

- (2) Ecstatic language which bears no resemblance to any language spoken on earth

This view was expressed by Stanley H. Frodsham, an Assembly of God writer, in his book entitled "With Signs Following." In that book he said this about the gift of tongues, "The child of God is privileged to have speech with God and no man understands this secret speech, for the saint is allowed to speak in the language of Divinity -- a language unknown to humanity....The humblest saint can enjoy supernatural converse with Him who made the worlds, in a language not understood by man, or by the devil either." This contradicts Carl Brumback's view of tongues, for Carl Brumback says that tongues are always foreign languages spontaneously spoken by persons who had never studied them. Yet, both of these men are Assembly of God writers.

Note: Stanley H. Frodsham's book, "With Signs Following" is recommended in the 1988-89 catalog of the Gospel Publishing House which is the official publishing agency of the Assemblies of God.

7. Basis of the teaching of the baptism of the Holy Spirit and tongues as the initial physical evidence of it.

This teaching is based chiefly on passages in the book of Acts which describe certain groups as speaking with tongues as the Holy Spirit fell or came upon them. These passages are Acts 2:1-41; 8:1-25; 9:1-19; 10:1-11:18; 15:7-11; and 19:1-7.

B. For Neo-Pentecostals

1. Who are Protestant

It signifies the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Note: The Protestant Neo-Pentecostals believe the same about the baptism of the Holy Spirit as the Pentecostals do. This is not surprising since Neo-Pentecostalism historically grew out of Pentecostalism and since many of the Neo-Pentecostal leaders received the baptism of the Holy Spirit through the influence of Pentecostals or in Pentecostal meetings. There does seem to be a difference, however, between Neo-Pentecostals and Pentecostals on the question of whether tongues is an evidence or the necessary evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. According to Morton T. Kelsey, an Episcopal rector who wrote a book entitled "Tongue Speaking," the majority of Protestant Neo-Pentecostals believe that tongues is an evidence but not the <sup>necessary</sup> ~~indispensable~~ evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. One Neo-Pentecostal leader who believes that tongues is an evidence but not the <sup>necessary</sup> ~~indispensable~~ evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit is Rev. Larry Christenson, a Lutheran pastor. He says that he is not at all ready to say that everyone who receives the baptism of the Holy Spirit will speak in tongues, so that if a person has not spoken in tongues one is justified in concluding that that person has not received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.