

Responses when entering into a new revelation

Common responses: Reasons for refusing to enter into a new revelation of the Holy Spirit: The old is better and preferred above the new, and mostly unknown, the old needs protecting and preserving at all cost. Man's unwillingness to let go of the old might be caused by unbelieving attitudes, incomplete or incorrect doctrines. Refusing to be guided into all truth by the Spirit, . . . and to be shown things to come. (John 16:13)

Luke 5: 39--No man also having drunk old wine immediately desires new: for he says; The old is better. (cf. Mark 2:21-22; Matt. 9:16-17)

Scripture references: (Matthew 15: 2,3, 6 Mark 7:3, 5, 8, 9, 13).

Example of old traditions: 2 Kings 18:4—He (Hezekiah)... brake the images,...,and brake in pieces the brazen serpent that Moses had made: for unto those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it: and he called it Nehushtan. {Nehushtan: i.e., just a piece of brass} (Num. 21:8-9). (cf. John 3:15)

Isa. 29:10-For the LORD hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes: the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered.

Kingdom of God or Kingdom of Heaven instructed responses: A teacher who combines and uses the old and the new.

Matthew 13:52--Then said he (Jesus) unto them, Therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, who brings forth out of his treasure new and old.

Spiritual responses required: Luke 14:33--So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsakes not all that he has, he cannot be my disciple. (Luke 5:11; Phil. 3:4-7).

Principle examples of selfish ambition or strife between the old and the new are taught in Luke 5:36--38; James 3:14-16-17, in the lives of Cain and Abel; King Saul and David.

Revelation + (Approx. 1900 -)	Revelation + (Approx. 1907-)	Revelation + (Approx. 1960 -)	Revelation + (Approx. 1970 -)	Revelation + (Approx. 1980 -)	Revelation + (Approx. 1990-)	Revelation + (Approx. 2000 -)
Pentecostal Movement	Sanctification Movement	Charismatic Movement	Word Faith Movement	Vineyard- Movement	Spiritual warfare Movement	End-time Movement
Contents of concepts of New Revelations						
Born again. Baptism with the Holy Spirit. Speaking in tongues. Healing. Clergy ministry only.	Positional sanctification going on to experiential righteousness; Christ in you the Hope of glory”.	Gifted laity engaged in ministry to the Body of Christ, fellowship, serving and worship in the Spirit. Holy Spirit focus to the neglect of the centrality of Word of God.	The Word Faith movement brought back faith in the Word of God. However, emphasizing the O.T. material prosperity, rather than focusing on the N.T. promises in Jesus Christ.	Freedom from Church formality. A more liberated style of music in worship songs and compositions. Ministering to the hurting and needy, esp. in the Church.	Prayer, spiritual warfare, spiritual mapping, community transformation, reconciliation. Attention on removal of generational and personal strongholds. Spirit and Word ministry coming together.	God appointed Prophetic-Apostolic leadership to establish the end-time Remnant in spiritual unity and warfare.
Acts 1:8; 8: 17; 10: 46; 19:6; Eph. 1:13	1 Thess 4:2; Gal. 5:16 Col. 1:27	1 Cor.12; 1 Cor. 14; Ephesians 4:11; Phil 3:3	James 2:1-26/ Matt. 6:33; Luke 4: 32	Themes in Galatians and Philippians.	2 Cor. 5:18; Eph. 4:12-16; 2 Cor. 10:3-5	1 Cor. 12:28; Hebr. 4:6; Hebr. 3-4; Rev. 12:11; 14

Hindrances and responses to the revelations of the Holy Spirit

Fear for the unknown, the unfamiliar new, the unpredictability of the new, the new challenge and responsibility, the new also presents the possibility of failure and consequent rejection. This may very well be caused by an institutionalized mindset that is bound to protect the organization or institution at all cost. The new may mean that one has to trust new leadership, new methodology, new expressions; It may mean that we have to give up our own control and claims, give up our familiar tradition, and even our man made cultural values, (Phil. 3: 1-14; Luke 14:26; Matt. 6:33; Luke 14:33). Let the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and His cause be honored and lifted up and have priority over all unresolved feelings and oppositions at this time.

Following Jesus, obeying the Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:14) and submitting to the Word of God (1 Thess. 2:13) certainly calls for an openness of heart to the revelation of God's truth for the present time as He brings his Body to the fulfillment of His purposes to establish his testimony upon earth, and to be glorified in His saints at His coming. To enter the new revelation, the believer needs to be open and humble, respecting the time and application of the revelation of the Old as God has used it.