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Credo

God is pouring out his Spirit, manifest power, the greatest non-scientific power on earth.

The Spirit is the creator and upholder of the whole universe and this world is his special interest and responsibility.

Sent by the Father, the Holy Spirit imparts himself to all who believe. No one else can impart him. He is a Person, not a commodity. We cannot order Deity.

The Baptism in the Spirit is physical and spiritual. The Spirit “abides” and makes us aware of his Holy Spirit - Revelation and Revolution constant presence with assurance of his lasting power.

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of love, love's beginning and source. Love is shed in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, our greatest asset, mightier than miracles.

The Holy Spirit is the reality of Christianity. Without the Spirit the Christian faith is powerless and impossible. He is the essence, the secret Holy Spirit - Revelation and Revolution dynamic Holy Spirit - Revelation and Revolution of the faith, and its actuating force.

The Spirit is the *pneuma*, rushing Holy Spirit - Revelation and Revolution wind, always active. There is no still wind and no still Holy Spirit. If we claim to have the Spirit we shall be active with him and to that degree. His only instruments are believers.

The Spirit made all things and keeps them together. He cannot care for the world without miracles. To deny miracles is to deny the creator his rights.

Foreword

One hundred years ago a new age of the Holy Spirit dawned. A new dynamism has since animated hundreds of millions of Christians. It has taken time to impact the world. But what an impact! It is the primary phenomenon in history.

The UK evangelical magazine IDEA^[1] quotes David Martin, Emeritus Professor of Sociology at the London School of Economics, as Holy Spirit - Revelation and Revolution saying that the Holy Spirit movement in the last century “is the most dramatic development of Christianity in the century recently concluded.” Harvey Cox, Professor of Divinity at Harvard has called it “the reshaping of religion in the 21st century.”^[2]

It has been claimed that greater advances have been made in understanding the Spirit – the theology – since 1900 than in the previous 1,900 years. This may well be the case. We know nothing about God unless the Spirit reveals it. Jesus said the Spirit would speak not about

himself but Holy Spirit - Revelation and Revolution about the Son: *“He, the Spirit of truth, will bring glory to me by taking what is mine and making it known to you”* (John 16:13-14).

The swing of interest in the Spirit came from the fringe, from unknown faith people, not from scholars, though it has produced scholars. Such people – nobodies, coming full of the Spirit from the outer edges of Christianity, were met with suspicion, as one would expect. They had only experience, and to men of the Church no theology meant no credentials, no bona fides.

Yet, if the Church was demanding a theology of the Spirit, why wasn't it providing one? Where was the Church's theology of the Ascension? Where were the guides to the Holy Spirit in action? It looked suspiciously as if Holy Spirit miracle Christianity, the standard and original faith of the New Testament, was expected never to be seen again. With the Holy Spirit in action New Holy Spirit - Revelation and Revolution Testament religion could become common experience once more.

However, was there anyone who could still imagine what first century Christianity was like, what the 120 disciples were like on the day of Pentecost? Well, hundreds of millions of people around the world today speak of their experience as a repeat of apostolic times. Today's worldwide Holy Spirit effects may have previously been beyond people's imaginations, but they are obviously real and cannot be ignored.

We shall always be learning about God. That will be one of our eternal joys. Jesus promised that the Spirit would guide us into all truth – guide us, not jettison us into a mass of truth like a bullet into the Swiss mountains. He said he had things to tell his disciples, but they were not ready for them. Isaiah said God had to teach people *“rule on rule, rule on rule, a little here, a little there”* (Isaiah 28:10).

Today we are learning even more of the Spirit. The original group of “discoverers” shone with a light that reached Europe from Holy Spirit - Revelation and Revolution a half-burnt-down mission hall on Azusa Street in 1906. They had little teaching on the Spirit in their own churches and certainly no scholarship. So they picked up their Bibles to teach themselves. Scholarship is not needed for a walk with God. Those Spirit-baptized Holy Spirit - Revelation and Revolution fathers bequeathed to us some basic teaching that is still important today, a century later. Daniel was told that *“knowledge shall increase”* (Daniel 12:4, NKJV) and we do, indeed, understand more as time goes on. Bible revelations filter through only gradually until they become the general teaching of the church. It may take decades, even centuries, before a truth

becomes the currency of common belief. We can see that as we look back across the centuries of church history.

Things said in this book are likely to be new insights to many. These are not trivial matters; they Holy Spirit - Revelation and Revolution are Bible truths and therefore potent. Nor are they the *“great matters or things Holy Spirit - Revelation and Revolution too wonderful for me”* that the Psalmist preferred to leave alone (Psalm 131:1). Unfortunately, there are people around today who think that most of the Bible belongs to that category. Charles Spurgeon said that some high-flown Holy Spirit - Revelation and Revolution teachers think that Jesus said, “Feed my giraffes,” putting the food of the Word far out of reach of normal creatures. These chapters are a suitable diet for all, including “babes Holy Spirit - Revelation and Revolution in Christ.” The apostle Paul found that the pagans of Athens were hungry for philosophical novelties, not truth, and the Areopagus institute was there to examine them. Jesus had different ideas: *“Every teacher of the law who has been instructed about the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old”* (Matthew 13:52). We can all walk with God with understanding, though we learn slowly and do not jump into new shoes every day.

Holy Spirit-filled churches have changed tremendously this century, but the Word of God is still the floor plan. Earlier Spirit-filled people lived through stormy waters. It was the Word that made them what they were; the Holy Spirit - Revelation and Revolution Word was the unshakeable rock on which they Holy Spirit - Revelation and Revolution built, not experience alone, as this book will show. It is the duty of those who teach to strengthen Christian basics and to provide evidence of the new life produced by the living Word.

A Fuller College professor stated that this Holy Spirit revival “is a profound augmentation of all Christian teaching.” It is Holy Spirit - Revelation and Revolution the Holy Spirit who adds depth to every major doctrine. The revolutionary secret is out: The gospel is for the body as well as the soul. God is as active on earth as he is in heaven. We know now who the Holy Spirit really is. He is the agent of divine action on earth.

Of course, there is always the periphery, the zealous but not wise, the arrogant who claim superior private revelations, and those who suppose that having the Spirit guarantees that God must do whatever they say. New schemes, panaceas, gimmicks, revivalist and instant church-filling and church-growth “secrets” come to us as if from a production belt, together with private instructions and directives personally from the Almighty. But extremists are not our role models.

Tens of millions of people today are filled with the Holy Spirit, creating an acute need for teaching. The experience of the Spirit is wonderful, but we must grow. I longed for an up-to-date guide of dependable authority so believers could see from the Word what are acceptable practice and standards. This little book is an attempt in that direction. Our campaigns and the many people involved have made Holy Spirit - Revelation and Revolution such a guide urgent.

I am publishing this book with the support of well-qualified Christian scholars. An English friend, George Canty, who also longed for such a book, joined in. That we were both looking for the same thing seemed to me more than coincidence; we took it as divine prompting. George Canty has unique qualifications, having had Holy Spirit - Revelation and Revolution a Holy Spirit - Revelation and Revolution real Acts 2 experience as long ago as 1926; today, still drawing on the power of it, he continues to play an active part in a wide range of gospel initiatives. He is a Bible theologian with a clear and original mind.

The Holy Spirit is the inspiring Spirit. These chapters are just one result, hopefully written in terms that everyone can enjoy. It is not a re-hash of things everybody knows, nor is it padded out with dramatized “comfort writing.” This is original and fresh Bible teaching. I have asked for God’s anointing on this volume and that the Holy Spirit, the Great Interpreter, will anoint the minds and hearts of all readers.

Testimony

When a boy, I longed for the baptism in the Spirit Holy Spirit - Revelation and Revolution more than for my daily bread. My father eventually took me to a place where a noted preacher was holding services. While there, with no one near me, I felt as if all heaven was cramming into my soul. Filled with God, I found myself speaking in tongues. A spiritual instinct was born in me, prompting me, inspiring me, and leading me. I don’t need to pray for God’s presence, I don’t seek him. I simply rely on his promise. We are his temples. Holy Spirit - Revelation and Revolution He is where we are and he will never leave or forsake us. The Spirit of God performs his wonders.

The Holy Spirit comes

for the best and for the worst of us,

the Father's promise sent by the Son.

What a gift!

CHAPTER 1

Who is Holy Spirit - Revelation and Revolution the Holy Spirit?

Throughout most of the church's history Holy Spirit - Revelation and Revolution the Holy Spirit was not much more than a name. The immediate answer to the question used as the title of this chapter is that the Holy Spirit is God in action on earth.

For centuries people thought of the "Holy Ghost" as just that, a holy ghost, a sort of religious fragrance or ambience lingering in Gothic churches. The majesty of the Almighty, the Third Person of the Godhead, seemed known only as a mysterious cathedral atmosphere. That is quite a status reduction!

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