

## Wave Power

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When we look at a wave what do we really see? We seem to see water in motion—a motion in and of itself—just something so common that we quickly dismiss it from our thoughts. That motion, however, is much more complex than we realize.

Waves are formed in three ways, gravity, wind and/or earthquakes. Gravity (and lunar attraction) is responsible for the high and low tides. The rise and fall of the water level causes waves to form. The second cause of waves is wind. Wind friction over a water’s surface. The type of wave wind causes depends on how hard the wind is blowing, how long the wind blows and how much ocean the wind blows over. Lastly, waves can be caused by earthquakes or tremors. An earthquake pushes the water away from the epicenter of a quake and causes resulting waves. These earthquake powered waves sometimes result in a tsunami.

In other words, without these forms of energy waves would not exist. Waves in water, therefore, are only the manifestation of ANOTHER power. The water does not form its own waves—no, rather the water only gives or makes visible the power of the wind, gravity or an earthquake.

We see this same principle in the ripple or waves of a flag hoisted high on a flagpole—the flag fabric does not make its own ripples it only makes the power of the wind visible as it flows across the flag’s surface.

I am reminded of David’s battle with the Philistines. When David inquired of the Lord about this battle he was told, “And it shall be, when thou shalt hear a sound of going in the tops of the mulberry trees, [that] then thou shalt go out to battle: for God is gone forth before thee to smite the host of the Philistines.” Another version reads, “And when thou shalt hear the sound of one going in the tops of the trees, then shalt thou go out to battle. For God is gone out before thee to strike the army of the Philistines.” The Mulberry trees did not make the “going” but only manifested it by the swaying of its limbs and the rustling of its leaves and the sounds that those actions generate. The real “going” that was only manifested by the trees was, in essence, the power of God.

I also am reminded of the glorious experience of the Holy Ghost baptism as stated in Acts 2:4, “And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.” Notice that the “tongues” was not the power but rather the “Spirit gave them utterance.” This is why “seeking tongues” is in error—but “seeking God” is Biblical.

Ought not our lives, like the water that manifests the wind in waves, manifest the power of God in our deeds? This principle is, no doubt, what is meant by Matthew 5:16, “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”

I have often heard people express a move of God in a church service as, “It came in waves!” And how apt is that description because what is really being seen is the movement of people as the Holy Ghost moves in and upon them—the people are not the power the Holy Ghost is the power!

How apt is this Bible setting to the subject:

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Amen!

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