

This is a conversation between Ralph Allison and Charity, a Professor CIE.

TONGUES, SPEAKING IN

Charity: "Love is eternal, there are inspired messages, but they are temporary. You speak in strange tongues"

Ralph: What sections is that?

C: It looks like 1st Corinthians 13 & 14. "Faith, Hope and Love" What kind of love are they talking about? This makes no sense. It sounds like The Creator gives "speaking in strange tongues."

(looking at Bible)

C: "Meanwhile these three remain, Faith, Hope and Love, and the greatest of these is Love."

R: In the original one it was Faith, Hope and Charity. That is where the three things come from. Now, you asked about speaking in tongues?

C: Yes.

R: I have two different understandings of that. One is from what I understand was reported by the people that day and they were "taken over by the Holy Spirit". And they were in a foreign country from where they had been born, and these people spoke a different language than they did and they didn't understand what these people were talking in this foreign country. You can imagine. When they were taken over by the Holy Spirit, they then were able to understand the language of these foreign people, even though they had not learned to translate it. That's what happened, I believe, to these people. It was a miraculous understanding of the foreign language. Now, that's not what it is meant when you talk about people today talking in tongues. Denny had this girlfriend next door to her for whom I got called once by Denny and she was speaking in tongues. What she was doing was talking in a singsong way, not a language I recognized but it could have been somebody's language. It was not just Jumble. It seemed to have a rhythm and a flow but it certainly was not English, or anything I recognized. She had been raised in a group that did this in their church services. They would go into this trance state and sing this particular kind of noise.

C: OK

R: They called that speaking in tongues. The Holy Spirit took over them and allowed them to speak in tongues. That is supposed to be a sign of being inhabited by the Holy Ghost.

C: That does not make any sense.

R: A lot of churches encourage their members to do basically what I consider hysterical fits and they go rambling on.