous*, and with *all diseases* - paralytics, Downs Syndrome...etc. (we have investigated hundreds of claims and NOT ONE we have seen proven...It always ends with a story from overseas, an exaggeration or fraud). I was in the Pentecostal church for nearly 8 years - I cannot recall one single case of a real obvious miraculous healing tested or documented...but there were many claims of psychosomatic healings or minor illnesses only. Yet I clung to the belief in the gifts because I believed God can do miracles...But the 'gift' can be tested as above...Today *not a single person I have seen or heard of has the real gift as in the first century.*

As to your experience with 'tongues'...I have questioned many Pentecostals and Revival Centre people - I have yet to find anyone who if honest when they spoke in tongues did not hear it, hear of it, or had some contact with it beforehand. (I first heard about it in my Charismatic Catholic days).

You mention Acts 2,10,19 as tongues being a sign of the 'Baptism with the

Editor's reply (Extracts):

The books on this follow the same pattern I have seen over and over - it starts with a premise - such as *'men and women are equal'* - and then proceeds to bolster that premise by scriptures that affirm the logic presented. The problem is...they are strawman arguments that we do not disagree with entirely. They also are not referring to the **OFFICE** of pastor/elder/bishop/overseer in church. The arguments are mostly logical and emotional, rather than actually based on what the Word of God says about men or women holding *offices* in church life. The scripture *'husband of one wife'* is really just ignored, deflated or conflated in some way.

If any would take their view from a book then I recommend *'Countering the Claims of Evangelical Feminism'* by Wayne Grudem, which examines the arguments with the scriptures. (Also view the video on our website under *'Women in Ministry'*: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UAmT4C8K-hk>)

Most denominations are now facing the same issue. Many are surely following the whims of culture rather than a scriptural view that is admittedly now further and further away from what culture is demanding.

I advise people that if they are in a church where this falling away has occurred, then after attempting to show the leaders a higher view of scripture, it is time to leave. Sitting under an elder so blatantly not qualified is a serious issue. God's order from Genesis stands.

Revival Churches and 'Tongues'

Hi Terry, I believe your materials may well help me with a dilemma I find myself in after 30 years in the Revival Centres Church...I was a dedicated Catholic for 30 years until my wife was witnessed to...We started to question our faith. My wife prayed for the Holy Spirit and one night woke herself up speaking in tongues.

One resource we were given was 'To Catholics Whom I Love', and after reading your story and the book we looked deeper and saw the error in the teaching. It was a big step to leave the Catholic church but we were convicted - the Lord was working with us...Looking for another church proved difficult as we faced the 'Toronto Blessing' effects in many churches...which did not seem right...Through a family member we settled on Revival Centres - they preached from the Bible alone and ran meetings decently and in order with the Spiritual Gifts run according to 1Cor.14...and regular communion.

I was initially tentative with the doctrine that speaking in tongues was necessary for salvation as it is not in the Bible. However, I prayed for the Holy Spirit and eventually did speak in tongues. The church's doctrine relies on Acts 2, 10 and 19 as examples of a clear sign...when you receive the Holy Spirit.

Mark 16 is also often used but I always saw a contradiction in the church's teaching - taking the tongues sign literally but saying the other signs are not literal but parallels (eg. 'taking up serpents' means handling people preaching another

Canadian Man Fined \$750K For Saying Only Two Sexes Exist

A former Canadian school board member has been fined \$750,000 for public comments expressing opposition to...Trans ideology in schools...The British Columbia Human Rights Tribunal ordered Barry Neufield to pay \$750,000 for discriminating against Trans-identified teachers in the Chilliwack School District by expressing opposition to push gender confusion and his belief in only two sexes.

The tribunal claims the astronomical fine is to compensate the LGBT employees for 'injury to their dignity, feelings and self-respect'. Since the number of teachers in Chilliwack who identified as LGBT from 2017-2022 was between 45-163, the Tribunal estimates each will receive between \$4,601.23 - \$16,666.67...Neufield also is to pay \$442 to a 'Teacher C' for lost wages for attending a hearing...

Neufield's public opposition to...Trans ideology and gender confusion in Canadian school curriculum began with his Oct.23, 2017 Facebook post: 'The Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) program instructs children that gender is not biologically determined, but is a social construct. At the risk of being labelled a bigoted homophobe, I say I support traditional family values and agree with the College of paediatricians that allowing little children to choose to change gender is nothing short of child abuse...But now the BC Ministry of Education has embraced the LGBTQ lobby and forcing this biologically absurd theory on children in our schools. Children are taught heterosexual marriage is no longer the norm. Teachers must not refer to 'boys and girls', they are merely 'students'...

...In a separate Facebook post from Dec.18, 2017, Neufield explicitly mentioned how his Christian faith plays a role in opposition to LGBT ideology: 'For a Christian...the pastoral approach is compassion and empathy while firmly refusing to buy into their client's delusional thinking. As one pastor said to a transgender person: 'it is my responsibility to love you: but it God's job to change you'. He warned the widespread embrace of trans ideology has 'demonized people of faith who believe God created humans male and female: In the Image of God'.

(Ryan Foley, The Christian Post, Feb.23, 2026)

Christian Parents Separated From Daughters

A Swedish couple have been separated from their two eldest daughters for nearly 4 years due to alleged 'religious extremism'...their appeals rejected by the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR).

...The intervention was prompted by an allegation by the eldest daughter that her parents would not allow them to wear makeup or own a phone due to their 'religious extremism'...The daughter later retracted her accusations, authorities finding no evidence either girl had been abused...Social services also certified the parents capacity and fitness for parenting after successful...official training.

The girls are kept in separate foster homes wishing to be reunited with their parents. They now suffer health problems. Swedish authorities used the parents practice of attending church 3 times a week as evidence of 'religious extremism'.

(Extracted from Christian Post, March 16, 2026)

The War on Iran - From an American Lebanese Syrian Christian



For 47 years, the Islamic Republic has done everything to crush any light that refuses to submit to its rule. Public conversion from Islam is apostasy under Iranian law, punishable by imprisonment, flogging, long-term solitary confinement or execution. House churches are raided in the night, Bibles seized, Pastors arrested and interrogated for months, sometimes years. Families are threatened. Believers lose jobs homes and relationships. Yet the underground church in Iran has not only survived, it has grown at a pace that many call one of the fastest in the world.

Elam Ministries, Transform Iran, Operation World and others estimate between one to three million Muslim-background believers as of 2025-2026. That is up from only a few hundred known believers in 1979. Growth has been explosive in recent years, with annual rates reported as high as 20% in some analyses. Many come to faith through dreams and visions of Jesus, glowing figures in white appearing to Muslims and declaring 'I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life'. Satellite television, like SAT-7, reaches hundreds of thousands of people weekly. Discipleship happens quietly through encrypted apps and secure digital channels. Baptisms take place in secret gatherings, often just across the border or in hidden homes. These are not casual conversions. In Iran, following Jesus costs everything.

Now, with Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei confirmed dead by Iran's own state media after the U.S.-Israeli strikes in Operation Epic Fury and Operation Roaring Lion, a long-prayed-for moment has arrived. For decades, the hidden church has interceded for the breaking of the regime's iron grip. Many believers have seen political upheaval as the precursor to spiritual awakening. The death of the man who embodied the theocratic stranglehold is not celebrated with hatred, but with sober hope that the chains may finally loosen enough for open worship, for Bibles to be read without fear, for house churches to become visible fellowships.

The streets told the story. In Tehran, Isfahan, Shiraz, and other cities, crowds poured out - not in mourning, but in uncontrollable joy. Fireworks...Horns blared. Women tore off hijabs in defiance. They chanted freedom!...Many believers have prayed specifically for God to raise up leaders who would confront the regime's evil. They see President Trump's decisive action as part of that answer.

This does not mean the danger is over. The mullahs still hold power. They threaten massive retaliation. Missiles fly to Israel and American bases. The regime has already shown it will kill to maintain control. Yet for the underground church, this is a hinge moment. The same regime that has imprisoned pastors, tortured converts, and hunted believers for decades has been dealt a historic blow. Many secret Christians believe this is the beginning of the space they have prayed for to breathe, gather, proclaim the Gospel without immediate fear of a firing squad.

Large protests are unfolding in the United States and abroad against the strikes that opened this door...Thousands chant warmonger Trump and illegal war... Protests took place in Berlin, London...Liberal elites and Ivy League activists lead

...As these verses go on it gets even more difficult to have a female office of 'elder', 'overseer' or 'bishop'! Vs.4 speaks of 'ruling' - but women are never found to be 'ruling' churches or households in scripture.

Further, when one comes to Titus chapter 1 which compliments 1 Timothy chapter 3 for the qualifications of an elder, the 'presbyteros' for the 'Bishop'/'elder'/'overseer' has 'os' on the end showing a male person. [Note: The words Bishop, Overseer, Elder, Pastor are all used interchangeably and referring to the same person. The different words show different aspect/functions of this person - see 1Pet.5:1-4 where all these terms are used in the Greek for the same person].

...And what is meant by the statement 'Greek is an idiom'? Koine Greek is a real exacting language used by God for His inspired Word! It cannot be 'reversed around' so called, to make male to female. The Greek inflections are clear - there are masculine and feminine forms. The major translations are all the same on male leadership for these offices.

Our video done in Sydney shows the major arguments on this topic. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UAmT4C8K-hk>

Women in Ministry...More

Terry...The Baptist church...recently installed a female elder. I have objected to this and have asked for a meeting with the elders and pastor...I have asked them - if they believe my position is wrong, then to correct me using the Scriptures only. The pastor offered me some extra biblical information...a book...as a starting point for a discussion...I strongly suspect it contains 'hath God said' repackaged. I rejected this, saying Scriptures were the only basis for a discussion...

...I took notes from your video [see link on this page and in website under 'Women in Ministry'], read your critique of a Church of Christ paper, and looked in other places. My heart in all this is to stay true to God's Word and not be swayed by persuasive or lofty arguments.

...The meeting with the elders...They appeared to be blinded with the usual defences for their case. It was obvious that the elders had not really looked into this matter with intensity. I was told that the process of the elders coming to their decision took many months, with at least one of them initially questioning the egalitarian view...The Pastor told me that a female elder (his wife) would be preaching on Sunday...I drove home with a heavy heart. When home, tears flowed. I fear for the future of the congregation. Nothing good comes from walking back the sufficiency and the authority of God's word. My heart is still troubled. I don't know what the future holds for me. I was involved with a Bible study, mens breakfast...I have decided to withdraw...and not attend...God knows my heart in all this. I very well know and knew, that any who wish to stand for truth find opposition quickly. I am not the one that Romans 16:17-18 is referring to...

(Name withheld at editor's discretion)

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Your Comments and Questions

(Views expressed here are not necessarily those of the editor)

Women in Ministry?

Hi Terry, recently I had a new gentleman in church whose first statement was 'Do we treat all Christian sisters and brothers with equality and mutual respect?; and if all Christians are priests all are to use their talents in worship and ministry'....All I got to say was 'depends on the context?'...

He despised the KJV because 'the translators added words in to suit their theology'...He went to 1 Timothy 3...stating they 'added the 'he', 'his', 'him' to make it that women cannot be elders'...He claimed Greek was an 'idiom', that it can be 'reversed around'...(so a 'woman of one husband'?) I asked him what the NIV says (that he uses)...he said 'aspire to be...' (because the word 'office' is not in the Greek). I pointed out that 'he', 'his'...were still there! I said it's done for the purpose of sentence structure!...I think you did a video on this in Sydney....

(C.K. Qld)

Editor's reply (extracts):

...Some of the most faulty and bias interpretations I have found are in this issue of women in ministry. As with this person, too often *irrelevant truths* [strawmen] *are couched in gross errors.*

Vs.1 - Yes, 'a man' is not literally in the Greek - the Greek word translated 'man' is 'tis' - literally 'this one'. Translators have translated it as 'a man' because *the context demands a male person*, especially as it goes on to the next verses! The word 'office' is not in the Greek either - a more literal translation could be 'position of overseer' (the NIV has 'overseer')...which *IS* an 'office'!

The translations are NOT wrong when they translate 'a man' or 'office' because the *context demands* such to have it clear in English. *Context is extremely important in translation* - the translation must show what the original author meant...As the verses proceed, this becomes clear...

Vs 2 has 'the husband of one wife', literally 'a one woman man'. 'Man' here is 'andros' - not the generic 'anthropos' (mankind - ie. men or women) but a *male being*. There is NO escape from this word being male! Greek scholar Zodhiates has 'an adult male person' and its references are always *male*. And 'wife' here is the word 'gunakais' (for 'wife' or 'woman') and is definitely a *female person*. But this is the *wife, not the office* of 'bishop'/'overseer'/'elder'.

As for the 'he', 'him', 'his' - these pronouns are put in English to point to the one being referred to - which here is a 'man' (vs.2 'andros'). Anyone who would say these pronouns should not be there does not understand 'translation'. However, although it can be said these pronouns 'are not in the Greek' in 1Tim.3 *in the first few verses*, in verse 7 the 'he' actually *IS* in the Greek - *αὐτός* - *he/him* (not *αὐτή* - she/her). The Greek 'andros', the 'autos' and the *context* in Greek or English, is referring to a male!...

many of these protests in...profound ignorance and arrogance. They have never lived under Sharia law, never faced the morality police, never watched a family member disappear for converting to Christ. Yet they march against the very action that has shaken the regime, holding millions in spiritual and physical bondage. While secret believers in Iran risk death for a single page of Scripture, these voices in the West decry the strikes as 'war crimes' without acknowledging the decades of state-sponsored terror against Christians, women, and dissidents. Their outrage is loud, but it is blind to the quiet courage of Iranian converts who have prayed for this moment from prison cells and hidden rooms.

French President Emmanuel Macron's response was weak...the U.N., Germany...the U.K. condemned Iranian retaliation but with no support for regime change, no recognition of the joy or spiritual significance unfolding in Iran...This is the reckoning. The regime is shaken. The hidden flame of faith in Iran burns brighter than ever. God has moved in ways we may only understand in hindsight. We are witnessing the early signs of freedom for a people who have lived in terror for 47 years. Persians deserve this moment. After 47 years of darkness, the light is breaking through. As an American with Lebanese and Syrian blood, I say thank God for President Trump. Let the secret church sing. Let them dance.

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Finnish MP Guilty of 'Hate Speech' Against Homosexuality

Finnish parliamentarian Päivi Räsänen has been found guilty of hate speech...by the Supreme Court of Finland...over a pamphlet describing homosexuality as a psychosexual development disorder more than 20 years ago. Räsänen...was found guilty in a slim 3-2 decision of 'making and keeping available to the public a text that insults a group'...Räsänen's 2019 tweet quoted Romans 1:24-27 to rebuke the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland for promoting LGBT 'pride month'...with 'shame and sin' being presented as 'a matter of pride'. Investigators later dredged up a pamphlet she published in 2004...titled 'Male and Female He Created Them: Homosexual Relationships Challenge the Christian Concept of Humanity'. At one point, the pamphlet argues that homosexuality is disordered, which the court found was an opinion that could 'insult homosexuals'...

(Jon Brown, Christian Post, March 26, 2026)

Editor's Comment:

For the background on this case see 'Diakrisis' (Sept/Oct 2025, P.8). Räsänen has repeatedly been dragged to courts, yet *twice unanimously acquitted* by appeal and three judges. Such censorship of free speech is steadily increasing in European countries and beyond.

Pentecostal Pioneers - John Dowie

John Dowie (1847-1907) is one of the earliest pioneers of Pentecostalism. His teachings and his 'healing ministry' greatly influenced the founder of the modern Pentecostal movement - Charles Parham. (1) Parham would hold to many of the teachings that Dowie developed, especially in regard to healing. Dowie was one of the first to link disease with sin, bodily healing with the atonement, and the denial of the eternity of Hell. (2) He was one of the main pioneers of the new 'healing ministries' which were spawned at the turn of the 20th century.

Dowie is a vital player in the formation of the Pentecostal church at the beginning of the 20th century. *The history and doctrines of John Dowie are crucial to understanding how the new Pentecostal doctrines developed in the 20th century.*

Ministry and Life

John Dowie was born in 1847 in Edinburgh, Scotland. His father was a tailor and preacher. (3) In 1860, Dowie emigrated to Australia with his parents and settled in Adelaide, South Australia.

At age 21 (1868) Dowie returned to Edinburgh to study theology. At the University of Edinburgh he was influenced by the controversial theology of Edward Irving (1792-1834) who had been a student there. The Irvingites claimed to restore the offices of apostles and prophets as well as miraculous signs, including speaking in unknown tongues. The movement ended in apostasy, immorality and unfulfilled prophecies and they were reprovved by the church at the time as heretics. After the last of their 12 'apostles' died, the movement dwindled. However, *many consider the Irvingite movement a precursor of the modern Pentecostal movement.* Edward Irving died at the age of 42 and Dowie at the age of 59, even though they both believed that God would miraculously heal them.

After his studies Dowie returned to Australia and was ordained in 1872 as pastor of a Congregational church at Alma, South Australia. The next year he pastored in NSW at Manly, then Newtown (1873, 1875). (4) In 1876 Dowie married a cousin, Jane Dowie. They had three children between 1877 and 1881. (5)

In 1876 Dowie claimed he was healed of the plague, a Scarlet Fever epidemic in Australia which caused 8,000 deaths, including children. Dowie had developed an interest in faith healing, especially after witnessing the excitement and cures affected by George Stephen (1812-1894). Stephen claimed to have the gift of healing when '*by touch, breathing on affected joints, red flannel, 'magnetised' water in which his hands had been washed, and ordering away pain. Stephen was reputed to have lengthened short limbs and to have cured blindness, deafness, rheumatism, St Vitus dance and consumption; even cancers were cured by sending his will power each morning to patients up to 250 miles (402 km) away.*' (6) Yet Stephen suffered himself from 'an internal affliction' and after an operation he died in 1894. Of his nine sons and four daughters, only three sons survived him.

Dowie attracted attention in attacking local liquor interests and such publicity gained him some prominence. He left the Congregational system and for a short

Angelos Azusa St. church that his student William Seymour founded.

How is it that a false prophet and apostle who made merchandise of thousands is lauded by Pentecostals today? Despite his claims of healings, Dowie often left a trail of death and sick people in 'healing homes'. Newspapers of the day detailed deaths of young and old in Dowie's Zion, some also caused by bizarre exorcisms which somehow many escaped prison sentences. (30)

The biggest tragedy in all of this history is *that which was lost* - the Gospel of God sending Jesus to die on a cross for our sins to satisfy a holy God...a Gospel that says believers in Jesus might have salvation from the *penalty of sin*, spirits justified, souls sanctified and new healed bodies in a future eternal life!

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was the founding of the first century church with *signs and wonders, apostles and prophets*. As with all the founders and pioneers of Pentecostalism, their lives ended in immoral failings, charlatanry, false revelations and hypocrisy.

Conclusion

Parham, the recognised founder of Pentecostalism, visited Dowie's Zion City just before events in 1901 when his Topeka Bible school would set the stage for the beginnings of the new Pentecostal movement. (26)

Charles Parham came to prominence right in the middle of the last days of Dowie. With a short struggle for control of Zion city, Wilbur Voliva took over Zion City. But Parham claimed to have a prophetic word from God in a vision to deliver the people of Zion from 'the paths of commercialism'. '*Arise and go to Zion and take up the burden of an oppressed people*' a voice said to me. *I am here and will bring you out of all your difficulties if you will trust in me*'.

One newspaper reported: '*Parham says that he has taken a deep interest in the Zionist movement since its inception, and has followed the teachings of Dowie. He asserts that God appeared to him in a dream two weeks ago and told him that Voliva was a false prophet and would lead the people of Zion into ruin. Ten days ago Parham says 'the spirit' again appeared to him at Topeka and commanded him at once to go to Zion and combat the evil influences of Voliva*'. (27)

However, Parham and the 'Parhamites' as they were known, were short lived in Zion City. His prophecies never materialised when a water tower fell on the large meeting tent he was living in within the city.

Parham left and was soon to be arrested and charged for Homosexual acts with a 22 year old man (1907). (28) Two Parhamites now took over the group as leaders, Tom Hezmalhalch and John G. Lake. Hezmalhalch's ministry had begun after he had an adulterous relationship in Los Angeles at the Los Angeles Azusa St. Church pastored by William Seymour, a student of Parham. To rehabilitate him, Seymour sent him in 1907 to Zion city. Both men Hezmalhalch and Lake eventually went to South Africa and established the Parhamite and Dowie doctrines there. Zion City later descended into chaos when some people were killed in bizarre exorcisms. (29)

Dowie is regularly referenced by Pentecostals as one of '*God's Generals*', a term used by Pentecostal author, Roberts Liardon, who writes of Dowie as the '*healing apostle*'...'*Undoubtedly, this man succeeded in shaking the world at the turn of the century. He brought to the forefront of society, the visible Church of the living God - primarily in the area of divine healing and repentance*'. Yet, if one searches the sources for Liardon's research, it comes from only two sources, a book by Gordon Lyndsay, a disciple of Dowie, and from a '*handbook of the Christian Catholic Church*', detailing the church founded by Dowie. Although Liardon does mention some failings of such 'generals', his writings on these Pentecostal founders is shallow at best, and he often defends them as 'misrepresented'. But history does not lie concerning the fallen lives of *most of the Pentecostal pioneers*. The roots of the Pentecostal movement are a telling expose of the trails of fallen prophets to and from Charles Parham and the Pentecostal Los

time was involved with the Salvation Army. (7) In 1882, he was invited to the Sackville Street Tabernacle, Collingwood, Victoria. His authoritarian style of leadership soon led to a split in the church. Dowie was also fined and jailed for more than a month for leading people in 'unauthorized processions'. (8)

Dowie now claimed God had commissioned him to preach '*the gospel of healing through faith in Jesus*'. In 1886 he claimed a vision telling him to carry '*the leaves of healing from the tree of life to every nation*'. (9) He came to believe that the medical field was to be avoided, and that people should abandon medicine and doctors and seek healing only from the Lord. Increasingly he came under pressure for his healing practices. Thus in March 1888 he left with his family for the United States via New Zealand. In New Zealand he conducted a series of meetings to promote faith healing, including one at Christchurch where a James Albert Abbott claimed to be instantly healed of his life-threatening afflictions.

Dowie established *The Christchurch Association for the Promotion of Healing through Faith in Jesus*, with Abbott as founding secretary. Abbott was to carry on Dowie's ministry, but like so many of the links between the Pentecostal pioneers, the same certain traits were made manifest. Abbott soon left New Zealand to pastor a church in Australia which then split. From then until his death he toured Australia, England and New Zealand using a 'magic lantern' (an early image projector) to show spiritism, British Israelism, conducting mind reading sessions, reading 'spirit personalities' and teaching Phrenology. (Phrenology is a discredited 19th-century pseudo science, that claimed to determine personality, character and intellect by measuring bumps and indentations on the human skull).

Amidst rumours of infidelity, Abbott later travelled with a female 'christian clairvoyant', Annie Turner. Annie was to make several false prophecies about the first world war. Abbott's ministry continued with an astonishing array of lies and exaggerations. He himself claimed he was a '*professor of botany, physiology, anatomy, theology and mental science*'. His life was full of false claims and immoral scandals. (10) Despite his teachings on divine healing, his second son died in 1894 at age 16 after a long illness. There was never any evidence of Abbott's original claim of having previous 'life threatening afflictions' to which he was supposedly healed of by John Dowie.

Meanwhile, in San Francisco, Dowie ran a mail order healing business. When confronted by legal problems with his healing practices, he then moved to Chicago and took advantage of the 1893 *World's Fair*. Having now multiple homes and businesses, including a publishing house and thousands of followers, he bought an extensive area of land north of the city to set up a private community. He renovated an auditorium and called it *Central Zion Tabernacle*. He established a Zion school for deaconesses, a Zion printing plant and a Zion orphanage. Eventually a town was built which he called *Zion City*. The town was essentially a theocracy with Dowie as the sole director of God's rule. Dowie strongly promoted tithing and those who did not practise this were branded as 'hypocritical pretenders'. He funded his ministries and lifestyle mostly through tithes, but he also bought up securities of bankrupt companies and sold them to his members. (11) Two women whom he defrauded in this way sued him and won their cases. (12)

At the Chicago World Fair in 1893 Dowie staged 'Divine Healings' to large audiences. Many 'healings' were reported as fraudulent with people being planted or screened beforehand, before 'healing' them of psychosomatic illnesses. (13)

By the late 1890's, Zion headquarters had moved to a seven-story home 40 miles from Chicago. Now there was the New Zion Tabernacle, Zion Junior School, Zion College, Zion Printing and the Zion Hall. He also leased Chicago's Auditorium Building to accommodate increasing crowds. His teaching spread in publications across the U.S. and worldwide. (14) Dowie again faced opposition and in 1895 he was charged with practicing medicine without a license. (15)

In 1903 he faced financial difficulties and in 1904 ordered every resident to make a deposit. At the same time Dowie had secretly tried to borrow 7 million dollars using as collateral the homes and businesses of Zion City. Dowie pressured his followers to deposit their funds into a Zion Bank. This appeared to be a registered entity but was in fact an unincorporated entity under his control. He also sold stock in an array of Zion's businesses, which proved worthless. (16)

The same year Dowie renamed his organisation the *Christian Catholic Apostolic Church*. (17) He then declared he was the third and final manifestation of the prophet Elijah and dressed as if Elijah. On September 1904, in front of 8,000 followers, he announced he was '*the first apostle of the Lord Jesus Christ...*' He signed his name with the title '*First Apostle*'. He stated: '*...I now have the right to speak as the instructor of nations*'. (18) By this time his wife and children had left him.



In 1904 he revisited Adelaide, Australia, where his meetings were met with hostility. (19) In 1905 Dowie suffered a stroke and travelled to Mexico to recuperate. (20) The debt in Zion City was now a staggering \$2,529,765.00. The operations of the city were described as '*a carefully-devised large-scale platform for securities fraud*'. (21) His 'lieutenant', Wilbur Voliva, initiated an investigation of the business practices and deposed Dowie from leadership in 1905, giving him an allowance until his death. (22) Dowie then suffered a second stroke in 1907 and died at the age of 59. (23)

T. P. O'Connor, an Irish member of Parliament and journalist, wrote of Dowie: '*The one incomprehensible element in the man's gigantic success is the personal luxury in which he lives, and his superb refusal at the same time to account for any of the sums of money entrusted to him. His horses are worth a fortune in themselves; his carriages are emblazoned with armorial bearings; his wife is said to dress with the gorgeous extravagance of an empress. When he travels, hemmed round with a little army of servants, the prophet of humility and self-denial has a special train chartered, and whenever the spiritual burdens become too great a tax there is a delightful country residence belonging to him in which to retreat from the clamour and importunate appeals of the faithful*'. (24)

Doctrine

In addition to his extra biblical revelations and healing doctrines, Dowie taught

heresies such as universalism (all will be saved). He denied the eternity of Hell, believing any fires of Hell were temporary to burn a sinners rebellion into submission. He claimed his newspaper '*Leaves of Healing*' was directly inspired by God and '*the seventh gospel*' (the 'fifth' and 'sixth' were Acts and Revelation).

Dowie tried to resurrect the apostolic and prophetic offices and the first century gifts. (25) However, the apostles and prophets were the foundation of the building of the early church (Eph.2:20). Apostles had to be '*eye witnesses of his resurrection*' and have '*signs of an apostle*' (Acts 1:22; 4:33; 5:12; 2Cor.12:12). Prophets spoke '*in times past*' the Word of God and this was put down for us in the closed canon of scripture which is now the '*more sure word of prophecy...the prophecy if the scripture*' (Heb.1:1,2; 2Pet.1:19,20). Certainly Dowie did not fulfil any of these qualifications. Those who today claim to be apostles and prophets are not ordained by the Lord and are false self anointed ones (Matt.24:24).

One of the consistent features in the history of almost all the Pentecostal founders and pioneers is the *level of exaggeration* in the accounts of *revelations* from God and in *healings*. Like Parham - the founder of Pentecostalism, and like most of the Pentecostal forerunners, Dowie was documented as a prolific exaggerator and was well known for his amazing stories of healing.

There is nil documentation of real miraculous healings in Dowie's ministry, yet stories of Dowie's healing exploits abound. Most claims were of psychosomatic illnesses that show nothing of the miraculous healings of Jesus and the apostles - who healed *not some* but '*...all manner of disease*' (Matt.4:23,24; 8:16; 9:35; 10:1; 12:15...) - healings that were *not partial* but always '*immediate*' and '*completely whole*' (Matt.8:3; 12:13,15; 14:36; 15:28; 20:34); healings that were not just *stories* but *seen and testified to by many* (Matt.15:30,31).

Underlying the false efforts to copy the first century healings was Dowie's doctrine of *healing in the atonement* - that *Jesus died for our bodily healing in this life*. Most of this doctrine was based on one scripture - 1Peter 2:24,25 and one phrase ripped out of its context - '*by whose stripes you were healed*'. However, the context is actually the spiritual *healing of sins* and of the '*soul*', not the body: '*Who His own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we being dead in sins should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes you were healed. For you were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the bishop of your souls*'. This scripture is also a *quote from Isaiah 53:4-6* which refers not to any bodily healing but to '*transgressions*' and '*iniquities*'. What he '*bore*' and was '*laid on him*' were '*sins*' and '*iniquities*', not our sicknesses! The offerings in the Old Testament for atonement were for *sins* (Lev.16:3). This teaching was the standard for the atonement for 1,900 years until the late 19th century when new 'healing ministries' were spawned. Multitudes of professing Christians are today duped by what Dowie and others introduced in this addition to the true Gospel.

Dowie advocated for total reliance on divine healing and against the use of all forms of medicine. He taught that only a Christian could be healed (he refused to pray for the healing of unbelievers). He also taught that living a clean and holy lifestyle was the only way one could keep their healing.

Zion City was a veiled attempt as is much of Pentecostalism, to bring back what