

Michael Brown's 'Authentic Fire' Book Answers John MacArthur's Accusations

John MacArthur set off a firestorm of debate in November when he launched his *Strange Fire* book and conference flatly charging the **charismatic** church with irreverence to the **Holy Spirit**, heresy through prosperity teaching and other offenses.

Now **charismatic** Bible scholar and theologian Michael L. Brown is offering an in-depth response in an e-book entitled *Authentic Fire: A Response to John MacArthur's Strange Fire*. Indeed, the book confronts one of the most explosive current debates among Christians.

"We feel there's a real urgency to get this message out," says Tom Freiling, director of Excel Publishers and founder of Xulon Press. "That's why we're releasing *Authentic Fire* as an e-book. MacArthur unfairly criticizes **charismatics** in his book, and the body of Christ deserves a response. There's no better scholar and author than Michael L. Brown to make the biblical case for **charismatic** theology."

In direct contrast to the "collective war" launched by MacArthur, Brown makes a biblical case for the continuation of the New Testament **gifts of the Spirit** and demonstrates the unique contribution to missions, theology and worship made by the charismatic church worldwide.

Brown also calls for an appreciation of the unique strengths and weaknesses of both cessationists and **charismatics**, inviting readers to experience God. And he demonstrates how **charismatic** leaders have been addressing abuses within their own movement for decades.

"This project is innovative on many levels," Freiling

continues. "First, the author wrote the book miraculously in less than one month—all 420 pages with hundreds of endnotes. Second, we designed, typeset and produced the e-book in a mere two weeks."