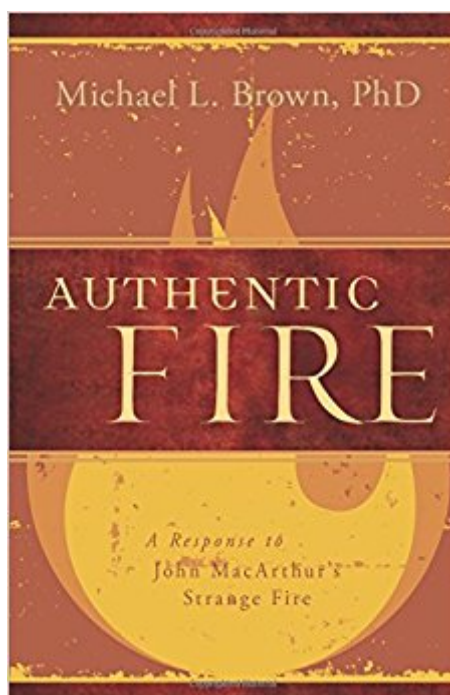


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# Authentic Fire: A Response To John MacArthur's Strange Fire



## Synopsis

In response to Pastor John MacArthur's call for a collective war against charismatics, Dr. Michael Brown has called for unity in Jesus based on a return to the truth of the Scriptures in the fullness of the Spirit. As a charismatic biblical scholar and theologian, Dr. Brown responds to Pastor MacArthur's charges, making a biblical case for the continuation of the New Testament gifts of the Spirit and demonstrating the unique contribution to missions, theology, and worship made by the charismatic Church worldwide. He calls for an appreciation of the unique strengths and weaknesses of both cessationists and charismatics, inviting readers to experience God afresh, and he demonstrates how charismatic leaders have been addressing abuses within their own movement for decades. Dr. Brown speaks on behalf of millions who are not adequately trained to express in writing their own encounters with the supernatural power of God. - David Ravenhill I thank God for this biblically-robust, pastorally-sensitive, historically-informed, and graciously-articulated account of the work of the Holy Spirit in the church of Jesus Christ. - Sam Storms Dr. Michael Brown's Authentic Fire puts the brakes on John MacArthur's crusade against charismatics with irrefutable logic, extraordinary insight, Christ-like graciousness, and an undisputable handling of Scripture. - Frank Viola Michael Brown writes with clarity and courtesy as he confronts one of the most explosive issues among all those who uphold the Bible as the plumb line of truth. - David Shibley

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Testament and Semitic scholar and a leading Messianic Jewish apologist. He has written 25 books, including *Hyper-Grace: Exposing the Dangers of the Modern Grace Movement*.

Dr. Brown has brought the truth of His Word. I do not understand how people who call themselves Christians can fall for man's misguided teaching as found in Mr. MacArthur's *Strange Fire*. Thank you Dr. Brown for an awesome work on the true word of our Lord!

I am not very good with these stars because to me only the word of God can get 5 stars (perfect book). I listen to Dr. Brown's podcast and enjoy it thoroughly. This book was a very good book on the Holy Spirit. I cannot talk about it being a refutation of *Strange Fire* as I have never read it. As for the Holy Spirit and how Pentecostals act and differ from TV preachers is very good. Historical quotes and well researched.

Good read

I had heard about this book and almost ordered it a few times, but something else always seemed to get in the way. Then I saw the incident with John MacArthur and how rudely he treated the Scottish prophet who visited his church, and that's when I decided I had to drop everything and read this book. Like all of Dr. Michael L. Brown's books, this one is well researched, respectfully and meticulously written, and very readable. This is not an attack book, but rather a thoughtful dissertation on both the movement of the Holy Spirit and a call to truly be *Sola Scriptura*. You might want to pick up more than one copy because I find that many around me always want to borrow Dr. Brown's books, and so they can be hard to keep around. Highly recommended.

Certainly worth reading for both pro and con continuation. It gives many useful insights but the one I would like to mention is, don't base your faith on the faults of other people, base it on God's word only.

*Authentic Fire* is a well-annotated response to *Strange Fire*. For any reader so inclined, the research path is clearly detailed and easily followed. Dr. Michael Brown offers a gracious and inspired argument that the gifts of the Holy Spirit are still in operation today. In his book, Dr. Brown shows respect for believers who are cessationists while offering sound scriptural proof that the Church today is as dependent on the moving of the Holy Spirit as it was in the days of the apostles. As

believers, let us all pray for balance in the Church and trust God for His continued blessings on all those who preach the Good News.

Being over here in Ireland, there isn't really much coverage about strange fire etc, but I very much like Dr Michael Browns work, and decided to check it out. I am neither a cessationist nor a continuationist. I haven't experienced the power of the Holy Spirit (Knowingly anyway), but I certainly don't rule out that He is working in the world. That being said, the overarching theme that I took out of this book was a call for us to be united in Christ and to stop over-stating the issues with other members of The Body. Whatever ones views on the spiritual gifts, I certainly felt a Godly heart at play in this book, that really made me hold up a mirror to myself in terms of how I overstate denominational disagreements at times.

I was not aware of Dr. Brown and his ministry, but have followed and benefited from Dr. MacArthur's for over 20 years. This book is an example of how believers can confront one another in love, with gentleness and respect. Just as Paul confronted Peter, the leader of the Apostles, so Dr. Brown confronts Dr. MacArthur's critique of the Charismatic movement, but Dr. Brown does so with respect for Dr. MacArthur, and with clear teaching from the Scriptures. Dr. Brown also shares clear teaching and insight about believers who still believe in the fullness of the Holy Spirit and all of the spiritual gifts that was very informative and uplifting for me, a Southern Baptist. I highly recommend Dr. Brown's 'Authentic Fire.'

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