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4. Given the lack of scriptural warrant for modem tongues-speaking, and the universality of glossolalia in various religions, modem tonguesspeaking should probably be regarded as an expression of the human psyche -- one that provides a temporary release from emotional tension and a temporary emotional "high." As such, it may have some value for psychology and psychosomatic medicine, but even here its side effects must be considered, including psychological dependency and escape from the need to come to grips with real problems in order to seek lasting solutions.

5. If evangelical Christians are drawn away from evangelizing the lost with the gospel, and drawn toward evangelizing other Christians with the baptism of the Holy Spirit and tongues-speaking, then the phenomenon has a net negative value, and holds promise of creating great harm and damage to the church of Jesus Christ.