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Weirdness from God? #1

Hi all,

There are times a person's spirit is stirred as Paul's was when he saw the city of Athens completely given over to idolatry*, and that is my condition today concerning the newest fad coming out of Bethel Church in Redding, California and churches like it, called 'grave sucking'. *Acts 17:16

For the most part I hold my peace about the shaking and convulsing, though I will address that in this series - to lay out what is God, what is the devil, and what is the flesh - but today I am talking about the fad of 'grave sucking' or 'anointing grabbing'.

What is 'grave sucking'?

Grave sucking is the practice of believers going to the graves of dead saints to make physical contact with the grave to get the anointing of the dead saint by transference, during contemplative prayer. They often will sit, lay down on, or lay hands on the grave or tombstone to accomplish this.

The premise is that people feel they can swiftly advance in spiritual power or jump-start their spiritual lives or destiny by going to the graves of dead saints and suck or 'grab' that person's anointing to themselves. It has been explained as receiving a sort of spiritual inheritance, and as a sudden large cash inheritance can change a life, so too they say, can a sudden spiritual inheritance received by grave sucking move their spiritual life quickly forward.

It is an error that twists an Old Testament event, using the case of 2 men burying another when they saw some Moabite raiders coming*, and wanting to get out of there, quickly lowered the dead man into Elisha's nearby grave. To their surprise he sprang back to life upon touching Elisha's bones. *II Kings 13:20-21

Grave sucking as it is taught, it doing the same thing spiritually - grabbing the dead saint's lingering anointing. When I first heard of grave sucking I thought it was a joke, but the more I checked into it the more I realized it was a sad truth, and since I just spent 3 days in Redding and learned much more than I ever wanted to about it, I just can't shake my grievance and sadness for the self-deceived souls practicing this.

Readers can easily do a web search about this practice and even see publicly posted pictures of Bill Johnson's wife, Beni, lying on C. S. Lewis' gravestone 'grave sucking' and Bethel students 'grave sucking' at Evan Roberts grave in Wales, among others.

Years ago there was a TV show that would start out with say, the Space Shuttle blasting off, and then trace backwards through the centuries the various little discoveries that led to the technology enabling us to build such a vehicle today.

That's what I am doing in this series - not focusing on the error, but to go back in time to this truth and that truth which when compiled together will provide us a means to rightly discern what is happening and why.

A little history, and what the Lord told me

It may surprise some to learn that in the 1700's a wave of revival swept through Europe, Britain, and the soon to be United States, including among the Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists, and Disciples of Christ (Congregational). Trembling, shaking, groaning, falling to the ground - all were signs they said that the power of God had come on a person.

In the US we had the 'Shakers' who were known for this, though now they are mostly known for the Shaker style of furniture. And of course many know of the Quakers who evidently quaked but refused to shake :)

John Wesley considered these body movements to be the body's natural reaction to God's Spirit and love, rather than an outright supernatural event. In the 1800's people like Finney reported these happening in his meetings, and by the time I came to the Lord in the 1970's Pentecostals were called 'Holy Rollers'.

Holy Rollers

Barb and I were born again and Spirit-filled as teenagers and attended Charismatic home based groups 2-3 nights each week, which her mother didn't understand, having only her own German Lutheran early 20th century culture to understand us by.

So when Barb and I were to be married in her family's Congregational church, her mother asked us with all sincerity if there was going to be swinging from chandeliers or rolling on the floor as part of the wedding, as that just won't do among the Congregationalists - she was visibly relieved when we assured her there wouldn't be any of that (though I desperately wanted to tell her we might cast out a demon or two to see how she would react, but decided not to tease her like that).

Most attribute the phrase 'slain in the spirit' to Kathryn Kuhlman to describe a person 'slain' by God's power and becoming therefore as if dead, though it is also known by other names.

What the Lord told me

Learning now that for at least 3 centuries shaking, quaking, and falling have been part of charismatic life, we need to look at scripture to see if it is in there, which will provide a baseline of truth to be able to understand if today's manifestations are God, the devil, or the flesh.

During a time with the Lord I asked Him to teach me about what was Him and what wasn't in being slain in the spirit. I had wanted Him to go point by point in straight, never changing, doctrinal statements that x is from Me, and y isn't from Me, but that's not what He did. It went like this:

"Lord, on the subject of being slain in the spirit, what is the earliest time in scripture where that happened and what should a person expect from the experience?"

Him: "When I caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam* so I could do surgery on him to form Eve's body. And you'll note that while that was physical surgery, it was also of the soul for I took from his being to make her, so that together they two were one in Me**. Today when it (slain in the spirit) is of Me, like with Adam, I will often do what you might think of as surgery on their soul for healing and sometimes physical healing as well." *Genesis 2:21, **Genesis 5:2

(In Genesis 5:2 it says: "Male and female He created them, and called their name Adam in the day in which they were created." Eve did not receive her name until later after their sin, in 3:20-21 when the Lord made a covering for their sin, clothing made from the shed blood of an animal, thus clothes are a shadow and type of God's covering for man.)

He continued

"The next time was with Abraham when we were making covenant* and a deep sleep came upon him, allowing Me to assure him of our relationship and tell him of his future and the future of his descendants. Today, when it is of Me, I will often do something similar with people, assuring them and giving them peace about the present and showing them some of their future, and they also often renew themselves in Me in response, as Abram did then." (*Genesis 15 covers the whole event, but v12 says a 'deep sleep' came upon Abram in the same terminology as with Adam)

What I took from that teaching was that when a person is 'knocked out' or 'asleep in the Lord', it is for a purpose, not a show - not a sign that endorses some man or woman as the anointed prophet and God certainly doesn't want any 'courtesy drops' from anyone.

I've seen 'downloads' in people we might say today, of new things and healing of old things when they've been 'asleep in the Spirit' - a peace replaces emotional fear, turmoil - that sort of 'surgery'. The other thing with Abram was covenant things, deep things in a person's heart about their walk with the Lord and the settling of their destiny, and similarly I've seen people awaken with a new sense of destiny and purpose.

I will close with that for today - more next week, until then, blessings!

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Weirdness God? #2 (Convulsing?)

Hi all,

Last week I shared 2 examples of God's presence causing (Adam & Abraham) to fall into a 'deep sleep'. What I'll do today is compare more scriptural examples of how a person reacts to the presence of God against how a demon treats a person. Once we see the differences we can rightly discern when someone near us in a service acts a certain way.

Foundation - God always leaves you in control.

God will never make you be out of control of your body. When Paul is writing to the Corinthians he provides social advice on how to act in mixed company as a guest in someone's house. You may recall that the founding of the Corinthian church consisted of Jews, Greeks, and Romans all meeting in the Roman man Justus' house. Acts 18:7-8

So Paul writes them in I Corinthians 14:26-32 about such things as taking turns, and if you have a word from God but there is no opportunity to share it, just keep it to yourself (you have not sinned). He also said that if you have a word to share and the person next to you also has a word, let them go first - in other words, manners and politeness are required in home based gatherings of the church.

He also says anything you say will be judged, meaning just because you claim you have a word from God doesn't mean it has to be 100% accepted by everyone else that it is from God - if you speak out it may be challenged, accepted, or rejected. No one has the right to violate personal space and all retain the right to refuse any 'word from God' for them anyone thinks they have. Love and politeness are guidelines.

And then Paul sums it up with this: "For the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets." (v32)

In other words - anything you have from God will always leave you in control. In these verses he is emphasizing things being done decently, in order, in politeness, and with an awareness you are a guest in someone's home - therefore your spirit is subject to you - whatever you think you have from God, it can wait for its turn, or not at all. What you have from God is still subject to you!

God will never cause you to be out of control, but by contrast look at the demonic:

"And a man from the group cried out, saying, 'Master, I beg you to look at my son, my only child. A spirit takes him and he suddenly screams, and throws him into a convulsion...And when the boy was coming it threw him to the ground in a convulsion, but Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit and healed him, and gave him back to his father.'" Luke 9:39-42

"And there was in the synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out...And Jesus rebuked him saying, 'Hold your peace and come out of him.' And the unclean spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek." Mark 1:23-26

God will always have a person be in control of themselves as scripture says, yet the devil is just the opposite. The sad fact is, many leaders today don't know a demon manifesting when they see it. They don't know to tell their people the difference between the flesh (many love the attention they get when they shake and convulse), the devil, or God.

Casting it out from across the platform

I was on staff at a large church and was required to host a team of revivalists who wanted to do a series of meetings to bring their 'revival' to Tulsa, complete with all the shaking and convulsing and yelling and screaming that the Toronto, Brownsville, and Smithton revivals were known for - and I won't ID where this team came from other than it was one of those.

As I stood on the platform, some 30 feet away (9.5m) a young lady who was a student at the school where I was the Director, came down front for the altar call and started shaking violently. I immediately knew it was a demon, but the 'revivalist' guest speaker approached the woman and told her God was all over her, and to just yell out to Him.

I kept thinking they were going to cast the thing out, but they only kept urging her to yell to God all the more, mistaking a demon manifesting for the Spirit of God on her to 'bless her' or something - never realizing the poor lady had a spirit that needed cast out.

As I was the host I knew the lines of authority in the Spirit, that I was in charge of the meeting over and above the guest ministers, but so as to not embarrass the guest speaker nor the young lady, I spoke up barely above a whisper as I looked at the woman now convulsing violently: "I take authority over that spirit and command you out of her right now in the name of Jesus!" No one else heard me but the demon.

Immediately she fell limp to the floor, seemingly passed out or asleep for a few moments. I made my way across the platform and off to that side while the guest speakers continued praying for others at the front, and when she was awake, offered to pray for the young lady, which she readily accepted.

She described the torment she had undergone while the minister kept urging her to cry out to God, a war of voices inside her that was tearing her apart. On the one hand she heard hatred for God and screaming while she argued back she loved the Lord and wanted free - and this is what struck me - she kept wanting the minister to set her free, but they did not.

Then suddenly the thing left her she didn't know how, and she was at peace once again but feeling rather empty. I told her how I had cast the thing out of her and to forgive the ignorance of the speaker because they didn't know better, and then laid hands on her for a fresh in-filling of the Holy Spirit - and immediately the Spirit of God was all over her; her hands went up, tears of joy ran down her face, and she said she felt such peace she hadn't known, but had come to the front for exactly that.

The particular demon and how it got into her years earlier before she had known the Lord are not important here, but she had just been born again that summer and decided to go to Bible school to learn more.

Again - look at scripture and how our bodies and the Spirit of God

In John 18:5-6 the authorities come upon Jesus in the Garden of Gethsamane and the text says this: "Jesus said to them, 'Who are you looking for?' And they said, 'Jesus of Nazareth.' And He said to them: 'I AM' and when He had said to them 'I AM' they moved backward and fell to the ground."

That is a case of being 'slain in the spirit', where the power of God is so strong the human body loses its strength and simply falls to the ground, for 'I AM' is the one who appeared to Moses in the burning bush. Jesus stated at His arrest that He is the I AM with power to cause His captors to fall backwards to the ground because He wanted to make the statement He was going voluntarily to His fate, as He casually waited for them to recover themselves, dust themselves off, and arrest Him.

Jesus claimed to be I AM in Matthew 14:27-28 for as He came walking on the water to the boat He said: "Take courage, I AM, now stop being afraid." To which Peter replied; "Lord, if you are (the I AM), command me to come to you on the water." Immediately Jesus said, 'Come'.

He also claimed to be I AM in John 8:58: "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."

And John would later report in Revelation 1:17 that he was 'in the Spirit' and saw the Lord in glory, with His voice as a trumpet and face and hair pure white light and eyes as flames, and he says "I fell at His feet as a dead man." And the Lord touched him and told him not to be afraid.

That would appear to be a case of being 'slain in the spirit' as being afraid was separate from the act of becoming as a dead man upon seeing Him.

A whole lot of shaking going on

In scripture as seen above, the body's reaction to the presence of God is to lose strength, described through the centuries as fainting, or as scripture so bluntly states, becoming like a dead man. But there is no example in scripture where a person lost control of themselves in convulsions, only demons take over a person's body so that they lose control. Next week, what the Argentinean's asked me...until then, blessings.

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Weirdness from God? #3, (Is shaking God?)

Hi all,

Last week I shared how God will never cause a person to lose control of themselves in convulsions. That doesn't mean the human body doesn't shake or feel warm when in the presence of God - because it can.

Heaven created, but earth formed

A believer's spirit has been recreated by the Spirit of God and can therefore withstand the fullness of heaven. But the human body at this stage of our eternal lives is formed of the earth, and things made of earth are a lower form of creation than the heavenly, so doesn't react well to the things of the Spirit.

Like an electric stove top which has elements made to resist electricity flowing into them, which causes them to heat up, so too does the earth-body resist and react to the Spirit of God.

A person may feel a warmth, 'goose bumps', shaking in one's limbs, or weakness in the body when in the presence of the Lord. If the power is turned up a bit more, like the stove top element that heats up more when more electricity is allowed into it, the human body may be 'slain in the spirit' - poor term to describe a person losing physical strength and falling down as a result.

If the power is turned up a bit more, a person may have a trance or vision as Peter did in Acts 9, or a person may appear to be deeply asleep, and sometimes they are having amazing experiences with the Lord, and yet other times they don't recall a thing afterwards.

If the power is turned up high enough, it will kill the human body, which happened to Uzzah in II Samuel 6:6-7 who touched the Ark of the Covenant to steady it as David had incorrectly transported it by ox cart rather than by priests. If the power is turned up higher than just killing a person, it will change the molecular structure of earth-flesh into heavenly-flesh, which is what happened to Jesus at His resurrection* and what will happen to all believers when our earth bodies are 'changed' into the heavenly**. *Romans 6:4 says Jesus was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father. **I Corinthians 15:35-55.

I said I'd share about God, the devil, and the flesh...here is the flesh

When a person feels the Holy Spirit come on them and their flesh starts to shake, that can be a natural reaction to the Holy Spirit by the human body, as it is made of earth and reacts to the Spirit of God.

But my point from last week that Paul taught remains true*, God will never cause you to lose control. A person can give themselves over to the shaking because they haven't been taught they can stop the shaking yet still feel the anointing. I have instructed many over the years in this. *I Corinthians 14:32

A typical conversation will be to talk to them while they are shaking, and ask if they feel the presence of God - normally they will say something like 'Yes, this happens to me in the presence of God', or something like that, as they know their body and how it reacts - each person is different.

Then I'll share Paul's teaching, and ask them to take control of their shaking (arm for example) and as they do I continue to ask them if they still feel the presence, which they always answer they do. Within a couple of minutes they have stopped shaking, and testify they still feel the presence of the Lord just as strongly.

They've now been taught scripture and the ways of the Spirit, therefore no longer focused on themselves and their shaking, but are now able to focus again on the Lord and receive from Him.

Ignorant leaders

What happens is that pastors and ministers are ignorant, and frankly, sometimes use these reactions to the Spirit as ego and ministry boosters because news of shaking builds their ministry up in the eyes of many.

And because they are willingly ignorant of the ways of the Spirit and the human body and it makes a good show, well meaning people who attend are allowed to shake, convulse, roll, bark, laugh, and all sorts of things as they give themselves over to it, never knowing God will never cause you to lose control of yourself.

God doesn't interrupt Himself, so He won't have x person teaching while y person in a pew is drawing attention to themselves by shaking or laughing or convulsing - the minister needs to talk to that person

and teach them how to regain control of their flesh, or let the meeting go to all laughing or all shaking. God isn't divided against Himself nor therefore does He contradict His purpose in a meeting by interrupting Himself.

And there are some who shake because they like the attention, in a sick way thinking somehow they are more spiritual because they shake. But what if that shaking is not the flesh, but a demon?

How the Holy Spirit uproots a demon so that it manifests

In Matthew 12:25-28 Jesus is accused of casting out demons by the power of the devil, but He responds: "If I by Beelzebub cast out demons, by whom do your sons cast them out? For this reason they will be your judges. But if **I cast them out by the Spirit of God**, then the kingdom of God has come to you."

Jesus worked then and continues now to work with the Holy Spirit to cast out demons, for His whole ministry is cooperating with what the Father wants to do by His Spirit*. Jesus hasn't changed which means we as His body must also cooperate with the Holy Spirit in ministry. *John 5:19

No one just walks up to a person and says "I command that spirit in you to come out" - the exception in scripture being the person knows they have a spirit and wants it out, their will with the Holy Spirit bringing it to the surface to be dealt with, or a parent of a dependent child asks on their behalf as it manifests.

Notice in Jesus' ministry spirits were manifesting when Jesus cast them out, 'pushed to the surface by the Holy Spirit' for lack of a better way of saying it. We see this in Matthew 15: 21-28 with the woman whose daughter was tormented, evidently as she spoke with Jesus, and in Matthew 8:28-34 where two men possessed with demons manifesting came to Jesus, who cast the spirits out.

In Mark 1:21-26 Jesus is teaching and a demon in a man starts manifesting during His teaching, and He casts him out. In Mark 5 a man with 2,000 demons led by Legion came running to Jesus to be delivered.

We see this same cooperation with the Holy Spirit in Acts 16 with Paul who was followed by a slave girl with a 'spirit of divination', saying; 'These men are servants of the most high god and show us the way of salvation', which in Greek culture was Zeus the sky god, so this spirit was lying about Paul and Silas, and Paul cast out the spirit as it manifest.

As it was then it is now; the Living Word and Spirit agree and work together.

A person convulsing because of a demon is doing so with little or no control over it - the Holy Spirit pushes it up to manifest so it can be cast out. A person convulsing in the flesh can regain control quite easily.

If you ask a person if it is God on them or if God is on them because they have a demon, you will know by their reaction - a demon will often speak up at that point with a hate filled response, and if in the flesh a person will look at you like you're crazy to suggest they have a demon. If its a demon tell it to leave, and if the flesh try to help them grow a bit by regaining control of their body. And if they won't cooperate, then know there are times you have to give up on people not because you don't care, but because they don't.

I never got to what the Argentineans said...So next week Argentineans, where gold dust, feathers, and jewels came from - and more...until then, blessings!

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Weirdness from God? #4, (Jewels, Feathers?)

Hi all,

I've been talking about how God won't make you be out of control - He can overwhelm you, cause you to lose strength in His presence, but when people talk about being overwhelmed or 'it just hit me' sort of thing, STILL, He would have let you withdrawal from His presence if you had wished.

The first time I went to heaven wasn't the first time the Lord wanted to give me a tour. Three weeks before my 'tour' I was praying at home and had a visitation from the Lord. It was one of the 'teaching visitations' I wrote about in my first book, *Pursuing the Seasons of God*, and after He left my angel remained and told me he had been given permission to give me a tour of heaven.

My eyes were wide open as with nearly all these visitations, but my spiritual eyes were also opened to see in His realm at the same time. My angel said, 'Take my hand.' And I saw my left forearm of my spirit man come up out of my physical arm to almost grab his hand - but I stopped short...I became concerned about whether this 'tour' was a round trip or just one way! I had a wife and 3 young boys, the oldest handicapped, and I didn't want to leave them yet.

As overwhelming as the Lord's presence was that evening, and as much as I wanted to continue to give myself to the experience of seeing heaven, I backed out though I was resisting what seemed like an almost magnetic drawing to heaven...but I backed out asking, "Is this a round trip?" My angel said 'Round trip of course!' But as I hesitated he backed up and I was immediately out of the Spirit and alone in my living room.

Once I settled some things in my heart after talking to the Father that He really was giving me a round trip, I told Him, "Okay, if you want to again I'm ready this time, as long as it is a round trip." About 3 weeks later while praying and I saw my angel's forearm appear in the air above my left arm, and he said, 'Take my hand', and I went this time and saw many things in heaven.

Those details are at the end of *Pursuing the Seasons of God* and more fully in the sequel (e-book) *'Knowing the Ways of God'*. My point is you are always in control and no matter how overwhelming your experience seems, the Word remains true; The spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets - you are in control.

What the Argentineans said

They were a group of 8 who made an appointment to see me, and were very insistent and passionate. They had just come from the Brownsville revival and TACF (Toronto) before that, and had come to Tulsa looking for answers. Somehow they were directed to me, as the views I've shared in this series I was teaching to the Bible school where I was Director. Their leader started the conversation:

"We are confused. We went to TACF and Brownsville and saw people shaking and convulsing and doing all sorts of things, which we understand as demonic or the flesh, but they were calling it God. In Argentina during our crusades we put up 2 tents on the grounds. Then we have ushers who walk through the crowd and if they see anyone acting like what we saw in TACF or Brownsville, they bring them down to the tents and people inside cast the demons out of them, or instruct them what is happening if it isn't a demon. We thought America was much more spiritually mature than we are, yet we find such ignorance, why is this?"

What a visit that was! That conversation helped me fill in the gaps of my research trying to trace backward in time how the various revivals got to the point they thought God would cause someone to bark, crow, slither on the ground like a snake, lose control in convulsions, and even manifest the kundalini (snake spirit coiled around the spine) from yoga and Eastern religions and call it God.

Years before I had already seen a video a friend had of a woman pulling feathers out of her sleeves in a very well done sleight of hand, and by the time of my visit with the Argentineans the cell phones were coming out with cameras in them I had guessed the incidence of these stigmata would soon fade corresponding to the rise of all things being recorded, and that is what happened.

As far as I've been able to tell, in Argentina there were real miracles of gold fillings and such, which my new friends confirmed, explaining dental care is almost non-existent for many people, and these were miracles of healings and wonders God was doing on behalf of the people. How did it become entertainment in the US?

The Lord did do many miracles among the people of South America, and many of these people remained in the Roman Catholic faith that dominates South and Central America. These stigmata moved northward becoming more and more a part of the Catholic/demonic/natural religions of Mexico and Central America, and we started hearing of stigmata that included gold dust, jewels, feathers, blood and oil in the hands. From there it made its way to the US retaining that mix of the demonic

rooted in Mexican and South American Catholicism but readily accepted among sign-hungry US believers.

I know it may be strange for some to think that demons could manifest alongside a sign from God, but if you've attended any church for any length of time, you know there are demons that love church and church goers - ha! People forget these things - God will do a real miracle to help someone, like a tooth filling or other healing in a service, but when gold dust or feathers are also seen, and you have people not able to tell a demonic assisted 'sign' with God - but then Jesus acknowledged even as He was casting out demons disciples of the religious leaders were also casting out demons, and the same with Paul in Ephesus. (Matthew 12:27, Acts 19:13-14)

I don't doubt some of the stigmata are real, my point is they aren't from God any more than the statue of Mary crying tears of blood in Salto Grande, Argentina or Mary in a glass case in Monterrey, Mexico crying. If not a hoax, they are the mix of the demonic with Christian religion. As Paul said in II Corinthians 11:13-14, Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light along with his deceitful workers and false apostles.

Signs, wonders, healing

The big picture is that the earth is in the process of undergoing a restoration. Romans 8:20-25 that creation was subjected to sin in the certain hope it would one day be delivered, and is now 'waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God' for the curse to be lifted. God is doing is moving in the direction of restoring the earth and man to the wholeness it once knew. That is why humanistic environmentalism is so prevalent now, because man's efforts at healing earth is what the world (and the spirit behind it) wants - the government of man rather than the government of God restoring earth.

That is why healing is what God does - He is always moving in the direction of wholeness. That is why He does miracles like water into wine or multiplying food - it moves the person or event towards wholeness. That is why He brings peace to an arguing couple, deliverance to those bound in sin - He is moving towards 100% restoration and wholeness in all things and the cross was the legal means of bringing that about.

Signs appeal to the intellect. Wonders appeal to the imagination. But it all moves towards wholeness, and when we see His highest creation, man, barking like a (lower creation) dog or crawling on the ground like a snake, it isn't God as it isn't moving that person higher and towards wholeness.

Signs and wonders find their conclusion in wholeness that is Christ-centered. False signs are self-centered. The Father seeks worshippers, not applause like an entertainer.

I was in a meeting where gold dust appeared, and many were in awe...I knew the speaker and pulled him aside afterwards. He talked of gold dust appearing on people who came forward for prayer and was still on his hands a little. I noticed his Bible hanging in his right hand rather loosely and partially hidden as we talked, so I asked what version he used, and without thinking he brought it up for me to see.

I held it up to him and noted the gold leaf edges of the brand new Bible - the silence was deafening - he finally admitted 'Maybe the gold dust on the edges got onto my hands as I preached and then on the people when I laid hands on them'. At least he didn't try to pull feathers out of his sleeve.

So...the Lord will overwhelm you, but you will always have the opportunity to go deeper, or not. Anything He does in your life is moving towards wholeness, and He does nothing just for entertainment purposes. Balance, balance, the Word and Spirit always agree, and there is nothing in the Word that says God will make you bark, crow, or crawl on your belly like a reptile! Service in the kingdom is voluntary, you can go deeper or back out as you wish. Further up and further in!

New subject next week...blessings,

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