

## **THE FATAL FLAWS OF CHARISMANIA – Fatal Flaw #5: The Denial of God’s Word as a Closed Revelation with the False Claim of Ongoing Revelation (Part Two of Two)**

Even though proponents of historic Christianity have sanctioned the Word of God as a completed and closed revelation, it does not mean we regard the Bible to be a dead document. The opposite is true. Adherents to the above perspective believe, as much as anyone else, in the declaration of Hebrews 4:12, where we read the following –

**“For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”**

The most powerful spiritual experience that an individual can hope to have, will occur when one is engaged in a sincere and meaningful interaction with the Word of God. It can result in a conversion to Christ; and without such involvement, no follower of Jesus will ever become the person God wants them to be. Every Christian can receive the guidance and direction they need for everyday life when they embrace God’s Word as their one and only infallible source of truth.

This brings us to **FATAL FLAW #5** of the Pentecostal/Charismatic perspective, which has created a false equivalency between the canon of Scripture and anyone today who arises in a church service and declares, “Thus says the Lord.” No one possesses such apostolic/prophetic authority today. That ability ceased with the completion of the foundational phase of the building of Christ’s Church in the first century. Asserting the opposite reveals a profound lack of wisdom on the part anyone promoting an open-ended free-for-all regarding revelation. Unfortunately, a deficiency of discernment has proven to be the least of their problems, resulting in a downward spiral of deepening deception within Pentecostal/Charismatic circles, forewarned in 1 Timothy 4:1-2 –

**“But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons, by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron . . .”**

This falling away does not have to be permanent. Any Christian can be restored to a right relationship with God through repentance of sin and reliance upon the Scriptures, under the control of the Holy Spirit. The testimonies of many who have left the Pentecostal/Charismatic movement, are indicative of the power of God’s Word and its ability to break through the deceptiveness of false teaching. In these last days of the Church Age, in spite of the epidemic of spiritual deception all around us, the power of the Word of God is more than sufficient for the purpose of re-establishing the believer in sound doctrine. So be encouraged. There is no reason for you to continue being a victim of **FATAL FLAW #5** of this unbiblical trend which exists within Pentecostal/Charismatic teaching. Instead, fully embrace the Word of God as your sole source of infallible and authoritative truth. To the best of your ability, through the Holy Spirit’s guidance, engage in serious Bible study, in order to gain an understanding of sound doctrine and how it applies to your life. Then, by reliance upon the grace of God within you, live it out in all the fullness of God’s power at work on your behalf (Philippians 2:12-13).