

Soul Power (Psychic v/s Spiritual)

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Soul Power: Before the fall Adam (humankind) possessed enormous supernatural power invested by God. When he fell his power was immobilized, not lost, but buried within him. This has become "latent" soul power or "hidden" soul power.

Soul Power and Satan: Satan's work is to stir up man's soul and release this latent psychic power within. It is a deception for spiritual power. There is a special relationship between man's soul and Satan in the last days.

This power, after the fall, was circumscribed and enveloped by the shell of the flesh or body.

Satan attempts to break this shell and release the dormant power in the soul. He does this in order that he may gain control.

Sadly, many are deceived into accepting this as God's power.

Tapping internal Energy: We hear a lot today about "releasing the energy within us", "tuning our inner being to infinite intelligence", "the force is within you", "releasing your full potential".

Techniques are being taught in motivational seminars on how to release this "latent soul power".

Mirror Talk: This deceptive design of Satan is creeping into the church. At a Pentecostal pastor's motivational seminar in Australia the following technique was introduced by their national leader to release their potential: About forty pastors, who badly wanted numerical growth in their churches of fifty or less people, were given mirrors to look into. They then marched around for hours shouting into the mirrors words like this, "You can do it", "You can build a big church", "You can grow to one hundred in five months" etc. The result of this is that they would release a psychic dynamic, but certainly not a dynamic of the Holy Spirit. The long term results were tragic.

False Words of Knowledge: Other techniques can produce the word of knowledge by telepathic means rather than the Holy Spirit.

Exaggeration: This can produce psychic power. The measure in which one exaggerates is the measure in which one can be deceived. Preachers have to be so careful about this.

We can also have a biased viewpoint, and then everything that contributes to that viewpoint is believed. We then lose our objectivity. After a time this can grow up to be a huge deception that takes us away from reality.

Slaying in the Spirit: This can be produced by a projection of soul power if done in a hyped atmosphere. Hype is a false spiritual atmosphere that can be produced in a crowd by repetitive singing and loud verbal declarations. Alas some preachers use this kind of manipulation to produce this atmosphere. Of course they mostly believe that they are operating in the power of the Holy Spirit.

False healing and false belief can also result. We must be able to discern between the false and the true, because God's true presence can come through genuine hearty congregational singing and declaring His Word aloud. True healings should be, preferably, verified by objective assessment; this avoids scepticism by some or false claims by over enthusiastic observers.

Babylon Principle: See Genesis 11:4 At Babel, "Come let us build ourselves a city — the top to reach the heavens." Verse 6 "Indeed the people are One, nothing they propose to do will be withheld from them". Soul (psychic) power united is enormous. God saw that whatever man perceives in his heart to do, he can do.

The tower of Babel symbolizes God-defying disobedience, independence and pride.

Dozens of these Ziggurat (meaning pinnacle) towers of this sort have been built since the destruction of the first. Man is still building "Ziggurats" in the commercial and religious world. Paul stood against such false workers – read II Corinthians 11. False apostles are still building false kingdoms in the universal (so-called) church today.

Synergy: Is the power output of a group concentrating in one mind which is far greater than the sum total of what the people, who are present, possess. The result can be for good or bad. This depends on the motive and whether there is a dependence on God or not. This method is used a lot in motivational seminars. Some of these Seminars conducted in the business world cause their sales people to get a "high" that looks like a counterfeit baptism in the Holy Spirit. This is 'soul power' not just enthusiasm for the product or company.

Principle of Babylon: Isa. 14:4 King of Babylon--picture of Lucifer.

(Babylon means "to confound" or Bab-ilu "gate of god")

Verse 12-15 "How are you fallen from heaven O' Lucifer Son of the Morning,

-----you have said in your heart:

I will ascend into heaven,

I will exalt my throne above the stars of God;

I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north;

I will ascend above the heights of the clouds,

I will be like the Most High."

Five "I wills".

Business and Babylon: This typifies the projection of "latent soul power". In Revelation 18: 11-18 Babylon is seen as having Satan inspired trade and merchandise. Also is seen to have enormous religious psychic power and a synergy of consummated evil. The Bible says it will fall in one hour.

Business and Tyre: Ezek: 1-19: The King of Tyre is seen here as Satan --"You were in Eden, the garden of God". Satan operating through the "spirit of commerce"— "By the abundance of your trading —"The city of Tyre was the great centre of merchandise whose merchants traded and colonized everywhere. Satan is powerfully involved in the release of "latent soul power" in the business world.

"Think and Grow Rich" is a very famous business book by Napoleon Hill. Without question, this single book has had greater influence on the lives, accomplishments and fortunes of more individuals than any other book of its kind. Many world famous business leaders attest to the fact that after reading this book everything in business worked out for success. It is the towering giant of all self-motivational books.

Note, this book is also recommended by some Christian leaders.

Blatant Occult Teachings: In "Think and Grow Rich" Hill's teachings about the mind are far more dangerous than it's teaching about wealth. He explains how he received the power techniques contained in the book in the form disembodied spirit entities: He says, "Now and again I have had the evidence that unseen friends hover about me, unknowable to the ordinary senses. In my studies I discovered that there is a group of strange beings who maintain a school of wisdom.

Masters who can disembody themselves and travel instantly to anyplace they choose ...to give knowledge directly by voice.

Now I knew that one of these Masters had come across thousands of miles, through the night, into my study.

I shall not set down every word he said, but much of what he said has already been said to you in the chapters of this book and will follow in other chapters.

'You have earned the right to reveal a Supreme secret to others said a vibrant voice. You have been under the guidance of the Great School.... Now you must give the world a blueprint...."

Beware of the Hidden Demon of Commerce: Of course not all business competition, goal setting, enthusiasm is controlled by this power, but we have to be on the alert to distinguish between natural dynamics and supernatural psychic. Many Motivational Seminars are coloured directly or indirectly by the psychic power of the "Think and Grow Rich" kind.

Wrong motive can tap into a wrong source.

The Serpent Offer of godhood to Eve: "Anything the human mind can believe, the human mind can conceive." This is the seduction behind the "Human Potential" movement; really another name for "New Age". The basic premise is that the human mind has mysterious inherent powers that are capable of creating one's own reality.

Hill says there is a great universal storehouse of Infinite Intelligence, wherein there is stored all knowledge and facts, and which may be contacted through the subconscious. This is at the heart of many success methods today.

Visualization: This can be a valid faith principle such as in "God saw the things that are not as if they already are". This is a good and powerful thing if the seed and motivation is of God. But there is no doubt many are using this wrongly and are therefore in danger of tapping into a psychic power outside of a valid realm.

What is God's way to power? "God's power is made is made perfect through weakness".

The principle of the Cross is the way to His power and wisdom. Opposite to man's way — the way up is through the way down, not "I will ascend". "Let's do it My way" is the popular Frank Sinatra song of this age.

Dependence on an all-sufficient God is 'the way' – not 'My way'. My greatest times of power in ministry have been at my weakest point. One Pentecostal minister said to me, "That's just because you perceive it in your mind, that way."

My Bible tells me there is no other way.

Kingdom of Self: We are living in a secular world where self is the preoccupation of humankind.

Self awareness, Self actualization, Self improvement, Self release.

Wait a minute it not self --- it's all about Jesus!

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