

Doctrine of Healing

Some Words of Warning

1. Sometimes healing can take place through hypnotism or mesmerism. The mesmerism technique was introduced by the Austrian physician Franz Anton Mesmer (1733-1815). It was stated to be a healing technique. There seems to be objective evidence that the power of suggestion does have therapeutic value. Some faith healers do use the techniques associated with hypnotism and that should be an area of concern for the Lord does not want His people to suspend their minds. Therein lays great danger.
2. It is possible for a healing miracle to take place when a demon comes out of a person within the context of lying signs and wonders being performed.
 - *2 Thessalonians 2:7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. 8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: 9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders , 10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: 12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.*
3. Because there is a counterfeit healing that can take place within the body of Christ the spirits must be tested.
 - *1 John 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.*
4. It is possible that where the Lord is pleased to visit His people in a healing service the Evil One will also attempt to infiltrate the meeting and take over. Evidence of an attempted hostile spiritual takeover might include one or all of the following.
 - Order gives way to disorder. *1 Corinthians 14:40 Let all things be done decently and in order.* There is no need for people to be slain in the Spirit, shout and scream and go into trance like states calling undue attention to themselves.
 - A multitude of voices speaking simultaneously. *1 Corinthians 14:27 If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret. 28 But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God. 29 Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge. 30 If any thing be revealed to another that sitteth by, let the first hold his peace. 31 For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted. 32 And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets. 33 For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.*

- Irrational behavior. When individuals begin to act like animals and not like men there is an unclean spirit present, for God invites His people to reason together, not to do the chicken walk, bark like dogs or oink like pigs. *Isaiah 1:18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. 1 Corinthians 14:32 And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.*
 - Immodesty and immorality is manifested. *Exodus 32:15 And Moses turned, and went down from the mount, and the two tables of the testimony were in his hand: the tables were written on both their sides; on the one side and on the other were they written. 16 And the tables were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables. 17 And when Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said unto Moses, There is a noise of war in the camp. 18 And he said, It is not the voice of them that shout for mastery, neither is it the voice of them that cry for being overcome: but the noise of them that sing do I hear. 19 And it came to pass, as soon as he came nigh unto the camp, that he saw the calf, and the dancing: and Moses' anger waxed hot, and he cast the tables out of his hands, and brake them beneath the mount.*
 - Potential for physical harm. When catchers are needed to protect people from being crushed, hurting themselves or others, then an evil spirit is present. None of the healing miracles of the Bible ever caused harm to self or others.
5. Concerning those who are conducting the healing service care should be taken.
- Some sincerely believe they have the gift of healing and God is pleased to use them with power and a special anointment. When Katherine Kuhlman said, “*I believe in miracles*” she probably truly believed. Her faith in a miracle working God was authentic and so the Lord was pleased to use her to help others. God can use anyone or anything to fulfill His purpose, including a donkey (Numbers 22:28).
 - Some faith healers are charlatans. They know it and in time others do as well. When evangelist Burroughs A. Waltrip, who advertised himself as the “*Louisiana Pulpiteer*” divorced his wife and left his two sons in Austin, Texas to marry Katherine Kuhlman he began to expose his true nature. He eventually died in a prison in California having defrauded a woman of money.