

# The Spirit of Balaam

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I was watching the Beg-a-thon Marathon on Daystar television for a few minutes; I hadn't watched it in a couple of years but normally try to catch it occasionally every time just to see who is on there "begging" and lying.

In MSDK I wrote about the spirit of Balaam but I didn't say too much about it except to give an example of its operation or manifestation that you *always* seem to hear on all these Beg-a-thons from TBN and Daystar. I cannot comment on Skyangel because I haven't watched it in years. The Balaam spirit normally manifests during these programs and at church services during the offering or "message" if the person is possessed with a spirit of Balaam. Unfortunately, we are seeing more and more "Christian" mini stars possessed with this spirit today than I ever thought possible. This spirit manifested through Dr. (yes, she's a Dr. now) Juanita Bynum on Daystar's Beg-a-thon in this manner while she was asking people to donate \$1,000 saying, "You don't have to pray about it. When you're in the dressing room at Neiman Marcus trying on a dress you don't ask the Lord whether you should buy that dress," Then she paused and said, "The Holy Spirit just told me there are three people here tonight who can give \$1,000."

The last time I'd watched Daystar's Beg-a-thon was when we lived in Libby, Montana, and it was manifesting on a grand scale through Mr. Lamb when he was asking business people to give a \$1million offering. He said, "God just spoke to me and said there's a businessman out there who can give this and if you don't God's going to destroy your business" (something like that). Now I noticed they have 3 ways you can give: credit card, personal check or guess what? You can set up an automatic withdrawal system so that they take it right out of your checking account every month; how convenient.

When the first edition of MSDK was published in 1991 I wrote about a "well-known television minister who was possessed" but that people did not recognize it. That man has now been well exposed for years – it was Robert Tilton. Tilton had come out of our church, Lakewood, and moved to Farmer's Branch and built church. He and his wife, Marnie, would sometimes come to the special ministers' meetings that Brother John Osteen would hold for those called to Five-fold ministry.

The first "minister" I saw operate in the spirit of Balaam in 1978 here was Peter Popoff. He, too, has been exposed on national television in the late '90s using a wireless transmitter to receive information about people so as to give the impression that he was operating in the Word of Knowledge. In 1978 he was sending computerized letters, before they were popular like today (perhaps he was as they say "on the cutting edge"), to people in our church stating that he "had been up all night praying for them"; that "at this very moment my hands are still burning with the anointing." Yeh, right, that's true but what kind of an anointing was it?

Yet I found that people in our church actually believed the letters were genuine. I was unable to convince two married couples I was close to that this was phoney, computer-generated because this was a few years before the introduction of the PC. Why could I not convince them? That's because the spirit of Balaam is a deceiving spirit – it is a spirit of divination!