

Let Your Anointing Fall: Kathleen Carnali (2006?)¹

Visualisation: Theodirectional lament.

Analysis: Possibly based on the idea that anointing is repetitive, and synonymous with filling (and spirit-baptism?). The song is a personal plea. It fails to tackle who 'you' is: Kathleen's god, sure, but who is he, she, or it? This is a We Hate Nouns song of soft misvisualisation. The overall image seems to be of a *setting aside* (anointing) falling, then *it* pours out a river, like rain, filling one's heart.² Confusing to outsiders, and not, I think, biblically justified. I guess pour out a river is an allusion to Jhn.7:38, where the context related to a messianic water theme within the Feast of Tents, which fulfilment would be the Christian exodus. My college's notes John's Gospel (BS01) cover this more.

Suggestions: 1# let your blest spirit, rather than let your anointing, may be a better starting point, making it person centred rather than experience centred. Focus on the person can lead to fellowship with someone rather than on getting something. 2# My heart instead of this heart: "which heart—this one, that one?" "No, mine". 3# father instead of my god removes polytheism. 4# let it pour to let him pour moves from ambiguous dynamic to deity—what the river is many be left undefined. 5# fill this...again might be better as stir my...again, as it's dubious as to whether the refilling idea has meaning.

Many in ethnic Israel knew Yahweh well, without having been anointed, and the NT never enjoins Christians to seek an anointing. I reject the notion that thirsting for God is quenched by initial or subsequent *anointing*, even though one form of thirsting *can* be quenched by spirit-baptism impacting of Christian life. Nor do I subscribe to refillings. When feeling spiritually dry, it's often our fellowship with God that needs sorting.

Anointing is not like pouring rain like a river into a heart (mixed metaphors). It is divine setting aside for a mission, sometimes using oil as a token, or symbolised preparation for a divine healing. Subsequent to setting aside, spirit-baptism/filling may occur. The spirit has been globally poured out (Ac.2), contrasted to Sinaitic limitations, but I do not see *anointing poured out* as synonymous.

Rewarding? Horses for courses. It doesn't talk my language, yet in sincerely seeking the ambiguous *anointing*, God may well respond graciously and perk up relationships, answering hearts, not words.

BAG	A	B	C	D	E	F	G ^{1,2}	H ^{1,2}	I	J ^{1,2,3}	K	L	M	Total	Grade
	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	80	B

¹ www.invubu.com/music/show/song/Kathleen-Carnali/Let-Your-Anointing-Fall.html

² Ex.29:7,21 talks of anointing oil (not anointing itself but its symbol) poured on a head, sprinkled on clothing.

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A = Mixed Themes (-4); B = Incompleteness (-4); C = Archaism (-8);

D = Blessing God (-4); E = Buddy or Boyfriend (-4); F = Polytheism (-8); G = Voxdeism: Soft (-24), Hard (-48);

H = Unitarianism: Soft (-60), Hard (-72); I = Misdirection (-12); J = Misvisualisation: Soft (-12), Mid (-24), Hard (-36); K = Boasting (-8); L = Decontextualising (-8); M = Hermit Harakiri (-12)