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## TOURETTE'S

Many mysteries in the field of neurology have, and continue to confound science. Tourette's syndrome is one of them. As these words are being written, science recognizes Tourette's syndrome an unexplained neurological disease most often found in the young children to young adult age group. The symptoms include involuntary movements and vocalizations called motor and vocal tics (see Table 1). Many sufferers experience a reduction in the frequency of symptoms as they age. Additionally, most eventually become asymptomatic.

<b>Motor tics</b>	Eye blinking, vision irregularities, facial grimacing, shoulder shrugging, head jerking, smelling, hair brushing-type motions, etc.
<b>Vocal tics</b>	Repetitive throat clearing, sniffing and grunting sounds, glossolalia (gibberish/unintelligible-type utterances), coprolalia (uttering swear words), echolalia (repeating the words of others), etc.

Table 1 **Symptoms of Tourette's syndrome.** Source: <[http://www.ninds.nih.gov/disorders/tourette/detail\\_tourette.htm](http://www.ninds.nih.gov/disorders/tourette/detail_tourette.htm)>, accessed September 28, 2007.

## HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

Although first scientifically identified by the Doctor, Georges Gilles de la Tourette, in the late 1800s, we need not retreat much earlier in time to find a more insightful, yet still somewhat inaccurate, view of what was/is actually happening. In much of history, those with Tourette's-like symptoms were viewed as being under demonic possession.<sup>1</sup> This spirit was thought to be unclean and demonic because the outward behaviors forced upon the subject were viewed negatively. Yet, there were times that these sufferers were viewed with much esteem, and were understood (correctly) to be blessed with the Holy Spirit—a righteous entity separate from God.

## REALITY

Tourette's is not a neurological malady at all, but a collection of symptoms that are of a supernatural origin.<sup>2</sup> Tourette's is not caused by an evil spirit (regardless of what one might think about the inappropriateness of exhibited behavior).

Tourette's is caused by a benevolent spirit that puts forth behaviors, which when looked at objectively and with *great understanding* (with a God's eye view) are beneficial to the recipient.

It is easy to understand why the symptoms associated with Tourette's are viewed so negatively. The mannerisms demonstrated by these individuals are both disheartening to themselves and others. Yet, it is many of these very actions that result in the ultimate humility and obsessive compulsiveness which make these individuals saintly, and pleasant to God. Furthermore, it is these behaviors that present a recognized phenomenon that defies scientific understanding, which has brought the reader to these pages.

Today, people no longer believe that spirits actually exist. Spirits are seen in movies, read about in books, or merely heard about third-hand. Many indicate a belief in a deity (hence a spiritual existence); however, few behave in a manner indicative of their stated beliefs. With science having such a strong hold over everything in the modern world, one can understand how we would look to a scientific explanation for our problems. Even the clergy no longer recognize how close the supernatural really is. They easily accept a scientific explanation for unexplained behaviors even though they preach evidence to the contrary.

## SCIENCE AND RELIGION

Science lacks progress toward a cure for many reasons, including the wrongful belief in a hereditary cause—indicating that the symptoms are familial.<sup>3</sup> Yet, no gene has been identified as causative. This would be similar to many of the incorrect assumptions (claimed as fact) made by science throughout time;

including, the previous claims of science that the skin-lesions of those with leprosy were merely the result of “bad skin.” Another example being, the longtime claim that the world was flat. Still, others look toward an epidemiological cause.<sup>4</sup>

One of the complained about symptoms of Tourette's are the vocal tics (utterances) these individuals make. Often, they are self-referred to as speaking in a type of “gibberish,” or some unintelligible language (glossolalia). In religious manuscripts, the utterances of those with Tourette's are referred to as speaking in *tongues*.<sup>5</sup> Specific biblical quotations maybe found in tables 2 through 4.

<b>American Standard Version (ASV)</b>	And these signs shall accompany them that believe: in my name shall they cast out demons; they shall speak with new tongues;
<b>Darby Translation (DBY)</b>	And these signs shall follow those that have believed: in my name they shall cast out demons; they shall speak with new tongues;
<b>King James Version (KJV)</b>	And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;
<b>Webster's Bible (WEB)</b>	And these signs shall follow them that believe: In my name shall they cast out demons; they shall speak in new languages;
<b>Young's Literal Translation (YNG)</b>	And signs shall accompany those believing these things; in my name demons they shall cast out; with new tongues they shall speak;
<b>English Standard Version (ESV)</b>	“And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues;
<b>Hebrew Names Version (HNV)</b>	These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new languages;

Table 2 English Bible Translations—Mark, Chapter 16, Verse 17. Source: <<http://www.blueletterbible.org>>, accessed September 28, 2007.

<b>American Standard Version (ASV)</b>	And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.
<b>Darby Translation (DBY)</b>	And they were all filled with [the] Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave to them to speak forth.
<b>King James Version (KJV)</b>	And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.
<b>Webster's Bible (WEB)</b>	And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them utterance.
<b>Young's Literal Translation (YNG)</b>	and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues, according as the Spirit was giving them to declare.
<b>English Standard Version (ESV)</b>	And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.
<b>Hebrew Names Version (HNV)</b>	They were all filled with the Ruach HaKodesh, and began to speak with other languages, as the Spirit gave them the ability to speak.

Table 3 English Bible Translations—Acts, Chapter 2, Verse 4. Source: <<http://www.blueletterbible.org>>, accessed September 28, 2007.

<b>American Standard Version (ASV)</b>	I thank God, I speak with tongues more than you all:  Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to the unbelieving: but prophesying [is for a sign], not to the unbelieving, but to them that believe.
<b>Darby Translation (DBY)</b>	I thank God I speak in a tongue more than all of you:  So that tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe, but to unbelievers; but prophecy, not to unbelievers, but to those who believe.
<b>King James Version (KJV)</b>	I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all:  Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying [serveth] not for them that believe not, but for them which believe.
<b>Webster's Bible (WEB)</b>	I thank my God, I speak in languages more than ye all:  Wherefore languages are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying [serveth] not for them that believe not, but for them who believe.
<b>Young's Literal Translation (YNG)</b>	I give thanks to my God -- more than you all with tongues speaking  so that the tongues are for a sign, not to the believing, but to the unbelieving; and the prophesy [is] not for the unbelieving, but for the believing,
<b>English Standard Version (ESV)</b>	I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you.  Thus tongues are a sign not for believers but for unbelievers, while prophecy is a sign not for unbelievers but for believers.
<b>Hebrew Names Version (HNV)</b>	I thank my God, I speak with other languages more than you all.  Therefore other languages are for a sign, not to those who believe, but to the unbelieving; but prophesying is for a sign, not to the unbelieving, but to those who believe.

Table 4 **English Bible Translations—First Corinthians, Chapter 14, Verses 18 and 22 respectively.** Source: <<http://www.blueletterbible.org>>, accessed September 28, 2007.

These references provide a strong foundation in support of the rationale that those who utter involuntarily are doing so because of a separate entity.

The Book of Mormon contains further evidence that the “gibberish” those with Tourette’s speak is of a holy, and not evil, nature (see Table 5).

Still, there is much empirical evidence that Tourette’s syndrome is of a genetic origin. That is, because Tourette’s syndrome appears to run in families, it must be genetic. While this might be a more comfortable option for the nonbeliever, it fails to address some of the often less talked about symptoms of those with Tourette’s.

<b>2 Nephi 32:2</b>	Do ye not remember that I said unto you that after ye had received the Holy Ghost ye could speak with the tongue of angels? And now, how could ye speak with the tongue of angels save it were by the Holy Ghost?
<b>Alma 9:21</b>	...and also many gifts, the gift of speaking with tongues, and the gift of preaching, and the gift of the Holy Ghost, and the gift of translation;
<b>3 Nephi 26:14</b>	...and he did loose their tongues, and they did speak unto their fathers great and marvelous things, even greater that he had revealed unto the people; and he loosed their tongues that they could utter.
<b>Mormon 9:24</b>	...they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents...
<b>Moroni 10:15</b>	And again, to another, all kinds of tongues;

Table 5 **Book of Mormon**, Source: < <http://quod.lib.umich.edu/m/mormon/browse.html>>, accessed October 1, 2007.

Note: The term “serpents” in Mormon 9:24 refers to the visual aura, and spirits (Holy Spirits) that are the cause, which are viewed by many of the saintly migraineurs and epileptics.<sup>6</sup>

Some of lesser-known symptoms of those with Tourette's point even more ominously toward spirituality. These include tingling sensations on the skin (often called aura (non-visual) by migraineurs and epileptics), the hearing of spiritual voices (pointing toward the telepathic abilities similar to those diagnosed as having schizophrenia), as well as migraine headaches, obsessive-compulsive disorder, and others.<sup>7</sup> When someone with Tourette's has a tingling sensation on the skin (like the feeling of crawling ants), it is merely the feeling of a spirit in physical contact with the individual.<sup>8</sup> Often these individuals perform a hair brushing-type motion; that is, an individual will run a hand over his or her head (similarly to the waving of a hand over the head as performed by the saintly schizophrenics). This action is in response to the weighty/tingling feeling often caused by a spirit on the individual's head. When a spirit is located on the head of an individual, it points toward holiness, as in the artwork depicting the saints and their halos. Those halos are merely the artistic representation of Holy Spirits.<sup>9</sup>

Simply stated, those with Tourette's syndrome are among a group of blessed individuals who exhibit symptoms incorrectly thought to be of a neurological

origin. The symptoms experienced are caused by a benevolent spirit attempting to help the individual. Those with Tourette's syndrome are God's saints.

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<sup>1</sup> "Demonic Possession," Melissa A. Bromwell, <<http://serendip.brynmawr.edu/bb/neuro/neuro99/web3/Bromwell.html>>, accessed October 10, 2007.

<sup>2</sup> George D. Stewart, *How It Is*, Booksurge LLC, Charleston, SC, p. 71

<sup>3</sup> "Tourette Syndrome," <<http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/tourette/default.htm>>, accessed September 28, 2007.

<sup>4</sup> Tourette Syndrome Fact Sheet <[http://www.ninds.nih.gov/disorders/tourette/detail\\_tourette.htm](http://www.ninds.nih.gov/disorders/tourette/detail_tourette.htm)>, accessed September 28, 2007.

<sup>5</sup> Stewart, p. 71.

<sup>6</sup> "Saints: Past and Present," George D. Stewart, <<http://www.georgedstewart.com/files/Download/Saints%20Past%20Present.pdf>>, accessed June 15, 2007.

<sup>7</sup> Stewart, p. 71.

<sup>8</sup> Stewart, p.72.

<sup>9</sup> Stewart, p. 89.