Normally this includes speaking in tongues (the physical tongue of the person begins to make sound without that person controlling it himself). In 1 Cor.14, Paul explains what the discerning marks of speaking in tongues are (when it did happen and was from God). Always it followed the principle of "the spirit of the prophets is subject to the prophet" (14:32). Modern tongues is taught to be a letting "the spirit" take control of your body, in order that you lose control and speak in ecstatic speech, unknown sounds, and those who practice speaking in tongues take this to be biblical tongues. But if the Spirit of God enters the body of the person, (1) He does not take control from you, but proposes what is that will of God so that in your own will and control, you do the will of God. (2) God does not cause a person to do things against his will, especially do cause them to do things against God's will. Paul presents us with a list of criteria in 1 Cor. 14 to discern what are the marks of the working of God's Spirit, so if somebody says something is of God, we can spiritually discern if it is or not.

If the Spirit of God enters these people that speak in tongues today, it is (by their own definition) a outside control from outside of themselves that enters and controls them. But what "spirit" is this if what they do is against God's express will? Would God make a person sin? Who is this spirit then? It is an evil spirit disguising itself as the Holy Spirit, but holy it is not.

The Truth about Speaking in Tongues

First in Acts 2, the speaking in tongues that they did was in <u>known</u> human languages (known by people present, and the purpose was for communication of the gospel). Secondly we note that in the Bible the purpose of speaking in tongues was the preaching *"the wonderful works of God"* (Acts 2:11), or in other words, it was a preaching or teaching where the rest judged the content of what was said, always understanding what the words meant (cp Acts 17:11 *"These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of*

mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether these things were so"). God's will is that God's people understand and compare with the Word of God all teaching and speaking in the services and this includes tongues. The edification that Paul gives us as one criteria in 1 Cor. 14 is to hear the word of God and understand it (as in Neh.8:8) so that we can obey it.

If these things are very clear, then why do Christians reject the very clear teaching of the Bible that says the most important passage on tongues that there is teaches us that tongues is known (by people present) foreign language? Why do people seek for something else? The answer is that the heart is rebellious, and it seeks alternatives to what God commands. But even though many people understand that modern tongues aren't quite what the Bible teaches, they don't understand the demonism behind modern tongues. Let's say that this is witchcraft and satanic activity where truly people lose control of their bodies to the power of devils.

Any person who allows or seeks this is seeking demonic powers to control his body (Mark 5:9).

The Danger of Speaking in Tongues

But the person who plays the game with speaking in tongues is playing with the devil and in the end can be hurt very much. The modern practice of tongues is exactly the same that Hinduists and practitioners of Yoga¹ have practiced for centuries which they call kundalini². They have the concept that this phenomenon is to release "*the power of the serpent*" that resides in every person. This can be brought about through the use of strong psychedelic drugs (that alter the mind), yoga, near death experiences, and with speaking in tongues as is practiced today. The physical experience is

¹ <u>**Yoga**</u> – "Yoga" means "put under a burden".

exactly the same in tongues and kundalini. When the power of the serpent comes out, frequently the person makes involuntary sounds and their bodies begin to make movements out of their control (as is slain in the spirit). ³ The Hindu's Kundalini is the modern speaking in tongues, and both fall to the floor and roll about out of control (this is also seen in Santerism), making sounds of animals, or even laughing uncontrollably⁴, even smelling strange fragrances, having a sensation of light or fire or electricity, visions of heavenly people talking to them, or rhythmic and repetitive chants.

Kundalini was described by the Upanishads, the holy scriptures of Hinduism in the fifth century before Christ. The oral tradition goes even further back. For example, in India, the guru of Kundalini Yoga, Sri Ramakrishna (1836-1886) describes his god-man consciousness. Every day he entered into a samahdi (trance) when he then fell to the floor involuntarily in a state of euphoria and joy (ananda) when pretty visions appeared and sometimes he would leave his body and travel through the heavens. This was also accompanied at times with an uncontrollable laughing. He could cause this same thing to happen in other people with only a light touch⁵ on the head or chest of others⁶.

 $^{^{2}}$ <u>Kundalini</u> – the idea here is of burning or a spiral twisting. They relieve that all "cosmic" energy comes from the base of spine (of the human being). Kundalini is a releasing of this cosmic energy, and this happens when the serpent untwists itself in you. In the occult, kundalini has been a common practice for over 1,000 years, but in Asian religions, its history has goes back to 4,000 year.

³ Cristiana y Stanislov Grof, "*<u>The Stormy Search for the Self</u>*", page 78-79, a book promoting the Kundalini movement.

⁴ Witch's Laughter: "I laughed for hours and hours. All my private personal sufferings... was dissolved in the laughter... I felt transformed... I have always seen this happen as a kina of spiritual experience... people do not think that laughter is spiritual. Now I understand that laughter can be a medium for a spiritual experience... it can be the medium of a transformation. The laughter of Gavreil, like that of Aphrodite, empowered me to put distance between me and the pain." Carol Christ, The Laughter of an Aphrodite: Reflections on the Journey to being a Goddess, Harper & Row, 1987, pgs. 5-6. http://www.cmspokane.org/toronto.htm

⁵ We note that the Bible present a certain transference of

spirits by the imposition of hands. We are to be wary, to have a lot of reserve in the imposition of hands on other, and especially not to lay hands on someone unless we are extremely sure that he is a true man of God, and even then, we should not allow other to put hands on us.

⁶ http://www.bible.ca/tongues-kundalini-shakers-charismastics.htm#document

Another master of Kundalini Yoga was Bhagwan Shree Raineesh (1931-1990) who brought his sect to the United States. In his interpretation of all of this, they meditated (no thoughts), chanted rhythmic chants, naturalism (walk about totally naked), practices a "primordial scream," did extreme forms of exercise, and had free sex. With just his presence in a room, his disciples began to laugh and cry uncontrollably, to fall to the ground, to feel electricity, and all of this was precipitated easily by a touch in the head by the finger of the grand master Raineesh. They use the term, "drunk with new wine", even though they did not necessarily drink any alcohol. It is a euphoria which is similar to what alcohol gives a person, but it is spiritual. We also note that the experiences of those which practice Voodoo equally speak in tongues (ecstatic speech) in their sessions.

Carl Jung (1875-1961) is the father of modern psychology and he promoted the Kundalini Yoga in the conferences as a link between psychology and the oriental thought for finding internal (spiritual) peace. Kundalini Yoga is a system of meditation⁷ where the person controls their respiration in order to provoke an altered state of conscious (trance⁸) so that these "spiritual" things (tongues, falling, visions, etc) can happen. Many false religions worldwide have used these same forms to communicate with spiritual beings, "gods", of phantoms (spirits of dead humans).

Even among these very groups though there are warnings 9 of the danger in these phenomena. Medically speaking, doctors have noted that once

⁸ In Voodoo, the people enter a trance with repetitive music. The trance simply puts the person in communication with spiritual beings. During the trance the person has no control of himself, and often he will fall to the floor. Some crawl about on the floor and make sounds of animals or sounds that nobody understands. Those priests of Voodoo normally have the job of catching these people before the fall and hurt themselves.

9 http://heartseva.com/

these practices begin, the person can move into a trance state without warning or desire, and there are other problems like sexual dysfunction, physical and psychological problems (anxiety, night mares, depression, hallucinations, psychological distress, detachment from reality, etc.), tiredness and stress, inability to concentrate, and even problems with demon possession.

Demonic Activity in the Church

The Bible teaches that the baptism of the Holy Spirit occurs at the same moment of saving faith (accepting Jesus Christ as your Savior), and the only faith and always present mark of the indwelling Holy Spirit is holiness, piety, and a leaving off of sin. There are groups of Pentecostales who promote the Holy Spirit baptism as something equal to Kundalini or speaking in tongues (by reinterpretation of the words to mean other things which are not what the Bible really teaches). To be clear here, to fall down on the ground and roll around, lose control of one's own body, and make strange sounds has always from the beginning of time been associated or understand as a mark of demon possession (Mat 17:15, never the Spirit of God (until Pentecostalism).

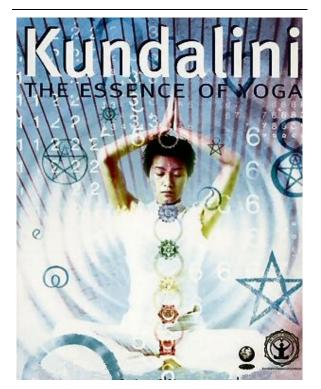
"According to the roman rhythm, other signs of possession (by demons) include 'the ability to speak with commonness in a strange tongue or when another speaks through you, the ability to foresee future events or hidden things, and the manifestation of powers that are beyond normal powers of people."¹⁰

"Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light." 2 Corinthians 11:14

Kundalini and Tongues The Power of the Serpent

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The modern speaking in tongues (ecstatic speech, losing control) is not a biblical practice, but is part of a religion of demons. This phenomenon appears in various religions, and one of them is in Hinduism (Yoga). According to them, this phenomenon is the bursting forth of the power of the serpent that comes up through a person's spine. They define this as "going through a door", but alter seeking it, it takes control of your own body.

⁷ In oriental religions, meditation is "not thinking", to block or free the mind from all thought, and in the Bible the word "meditate" means to think profoundly about something, the exact opposition.

¹⁰ Joseph Ecanem, PhD. "demonic possession" p 23. http://www.catholicapologetics.net/speaking_in_tongues.htm