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# TC's Thoughts for Discussion

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Extra-biblical "revelation" is dangerously destructive, at best. Many, even in the mainstream visible church, have fallen (and continue to fall) for ridiculous fables because they're focused on trying to "get messages" from the Spirit. That's especially dangerous when they do it before they've acquired the KNOWLEDGE that's required for determining whether a given messenger is The Holy Spirit or another spirit. In my long-term and short-term observation, it's almost always another spirit...one that mimics "the warm fuzzies" that uninformed believers associate with The Holy Spirit. How and why are those other spirits so enormously successful at that? They're the seducing spirits<sup>^</sup>—accurately rendered by the KJV translators at 1 Timothy 4:1, 1 John 4:1 and 2 Corinthians 11:3-6, per Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible, #G-4108.<sup>^</sup>

- > "My people are destroyed for lack of [sincerity?] [prayer?] [worship?] [regular church attendance?] [holiness?] [righteousness?] [faith?] [hyperspirituality?] [regular participation in trance-like praise and worship? (Can anyone cite a scriptural precedent for that – Old Testament or New Testament?)] [getting "truly 'saved'?" ] [believing "what 'we' believe?"] knowledge..." —Hosea 4:6
  - > "...For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to KNOWLEDGE..." —Paul, at Romans 10:1,2
  - > "But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived<sup>^</sup> ["wholly seduced," per Strong's #G-1818] by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray...if you receive a different spirit...or a different gospel...you put up with it easily enough [*i.e.*: *You're waaayyy too gullible!*]. But I do not think I am in the least inferior to those 'SUPER APOSTLES.' I may not be a trained speaker, but I do have knowledge..." —Paul, at 2 Corinthians 11:3-6 [NIV]
- So, what do you think Paul really thought about those "super preachers" and their gullible followers?

Today's *super preachers* draw the largest followings – and successfully mine for those followers' dollars: Extra-Biblical "revelation" and entertainment are their stock and trade. Entertainment sells, even during economic hard times! They're highly polished motivational speakers. They succeed by making sheeple FEEL good. Some of the most popular of them clearly don't have even a good BASIC understanding of the scriptures.

Would it be reasonable to label those who follow today's super preachers "naive?" Yes; because, per 2 Timothy 4:3,4, they will not endure sound doctrine. They're attracted only by their insatiable appetites for "the warm fuzzies;" *i.e.*: their ears itch! Lots of them are eaten-up with a compulsion to seek out and follow hyperspiritual preachers and teachers whom they think get frequent "new revelations" from God—of the extra-Biblical variety, of course. Many pentecostal believers think extra-Biblical revelations that are spoken via the interpretation of "tongues" are genuine. There is not even ONE scripture to support that fable. ALL the pertinent scriptures refute it. Don't believe that? Invest some prayerful, open-Bible time at [www.DYPK.org/pentecost](http://www.DYPK.org/pentecost) for irrefutable confirmation.

Critical THINKING is an indispensable skill for adults in this Information Age. Today's schools (public and parochial) teach children WHAT to think. Universities teach their students WHAT to think. The visible church teaches folk WHAT to think, too. Shouldn't someone be helping people learn HOW to think? THAT's the primary objective of [www.DYPK.org](http://www.DYPK.org). It's available to you 27/7/365, for individual or small group Bible study. (No extra-Biblical "revelations," here!) Plan to become a frequent visitor. And please feel free to ask questions and share your comments: [www.DYPK.org/contact](http://www.DYPK.org/contact).

- > "The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn, and relearn." —Alvin Toffler

—T. C. Newsome



<sup>^</sup>The 2 Corinthians 11:3-6 word is translated, "beguiled," in the KJV. Per Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible, #G-1818, the original Greek word meant "wholly seduced." Curious about that? Paul was referring, there, to the text of Genesis 3:13. Per Strong's #H-5377, the original Hebrew word, there, meant "morally/greatly/utterly seduced." Ever heard about that in church? Wonder why...? Does your preacher know about it—as it relates to Genesis chapter 6? You can discover most everything you've always wanted to know but were afraid to ask about that at [www.DYPK.org/exp01](http://www.DYPK.org/exp01).

I was a successful Bible teacher for a LOT of years—big sanctuary classes.

I knew what my denomination believed and that's what I taught.

Yes, I should've checked it out to make sure it was true.

So why didn't I do that? Well, maybe I didn't do that for the same reason that you haven't really checked out what your denomination teaches.

"In religion and politics, people's beliefs and convictions are in almost every case gotten at second hand, and without examination." —Mark Twain

