Kathryn Kuhlman, Aimee Semple McPerson and the source of Benny Hinn's 'Anointing'

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Kathryn Kuhlman: Healer and New Age diva Wednesday, December 12, 2007 By Robert Duncan
http://www.speroforum.com/site/article.asp?idarticle=13001
Kathryn Kuhlman was a founding member of a New Age movement that synchronized Christianity and spiritualism together with pop psychology and a lavish serving of capitalism. Thanks to Kuhlman's pop status websites now sell the claim of being personally transformed and healed by practicing Christian yoga.

It is thanks to Kuhlman that the practice of being "slain in the spirit" is said to have been made more popular in evangelical circles, and where attendees of her crusades passed out on the floor, saying they had been touched by the Holy Spirit. Kuhlman could be an original mega-church pastor, from her 2,000 seat Denver Tabernacle, to her top billing at the Los Angeles Shrine Auditorium. While Kuhlman received an Honorary Doctorate from Oral Roberts and being a Baptist, it was with the Pentecostal movement that she is often associated, despite her divorce and view on speaking in tongues - which she didn't normally allow at her services.
Time Magazine once called her a "veritable one-woman Shrine of Lourdes," such was the fervor that Kathyrn Kuhlman (1907-1976) garnered. Wayne E. Warner, in his book "The Woman Behind The Miracles," goes so far to claim that Catholics would prefer to save money and attend a Kuhlman crusade than travel to a Marian shrine.

With the public came the television and fame - and money, including an investigation by the IRS. Kulman's biographer and friend Jamie Buckingham admitted that "she loved her expensive clothes, precious jewels, luxury hotels, and first class travel."

But it wasn't just the luxury that created a fog around Kuhlman. Some critics claimed Kuhlman's slaying was the work of unholy spirits.

Despite being a Baptist preacher, many of Kuhlman's critics came from her own quarters. Among some of the harsher criticisms was the view that she was soft on Catholics.

In response to reports that she had a private audience October 11, 1972 with Pope Paul VI, some extreme Protestants still find their blood boiling: "Katherine Kuhlman was a witch that was accepted by many. Do you suppose that the Pope blessed her for serving Jesus? Or could it be that an anti-christ was blessing one of his own servants."

Buckingham writes in her book "Daughter Of Destiny," that Kuhlman had "a special love for doctors, and wanted them either on the stage or on the front rows of the auditorium. The same was true of priests and nuns - especially if they were 'in uniform'. Nothing thrilled Kathryn more than to have thirty or forty Catholic clergymen, especially if they wore clerical collars or, better yet, cassocks, sitting behind her while she ministered. Somehow it seemed to lend authenticity to what she was doing — and helped create the proper climate of a trust and understanding which was so necessary for a miracle service."


"Kathryn had but one pass through Las Vegas, and she would deliver the gospel with power! Hundreds of people in Las Vegas as well as the faithful in Youngstown, Pittsburgh, and Franklin had agreed to pray that the Holy Spirit would stir the city. Not far away a Roman Catholic priest said a Mass for the meeting the day before," wrote Warner.

It's often reported that Kuhlman's first church was in Franklin, Pennsylvania - something that isn't entirely correct. More apt, perhaps would be to say that the Franklin church was where a re-born Kuhlman was launched.

Kohlman was born in Concordia, Missouri to German parents and said she was born-again at the age of 14 in her home town Methodist Church.
"It was the beginning of something that changed my whole life," said Kuhlman. "All that I knew was the glorious new birth experience, and (as a young girl) when I went to preach to those farmers in Idaho, I could tell them nothing more than what I had experienced: that Jesus would forgive their sins. So, I preached salvation all across Idaho to every farmer, to everyone who would listen; but gradually I began to realize there was someone besides the Father and the Son - there was this Third Person of the Trinity. I felt compelled to know more regarding Him and, as I began searching and studying God's Word, I could see that divine healing also was in the atonement."

Finishing the 10th grade, Kuhlman began to preach when she was just 16.

"At about age 21 Kathryn set out on her own to preach the gospel. Kathryn's first 'congregation' were the customers at a small, dirty pool hall in a run-down section of Boise, Idaho. Kathryn's name became well-known as she preached in tents and barns in Idaho, Utah and Colorado. In 1933 Miss Kuhlman's traveling revivals settled in and she opened her own church in a Montgomery Ward's warehouse in Colorado, calling it the Denver Revival Tabernacle," according to the Essortment website.

In Denver that Kuhlman's ministry experienced an early setback.

According to Wikipedia, "In the mid-1930's, Kuhlman met evangelist Burroughs A. Waltrip, whom she invited to preach at the Denver Tabernacle where she was the founder and pastor. Waltrip left his wife and two sons to form a professional alliance with Kuhlman, and after his divorce was final, married her in October 1938. This resulted in the deterioration of Kuhlman's ministry in Denver and Waltrip's in Mason City, Iowa. They left Mason City and traveled throughout the country, always dogged by news about their past. Kuhlman finally left Waltrip in 1944, and in 1948 Waltrip divorced Kuhlman. Moving to Franklin, Pennsylvania, Kathryn put the marriage behind her and thereafter presented herself as Miss Kuhlman."

It was there at the Franklin church in 1946 when it was claimed that a woman was healed of a tumor while attending one a Kuhlman service, and which in turn would become a key ingredient in her well-known "Miracle Services."

According to Kuhlman, "It was in Franklin, Pennsylvania in the old Billy Sunday Tabernacle. I had gone to Franklin by faith (1946), not knowing what I would find there. It was in the third service, as I was preaching on the Holy Spirit, sharing with the people the little that I knew about that Third Person of the Trinity - a woman stood up and testified to her healing of a tumor. That was the first healing that took place in this ministry. It happened without the laying on of hands, without any special prayer; it just happened as a woman sat in the audience while I was preaching on the power of the Holy Spirit. Since that time, there have been thousands and thousands of healings. What is the secret? It is the Third Person of the Trinity - the Holy Spirit!"
John 16:13  Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, [that] shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

John 16:14  He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew [it] unto you.

John 16:15  All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew [it] unto you.

The Holy Spirit's Chief Office

A Sermon (No. 2382)
Intended for Reading on Lord's-Day, October 14th, 1894,
Delivered By C. H. SPURGEON,
At the Metropolitan Tabernacle, Newington
On Thursday Evening, July 26th, 1888.

"He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall show it unto you"—John 16:14-15.

It IS the CHIEF office of the Holy Spirit to glorify Christ. He does many things, but this is what he aims at in all of them, to glorify Christ. Brethren, what the Holy Ghost does must be right for us to imitate: therefore, let us endeavour to glorify Christ. To what higher ends can we "devote ourselves, than to something to which God the Holy Ghost devotes himself? Be this, then, your emotional prayer, "Blessed Spirit, help me ever to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ!"

From the Franklin church, Kuhlman soon moved to Pittsburg where by late 1946 she was holding on average 125 healing meetings per year. According to the Kuhlman website, "It was on July 4, 1948 that the first Kathryn Kuhlman "miracle service" was held at Carnegie Hall, North Side - the first of many such services to be held regularly over the years of her ministry in Pittsburgh."

Those meetings followed a certain pattern, which even in later years was kept on television.

"After a fantastic organ prelude, Kathryn would appear on the stage dressed in a long blue or white robe," according to the testimony on one website. "Everyone would stand up. She would say: 'How glad I am to have you all here. The Holy Spirit will perform a great work among you.' The atmosphere was heightened by an introductory hymn sung by thousands of expectant people. This was followed
by prayer and a short sermon. Then Kathryn would suddenly announce, 'Up there in the second row of the balcony a man has just been healed of cancer. Please come down to the platform,' or 'a girl in the seventeenth row has just been healed of a lung disease.' It would continue in the same way for several hours. The people who had been healed came to the platform. Kathryn would hold her hands about six inches above the head of each and pray. They then would fall backwards to the floor. Two attendants would catch them as they fell, so they would not hurt themselves. The people who had been healed would lay for ten to thirty seconds unconscious on the floor. When they stood up, they would say that they had a wonderful feeling. While I was watching, I saw even ministers falling to the floor unconscious, one of them a Catholic priest.”

Such behaviour caused some to suspect that her power wasn’t from the Holy Spirit, but rather Kuhlman was a spiritist.

In one fan's account, “In 1966 Frank my husband took me to a Kathryn Kuhlman Miracle Service in Pittsburgh Penn. We waited for hours on a cold spring morning in May. We watched thousands of sick people gather on the steps, the yard and the street of the 1st Presbyterian Church. We arrived there approximately 12:00 Midnight, not ever imagining the direction or adventures God would take us on.”

The account continues: “About 4:00 a.m. I saw two huge angels, or what I believed to be angels standing at each end of the street looking and watching over us. Their features were big and bold and strong, but also gentle like a mother hen over her chicks. I saw them standing there until we went into the building. I've never told anyone these things. They have always seemed so private to me. They were at least 25 feet tall and neither one of them spoke, but you could tell they knew what the other one knew. They just watched. Ambulances would pull up to the front of the church and the attendants would unload their patients. Nurses all dressed in white would assist them as they lay lifeless on the stretchers and then suddenly the people would disappear. What I didn't know was there was a small door that opened on the street level with a make shill ramp going under the porch and steps of the church into the basement. The stretchers and wheel chairs would enter there and sit in the downstairs of the church during the service. From time to time someone would run upstairs and testify' of their glorious healing that just occurred down there. There was so much going on the time slipped by and you never got tired. People waiting out there all night were so sick, in the natural they could never have made it, but the Holy Spirit was there giving strength. When we saw how much the one next to us needed to be healed we forgot about ourselves. (Remember this. I believe it to be an important key.) Suddenly the great thick oak doors were pushed open and the crowd, hurried in to find a seat. It was the first time I had ever waited all night at a church, or seen people run to get on the front row. I was in amazement and excited and thrilled and expectant and scared. I did not know what to expect. I had never seen anything in my life like this. JESUS WAS REALLY THERE, and the moment I sat down, I closed my eyes and started to cry. I FELT A LIGHT BEAM ON MY HEAD THAT FILLED MY ENTIRE BODY. I felt illuminated, I felt love and security and needed and grateful and special and unworthy and strong and weak and warm and wonderful, and like I never wanted to leave that place. I
wanted time to stop so I never had to leave that moment. I knew God was changing my life and healing my body. I also knew inside my spirit I had a choice to receive what God was doing for me or to reject what he was doing for me. No one told me that; I JUST KNEW.”

With respect to the claims of Kuhlman's miracles, William Nolen M.D in his 1974 book "Healing: A Doctor in Search of a Miracle", noted, "Finally it was over. There were still long lines of people waiting to get onto the stage and claim their cures, but at five o’clock, with a hymn and final blessing, the show ended. Miss Kuhlman left the stage and the audience left the auditorium.”

Nolen continues: "Before going back to talk to Miss Kuhlman I spent a few minutes watching the wheelchair patients leave. All the desperately ill patients who had been in wheelchairs were still in wheelchairs. In fact, the man with the kidney cancer in his spine and hip, the man whom I had helped to the auditorium and who had his borrowed wheelchair brought to the stage and shown to the audience when he had claimed a cure, was now back in the wheelchair. His `cure,' even if only a hysterical one, had been extremely short-lived. "As I stood in the corridor watching the hopeless cases leave, seeing the tears of the parents as they pushed their crippled children to the elevators, I wished Miss Kuhlman had been with me. She had complained a couple of times during the service of `the responsibility, the enormous responsibility,' and of how her `heart aches for those that weren't cured,' but I wondered how often she had really looked at them. I wondered whether she sincerely felt that the joy of those `cured' of bursitis and arthritis compensated for the anguish of those left with their withered legs, their imbecilic children, their cancers of the liver. "I wondered if she really knew what damage she was doing. I couldn't believe that she did.”

Doctor Nolan and others claim that after extensive research and follow-up checks, despite the widely reported claims there has not been one certified case of a miracle being attributed to Kuhlman.

Enter Benny Hinn  http://www.rapidnet.com/~jbeard/bdm/exposes/hinn/

Perhaps it's not suprising that one of Kuhlman's leading apostles is none other than Benny Hinn, who claims that while attended one of Kuhlman's healing crusades in 1973 he experienced a life-changing moment.

Hinn incidentally claims that besides being visited by Jesus, the Old Testament prophet Elijah and others, that Kuhlman has made her appearance several times and speaks to him from beyond the grave.  http://www.jesus-is-savior.com/False%20Doctrines/benny_hinn_and_necromancy.htm
Hinn's own miracle tours have since become legendary, with obvious similarities to Kuhlman's crusades. “Several months ago, Hinn brought his traveling “healing” road show to an Assembly of God “Signs and Wonders Conference” in Springfield, Mo. At the conclusion of the service, this writer, along with a colleague, waited at the church auditorium’s two exits, watching to see how many empty wheelchairs left the building.”

According to that article, “Although dozens of occupied wheelchairs made their way from the crusade, not a single empty one passed through either of the two exits. Not only is what the television audience sees edited, what the live audience sees is carefully staged. Those who are terribly deformed, children with Down’s syndrome, amputees and the like are kept from the stage and out of sight of TV cameras.”

Continuing, the article notes that Carol McGraw, of the Orange County (California) Register, discovered this painful reality when she reported on Jordan Sheehan. Jordan, at the time of her report, was a 2-year-old who suffered severe brain damage as a result of a fire. He was in a coma for two months. He cannot swallow, talk or move. Jordan’s parents and grandparents thought that if they could get the child to Hinn’s healing crusade and have him prayed over, the miraculous would surely come upon the child. But, according to McGraw’s report, Jordan never experienced the miraculous touch from Hinn, and he and his family were cautiously kept from the stage. (See further, “Faith in His Hands,” Orange County Register, Dec. 5, 1995, Accent, pp. 1,6.)

**New Age**

What with this history it’s no surprise that Kuhlman is a New Age diva with an influence that continues to be felt long after her death in 1976 in Tulsa, Oklahoma following open-heart surgery.
Beware Of Charismatic Leader Benny Hinn in Dave Hunt's CIB Bulletin, Feb. 1992
http://www.discernment.org/benny.htm

Benny Hinn visits Kathryn Kuhlman's and Aimee McPherson's graves for the "anointing", and other wacky things. "The secret to Hinn's power is his peculiar anointing, which he connects with Kathryn Kuhlman and Aimee McPherson, founder of the Foursquare Gospel Church. He first felt the "full power of the Holy Spirit" on him at a Kuhlman healing service in 1973-- and her mantle has presumably fallen upon Hinn. He conducts his meetings almost exactly like hers -- though it takes Hinn much longer to get his audience into the expectant mood that seems to generate psychosomatic "miracles." In an April 7, 1991 sermon, Hinn revealed that he periodically visits Kuhlman's grave and that he is one of the few with a key to gain access to it. He also visits Aimee's grave, where he says: "I felt a terrific anointing ... I was shaking all over ... trembling under the power of God ... `Dear God,' I said, `I feel the anointing.' ... I believe the anointing has lingered over Aimee's body." Here's another version.

http://www.mastersinthemaking.com/masters/jesus.shtml

Kuhlman, Kathryn Faith healer and evangelist (deceased), mentor for John Arnott and Benny Hinn.

1. Kuhlman was one of the more flamboyant women ministers of recent times. She was known for her flowing gowns and dramatic movements and speech. She began ministering in 1923 and died of heart failure in 1976. She was known as a healing evangelist and teacher. She was an ordained minister under the Evangelical Church Alliance and she built the Denver Revival Tabernacle where she served as pastor until 1938. During this time she fell in love with a married man, who divorced his wife to marry Kathryn. Later Kathryn divorced him because the scandal attacked to her marriage stopped her ministry (and rightly so). She was a national radio preacher and is remembered as a leading figure in the Charismatic Renewal movement. Benny Hinn visits her mausoleum to get his anointing recharged at times and he holds his services in the exact same manner which sister Khulman did.

2. Benny Hinn recounts a story where an associate of Kathryn Kuhlman told him that Kuhlman "in the earlier days . . . didn't have any anointing on her compared to what she had when she died." (Benny Hinn, The Anointing. Nashville: Thomas Nelson. 1992. 59.)

3. The personal account of a doctor who investigated the
alleged supernatural healing powers of Kathryn Kuhlman, Norbu Chen, and the Filipino psychic surgeons. One chapter on each -- includes a number of case examples. The author shows clearly how both suggestion and outright fraud tend to play a role in supernatural healings. (Healing: A Doctor in Search of a Miracle, William A. Nolen 1974, Fawcett; 272p.)

4. The second event was Pentecostal healer Kathryn Kuhlman's audience with Pope Paul. After the meeting, she said, "When I met Pope Paul there was a Oneness." This "oneness" was carried into and through her interdenominational healing services until her death. (Part One Foundations For Apostasy: 1950-1985, Ed Tarkowski)

5. Dr. Nolan concentrated his efforts on a nationally known faith healer known as Kathryn Kuhlman. She was an ordained minister who had been "healing" about 30 years at that time, and claimed to have treated app. one and one half million patients. Dr. Nolan interviewed Miss Kuhlman, and secured permission to follow up on the people who attended her services at Minneapolis in June 1973. He used two legal secretaries to secure names, addresses, phone numbers and diagnosis of everyone who was willing to cooperate. In July of 1973 letters were sent by Dr. Nolan requesting those who claimed a "cure" to come to Minneapolis. Twenty three responded. In every case examined by Dr. Nolan there was not found one case of a miraculous cure. Note this quote: "Kathryn Kuhlman's lack of medical sophistication is a critical point. I don't believe she is a liar or a charlatan or that she is, consciously, dishonest. I think that she believes the Holy Spirit works through her to perform miraculous cures. I think that she sincerely believes that the thousands of sick people who come to her services and claim cures are, through her ministrations being cured of organic diseases. I also think--and my investigation confirms this--that she is wrong." (Quotes and facts are from an article in McCall's 9/74)

6. Dr. Nolen, in his book Healing, did long-term follow-ups on 23 of Kuhlman's claimed healings. There were no cures among these cases. One woman who was said to have been cured of spinal cancer threw away her brace and ran across the stage at Kuhlman's command; her spine collapsed the next day, according to Nolen, and she died four months later. (James Randi, The Faith
7. Kathryn Kuhlman developed her own explanation for being "slain in the spirit": "All I can believe is that our spiritual beings are not wired for God's full power, and when we plug into that power, we just cannot survive it. We are wired for low voltage; God is high voltage through the Holy Spirit." (Warner, Kathryn Kuhlman, 220)

8. Among the thousands who tapped into the high voltage flowing through Kuhlman were Richard Roberts, Charles and Frances Hunter (the "Happy Hunters"), ex-priest Francis MacNutt, and a young immigrant named Benedictus ("Benny") Hinn. (Wayne E. Warner, Kathryn Kuhlman, Ann Arbor, MI: Servant Books, 1993, p214-215)

9. (Benny) Hinn revealed that he periodically visits (Kathryn) Kuhlman's grave (click here for a photo of her grave site) and that he is one of the few with a key to gain access to it. He also visits Aimee McPherson's grave (click here for photos of her grave site), where he says: "I felt a terrific anointing ... I was shaking all over ... trembling under the power of God ... `Dear God,' I said, `I feel the anointing.' ... I believe the anointing has lingered over Aimee's body." (Benny Hinn, April 7, 1991 sermon)

10. (Kathryn Kuhlman as a young woman) meticulously studied (Aimee Semple McPherson) "taking in every movement, every song, every dramatic presentation, every altar call" from the vantage of the Angelus Temple balcony. (Wayne E. Warner, Kathryn Kuhlman (Ann Arbor, MI: Servant Books, 1993, p205)

11. For much of Kathryn Kuhlman's early ministry, she lived in the shadow of her role model, the most famous woman preacher of all, Aimee Semple McPherson ... although she never met Aimee at the Angelus Temple, "enough of the glitter rubbed off to start her toward her own superstar status." (Wayne E. Warner, Kathryn Kuhlman (Ann Arbor, MI: Servant Books, 1993, p203-205)

12. Sister Kathryn (had a) flamboyant lifestyle. Not only (did she have a) love for "expensive clothes, precious jewels, luxury hotels, and first class travel," but (she was also married) "to an evangelist, who divorced his wife to marry Kuhlman." (Burgess and McGee, Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements, 529-530)

13. "You've had cancer in the hip and now your pain is
gone. Is that right?" (Man with cancer:) "Yes," (Kathryn Kuhlman:) "Bend over so everyone can see." He bent over. "Walk around." He walked around. "Isn't the Holy Spirit wonderful?" she cried. A sound Of rejoicing went round the hall. Afterward, the doctor inquired of this man. Nothing had changed in his condition. But in Christian circles, the news was spread everywhere that a man in a wheelchair had been healed. (Kurt Koch, Occult ABC, 1978, p. 119)
LORD — they cannot imagine that a mere flesh-and-blood person, such as Mary Magdalene or such as Aimee Semple McPherson in a final incarnation, could even be worthy of being the bride of Christ. And because their minds always contemplate a flesh-and-blood union, they cannot imagine the necessity of the eternal Christ for having a wife in Heaven, much less a wife on Earth!

Her incarnation with her twin flame/Divine Counterpart (The false Master Jesus) enabled her to prove that all are worthy of God’s love and can receive his blessings. Her final incarnation was in the USA, as Aimee McPherson, where she died in 1944. In that lifetime she brought the messages of love and healing from the Masters, especially Jesus, and was persecuted and isolated as a consequence - even so she never wavered in her devotion. She holds for us the energies of Jesus’ power of healing and can help us connect more strongly with his energies

Embodied as:

- **Aimee Semple McPherson** (October 9, 1890 - September 27, 1944) founded the Foursquare Gospel Church and Angelus Temple in Los Angeles, California, U.S.A.
- **Mary Magdalene**

Also known as: Aimee Semple Mcpherson/Sister AimeeSaint Mary Magdalene

McPherson, Aimee Semple

2. She thought that her organization was in fact restoring true Christianity which had been lost over the years. All of these groups initially believed in a restoration of the gifts of the Holy Spirit including prophecy.
3. She is without doubt the most controversial of all the Pentecostal women. She got the baptism in 1907 and soon went with her husband to China, where he died. She came back to the United States and traveled as an evangelist. In 1919 she settled in Los Angeles where she built the Angelus Temple. She served as the pastor of the temple until her death in 1944. She is controversial because she faked her own
kidnapping in order to carry on an adulterous affair in 1926. During the outcry against her over this affair she incorporated The International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, which later grew into a large Pentecostal denomination. The Foursquare denomination exists today. Sister Aimee died of a barbiturate overdose in 1944.

4. **The devil himself lord Sananda/Jesus** even channeled the following damage control quote regarding McPherson" . . . Take the example of one who was told about my beloved Magda. This one, who was of a Christian denomination, was told that **Magda had made her ascension after her passing as Aimee Semple McPherson** and that she had spent half a century at inner levels balancing the remainder of her karma.

5. While the Dictionary of Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements deals with the controversial aspects of "Sister Aimee's" life -- her mysterious disappearances and alleged affairs, multiple marriages (two of which ended in divorce), and death from an apparent drug overdose -- it is strangely silent about her theatrical preoccupation with the **slain in the spirit phenomenon**. (Hank Hanegraaff, Counterfeit Revival, 1997, 168)

6. **(Benny) Hinn** revealed that he periodically visits **(Kathryn) Kuhlman's** grave (**necromancy**) (click [here](http://www.bible.ca/tongues-encyclopedia-pentecostal-preachers.htm#Kuhlman) for a photo of her grave site) and that he is one of the few with a key to gain access to it. He also visits **Aimee McPherson's** grave (pictured below) where he says: "I felt a terrific anointing ... I was shaking all over ... trembling under the power of God ... `Dear God,' I said, `I feel the anointing.' ... I believe the anointing has lingered over Aimee's body." (Benny Hinn, April 7, 1991 sermon)