HERETICAL ARTICLE NO. 15.

"As the Word came to the Prophets under the law, so the Word came to the Apostles under grace"

Amos 3:7-8 - "Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets. The lion hath roared, who will not fear? the Lord GOD hath spoken, who can but prophesy?"

Revelation 2:1 - "Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;"

Revelation 3:14 - "And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;"

I am Dalton Bruce. We're approaching another heresy, and a very complex one. Very complicated heresy. And I believe that this heresy has many thousands of people bound. This states, I quote: "As the Word came to the prophets under the law, so the Word came to the apostles under grace." Compliments "Prophetic Revelation" from a book entitled, "Speak the word," from Singapore via Arizona.

This heresy is saying that Amos 3:7 is limited to the Old Testament, where God used one prophet to bring the Revelation to a certain age or generation. That Amos 3:7 is limited to the Old Testament where one Prophet received the revelation for the age. It applies only to the Old Testament and not the New Testament. It states that New Testament order is to bring the Word by a group of apostles to the church, and not by an Old Testament order of Amos 3:7. The revelation for the apostolic age, came to the Church collectively and progressively over a period of time by several apostles. This is evident by the twenty-six epistles written in the New testament by the apostles. **As a result of this new order, gifted apostles can add to the message of the hour. They can add to the message of Brother Branham** (Malachi 4:5-6, Revelation 3:14). They can also add to the written Word of God, because the written Word of God is the letter, but revelation that is coming from God is in the spirit and it comes straight from the Logos, Christ, who is now upon the face of the earth personified. Therefore the Seven thunders that were not revealed by the Apostle Branham (only called a Prophet) must be revealed by seven Apostles. All these heresies are hooked up in one. That is why I used the term complex heresy.

For a little evaluation of this heresy, let us look this heresy in it's face. What is it trying to achieve? What is it trying to bring out? What are the motives and objectives of this heresy and the heretics that preach such heresy? It's a complex heresy, deceptive, that has it's roots and foundation in the misinterpretation of Amos 3:7.

This heresy is presenting to us an order of the New Testament, and to present this New Testament order of God bringing his spiritual revelation to the church, this heresy is doing away with God's Old Testament order - Amos 3:7.

The only way that this heresy can flourish and make any headway amongst the people of God, amongst message believers, is first to destroy Amos 3:7. Therefore the misinterpretation of Amos 3:7 is the foundation that this heresy is based upon, it is the roots. Anybody that is bound by this heresy must go back to the simplicity of the Bible, the simplicity of the message, the simplicity of the understanding of Amos 3:7, in order to obtain their deliverance.

This heresy here, when speaking of the revelation coming to a group of apostles for New Testament times, evident by twenty-six epistles, looks very convincing and it further states that there were no <u>Prophets in the New Testament system</u>, and God never called any one of the apostles, "prophets." So this heresy is attacking the foundational order of the scripture, in God bringing the revelation by his prophet to the age. I want you to clearly understand what this heresy is saying. This heresy is saying that Amos 3:7, where God used one man to bring the revelation for the age, is done away

with, and in the New Testament God used a group of Apostles to bring the revelation to the age in a collective manner, progressively, which means that the revelation did not come altogether to one man, but it came collectively, over a period of time, and different apostles got parts of this revelation, and bringing them together through twenty-six epistles formed a complete revelation. I defy this heresy! We defy this heresy! How many say we defy this heresy? (Congregation says amen)

The evidence that is given for this heresy is the twenty-six epistles that were written in the New Testament which were all written by apostles. Now this is very diabolical, very cunning. I must take my time and attack this satanic heresy. This is not just something to hit over the head. Thousands of people are hanging their souls upon this heresy. This heresy, brothers and sisters, is master of all heresies, because it attacks the very foundation of the Bible, it attacks the very foundation of every message that God ever sent in the New Testament, and, automatically, it attacks the very message of William Branham. It attacks the very Bible system, the unchangeable system and order of God, to bring revelation to mankind, this heresy has blatantly and cunningly attacked the message of the hour brought by William Branham. It cunningly attacked William Branham himself and his claims to prophethood. This heresy is attacking Malachi 4:5&6, where it is stated, "Behold I send unto you Elijah the prophet." It is attacking Revelation 3:14, which states, "Unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans." It is attacking Revelation 10: 7: "But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound," when "HE" shall begin to sound, "the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets." It is attacking Amos 3:7 and trying to do away with Amos 3:7, the very foundation of the Bible, the very foundation of the message, the very foundation that William Branham based his message upon.

This heresy and the heretics are trying to do away with the very foundation of the entire Church. "Surely the Lord God will do nothing but he revealeth his secrets unto his servants the prophets." We clearly state here that Amos 3:7 is God's order. We clearly state that this is God's established system for both Old Testament and the New Testament. We disagree with this heresy that limits Amos 3:7 to the Old Testament and has formulated a new system and a new order to bring revelation in the New Testament to the church by a group of men.

The messenger himself, William Branham, established his message in no uncertain terms, upon the foundation of *Amos 3:7*, *Malachi 4:5&6*, *Revelation 3:14* and *Revelation 10:7*, beyond a shadow of a doubt. I could bring quotations to you here today, but the quotations that support the statement that I just made are so numerous that it would take me about five years to quote William Branham concerning *Amos 3:7* and God's order of bringing divine revelation to the church. It's all hooked up in *Amos 3:7*. There is no shadow of a doubt from the church age book, from the seven seal book, and there is no shadow of a doubt from all the messages that William Branham preached, that *Amos 3:7* is alive for our day, alive for our age, and it was applicable both in the Old Testament and the New. Therefore I will not waste my time and my breath to bring all those quotations, for if a man could study eleven hundred tapes and so blatantly attack *Amos 3:7* and all the various scriptures that support a one-man revelation for the Age, something is wrong with him. He is highly ambitious like his father Lucifer. There is much ambition that is involved here and we are about to identify this spirit in the Bible with its ambition.

I clearly state here that *Amos 3:7* is God's order, His established order, His established a system for both Old Testament and New Testament. The messenger established that in his message in no uncertain terms. That's the foundation of the entire Bible, and the foundation of his entire message.

I quote the messenger briefly. If the messenger says the same thing a thousand times and I quote to you once what he says, and there are nine hundred and ninety-nine other quotes that are saying the same thing, if I quote the nine hundred and ninety-nine, and you are born to be a believer, my brothers and sisters, that one quotation is sufficient. And if you are born to be an unbeliever, though I quote the thousand quotations, you will still be an unbeliever, for I say, "Search the message for in it you think you have eternal life and it is that which testifies of God's system."

I quote William Branham and I am laying emphasis here upon God's order, God's system of *Amos 3:7* that is still applicable to the New Testament, applicable in our day, applicable in our age, verified by William Branham beyond a shadow of a

doubt.

"It was in the end time period that the Seven Thunders of Jesus came forth, Revelation 10:3&4. What was in those seven thunders no one knows but we need to know and it will take a prophet to get the revelation."

(Exposition of the Seven Church Ages, page 324)

My emphasis here is not thunders; my emphasis is God's order.

"Because God has no other way of bringing out his Scriptural revelations except by a prophet". My emphasis again, "because God has no other way of bringing out scriptural revelations except by a prophet. The Word always came by a prophet and always will. That this is the law of God is evident by even a casual search of the scriptures."

This quotation alone exposes this heresy as from the pit of hell and the darkest abyss of Satan, and not to be recognized as a revelation from God. May I quote a second time?

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"You CAN'T go under a group of men. I defy any time that it ever went, God never did use a group of man. He uses one man." (End time Evangelism 62-0603. Vol. ID, No.5).
We defy that God uses groups of man.

"You CAN'T go under a group of man. I defy any time that it ever went, God never did use a group of man, he uses one man, exactly, one man at a time. Two men got two opinions. One man, exactly right. EVERY dispensation it's been that way, all the way down through."

Let me re-emphasize that. The prophet of God now starts speaking about dispensation. He says God uses one man at a time, he never did use a group, and then he concluded that every dispensation it's been that way, all down the way through. And if you are not familiar with that word, dispensation, all that it means is an age; all through the ages, all through the dispensations. We had a dispensation of Adam, we had a dispensation of Abel; we had an age or a dispensation of Noah; we had a dispensation of Abraham; we had a dispensation of Moses. God's order is to bring revelation to the age by one man. This is clearly understood from *Church Ages page 324* and it is clearly understood from *End Time Evangelism, page 27*, and there are many other quotations that I could give here where God does not use groups of men, but he uses an individual.

Old testament examples of God applying this one-man system and applying Amos 3:7 is that God himself brought the Word in Eden and Adam was the first Prophet, and the Word of the Lord came to Adam in Eden, and the Word said that thou shall not eat of this tree, the day you eat of this tree, you shall surely die. Be sure to tell your wife that.

The Word of the Lord came to Adam and by faith Abel offered the right sacrifice. (*Hebrews 11*). It was a divine revelation that God gave to Abel of what kind of a sacrifice to bring to the altar. And Cain refused to accept Abel's revelation because he thought that he was equal with Abel and God should speak to him personally also. He failed to listen to the Prophet Abel and he

perished. God rejected his sacrifice.

There arose another dispensation. That next dispensation was in the days of Noah, and God found one man, and by that one man he brought a message to that generation and everybody that did not hear that prophet with that message perished. You were going to listen to Noah's message and get into the ark or perish. "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of Man even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed." Luke 17:26-30. One man, and the world failed to hear that one man called Noah and they perished. There arose another man in another dispensation, his name was Moses. Amos 3:7 is applied in Adam, applied in Abel, applied in Noah, applied in Abraham. There were a lot of men upon the face of the earth but God spoke to one man and he said, "Come out of thy father's house and from amongst thy kindred and I will show you a land," and Abraham followed God. He was one man. That's another dispensation.

Another dispensation was in the days of Moses, and let me linger here a little while. God called one man, and for over four hundred years, Israel, God's children had to wait upon that promised deliverer, promised through the prophecy of Abraham. They suffered in bondage in the land of Egypt until that one that was prophesied came on the scene. While Moses was growing up the children of Israel were suffering and Moses came on the scene. And God only spoke to Moses in a burning bush of Fire. Not to all the Rabbis, not to all the priest, not to all the great men. He called Moses and He said, "I will send thee to deliver the children of Israel". One man, *Amos 3:7*. If you wanted to leave Egypt land and enter the promised land, you had to follow Moses or perish.

I want to call your attention to something here that identifies this heresy and identify this spirit right in your Bible. Moses led an exodus out of Egypt land, and Amos 3:7 was in operation where God was speaking to one man and leading two million people to the promised land. But there arose ambitious spirits, and I am identifying this heresy with men that arose, and their statement was, Numbers 12:2 - "And they said, Hath the LORD indeed spoken only by Moses? hath he not spoken also by us? And the LORD heard it"

Numbers 16:1-3 - "Now Korah, the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, and Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On, the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took [men]: And they rose up before Moses, with certain of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty princes of the assembly, famous in the congregation, men of renown: And they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said unto them, Ye take too much upon you, seeing all the congregation [are] holy, every one of them, and the LORD is among them: wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the congregation of the LORD?"

Ambitious spirits! That is where this heresy is identified. This spirit that wants to say that God is also using groups of men on the same level and on the same basis as William Branham, our Moses today with the pillar of fire. This is that same spirit identified in your Scriptures. It's the same spirit that followed that pillar of fire down there, and later arose against Moses.

It's the same spirit in this modern generation, in this 21st century, because of ambition, that is saying, "Hath God only spoken by William Branham? He hath not only spoken by William Branham, He hath spoken by us, a bunch of Apostles also. You lying heretic! You have the spirit of Korah, Abiram and Dathan, and the two hundred and fifty princes upon you. You're anointed by the same spirit that was in the wilderness. This is the same spirit that is writing these books called "Prophetic Revelation." This is the same spirit that wants to exalt itself above the messenger. This is the same spirit that wants to attack the foundation of the entire Bible. This is the same spirit that wants to attack the foundation of the very message. This is the same spirit that wants to do away with *Amos 3:7*, but *Amos 3:7* will live on, it is for today. It was for every dispensation.

We identify this spirit, it's a spirit of Jannes and Jambres that withstood Moses. This spirit does not only want to be recognized as adding revelation to the message or new light to the message. No! this is not the only ambition of this spirit. This spirit has the same ambition as it had in the wilderness, which is to contradict Moses. Those spirits that arose in the wilderness did not only say that they were bringing new light, but were contradicting the message of Moses. And I state right here, that the contradiction that those false prophets, ambitious preachers, were bringing was on the promises of the hour. That is how you identify a heretic today; that is how you identify the Korahs and the Abirams, and the Dathans, and the two hundred and fifty princes. You identify them when they start confessing unbelief in entering the Promised Land, Capstone, Outpouring of the Holy Ghost. They arose to stone Moses. They arose in the desert and said that Egypt land was the Promised Land; it was the land flowing with milk and honey. They arose in the wilderness and blamed Moses for bringing them and their children in the wilderness to slay them. It's the same spirit.

This heresy is contrary to Amos 3:7. This heresy is contrary to Malachi 4 and his beliefs. This spirit is contrary to the Message of the hour. It has totally contradicted the Message of the hour. It has contradicted the very foundation of the Bible; contradicted the very Message of the hour; not only add light, (what they are calling light), but it changed the message. It attacked the very foundation of the entire Bible. It attacked the very foundation of the

very message. It has contradicted the teachings of William Branham who made use of *Amos 3:7* throughout his message thousands of times, stating that God always uses one man for the age, for the dispensation to bring a revelation to the people. Therefore, this heresy is from the deepest abyss of hell. The propagators are heretics, false anointed ones, Korah, Abiram and Dathan in modern times, false apostles who have crept into the Message. And if they cannot repent of this doctrine, it proves who their father is, because they abide not in the truth. And when a man slips out of the truth of the Message of the hour and you correct him and he fails to repent, it shows that he is doing the deeds of his father; and the deeds of the devil, is to pervert the Word of God. They cannot continue in the Word of God.

The second part of this heresy, "B", states:

"God uses groups of Apostles, evident by the Epistles"

It is one thing to believe something, the next is to prove it, and especially when heresies come up and challenge your faith, and challenge your revelation that you took for granted all the time. You've got to know where you are standing.

Now, this second part of this heresy is very slick, and they are citing twenty-six epistles to show that God never used a prophet in the New Testament times. In the Apostolic age, all that God used were apostles, therefore the days of prophets was done away with and God only used apostles, and those apostles wrote twenty six-epistles: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Romans, Corinthians and on down. What is your answer, as Ministers, to this heresy? Study the Word to show thyself approved, a workman rightly dividing the Word of truth. And that is what we are doing here, we are studying the Word to show ourselves approved, rightly dividing the Word of God.

This heresy states that *Amos 3:7*, where God uses one man to bring the revelation for the age, is an Old Testament order. But then in the New Testament time, since the New Covenant came into existence, God did away with *Amos 3:7* one man bringing the revelation to the age, and now he is using a group of Apostles and that is his standard, that is his order for the New Testament. Therefore twenty six Epistles were written by the Apostles and brought forth a collective revelation over a period of time.

It also openly stated that there were no prophets in the New Testament time, and the evidence of this is that there are five "ascension gifts" and the first one is an Apostle, and the second is a Prophet. So when speaking of the five-fold Ministry and the ascension gifts, Prophets played a secondary role, and the Apostles were placed first, therefore the Apostles had the headship as a group of men. Further-more, when problems arose in the Church in Asia Minor, the Apostles there sent to the Apostles in Jerusalem to settle the issue. Another proof is that the Apostles collectively had to settle the issue. What are you going to do when you face a heresy like this? Do you see how cunning that is?

Now, I cannot be angry with my brothers and sisters in the Message for being caught up in a heresy like this, because it is cunning, it is diabolical, seemingly with plenty of evidence. People who had not been exposed to the Message, hearing a heresy like this for the first time, and heretics laying that kind of foundation on virgin soil, by the thousands, and possibly by the millions, people accept that as the teachings of Brother Branham; accept that as the teachings of the Bible; accept that as revelation from Christ veiled in human flesh, personified upon the face of the earth as head of these seven men.

How are these poor Africans going to distinguish the wrong and the right of it? How are these poor people in India going to distinguish the right and the wrong of this doctrine, when you have a great intellectual giant that is very fluent in his speech like Lucifer himself, who could speak and write, and have the assets to send forth these kinds of devilish doctrines throughout the world? When you have people that have now come to this Message with the idea that everybody that preaches the Message are God's servants. Everybody that preaches this Message are not God's servants. Some are of the devil! Some are literal seeds of the serpent! Some are incarnated devils! Some came from hell and they are going back to hell! Certain are ordained to this condemnation and they were allowed to creep into the Message. (Jude 1: 1-4)

This heresy says that the New Testament order is that God uses a group of men, evident by the twenty-six Epistles, and none of these Apostles were called Prophets, all that they were called were Apostles. Proof and evidence is *Ephesians 4:11, 1 Corinthians 12: Firstly apostles, secondarily prophets.*

This heresy is saying that the New Testament Prophets were not like the Old Testament prophets. They were not the absolute, but rather secondary prophets, Agabus and others. They were not bringing a message for the age, but the Message was coming collectively to Peter, James, John, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Paul and Barnabas. It's <u>a cunningly devised fable, heretical to the core, deceptive to the core, damaging to our African brothers, to our European brothers; damaging to the world; attacking the foundation of the very Bible; attacking the very foundation of the Message; attacking the very foundation of the Word of God that we preach.</u>

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This heresy concludes, that each one of the Epistles and each one of the Apostles brought part of the revelation over a period of time, and when put together it formed a complete revelation for that age. Yet, in doing that, the Bible was not completed. Yet in these Apostles bringing parts of revelation to write the Bible in the New Testament, the Bible was an incomplete book. The proof of it is that the seals had to be opened. Now that the seals are opened, the Logos himself has come down, personified in a man, and that Logos personified in a man is greater than the written Word, for the Logos was first and then the written Word came after. Therefore this Logos has more power than the written Word. Therefore the Logos is receiving divine revelation and can bring revelations that can be added to the Message and added to the Bible. You talk about a cunning, diabolical heretic that can destroy millions of souls by his heresies.

Isn't that, my brother, the Pope's doctrine? Isn't that identified with the Pope's doctrine, that the Pope and the Catholic Church are above the written Word of God. It is the same spirit that is upon the Pope of Rome, that built the Catholic Church in 325 AD, which states that the Pope is above the Word and the Pope is infallible? And it's not what the Bible says; it's what the Church says. That's the law of the Catholic Church. It's not what the Bible says, but what the Pope says. He is the church. It's what the church says, not what the Bible says.

And the Pope and his words were so infallible and so much greater than the written Word that Catholics are not supposed to read their Bible, and they took away the Bible from the people for a thousand years, and outlawed the Bible, punishable by death if one scripture verse was found in your house. Isn't that the same spirit? This spirit is saying, "never mind what the message says, never mind what William Branham said, never mind what the Bible said, it's what the Logos says. Isn't that a catholic spirit? Isn't that a Pope spirit? Isn't that a Vicar spirit? Isn't that a beast speaking, from the pit of hell? Without any shame, without any restraint, this heresy and the heretics that believe this, contradicts Brother Branham, not only in these teachings, but many others that I cannot bring out. And one of the outstanding teachings is that if a woman is divorced, and has a living husband, and he is unsaved, she could be remarried.

That is in direct contradiction to the teachings of Jesus, direct contradiction to the teachings of William Branham and his Message. It is in direct contradiction to Romans 7:3, which says: "So then if, while [her] husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress."

However, that is not our subject. Our subject is to shut the mouth of this heretic. Our job here, my brothers and sisters, is to shut up the mouth of this Cretian prophet. Brother Paul said their mouths must be stopped, for they subvert whole houses, they subvert Europe, they subvert Africa, they subvert India with their corruption, and their mouths must be stopped. I am saying that the Old Testament order of *Amos 3:7*, where God use one man at a time, bringing forth a revelation to an age still stands for today. And I will give you up-to-date proof right now. God himself knowing that that system will continue from

Genesis to Revelation, and be applicable for our day, written by Malachi in *Malachi 4:5&6*, "Behold I send unto you Elijah the Prophet".

How are you going to answer this? How are you going to come out of this tangle if you were those Africans, and Indians, and some Chinese where the message has gone on now into China? How are you going to answer these heretics? My beloved, as much as you know this Message, you needed somebody with divine revelation to expose those heresies and bring deliverance to you, if you were caught up in those heresies.

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I am saying that the Old Testament order of Amos 3:7 where God uses one man at a time, bringing forth a revelation to an age still stands for today. And I will give you up-to-date proof right now. God himself knowing that system would continue from Genesis to Revelation and be applicable for our day, wrote by *Malachi 4:5&6*, "*Behold I send unto you Elijah the Prophet!"* 'A P-R-O-P-H-E-T' not 'A-P-O-S-T-L-E-S'. Revelation 10:7 speaks of an individual to bring the Message to the age. That is sufficient for you and me.

Behold I send unto you Elijah the Prophet. Right there in our Bible it is prophesying that God will send an absolute in the end time before He burns the earth, and that absolute for the end time, to bring forth a revelation to turn the heart of the children back to the Pentecostal fathers, will be a prophet called Elijah the prophet. God knowing that system still exists and is still applicable for the New Testament, prophesied by Malachi, four hundred years before Christ, and stated there, "Behold the day cometh that shall burn as an oven," and in the fifth and sixth verse, "Behold I will send you Elijah the Prophet before the coming of the great and the dreadful day of the Lord."

God knowing that that system of Amos 3:7 still holds good for today, even to the end time, He placed there, Malachi 4:5&6. Then something is definitely wrong with your heresy, Mr. Heretic. And your heresy has become so anointed of the devil that you shut your eyes to Malachi 4:5&6. Your heresy has taken you out to the deep end, so far that you fail to come to the simplicity of the scripture that quotes "Behold I will send unto you Elijah the prophet."

If your system was right, where God uses groups of men, the scriptures had to read, "Behold I send unto you groups of Apostles, behold I send unto you twelve Apostles with the twelve foundations stones." But Malachi 4 is in direct contradiction to your heresy, and your heresy is in direct contradiction to Malachi the prophet. Your heresy is in direct contradiction to God and His system. Your heresy is in direct contradiction to the entire Bible and to the Message of the hour because that is the way William Branham explained Malachi 4:5&6, and he laid emphasis upon the fact throughout his Message, that Malachi 4:5&6 is not a group of man but a one man show.

In the days of William Branham, just before he came, there was a bunch of men that arose, and they were preaching a doctrine that Elijah the Prophet is a group of men anointed by the spirit of Elijah. And Brother Branham exposed that as heretical, satanic and of the devil. And we are not relying only upon what Brother Branham said, we are relying upon the Bible. Behold I send unto you Elijah the prophet, not "the Apostles" "the prophet"! And "HE" not them, "HE" shall turn the hearts of the children back to the fathers. What are we going to do with that?

I defy this heresy, and the simplicity of the Word is going to destroy this heresy in a minute. My brothers and sisters, Paul in the ninth chapter of the book of Acts was called as the light to the Gentiles. And if that is vague Mr. Heretic, let me state here that Paul was the first messenger to the first church age, and it is recorded in *Revelation 2:1*, "Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write. These things saith He that holdeth the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks." Your heresy is saying that God uses a bunch of apostles to bring the Message to the early age. The early age was the apostolic age, the early age was the Ephesian age. How many say Amen? [Congregation says, "Amen".] And I am proving by scriptures that the Message for that age was not directed to many Apostles, it was directed to the angel of the Church. And unto the Apostles at Ephesus. Did it read that? [Congregation says, "No!] "Unto the Angel", Is that singular? Was it a singular Message? Was Paul called as a light to the Gentiles? Yes. It was a singular Message. "And

unto the angel of the Church".

That one scripture put together with Acts 9 has destroyed your heresy where it stated God uses a group to bring a collective revelation progressively throughout the ages. That one scripture has defied and has broken up your heresy into pieces.

You are saying that in the apostolic age God used a bunch of apostles to bring forth the revelation for the age, which was the Message of the age. I am proving by the scriptures, right in your Bible, and it's not a man saying that, it's Christ himself saying that. It was given to one man, and the man was an angel messenger; the revelation was given to him.

I would further prove that Paul was the absolute. I will further prove that Bro. Paul was that man with the Message for that hour. It takes a blind man to read the Church Ages, where it states that Paul was the messenger for the Ephesian Church Age and then come up with a heresy like that. You have to be twice dead, plucked up by the roots. You have to be highly ambitious.

Galatians 1:1 - "Paul, an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead;"

You heard the authority in that voice?

Galatians 1:6-12 - "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

As we said before, so say I now again, If any [man] preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ. But I certify you, brethren"... This is a certified cheque. "... That the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught [it], but by the revelation of Jesus Christ."

I am proving to you that Brother Paul, his office, his Ministry was the absolute for that age, that if anybody taught a revelation contrary to the revelation that was given to Paul, the prophet Messenger for that age, though an angel come down from heaven and contradicted that Message, he was accursed (Anathema and Maranatha,) which means that you were accursed unto the day of the coming of Christ, if you changed the message of the messenger of that age. And any man that tries to change the Message of William Branham, making it say what it does not say, is Anathema and Maranatha.

So, I am asking, Mr. Heretic, where is your bunch of apostles? Where is your group of Apostles that brought a collective revelation. I am showing you that the revelation did not come collectively by a bunch of apostles, but it was addressed to one man, and that man was very defiant about it, in so much that he said that no man could change that revelation. Not even I nor Barnabas is able to change that revelation, because the revelation was given to me by Jesus Christ. Why was the Message given to Paul by Jesus Christ? He was one of the stars in the hand of God. (Revelation 1:16)

Galatians 2:7-9 - "But contrariwise, when they saw that the gospel of the uncircumcision was committed unto me, as [the gospel] of the circumcision [was] unto Peter; (For he that wrought effectually in Peter to the apostleship of the circumcision, the same was mighty in me toward the Gentiles:) And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we should go unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision."

I Corinthians 3:10 & 11 - "According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the

foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

Brother Paul said that he was the wise masterbuilder. Out of all those apostles, Brother Paul was the wise masterbuilder. He said I have laid the foundation. The gospel of William Branham is a restoration of the Gospel of Paul the Apostle, the first Messenger to the church age, and all of the redeemed are resting on that. When Brother Branham was caught up in the translation, he said, "I preach exactly what Paul preached", and the whole of heaven said, "We are resting on that." He was the wise master builder.

To prove to you that there was an absolute, that there was a prophet Messenger, who was responsible for that age, to bring the revelation for the age, completely, there were certain apostles that arose and challenged the authority of Brother Paul. And then Brother Paul said, "I will glory." He said, "Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they Apostles? So am I. And on down he went. And in *2Corinthians 11: 13-14, "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light."* And, it is the same thing today, as when they challenged Brother Paul, so are these false apostles today, challenging the authority of William Branham, changing the message of William Branham, changing the very standard of his message. Anything that would challenge the authority of the vindicated messenger is a false apostle. And if Brother Branham was here today, he would say, "Such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into angels of light." Is that right? And it's no marvel that Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light, and his ministers into ministers of righteousness. Now when that first messenger in that first age came up, did you have false apostles claiming to be the authority of God? Claiming to be a bunch of men that God was using too? It's the same spirit today.

The same spirit that arose under that messenger, claiming that they were a bunch of apostles bringing higher light and higher revelation, adding to the message, and claiming to have deeper revelation than Brother Paul, is the same kind of Apostles we have today, and Brother Paul declared them to be false apostles and deceitful workers transforming themselves into angels of light.

Now, I am going to destroy this heresy with the simplicity of the teachings of the church ages. Every message, for two thousand years now, starting from the days of Brother Paul as the first messenger, right down to the age that we are living in, every message to every age was directed to a singular messenger. I am asking this Mr. Heretic, that said God changed his system and was using a new system a group of men. Why did Christ have only seven stars in His hand? Why was He holding seven stars in his hand, and why did he bring the message to every age to one of those stars? That alone, proves that the plan and program of God continued from the Old Testament, Amos 3:7, one man at a time. Yes! And it came over from John the Baptist; that was one man for the dispensation. It changed over from John to Jesus; one man at a time. It changed from Jesus to Paul, and it changed to Irenaeus, and it changed to Martin; it changed to Columba, it changed to Luther, it changed to Wesley, and Branham is the Messenger for this age. Oh Yes! Seven stars in the right hand of God. The first star was Paul, and the last star was William Branham, and that system continued to the day in which we live, *Revelation 3:14 - "Unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans."* Are we living in the Laodicean age? Then there was one messenger for the age in which we are living.

This heretic might say that all these seven stars were apostles, because it does not speak of prophets, it says angel messenger. I have news for you. When God spoke to this messenger to the Laodicean age, there was another scripture in the Bible, to verify that messenger as Elijah the prophet, and that is Malachi 4, showing you that William Branham was an apostle indeed, but he was also an Old Testament prophet and a New Testament prophet. And, if this would not stumble you, William Branham was more than a prophet, for Jesus said of the forerunner, John the Baptist, that he was more than a prophet. Therefore he was a special messenger, and he was the greatest prophet born from a woman. And if Jesus said that of John the Baptist he would say even more about William Branham today, who came to forerun the second coming of Jesus Christ .He was a special messenger.

I am proving that it came from John the Baptist, even unto Jesus. From Jesus unto Paul, and it came right down. You say, what about the apostle Peter? I have news for you again. The ministry was divided with two headships, one to the

circumcision and the other to the uncircumcision (Galatians 2:4-10). Is that right? And God himself placed it in such a way, and all the apostles recognized that the ministry of Paul was to the uncircumcision, which were to the Gentiles, and the ministry of Peter was to the Jews, and they all recognized it. He said that's the grace of God that was given to me, and the grace of God that was given to Peter. All that it means is that these were two special ministers, apostles and prophets, and one was to the Jews and one was to the Gentiles, but they had the exact same revelation. Revelation 3:14, Malachi 4:5&6, Revelation 10:7 all speaks of an individual to bring the message of the age. That is sufficient for you and me.

The third part of this heresy: I will just brief you on it, see how diabolical. The third part of this heresy states that we can add to the Message, we can add to the Bible because of this "new order," of a "collective revelation," and progressive revelation, and since the days of William Branham, when he came to the earth as the first Apostle, then there are other Apostles who are still bringing forth the revelation. Therefore, they could add to the Message and add to the Bible.

<u>I defy this heresy</u>; because the Bible says if you add to it, the plagues that are written in it shall be added to you, and if you take from the Word of God then your part shall be taken out of the Book of Life. That is the scripture.

Now, to show you how diabolical this heresy is, whenever a man preaches a doctrine like that, brothers and sisters, he leaves the church without a standard to judge who is right and who is wrong. Don't you see it?

How many knows that William Branham laid emphasis on the Word, from Genesis to Revelation, as being our absolute, and anything contrary to that is the devil? Even because he looked to the Bible as the standard. Now, but this heretic, by his heresy, has put a sword into the hearts of the believers that are deceived by him because he has taken away the standard, which the standard is the Bible; the standard is the Message; the standard is the revelation by which any prophet is judged, any revelation is judged, and any heresy is judged.

And when a man would come and say that revelations are still coming by gifted Apostles, and could be added to the message, he has taken away <u>your standard to judge</u> whether he is a <u>false prophet or a true prophet</u>, a false apostle or a true apostle. He has taken away that standard.

I am saying that this heresy is a "heresy of heresies" cunning and diabolical, therefore we conclude that this heresy came from the darkest abyss of hell, from the throne of Satan himself, by false anointed ones in the end time, to try to deceive the very elect; but the elect is built upon the Word of God and she has an antenna down inside. She will only hear the voice of God, and the voice of God is His Word and the Message of the hour.

Have you ever seen such a <u>diabolical and cunning heresy</u> like this? My brothers and sisters, <u>we detest this heresy</u>. Come on; let me hear your voices. [Congregation responds with shouts of Amen!]

<u>We defy this heresy!</u> This is the deed of the Nicolaitans. <u>We hate this heresy</u> and God hates this heresy. May God send deliverance by this message to our brothers and sisters in Africa and in Europe and in the United States, and throughout the world to set the captives free. May the Lord come soon!

There is going to be an outpouring of the Holy Ghost so that even if these messages don't reach the people, there is going to be an outpouring of the Holy Ghost very soon. Yes! And they are going to hear these same things in power and in demonstration of the Holy Spirit. Paul speaks of the signs of an Apostle. He said, but the sign of an Apostle was wrought in me by signs wonders and miracles, the very seal of my apostle-ship are ye in the Lord. And I am challenging these false Apostles that have arisen under the Message, I am challenging them to show the sign of an Apostle.

There is a way that an Apostle is identified. There was a way that William Branham, who was an Apostle, was identified. All the claims that you could make as heretical Apostles, yet the signs of the Apostles are not working in you.

All that is working in you is intellectualism, and that takes you and ties you in with the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and makes the serpent your brother, that deceived Eve by intellectualism on the message of the hour. Yes!

But the signs of the Apostles must be shown in any Apostle that will arise upon the face of the earth.

In conclusion, I believe that the world is getting ready to see a bunch of Apostles, but that does not change the fact that we had one Prophet messenger to the seventh Church Age.

In this age, the world is getting ready to see a bunch of New Testament Apostles, <u>but not one of them will have their own</u> <u>Message. No! They are going to be based upon the Message that William Branham brought.</u>

And let me clarify the fact of twenty-six Epistles being the evidence. Every Apostle that wrote any Epistle, Jude, Peter, or

any of the rest of them, had to be based upon the Message that was given to Brother Paul. It had to dovetail with the revelation and the Message that was given to the Messager of the age called Brother Paul. And he summarized it in so many words, "though we or an angel come from heaven" in other words, I or any of the other Apostles or an angel from heaven come and speak any other revelation unto you, let him be accursed.

That makes the revelation of Brother Paul the absolute for the age, and all the Epistles that were written had to dovetail with the message that Brother Paul was bringing. And likewise, any preacher that will preach or write any kind of a book, no matter how many signs and wonders he may show, if it does not dovetail with the Message of William Branham, it is of the devil. That shows that the standard for the first age is the same for the last age and will continue to the end of time.

Our absolute is the Bible and the Message of the hour, and we boldly state here that anything that contradicts the message of William Branham is of the devil. It is heretical, and is a heresy from hell. And even when the seven thunders are revealed it must dovetail with the rest of the scriptures.

"And when anybody thinks that he has those seven thunders, if it don't compare with the rest of the Word, there's something wrong. It's got to come THUS SAITH THE LORD, for this is the Book; this is the revelation of Jesus Christ in its entirety." (Seals pg. 284.1963).

<u>It must dovetail with all the scriptures</u> when it comes. It must never contradict the Bible, and got to dovetail with all the scriptures.

Any Messenger, any preacher, any lay member that is anointed of God today and is speaking for God cannot contradict the Message of William Branham. He must dovetail with the Message of William Branham. Any preaching, any writings, any book that is written, must dovetail with the Message of William Branham, and if it does not, we know that it is the devil.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, all these prophetic revelations that contradicts the message of William Branham are of Satan, it is of the devil, and wherever you are throughout the world, have nothing to do with it. Flee for your lives, because it contradicts the Message of the hour.

Go back to the simplicity of the Message. Go back to the Message of William Branham; go back to the church ages and the seven seals book Yes! And stay in the Message of the hour.

I call you back to the Message of William Branham if you are caught by this heresy.

May the Lord bless your hearts. Lift your right hand to Him. Give Him a praise offering. Thank you Saviour. Blessed be the Name of the Lord. Thank you for Your Word. Bless be His Words. Let the inspiration fall upon your people wherever they may hear it, wherever they may read it; let his inspiration fall upon them. May it open their eyes to these heresies and these heretics. Bring deliverance to your people throughout the world we pray. We humbly thank You for your spirit here, and we thank you for one another. Bless us all together as we pray in the Name of Jesus Christ, for His honour and glory. Amen.

HERETICAL ARTICLE NO: 16

"The seven thunders which were not revealed in 1963 by Bro. Branham must now be revealed by seven chosen men to give the Bride rapturing faith".

Exposed by Dalton Bruce.

Rev:10:3-4 - "And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices. And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not."

Compliments: "Prophetic revelation" on the book called "Speak the Word" from Singapore. They returned some of their literature to acquaint us with their teachings. I am announcing on the tape that in case this message should reach India, Africa or Europe we want some of your literature please. Send it to Bethel Church.

This brother could be sincere, he could be honest in the way he is thinking his motives and objectives could be correct, I do not know. All that I am dealing with is right and wrong doctrines, and this doctrine is saying here that seven men are to receive the seven thunders, that is plainly understood, pages 34, 35 give you that account. Also there are seven men without any faces and facial features. One place in this book also states that the "seven men" are actually the seven thunders, each man is a thunder. It is plainly stated without any apology and without any shame that these seven men are the seven thunders. The scriptural support that is given is taken from:-

Zechariah 3:8-9 - "For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua; upon one stone shall be seven eyes: behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the LORD of hosts..."

So this doctrine states, that scripture is being fulfilled today after the Ministry of Brother Branham and **Zechariah 3:8-9.** The seven eyes upon one stone that is recorded are seven men, Apostles, that will receive the seven thunders fulfilling the trump of God to bring the dead from the grave.

We disagree, we do not believe that there is any scriptural foundation for this heresy. However, I believe that this heresy is partly correct, and that is how all heresies comes. All heresies are mixed with truth, it is based upon the message of the hour, it is based upon the bible, but then, in that heresy there is a death seed, it is like poison; sugar coated right around in a big ball of sugar, you don't taste the poison but you taste the sugar. Give a little child that ball of sugar he eats the sugar and it tastes very nice, it is very palatable but then the poison gets down into the system and the child dies. Now that is a heresy, that the serpent gave to Eve and he sugar coated it and the bible said, she looked upon the fruit and it was pleasant to the eyes and one to be desired and she took of the fruit

and she did eat. So she took that little ball of sugar not knowing the unbelief and the heresy that was wrapped up in the little ball of sugar, it tasted sweet in her mouth but later on it brought death. We agree that the seven thunders was not revealed in 1963 by Brother Branham. That part of this heresy is very sweet. The next part of this heresy says that it must be revealed to give the Bride rapturing faith. All that is correct, that is all together sugar we agree. We agree that the seven thunders were not revealed to Brother Branham in 1963. We also agree that the seven thunders must be revealed for rapturing faith, there is no doubt about that. That is right through Brother Branham's message. The seals, almost anywhere you turn, say that rapturing faith is going to come by the seven thunders. But we totally disagree with the conception that seven men are to receive the revelation of the seven thunders. We totally disagree that these seven men themselves are the seven thunders, because it is unscriptural. Now in attacking a heresy we attack the foundation. This heresy is built upon two scriptures *Zechariah 3:8-9 and chapter 4:9-10* now these seven men fit themselves in Zechariah 3 and Zechariah 4 as their

foundational scriptures to prove that there were seven men to come after Branham to receive the revelation of the seven thunders. Now attacking the foundation that this heresy is standing upon, we are more than able to destroy it. So I challenge my hearers on tape and whoever will probably read our literature. I challenge you to choose ye this day whom you want to believe. If you want to believe the interpretation of Zechariah 3rd chapter and 4th chapter from the vindicated prophet called Malachi 4 William Branham or you want to believe some fly-by-night preacher that has arisen and tries to force fit himself into the Word of God. I could take the Scripture and the Message and prove that Chapter 4 of Zechariah is not speaking of seven men to come but that they have already come. They came and fulfilled their ministry and have gone on and the last one is rocking on his rocking chair. Now my words are a little too weak but there was a prophet of God sent today to interpret Scriptures, *Malachi 4:5-6*. He was sent unto us today with the facts. He was *Revelation 10:7-"But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets."* All that was recorded in the bible far as the mysteries are concerned was to be loosed by William Branham. We take his word above every man's word and if he will interpret Zechariah 3 and Zechariah 4 in a different light we will take his word for it. How many wants to hear it? I quote *Revelation 3:1-"These things sayeth he that hath the seven spirits of God and the seven stars*," seven spirits are identified as seven eyes in *Zechariah 4:10*.

"Putting our scriptural discoveries together, it is evident that the seven spirits of God referred to the continuous ministry of the same Holy Spirit in the lives of seven men with whom God identified Himself very closely. They are his eyes, they are his lamps. Who these men are can easily be seen because the next phrase calls them seven stars which are already known to us as the seven messengers to the seven church ages. How beautiful this is." (Seven Church Ages - pages 248-249)

Brother Branham opened up the Book of Revelation and was preaching on the Lamb, he said the Lamb had seven eyes and He had seven horns. That is *Revelation: 5*. He opened up the Bible and said in *Rev 3:1* that these were seven spirits before God. Then in *Revelation 5* he said there were seven lamps burning before the throne. He said all these sevens over here, seven eyes, seven spirits of God, seven lamps they are speaking of one thing. They are speaking of seven spirits before almighty God. These seven spirits are not seven individual spirits it is the Spirit of the Holy Ghost working through seven men throughout the seven church ages and it's the seven stars which are the seven messengers to the seven church ages.

I believe a blind man should see that, I believe a blind man should understand that. Therefore I am saying that the inventor of this heresy that built upon Zechariah 4, his prop is knocked off by the major prophet called William Branham.

Whereas he is putting Zechariah the 3rd and the 4th Chapter over here after William Branham. Brother Branham took those messages and applied it to the seven church age messengers. Zechariah 3:8:9, Zechariah 4:10 quoting Brother Branham (Seals Pg.102) interpreting what those scriptures are, he was speaking of the Lamb in Chap:5 of the Book of Revelation. Brother Branham ties in the seven eyes of Revelation Chap. 5, with Zechariah the 3rd Chap. and the 4th Chap. So this is what he said, "The seven eyes, eyes means seeing. Seeing means prophets - seers: this Lamb had seven horns, and on each horn had an eye. What is it? Christ and His Bride, Seven Church Ages out there, was seven prophets that went forth - seven seers, seven eyes. So the last one must be a seer. All right."

Brother Branham tied in the seven eyes of Revelation 5 and 6 into Zechariah Chap. 3 and 4 and say that they belong to the messengers of the Seven Church Ages. They pertain to the seven messengers of the Seven Church Ages.

Therefore we have knocked off the next prop upon which this damnable heresy is resting. When you destroy the foundation of any heresy, my Brother, that heretic has to prove himself an unbeliever or a child of God. If he is a child of God, he repents. And if he cannot repent after seeing the simplicity of the Scripture then he is a born devil to pervert the Word of God and what you need to do is to give him a second warning. And after you give him that second warning you fulfill the scripture in *Titus Chap 3:10 "A man that is an heretic after the first and second admonition reject... [for he is condemned] of himself"*. That is the scriptural order to deal with a heretic.

You don't go begging, and pushing and pulling a heretic day after day, month after month, year after year, asking him to repent. If you had Brother Paul here and he had to deal with a heretic. Brother Paul would make plain the Scripture once, and he would make the Scripture plain a second time. After that is made plain and that man cannot see that, Brother Paul would know that the election is off, he would reject him. That is Scriptural order. And after the Word of God is made plain people

that sit and hear the exposition of such inventions of false doctrines and interpretations on the Thunders and they cannot accept the simplicity and the plainness of the Message of William Branham, something is wrong with their desires, definitely wrong with their desires. Jesus said, "This is the condemnation that light is come into the world and men loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil", John 3:19. And if you have a pastor that allows you to commit adultery and live in fornication and be a thief, a vagabond and do unscriptural things and your deeds are evil, you would love that kind of a preacher because he allows you to wallow in your sins and Jesus, said that would be your condemnation. And after the Word of God has come and explained Zechariah 3:9, Zechariah 4:10 by the mighty Elijah the prophet in Church Age, pg. 249 on the Seal Book page 102. Lets say that you did not know that the Prophet interpreted those Scriptures. Here you have a preacher showing you the Word of God. Something has to be wrong with a person to deny the Words of Malachi 4, William Branham, who was sent of God, inspired of God as a major prophet of the age, and to take another man's word. Something has to be wrong with his desire.

So if you got tied up in my explanation all that I am saying is, Brother Branham took Zechariah the 3rd Chapter and Zechariah the 4th Chapter 10th verse and he applied it to the Seven Messengers of the Seven Church Ages. I defy this heresy upon the basis of the words of the anointed Elijah that took Zechariah Chap. 3 and Chap. 4 and applied it to the Seven men in the Seven Church Ages bringing the Seven Church Age messages. Therefore this heresy has no foundation to stand upon, I defy it as heretical, hell oriented and satanic and call the heretic to repentance and all that follow him to repentance. I call all the congregations to repentance, and to turn loose of this heresy!

Observe that only two scriptures were given here to support this heresy, "There are seven men to reveal the Seven Thunders." No quotations were given and that is simply because there are none. There is no quotation from any of the eleven hundred tapes to prove that seven men are to receive the Revelation of the Seven Thunders, otherwise these heretics would certainly make use of it. The only way they could force fit themselves into the Word of God, is to bring up another interpretation of Zechariah 3rd and 4th Chapters. No quotations were given, absolutely none, because there is none. In eleven hundred tapes there is none to prove that there are seven men to receive the revelation of the seven thunders not even to indicate such a plan of God for the opening of the Seventh Seal or Seven Thunders.

One heresy leads to another, and this heresy has its foundation upon other heresies. These men are saying that Amos 3:7 only applies to the Old Testament and it is not applied to the New Testament.

Another heresy that this is resting upon is that, in the New Testament, God has a different order in bringing revelation and that is by a bunch of Apostles. Since he used several Apostles in the New Testament, the revelation and the message are still coming after the death of William Branham, He was only one Apostle but we got to have a bunch of apostles in the end time. Those apostles that are arising now could add to the message, new_revelations. You don't have to find it in brother Branham's message because New Testament order is that one Apostle gets a revelation, and another gets a revelation to form the picture.

I defy these teachings. There are heretical, totally unscriptural and unfounded in the message of Malachi 4: 5:6. This heresy is based upon those heresies which seek to destroy the foundation of the scriptures and message of *Malachi 4. Amos 3:7* is the very foundation of the Bible and the very foundation of the message of William Branham. Anything that would try to destroy the foundation of the Bible and the foundation of the message of William Branham is hell oriented, is satanic, and should be recognized only as that.

In all the Prophet's teachings, the foundation for his message to the end time bride is *Amos 3:7, Malachi 4:5 Revelation 10:7, Revelation 3:14* since God's divine order is to bring revelation to the church by one Messenger for each Age. All messages were addressed to the Angel/Messenger to the respective Ages. The message for each Age was addressed only to one, not seven.

In all the written Word from Genesis to Revelation, God never used a group of men to bring a message to the Church neither did he ever use a group of men because he had seven or more revelations to the Age. I challenge any heretic to prove differently. No where in the Bible did God ever use a group of men, and if God was bringing seven revelations or more to a particular age, he did not need seven or eight men, because it was several revelations. No! My Brothers and Sisters, the only way that an heretic can force fit seven men into the message for receiving the Revelation of the Seven Thunders is to pervert

Amos 3:7 and Rev. 10:3. Mathematically it's right, seven voices, seven revelations, seven men, seven thunders. Mathematically, working it out from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. So they are saying seven voices, and seven voices equals seven revelations, seven revelations equals seven men, seven men equal seven thunders, but give it the Word test, give this heresy the Word test by God's mathematics of the Bible. Rev. 10:1-4 plus Amos 3:7 equal one revelator. Let us hear God's mathematics by God's mathematics of the Bible, Rev. 10:1-4 plus Amos 3:7. God reveals His secrets to His Prophets equal one revelator, Revelation 10:1. Now you can't find that in the colleges? No. They cannot understand this mathematics. Now if you want to know if the answer is correct, my Brother, and your little teacher cannot correct the lesson, you have to go to the Principal of the age. Let me quote him here from Church Age, Page 324. "It was in the end time period that the Seven Thunders of Jesus came forth. Revelation 10: 3-4. What was in those Seven Thunders no one knows. But we need to know, and it will take a prophet to get the Revelation because God has no other way of bringing out His Spiritual revelations except by a Prophet. The Word always came by a Prophet and always will. That this is the Law of God is evident by even a casual search of the Scriptures." I am saying that Revelation 10:1-4 plus Amos 3:7 equals one revelation and revelator, "Christ," and it proves the other sum wrong. Seven voices equals seven revelations. equals seven men, equals seven thunders, equals seven Apostles today. I say that sum is wrong. Put an 'X' on it, yes, put an 'X' on that sum. Because the prophet corrected this sum.

I am checking my lesson with what the Prophet of God says in Church Age Page 324. I am just quoting him, you do what you want. When this goes out there and meets you, you do what you want, I am quoting the Prophet of God! And I tell you right here and I declare right now my Brothers and Sisters In this Assembly and to all that will hear this tape and to all that will read our literature, that I am not that one! I make myself abundantly clear. I want you to bear me witness. [Congregation says Amen]

Anybody that hears this quotation, do what you want with it. I am not fitting myself into that quotation, I am stating truth. That is the order of God's Bible from Genesis to Revelation. Notice on this same page. Brother Vayle documented the expectations of Brother Branham to receive the Revelation of the seven thunders, but at the Seals in 1963, Brother Branham concluded that it was not revealed. So, this idea of seven prophets, seven apostles is condemned by Brother Branham from the *Church Ages page 324*, it cannot stand up in the message, it cannot stand up in the Word.

I am quoting Brother Branham:

"He could've chosen the sun to preach the gospel, but God always deals with one individual who will listen to Him Word by Word." (Seals page 184 & 298)

"God uses man and man only. God doesn't use machinery. God doesn't use groups men. God doesn't use organizations. God uses individuals always." (Perfect Faith 63-0825E pg. 9).

Let me get a few more, I am quoting here from "Voice of the Sign" "God never did deal with a group nowhere in the scriptures. He deals with one individual because every man is different from the other. He gets one man till he can get him perfectly in harmony, till he can become that word" (Voice of the Sign 64-0313, par 40)

"It can't <u>come to a group never did, one man, that's what God promised.</u> (Trying to Do God A Service, 65-1127, par. 219)

<u>"Tell me when God ever used a group to lead. You won't find it in the Bible.</u> One man, the Word came to Moses. Korah we all know that he got himself, and <u>complained about God not being just to do a thing</u>, like that to make one man with the message. And remember, Jude speaks the same thing in the last day." (Why It Had To Be Shepherds, 64-1221, para 153) God use one at a time.

"You can't go under a group of men. I defy anytime that it ever went, God ever did use a group of man. He uses one man. Exactly. One man at a time, cause two men's got two opinions. One man! Exactly right. Notice now, every dispensation it's been that way, all the way down through." (The end time Evangelism, Jeff, Ind., 62-0603. page 27).

"Each time he appeared on the earth at the end of an age, He always sent a man and anointed him with the Holy Ghost, Christ Now He can't do it in a group. You can't do it. It just never has been done. He never did use a group, never did. He uses one single person."

(The Identified Christ of all Ages. Louisville Series, 64-0401 Page 7).

"Now God always uses a prophet, a man. If you use a bunch of man, you get different ideas, See. Each man, two man. Never did he have two major prophets on the earth at one time. He takes one, so the other one can take its place for another day, another message. He never has two. He has one at a time". (The Evening messenger, Mesa, Arizona, 63-0116 Pg. 12). That is sufficient to help us to understand that the Prophet's understanding was, that right through the Bible, God never did use a group of men. God always used an individual. Now this heresy is completely contrary to the entire program of God. I am saying that more light may come upon the message of the Age, but it cannot contradict the Revelation that is given by God to his messenger previously, and that is simply proven, the reformers, Martin Luther came with justification, then Wesley came with a higher revelation, is that right! But he never contradicted Martin Luther's revelation and William Branham came and opened up all the mysteries of God and never contradicted the revelation of justification and sanctification, neither did he contradict what happened at Azusa Street. So now more light could come to an unfinished message. But, that man must not contradict the message in any way. This man who ever he is, has contradicted the prophet. The invention of this heresy has blatantly contradicted the inspired interpretation of the Bible, the very standard of the Bible, the very system of the Bible according to Amos 3:7

Closing remarks, this heresy has broken every type, and shadow of the scriptures and blatantly contradicted the foundational teachings of the Bible and message of brother Branham. Therefore it is of the Antichrist. This heresy changed the divine interpretations of **Zechariah 3:8:9 and 4:10** which the Holy Ghost declared by **Malachi 4:5-6**.

Therefore it is Satanic, hell-oriented, and a damnable heresy to many souls. We call the perverters to repentance; we call the elect to hear God's voice, Malachi 4, and turn away from such heretics. Seven of them calling themselves Seven Thunders. If one dies, a Thunder dies. In any event all seven of them are spiritually dead. Thus their Seven Thunders are dead and have no life in them. Flee for your life Lady Elect. Seven thunders ministers will certainly agree with the exposition of this heresy of seven men for the Revelation of the seven thunders. While we are grateful for their support may I state, that they are caught in the same net, since many of them claimed to be receiving the revelation of the seven thunders collectively and progressively since nineteen seventy four, ten years after the opening of the seals, when Brother Branham stated in 1963 that the seventh seal or thunders was not revealed (Seals, page 567-576). As certainly as these seven men have violated the laws of God to force fit themselves as revelators of the thunders those seven hundred and seventy-seven thunder ministers plus, have done the same to their hurt and dishonor. Why only after ten years? Somebody is acting super-spiritual. The answer to that question is a greater diabolical heresy than to say seven men are to reveal the seven thunders. For they claim seven hundred and seventy seven plus.

HERETICAL ARTICLE NO. 17

"The Gentile Church should be obedient only to the Epistle of Paul, their Apostle and the Jews should be obedient only to the Epistles of the Jewish Apostles. These include the four gospels."

I am Roy Barrow. I truly believe in the holiness message brought to us today by God's holy anointed prophet, the immortal Elijah, our precious and beloved prophet, Malachi 4:5-6, Brother William Marion Branham.

I am here to expose by Scriptures and the message of William Branham, Heretical Article No. 17, which says, "The Gentile Church should be obedient only to the Epistle of Paul, their Apostle and the Jews should be obedient only to the Epistles of the Jewish Apostles. These include the four gospels."

This belief called, Article No. 17, is unfounded in Scripture and the message of the hour. It cannot be fitted or put back in the Scripture of the great commission given by our Lord in *Matthew 28:19 - "Go ye therefore and teach all nations* (Jews and Gentiles) baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them (Jews and Gentiles) to observe and obey all things whatsoever I have commanded you. (Not some things, but all things) and lo; I am with you always even unto the end of the world."

Both Jews and Gentiles are compelled by Scripture to observe all things, whatsoever Christ commanded in the Gospels or Scriptures.

This command was given to all the Jewish Apostles and the Church at Jerusalem to proclaim the Gospel to all nations. "All" includes Jews, Samaritans and Gentiles. The Gospel is an all inclusive Gospel. It is good for the Jews, the Samaritans and the Gentiles. Jesus died for all men according to *John 3:16 - "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth* (Jews and Gentiles) *in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."*

Article No. 17 is contrary to *Mark 16:15* where Jesus commanded the Jewish Apostles and Church at Jerusalem to "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." The phrases, 'all the world' and, 'every creature' included both Jews and Gentiles

It is also contrary to the last command that Jesus gave to the twelve Jewish Apostles in *Acts 1:4-8*, where he commanded them to "tarry or wait in Jerusalem for the promise of the Father, then shall ye be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, Judea (Jews) and Samaria (Half Jews) and unto the uttermost parts of the world" (Gentiles).

This belief that the Gentiles should be obedient to Paul only and the Jews to their Jewish Apostles only is furthest from the truth. It is false, erroneous and deadly. It is a damnable heresy and a doctrine of devils. It is another gospel, under the Message of Malachi 4:5-6.

Galatians 1:8-9 - "But though we or an angel from heaven preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed."

Any preacher that believes Article No. 17, the Gospel of our Lord is hid from him.

2Corinthians 4:3 - "But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost."

Any spirit that divides the Gospel, is the spirit of the White Horse Rider in disguise, under the Message of the hour and it is the spirit of Nicolaitanism. It is the same spirit of antichrist that divided the gospel and the True Church in the third century. It is a dangerous spirit. It is the same spirit that martyred 68 million of our brothers and sisters through the Dark Ages. We do not compromise with any heretical teaching nor treat it lightly. It must be exposed, opposed, fought against and be relentlessly resisted.

Jude 1:3 - "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."

Paul saw the same spirit that divided the Gospel at work in the first century and instructed the Church in Galatia, that if we or an angel come from heaven and preach any other gospel unto you, let him be accursed. This is our stand today.

Any spirit that sets out to divide the Gospel and the message of the hour as in Article No. 17, Let him be "Anathema

Maranatha" - Let him be accursed unto the day of the coming of the Lord.

The responsibility of taking the gospel to the Gentile world was given by our Lord to the Jewish Apostles and Church at Jerusalem. The responsibility of teaching the nations to observe all things Christ commanded them, was committed to the Jewish Apostles and not only to Paul, even though he was subsequently chosen and sent to the Gentiles according to *Acts* 9:15, where God told Ananias to "Go thy way, for he is a chosen vessel unto me to bear My Name before the Gentiles and Kings, and the children of Israel." (Jews). Paul proclaimed the Gospel, contrary to Article No. 17, to both Jews and Gentiles. His ministry was not just limited or restricted according to Article No. 17, to the Gentiles as some message preachers now want you to believe and accept. We are not ignorant to the fact that he was the Apostle to the Gentiles, but he ministered to both people.

The first time the gospel was turned over to the Gentiles, contrary to Article No. 17, was done by Peter, a Jewish Apostle.

Acts 10:44-45 - "While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost"

Where does this belief that the Gentiles should be obedient to Paul only and the Jews obedient only to the Epistles of the Jewish Apostles stand in what took place in Cornelius' household?

I therefore, solemnly and boldly declare today, Article No. 17 to be false, erroneous and of the antichrist, disguised under Scriptural terminology and the message of the hour. It is damnable heresy and iron bars of false interpretation on the Word of God.

The same gospel that Peter preached among the circumcision (Jews) was the very same gospel he preached unto Cornelius' household (Gentiles). If this is not so, I challenge you in the Name of the Lord to make it something else. You dare not do it.

A revival broke at Pentecost and the Gospel went in power to the Gentiles. A revival is about to be broken among the Gentiles that will take the Gospel back to the Jews.

"As the Jews brought the message to the Gentiles, even so the Gentiles will take it right back to the Jews and the rapture will come" (An Exposition of the Seven Church Ages, page 36)

When the Gospel is turned over to the Jews by the Gentiles it will fulfill Romans 11:26 - "And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, there shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and shall turn away un-godliness from Jacob."

The same Gospel that is now being preached among the Gentiles brought unto us by the Restoration Prophet of Malachi 4:5-6 is the same Gospel that will be turned over to the Jews.

"And one of these days some divine holy anointed Prophet will go over there with signs and wonders. Those Jews will say that's what I am looking for. Yes sir! And God will baptize a hundred and forty-four thousand Jews and the rapture will come, the Gentile age will cease." (The Seal of God - 54-0514. par. 277)

The same Gospel Peter preached among the Jews was the same Gospel Paul preached unto the Gentiles.

Galatians 2:7-8 - "But contrariwise, when they saw that the gospel of the un-circumcision was committed unto me, as the

gospel of the circumcision was unto Peter. For he that wrought effectually in Peter to the apostle-ship of the circumcision, the same was mighty in me toward the Gentiles."

Both Jews and Gentiles were saved by the same gospel.

Romans 1:16 - "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

The gospel that the Church at Jerusalem had to be obedient to is the very same gospel the Gentile Church had to obey also, contrary to Article No. 17.

Message Preachers, where does this belief of Article No. 17 stand in light of the Scriptures quoted and the quotations of the Prophet on the matter?

Message Believers, where is the difference between Jews and Gentiles?

There is absolutely none as far as the gospel is concerned.

God has only one standard or principle by which he works and that is His Word.

Psalm 119:89 - "Forever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven."

It cannot change, God does not have one standard for the Jews and another for the Gentiles. What was good for the Jews on the day of Pentecost was good for Cornelius' household and the rest of the Gentile world.

1 Corinthians 12:13 - "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit."

What is implied by Article No. 17 is that there are two gospels. Article No. 17 strongly implies that the Gentiles have a different gospel or Word to live by and the Jews have a different gospel to live by. I refute such belief. There is only one Gospel.

Hebrews 2:3 - "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him."

Ephesians 4:5 - "One Lord, one faith, one baptism."

If this belief of who Jews and Gentiles should be obedient to was Scripturally correct and has spiritual merit, then this Article is saying that Jesus did contrary when He, being a Jew spoke the Words of Life to the woman of Samaria.

John 4:4 - "And he must needs go through Samaria."

Who is wrong? Certainly not Jesus! This Article is wrong.

According to Article No. 17, Phillip the Evangelist did wrong when he, being a Jew, went to preach the Kingdom of God unto the City of Samaria.

Acts 8:5-6 - "Then Phillip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them. And the people with one

accord gave heed unto those things which Phillip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did."

What is also implied by this belief is a spirit of division that was among the Church of Corinth where some said, "I am of Paul," others said, "I am of Apollos."

1 Corinthians 1:12-13 - "Now this I say, that every one of you saith; I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?"

Let it be known that the very same spirit involved there is now at work in the message. It is a spirit that is trying to divide the gospel by making it two; one for the Jews and one for the Gentiles. I ask like Paul, - "Is Christ divided, followers of Malachi 4:5? I know your answer will be "No." Then the gospel cannot be divided.

It is one Gospel and Christ is that Gospel. He is all the Word of God and all the Word must be obeyed whether you are Jew or Gentile.

The spirit of division is the spirit of the White Horse Rider at work in dividing the Message. It divided the early Christian Church. It is the Nicolaitan spirit now housed in the Roman Catholic Church.

I declare this article to be satanic, diabolical and of the devil. It came from the pit of Hell. This is the same old serpent with his tricks, under cover, twisting the Word and perverting the Message of the Hour, trying to deceive and pregnate end time Eve with a false seed as he did in Eden. This article is sowing seeds of discrepancy among the followers of Malachi 4:5 by false anointed ones here in the end time. It is the antichrist spirit speaking perverse things to draw away disciples unto themselves. They are not saying what the Word says neither what the Prophet taught.

The Prophet never taught that kind of division between Jews and Gentiles. Message believers, I solemnly call upon you to judge all things by the Word, stand by the Word which is our Absolute and escape being deceived by cunningly devised fables of unbelief as contained in Article No. 17.

Why have you gone out of the Scriptures to make a distinction or division between Jews and Gentiles, when all those things that brought the difference between both people are done away with in Christ?

Ephesians 2:14-15 - "For he is our peace, who hath made both one (Jews and Gentiles) and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us. Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain (Jews and Gentiles) one new man, so making peace."

I ask where is the middle wall of partition? It is broken down by Christ's death on the Cross and now there is no difference between Jews and Gentiles. Any Preacher who is trying to rebuild the middle wall is a false Prophet and has not seen what Christ did on the Cross.

Ephesians 2:16-22 - "And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby. And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. For through him we both have access by one spirit unto the Father. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the house-hold of God. And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone. In whom all the building fitly framed together growth unto an holy temple in the Lord. In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit."

Romans 3:29-30 - "Is he the God of the Jews only? Is he not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also: Seeing it is

one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and un-circumcision through faith"

The distinction made by Article No. 17 between both Jews and Gentiles is a direct violation of Galatians 3:28 where Paul taught that there is neither bond or free, male or female. For we are all one in Christ Jesus.

Article No. 17 runs in conflict with Acts 13:46 where the gospel was first preached to the Jews and, on their rejection, was turned to the Gentiles.

Acts 13:46 - "Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said. It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles."

The gospel that the Jewish Apostles preached and established the Church at Jerusalem upon, was the exact Revelation that Paul was preaching among the Gentiles. He never once contradicted those who were Apostles before him.

Galatians 2:9 - "And when James, Cephas and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship that we should go unto the heathen and they unto the circumcision."

2 *Peter 3:15-17*, Peter acknowledged that Paul spoke something hard to be understood but he never contradicted, opposed or fought Paul on doctrine. Of all those things that were hard to be understood yet they never differed on doctrine. They believed and preached the same gospel because they had the same spirit.

If you have the same spirit as William Branham you will believe and preach the same things that he taught. The reason you believe and preach differently is because you have another spirit.

Paul had to correct Peter, the Chief among the Jewish Apostles, but it was not on doctrine, it was on racial prejudice or racial segregation.

Galatians 2:11-12 - "But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed. For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision."

According to Article No. 17, Paul had no authority or right to correct Peter, a Jewish Apostle. This belief is utter foolishness. It makes no sense, natural or spiritual. I make no apology about that. It is damnable heresy and iron bars of false interpretation. We will not support or subscribe to it. We refute it.

The truth of the Gospel is that once you break God's word you will be corrected.

In Acts 15:1-32, Paul the Apostle (to whom the Gentiles should be obedient only, according to Article No. 17) brought a matter from among the very Gentiles to the Jewish Apostles and to the elders and Church at Jerusalem to be settled. Remember that the Jewish Apostles only, and the Gentiles to Paul only. But this was a Gentile matter that the Jewish Apostles were asked to settle.

Where does Article No. 17 stand in the light of these situations and instances in Scripture?

This belief cannot fit in any part of God's Word. We dismiss it. We want no part nor lot with it. We will continue with the simplicity of God's Precious Word.

HERETICAL ARTICLE NO. 18

"Sports, Ball Games, and other Games can be played amongst Message Believers only, Church Sport Groups can compete against each other without getting into a bad spirit. It is ideal for entertaining youths at conventions."

I am Samuel Jones. I am a preacher of righteousness, contending for the faith of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the holiness Message brought to us by William Branham, God's Prophet, who fulfilled Malachi 4:5-6.

I am here to deal with Article No. 18 which states, "Sports, Ball Games, and other Games can be played amongst Message Believers only, Church Sport Groups can compete against each other without getting into a bad spirit. It is ideal for entertaining youths at conventions."

1 John 2:15-16 - "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life; is not of the Father, but is of the world."

Ephesians 4:14 - "That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive."

I want to associate with my shepherd, Dalton Bruce and, Exposition of Damnable Heresies. I am in full agreement with my fellow ministers and elder brothers in the Ministry of Christ. I fully support them in their Exposition of Damnable Heresies.

The author of this Article is stating that it is okay for message believers to play sports, and other games, and that Church Sport Groups can compete against each other and not get into a bad spirit; even "Sports" is ideal for entertaining youths at conventions.

This author is saying that sports hold high ideals for youths to follow. After careful examination of this Article, as compared with the Scriptures that I have just read and the end time message of Malachi 4:5-6, I conclude that this Article No. 18 is a doctrine of the devil. The spirit behind this article is a very deceptive and worldly spirit.

A backslidden man always comes up with something to suit his taste! When you are in a backslidden state, you must allow the Word to correct you. You don't try to twist the Word to conceal your backslidden condition. False doctrine eats like cancer until death results.

2 Timothy 2:18 - "Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some."

Get back to the Word, sit under the pure Word of God and bury your pride. The Word of God is for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. (2Timothy 3:16) Any spirit that twists the Word has its origin from the serpent in Eden.

Article No. 18 is false and deceptive. The reason why men ought not to love the world, and the things therein is simply this: The love of God, and the love of the world with the things that are in it are incompatible. They are on opposite sides. They cannot exist together. They cannot agree in one.

How subtle this spirit is. It has to take a side. It must find something suited for its taste. They now bring the world into the Church in order to be in good standing, to look good in the eyes of the world. It is a proud spirit.

The love of God and the love of the world and the things of the world are on different sides. This is the reason why the devil, who is the prince of this world, fights the children of God. He does not like to see God's children striving to perfection and living according to the holiness message that was brought to us by the end time messenger who advocated holiness or hell. We have something to look forward to, so we ought not to be looking back to sports, ball games and other such games, which are articles of the world.

The love of the Father and the love of the world and the things in the world breed two different characters. A man of God has his affection set on things above. A man in the world has his affection set on things beneath (earthly)

James 4:4 - "...know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God."

As an ex-sportsman, let me give you some first hand information. Before every game my team always said a prayer. As we finished praying, I laced up my boots and got ready. When the referee blew his whistle all that was in my thoughts was "To Win". At that time, anything that came between "Win" and "Me," I moved it out of the way. From the time I got that ball and the spectators started shouting my name, a certain pride took over and I felt that there was not another one on the playing field as skillful as I was. That show off spirit took over and did anything to oppose the other players in order to prove its point.

I am putting it to you that a sports spirit is a competitive spirit and a competitive spirit is an exalted spirit. This spirit can be traced right back to Lucifer.

To compete with someone is to try hard to gain or to win something wanted by

another by contending for it, going after it until one comes out the victor. That is not the spirit of God. That is the spirit of the world. A competitive spirit is of the world.

No way can you be in sports without that spirit coming upon you. A competitive spirit is a worldly spirit and it is contrary to 1John 2:15-16 which says that if any man loves the world or the things that are in the world, such as sports, ball games, and other such games the love of the Father is not in him.

You are either on God's side or the Devil's side. God will have all of you or none at all. Anytime sports are being played, whether they are between believers or un-believers, or whoever, there is always a bad spirit in attendance and that is a worldly spirit. This doctrine that 'Church Sport Groups' can compete against each other and not get into a bad spirit does not say a thing, it just cannot stand with the Word.

A competitive spirit is an exalted spirit, an exalted spirit is a covetous spirit and a covetous spirit is a bad spirit and is contrary to *Philippians 2:3 - "Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves."*

This doctrine is very cunning, it is slippery and if allowed to creep into the church it will enslave people and eventually take their souls to hell. This is the sole purpose behind this doctrine.

Lucifer preached this same exalted doctrine to one third of the angels in heaven and brought their demise. There were cast down from heaven. This sports spirit is an exalted spirit, it is a proud spirit. Lucifer wanted to be like "The Most High." He wanted to exalt his throne above the stars of God. It is a show-off spirit. Every sportsman and sportswoman has a show-off spirit, a proud spirit and pride goeth before a fall.

As long as the devil could get that competitive spirit in your soul then you are trapped. Your whole sight will only be fame and glory and big pay day.

Matthew 16:26 - "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

This spirit of competition among message believers is in direct contrast to 1 Timothy 5:21 - "I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality."

Sports is not a Christian article. Why? Because sports has a companion. A worldly spirit that is inseparable. In order to have sports you must have its companion, "Mr. World", contrary to 1 John 2:15-17, sports is not an article of the Church. Since the inception of the Church on the Day of Pentecost there is no Scripture in the New Testament which suggests that Sports were played between believers. Can you imagine Paul organizing a ball game to entertain Timothy? Or Paul's team competing against Titus' team? Impossible! If the early Church did not organize those games to entertain the youths, then we have no God-given right to do so among Message believers and Church groups.

"What the Church was at Pentecost is the standard. That is the pattern. There is no other pattern. No matter what the scholars say, God has NOT changed that pattern." (Church Age Book - page 67)

The devil has cunningly introduced these activities in the Church as a Christian article. It is a scheme he uses to bring God's children into bondage.

2 Peter 2:1 - "But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction."

"And I tell you one thing brother, when a man is born to be a child of God, old creeds and denominations will never satisfy him! No sir!. The things of the world, basket ball games and bunco games and all these kinds of entertainment that the modern churches do today in our day. No wonder they grieved. Where is God? They've grieved God away from them. That's exactly right. Yes sir." (As An Eagle Stirreth Her Nest - 60-0403, par.23-4)

"If you're a eagle you're not scared. You can't understand how all these socials and parties, and picture show, entertainments, and everything in the church, and ball games and everything else to make money to pay the pastor. Never was intended. (As The Eagle Stirreth Her Nest - 58-0316, par. E58)

"Ball games and frolics and so forth, that's all right but it don't belong in the Church." (Micaiah The Prophet - 26/04/61)

"And that's it today. You can have all your church joining and frolics and basket-ball parties and everything else you want. But for me, bury me in Christ. (God Perfecting His Church - 54-1204, par. E61)

"Trouble of it is to the world, the church is trying to give the world a big bunch of entertainment...on their grounds. We're not supposed to. What will we do? We just give them a great big pot of cooked up religious mulligan stew. That's all. Call it social parties and little bunco games and soup supper to pay off the preacher. Nonsense. That's no way to run a church....When it comes to a place that the church has to put entertainment, it's a miserable backslidden hell bound group of people." (Greatest News Flash in History - 61-0424, par.E40&E43)

"Now you see all these things just a conglomeration of gaiety. Now, it said, they'd be heady, high minded, lovers of pleasure more that lovers of God, oh! They can't go to church on Sunday night as long as there's some good television program on. Oh my. Even the churches has got ball teams and soup suppers, and cricket parties and lovers of pleasure more that lovers of God, truce breakers, false accusers, incontinent and despisers of those that are good. These despising those. See? despisers of those that are good." (Smyrnaean Church Age - 60-1206, par.71)

I challenge all the hypocritical, sports-loving preachers and worldly sports- loving message believers to show me where the early church had on its soul winning agenda, "Sports and Ball Games and Other Games". Although games had existed they were not practiced by the Christian Church.

Remember how they made sport of Samson? They sat in their pavilion, drinking and revelling. They sat in their amphitheater and made fun of our brothers and sisters who were murdered by the millions.

"I ain't got nothing against basket-ball, base-ball, foot-ball or whatever it is, if that's all your god is, its a big bag of air. But let me tell you, what we need today is the Word of God anointed for this age that'll bring forth the Power of the Holy Ghost again. Yes, that's all right, but that don't belong in the Church. No sir. Have to build something like that, to keep the Church together, you'd better burn it down or kick it out, or get something in there that'll bring the Word back again. And that's the things of the world, oh, mixing it with the Word of God, you cannot do it. No sir!" (World Again Falling Apart - 63-1127)

"We do not try to compete with the world in their momentous psychological exercises. We do not try to out-glitter them with ball games and intellectual entertainments. We cannot meet them, Father you said ' The children of the night are wiser that the children of the day! So we know that Father, but we have Jesus." (Jesus Christ the Same Yesterday, Today and Forever - 61-0516A)

If any man add to or take away from God's word, God shall add the plagues that are written in the Book unto him and his part shall be taken out of the Book of Life, and out of the Holy City. Revelation 22:18.

Matthew 16:6 - "Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees."

Galatians 1:8 - "But, though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed."

The last Church Age messenger also warned the Church of this false doctrine.

I am also warning believers of the dangers of injecting error in the Word of God.

Sports, ball games and other games do not belong to the Church.

The Apostle Paul and the Prophet William Branham took heed and taught the Church as Jesus warned, so who are you, Mr.

Article No. 18? Where did your authority come from to teach such falsities to the Church today? Flee from these teachings! Save your soul before it is too late.

"He goes to ball games and he does all these things; he's a sinner to begin with, his nature's like a hog. When you go and call yourself a Christian and stick your nose in with him, then you are no better than he is, but you're worse, come out from among them. Let go of the world. Let go.

(Enticing Spirits, Jeff. Ind. 55-0724, par.95)

"Have you noticed how the world gets into the spirit of things that are in the world? They go to their ball games, their sporting events and their dances events and their dances. They enter into the spirit of it."
(Exposition of the Seven Church Ages, Patmos Vision, page 44)

"The kind of spirit in them draws for that, (Sports) the Spirit of a Christian draws him to Christ." (Escape Hither, Come Quickly, 58-0202, para E-37)

The message of Malachi 4, on several messages on tapes and books, condemns baseball as a god to the world, sports spirit as hog's nature. It's not an article of the Church. The Church is hybrid when she endorses sports, he said, "I don't go ball games, new birth is always against it, sinners attend sports, it's the sin of Sodom." Amen!

Can you possibly imagine Jesus being a sportsman? Playing cricket, football or other ball games for entertainment and Mary Magdalene, Susanna and the other women, hollering in an arena or taking part in any ball games like basketball, netball or tennis? We never heard of the apostles nor the disciples involved in sports. We never read of the "Corinthians Sport Team" nor the "Romans Church Sport Team", though sports was the order of the day in the city of Rome. We never heard of competitions amongst the early churches not even between the two backslidden churches of Corinth and Laodicea. Therefore, followers of the End Time Message have proven themselves to be more backslidden than the Corinthian, and the Laodicean churches.

HERETICAL ARTICLE NO: 19

"When a born again Preacher gets out of the spirit, commits adultery or fornication, if he repents, he should not be barred from re-entering the Pulpit."

Proverbs 6:32-33 - "But whoso committeh adultery with a woman lacketh understanding. He that doeth it destroyeth his own soul. A wound and dishonor shall he get, and his reproach shall not be wiped away."

Job 28:28 - " And unto man he said, behold the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, and to depart from evil is understanding."

I am Phillip Peniston. I am a Preacher of Righteousness, contending for the Holiness Message of our great, mighty Prophet, William Marrion Branham. We are contending today to keep this Holiness Message clean. I will be dealing with Heretical Article No. 19, which states, "When a born again Preacher gets out of the spirit and commits adultery or fornication, if he repents, he should not be barred from re-entering the Pulpit."

I declare that this is a heresy. I would like to divide this article into three parts. The main issue of controversy that is being defended is that, after committing such sins, this preacher is at liberty to re-enter the pulpit. It is a consensus of opinion that a preacher who commits such a crime will propagate this doctrine and try to defend it.

The first part deals with "When a born again preacher". I declare this to be a Nicolaitan doctrine and an organizational seed, which had conquered and is still trying to conquer the Laity. This is a prevalent custom in organization and is now proposed as Doctrine and Standard of this Holiness Message. We will not stand for it, No! Not for a minute. We stand in defense of "Be ye holy, for I am Holy". (1Peter 1:16)

Is this preacher truly born again? If a man is born by the Word, he will live the Word, his life will reflect Christ. It is a total impossibility for anyone who is born again to love the world and the things of this world, much more to commit adultery or fornication. I will quote my spiritual progenitor and let him prove or disprove this preacher's birth.

"And if you still got the things of the world in you, you're not born again. And how you going to claim to be born again and still with the things of the world hanging on you...and go right back out and defile a man's wife, break up a man's home... you'll still be just exactly like the world, because you're not dead to the world yet. You are alive with it....and a man that's born of God, you cannot call

him back into that rottenness of sin anymore. He's dead and he's born again. He's a new creature, he's got the nature of the eagle. He's got to get into the skies and soar" (You Must Be Born Again, 31/12/61 - page 19-22)

Are adultery and fornication articles of the world? Well, Brother Branham is saying unto every believer or preacher who is guilty, you are not born again.

1 John 5:4 - "For whatsoever is born of God, overcometh the world, and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

There is a faith given to the believers that helps them overcome the world. This faith makes you an overcomer, a victor, and gets you born again. The soul can possess the sixth sense of faith or unbelief.

This preacher, not having this faith in his soul, is possessed with unbelief. His adultery or fornication is a manifestation of the attribute of unbelief.

1 John 2:16 - "For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world."

The New Birth gives you power over the world and it's lusts. Why did the preacher commit such sins? Simply because he is not born again and the world and its lusts overcame him.

Proverbs 6:32-33 - "But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul. A wound and dishonor shall he get; and his reproach shall not be wiped away."

The "Wise Man" proved that adultery is the result of a lack of understanding.

John 3:3 - "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

See means to understand. There is an understanding in the scriptures that gets a man born again.

In *Matthew 16:17-19*, Peter came to this understanding or Revelation and the Lord promised to build his Church upon this Revelation. "And the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Mr. Preacher, how come you were born again, have revelation, have the faith of Jesus and the gates of hell prevailed against you?

Let every man's word be a lie and God's word be true! Come back to the Word!

"What is the new birth? It is the revelation of Jesus Christ personally to you." (Christ Is The Mystery, 63-0728, par. 36-4)

The Prophet taught that when a man is born again he receives the spirit in the measure like a shirt button.

Job 28:28 - "And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom: and to depart from evil is understanding."

It is the same understanding that helps this man to depart from evil. How was this preacher unable to depart from such evil? He has no eternal life in his soul

"But many of us try to do the works of Christ before the reflection of Christ is in us.... we see these stumbles along the road. We find the scrap heaps of ministers, of Christians, piled along the road. It is because they didn't go into it right." (Stature of A Perfect Man, 62-1014, par. 23-2

If you never went in right you cannot end right. The right way to go in or start is to be born again by the incorruptible seed. (1 Peter 1:23). This scrap heap of ministers is presently around the Message. He stumbled on an object. This object was a sister in the church and he stumbled over her. After he stumbled, his vehicle was destroyed. (He that committeth adultery destroyeth his own soul, he defiled his temple). A wrecker took him and he was numbered with others in the scrap heap. Before committing the natural act, this man was guilty of looking and lusting. When the opportunity arose he was overcome by his lust. There are many preachers in this Message who are on the Pulpit, guilty of such sins, some repeatedly. History proved that these are men responsible for peddling heresies. Their foundations and their seeds are not right. These are men as the Prophet said, claiming to do the works of Christ, manifesting the third pull, preparing a Bride for Christ and preaching deep and swelling Revelations.

This does not mean that a preacher who sinned cannot be forgiven or is lost. The Lord is plenteous in mercy. The blood of Jesus cleanses the vilest of sinners, only the blasphemy of the Holy Ghost is unpardonable. But re-entering the Pulpit is barred, he is out of place and is a disgrace to this Message.

A man who lived in fornication or adultery while handling the fire of God and married the woman afterwards is equally guilty. The same scriptural judgments are applied. His disqualification is that he is unfit to rule and must step down. Your marriage never got you born again, never gave you the Holy Ghost, never gave you eternal life or made you qualified.

Marriage was just an exit for your sins. If you were born again then in obedience you will marry before approaching a female. Can young people draw virtue from you? Can they take you as a model or pattern?

We look in the Scriptures at the examples of the Apostles and in our day at the example of William Branham. We see no where, where they were associated closely with nor held in high esteem, those ministers who fell by adultery. Then

why is this being tolerated today among the followers of this Message? Don't the leaders realize that such close association and approval of such ministers to continue preaching and being identified with them convey the wrong meaning to the followers of this Holiness Message. And moreover it is an action contrary to the Word and the Message of the hour.

Now secondly, it is claimed that the Preacher "Got out of the spirit." When a Christian is born again, then he truly begins to walk in the spirit. The Holy Ghost comes down into his soul and he is anointed from inside out.

Galatians 5:16 - "This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh."

Brother Paul gave us a guarantee that if you walk in the spirit you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. How did you manage to go out of the spirit and manifest the lust of the flesh?

Galatians 5:19 - "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: adultery, fornication uncleanness...."

When you walk in the Spirit you will manifest the fruits of the Spirit. When you walk in the flesh you will manifest the works of the flesh.

A Christian does not begin walking in the Spirit, slips out into the flesh then slip back again into the Spirit. No, you are either walking in the Spirit or you are walking in the flesh. No room to change into reverse gear. We began as little children, feeble and weak. Walking in the flesh, as young Christians we obeyed the Word, "Flee youthful lust". As we continued striving, the grace and light of life shone into our hearts, darkness was dispelled, unbelief went and our old carnal nature was changed. We are now lifted into the spirit. We live and walk in the Spirit. We will continue walking in the Spirit every day of our lives until we are translated like Enoch.

Old Testament believers lacked this New Birth, the power to overcome the works of the flesh. New Testament believers have access to this New Birth, they will triumph in grace whereas our brethren failed under the law. The Lord promised to magnify the law and to write it in our hearts. "Thou shall not commit adultery", "Thou shall not covet thy neighbor's wife", are inscribed by the Holy Ghost on the tables of our hearts.

How did you commit adultery/fornication preacher? Where was the Holy Ghost you claimed? Was the Word inscribed on your heart? Because you failed your test, you are under the law and need to sit under a true Grace Covenant Preacher to bring you from Law to Grace. You cannot do it in yourself. When and where did you find such a preacher? David is a poor example and shelter for your sins.

Psalms 51:10 - "Create in me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me."

David was crying for an experience which is only attained by the New Birth. You are looking back to the Law for an example. But contrariwise David is praying for an experience which is under Grace.

Preachers! Show me your New Testament example! We have not so learned Christ in the Apostles, the Church Age

Messengers, Brother Branham or in true God-called, Holy Ghost anointed, Word and Message based Preachers. Christians can be walking in the spirit and make many mistakes which do not challenge their Birth. Brother Peter, Brother Branham, Brother Polycarp, etc. are such examples.

Galatians 5:24-25 - "And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit."

How can you preach to get the people to do what you never did? You cannot manifest or put out more Word than you possess. You never valued your own soul neither can you value the souls of other people. You are not born again and cannot get a man born again. You were not sanctified and cannot get the people sanctified. This is not the quality of a leader. You need to be led. To re-enter the Pulpit is spiritual suicide and homicide for the Church. You will be identified with the man dressed in black.

Thirdly, here are other reasons why you are barred from the Pulpit. This goes for all preachers, past, present or future. If you married the woman you flirted with afterwards, though, thirty years ago, your sins were committed and you sat down for a while, but marriage is not a door for re-entry. Our contention is that you were in the office as a Priest, a Minister, a Bishop, a Preacher when you fell. Repentance or forgiveness is not the issue.

Because you were not born again, and still are not, then you cannot understand or see. If you cannot see then you are blind.

Matthew 15:14 - "Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch."

Blind means that both preacher and congregation are in darkness. You need someone who can see to lead you to light. When you re-entered the Pulpit you were still blind. Being blind you fell into a ditch of heresies, false interpretations, ditch of worldliness and eventually you will lead them into the ditch of the tribulation where, as the foolish virgins, they will be purged. No blind preacher is equipped to prepare the Bride for the rapture.

When Pastor Adam disobeyed God he was forgiven, but he never re-entered the Garden of Eden. His Bishopric was given to another. When Queen Vashti disobeyed King Ahasuerus her royal estate was given to Esther. Preachers when you fell, another who was spiritually capable was needed to lead the Church.

Your sins have brought a reproach and shame on the Message. Even twenty years after, your wound and dishonor remain and your reproach shall not be wiped away. Wherever you stand to preach the Gospel your reproach shall follow you. It is a stigma because you failed to magnify the Lord before the people. You let down the Holiness standards of the Message. You have lost credibility. Your actions have paralleled the Preachers of this Message with those of Organizations and Religions who have adopted this lifestyle. You are a poor example to the flock, a poor representative of Jesus Christ. If the Head is sick the whole body will be sick likewise.

You have betrayed the trust and confidence of the flock. Will you trust such a man to counsel your wife and your daughters? When trust and confidence are broken then the faith of believers will be overthrown. This will result in backsliding and the loss of souls. Preachers! You are held accountable. The youths who are going through their temptations will say, "If the Preachers did it and repented then I can also do it and repent."

Having darkness and unbelief in the soul, that minister cannot impart life to the believers. All you will impart Preacher is your death seed, corruptible seed, hybrid seed, heretical seed. If you have the goods as claimed, why have you constantly

changed your doctrines over the years? The Spirit of Truth guides you into all truth then all you can do is to continuously run a straight line on the Word, from the day of your birth to this present time. How were you deceived by that false teacher? How were you misled by Brother Spiritual, then by Brother Deep Revelations?

No congregation is more spiritual than their Pastor. On re-entering the Pulpit you will further kill and stagnate the growth of the Church. You need a man with the Word and Spirit to lead you.

1 Corinthians 4:15 - " For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.'

You gave the enemy an occasion to blaspheme the army of Israel. You supplied them with weapons to fight. In the time of Battle the enemy will use this adulterous stick to beat you on your wounds. The congregation will also be beaten and will fabricate excuses to defend your crimes.

You have also disqualified yourself as a Bishop or Steward of God. (1 Timothy 3:2, Titus 1:5-9)

A Bishop must be blameless, a Steward must be faithful and the husband of one wife. You are unfaithful and your life had blame and blemish. Nobody disqualified you. Your sins disqualified you. You failed at your post of duty and proved yourself unfit and incapable of your responsibilities on the pulpit.

Leviticus 21:18 - "For whatsoever man he be that hath a blemish, he shall not approach....." In this chapter Moses laid down the qualification of the Levitical Priesthood, before his ordination or during his course of duty. If the Priest was found with a blemish, he was forbidden to approach and administer.

In the New Testament Paul laid down the qualifications of the Priesthood and during your administration if blemishes developed then that Priest is forbidden to preach. If it was forbidden in the law, please preachers, can you show us where it is permissible under grace? Will Brother Branham stand for such double standards? Absolutely not!

If it is already settled by repentance and forgiveness in correcting your wrong it is not an access of re-entry. Sit down humbly and serve the Lord. Let someone mollify your wounds with ointment and apply the healing balm of Gilead.

How will you have liberty to forcefully preach against adultery and fornication? How will you rebuke or discipline believers who are guilty of such sins? Will they not spit in your face? Your hands will be tied.

"Pastors who let them people come in, take deacons and everything else and jobs like that, with two or three living wives, and things, aren't you ashamed, Minister? Aren't you ashamed of those things? And take them members in there when they are living in adultery..." (Evening Messenger, 63-0116)

Here is Brother Branham crying shame on Ministers for allowing and compromising with adultery in the Church. What will he do to know that there are scores of his Ministers who are not just compromisers but are guilty of these sins? Further to learn that they are presently on the Pulpit. It is a crying shame!

Growth in popularity, fame, prosperity, followers and swelling interpretations are no evidence that you have changed your seed. Your track record proves that all you did was camouflaged under the message. Do not boast that you never committed adultery or fornication after re-entering the pulpit or after you married to your guilty partner. You have flirted with the antichrist spirit within the framework of the Message and are pregnated with his seeds. From the natural act you now committed the spiritual. This is proof that you are bastard born and out of the Spirit.

You are de-barred by the Word and the Message from re-entering the priesthood after you desecrated your office. You are not born again, were not walking in the spirit and are de-barred from re-entering the pulpit.

Repent and obey. Life is precious. Amen!

HERETICAL ARTICLE NO: 20

"Men who married defiled women, non-virgins, before or after they came to the message should not preach the gospel until their wives are dead or divorced and are under obligation to quit preaching."

I Thessalonians 5:21 - "Prove all things, hold fast that which is good".

2Timothy 2:15 - "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

I am Sookdeo Ramnarine; a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I am not ashamed to be identified with the Message of William Branham - Malachi 4: 5-6 and Rev. 10:7. I am contending for the faith restored to us in the endtime by William Branham.

I want to boldly state here that this doctrine is heretical and false because it is contrary to the Written Word of God, and the revealed Word of God brought unto us by William Branham.

This heresy is the work of certain men who have crept in unawares under the pure message of God, seeking to pervert and make the Message say something that it does not say.

I am admonishing all believers of the Message, and especially the ministry to join with us as we make war against all heresies.

This heresy deals with the subject of the qualifications of a Minister, as well as one aspiring to be a minister with respect to the kind of wife he marries.

If she was a defiled woman, a non-virgin, then he is disqualified from entering the ministry.

If he is already established as a minister, having married a defiled woman, he should quit the ministry until such time that his wife dies, or until he divorces her.

A woman becomes a non-virgin when she loses her virginity. If she loses her virginity through fornication, or from a previous marriage to a former husband, from whom she is now either divorced or widowed, she is then a defiled woman.

According to this heresy, a man who is married to such a woman is disqualified from entering the Ministry, and if he is already preaching he has to quit.

I want to refute this heresy by saying that it has no support from the Scriptures nor from the Message of William Branham.

This is a wicked and dangerous spirit trying to make the Bible and the Message of the prophet say something that it does not say.

The apostle Paul in his letters both to Timothy and Titus, outlines the qualifications of a Bishop (Minister) and with reference to his wife, says:

I Timothy. 3: 1-2 - "This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach."

Titus 1:6 - "If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children, not accused of riot or unruly."

There are also other scriptural requirements of a husband and wife, that applies to a minister and his wife, e.g.

Ephesians 5: 22-23, 25 & 33 - "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is head of the church... Husbands love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church... Nevertheless let everyone of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband."

I Peter 3:1 - "Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands."

There are no Scriptures in the New Testament spoken by Jesus nor his apostles that disqualifies a Minister whose wife is a non-virgin or defiled woman. The Lord Jesus chose twelve apostles, of whom we know that Peter was married before. If this heresy was true, then surely the Lord Jesus would have said something about it. Nowhere in the New Testament did Paul, Peter, nor any of the other apostles say anything to support this heresy. The only thing the apostle Paul emphasized on, is that a Minister must be the husband of one wife. That automatically rules out the Minister having more than one wife either by polygamy or, after having divorced one or more wives, is living with another.

I quote Malachi 4:5-6, Brother Branham.

Question - "Bro. Branham is it... for a person who has a living, divorced mate, who remarry before coming to the Message to minister?"

Answer - "Well in 1 Timothy. 3:2 and Titus 1:6... If a man desires the office of a bishop or a preacher he's got to have just one wife - That's right! a Minister."

(Questions & Answers, No. 286, page 1012 C.O.D.-Vol. II, 64-0823E)

"... Ministers calling from everywhere ,married two or three times......

To you people who are married and divorced and remarried, promise me one thing... Go on living just like you are. Don't try anything else like it, but live, just go ahead live happy.... Now when I come back the Lord willing, I'll explain

that to you in the Bible ... stay just as you are till you hear from me again on this subject." (Questions & Answers page 64-0830E, C.O.D.)

This was Q & A 1964. Now in 1965 when the prophet preached Marriage and Divorce he said:

"There is no minister that can marry a widow... all right you get it in Lev. 21:7 and Ezekiel 44:22. (Marriage And Divorce, 65-0221M,)

Leviticus 21:7 - Speaking of the Priests: "They shall not take a wife that is a whore, or profane; neither shall they take a woman put away from her husband; for he is holy unto God.

Ezekiel 44:22 - "Neither shall they take for their wives a widow, nor her that is put away, but shall take maidens of the

seed of the house of Israel or a widow that had a priest before".

"It will show you that the priesthood was not to marry a woman that's been touched by man. This type is of the Virgin Bride of Jesus Christ, because they handled the fire of God." (Marriage and Divorce, 65-0221M, par. 36.)

Here the prophet is citing the Old Testament ordinances concerning the priesthood, and bringing it to our day saying that no Minister should marry a widow nor a woman who had been touched by man before.

However, note that this condition only applies to the man that was already in the office of a Minister and then goes about to seek and marry a wife.

Contrary to this Heresy, this does not apply to: The man that is already married to a defiled woman, a non-virgin and then seeks to enter the ministry NOR The man that is presently established as a Minister having previously married to such a woman.

These Scriptures and the words of the prophet do not disqualify such men from the Ministry. On these grounds they are under no obligation to quit the Ministry.

Matthew. 5:31-32 - "It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement. But I say unto you, that whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication causeth her to commit adultery and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery."

"See she has got a living husband so no man can marry her.... There is no grounds for her at all. But it's not for him; because its her, not him. Get it? You have to make the Word run in continuity. See nothing saying he couldn't, but she can't... He can remarry, He can remarry again if it's a virgin; but He can't marry somebody else's wife." (Marriage and Divorce page 37, 65-0221M)

We see here that the prophet of God connects these two scriptures of the Old Testament; concerning the priests, to the 'Marriage and Divorce question' answered by our Lord Jesus.

He gives the grounds on which a minister can divorce his wife and marry another: He can only marry a virgin; not a widow or divorcee. Notice here that no mention is being made by the prophet in this Message: Marriage and Divorce, nor throughout his ministry with regards to the Minister having to stop preaching until his wife is dead, or he divorces her because she was a defiled woman or a non-virgin. No mention is made of using this as grounds to bar him from the ministry. On the contrary, with permission from the Lord, the prophet obtained pardon for all those people (ministers included) who were followers of the prophet, and were caught up in this Marriage and Divorce situation. (Reference: page 48,49 - Marriage and Divorce) This was in February 1965.

In April 1965, in the Message: "Does God ever change His Mind about His Word" the prophet of God proceeded to ordain Brother Ben Bryant and other ministers who were caught up in this Marriage and Divorce situation. These ministers were forgiven and told to remain as they were. They were not told to wait until their wives were dead or to divorce their wives if they wanted to continue in the Ministry. We can see clearly that the propagators of this heresy consider themselves to be more spiritual than the prophet.

This heresy is a move of Satan trying to stop the Gospel from being preached. If this heresy is believed and accepted, it can cause; and I venture to say has already caused much confusion among the ministers and congregations, churches to close down, and souls to be lost. This heresy is a result of the Misplacing of a scriptural requirement of the Minister. The scriptures

require that a minister who is already established as a minister to marry only a virgin. It says nothing about the wife that a man marries before entering the ministry, whether she was a virgin or not.

I want to say on the basis of the Scriptures and the Message of the Hour that this doctrine is heretical and false. It is a move of Satan, in the form of the White Horse Rider to pervert the Pure Message of the Hour. In addition, this heresy violates basic principles of the scripture regarding the interpretation of scriptures according to: Isaiah 28: 9-10 - "Whom shall he teach knowledge? And whom shall he make to understand doctrine? Them that are weaned from the milk and are drawn from the breasts. For precept must be upon precept, precept on precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little and there a little."

2 Timothy 2:15 - "Study to show thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of Truth."

Amos 3:7 - "Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets."

The Bible was written by prophets and God uses prophets to interpret the scriptures. A prophet is a "seer" - a Divine interpreter of the Word. Any true Revelation will run in continuity with the Scriptures from Genesis to Revelation and will not contradict the Revelation brought to us by William Branham.

"But now that the seals are opened, the spirit of Truth directs us to the Word. That explains why all the mistakes has been down through the ages, because the Seals was not opened." (Marriage and Divorce page 38)

For us to go down the middle of the road, we must come in contact with the Spirit of Truth that came from the opening of the Seals; and be led by that Spirit of Truth.

I declare this doctrine to be a false Revelation given to some by the Nicolaitan Antichrist Spirit to bring the church into bondage. It is a move of Satan to confuse the church and to stifle the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I hereby call upon all believers and propagators of this heresy to repent and humble down to the True Revelation of God's Word.

HERETICAL ARTICLE NO: 21

"The Holiness Message of the Seventh Church Age Messenger types the Law of Moses: the Bride is now in the Grace Age and preachers should not stress upon the law of sports, dress codes, conduct, fasting, praying and such legalism."

Hebrews 12:14 - "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord."

1 Peter 1:16 - "But as He, which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation, because it is written, be ye holy for I am holy."

1 John 2:15 - "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world, if any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him."

I am Kenneth Bynoe. I have been a follower of the Message of William Branham for more than twenty-four years. I am also a Minister of the Gospel here at Bethel Tabernacle, Trinidad.

I am here to examine Article No. 21 which states, "The Holiness Message of the Seventh Church Age Messenger, types the Law of Moses: the Bride is now in the Grace Age, and preachers should not stress upon the law of sports, dress codes, conduct, fasting, praying and such legalism."

Now, I am very familiar with this article of doctrine, having contended against it for many years. Some of the followers of the Message, when they hear of our standard here at Bethel, against the worldliness that is creeping into the Message Churches, they throw this doctrine into our face, saying that we are too legalistic. Brethren, I want to label this doctrine as heresy.

I want to add a definition to the word 'heresy'. <u>Heresy is any opinion or doctrine contrary to present revealed truth and to me, heresy is just a sophisticated word for 'hog food'".</u> Now excuse me if I am sounding crude, but when you are dealing with heresy, you have to be plain.

The Bible says that the backslidder in heart shall be filled with his own ways. *Proverbs 14:14*. Whenever a people become backslidden in heart, they move away from the leading of the Holy Spirit and formulate their own ideas, interpretations and doctrines, contrary to the Word, which ideas and interpretations are not their own but it is the Devil giving them 'hog food' to eat.

That is what happened to the prodigal son when he left his father's house and went on his own. He ended up eating 'hog food', and that is what has happened to some of the followers of Malachi 4:5-6. They have become backslidden in heart, left the

Lord Jesus Christ, behind as Joseph and Mary, supposing that He is in their midst and they are eating 'hog food'.

My exposition here is not just to condemn, nor to criticize; rather it is with the hope that my exhortation might cause some to get back to the Word, get back to the original standard of the Message. This is why Malachi 4:5-6 came unto us, He came to take us back to the Word. Some have not found the grace to keep that original standard, but there are some preachers upon the face of the earth who are trying to encourage their brethren to get back to the standard of holiness that the Prophet established.

Whilst I agree that, in certain instances, the Holiness Message of William Branham can be typed as the Law of Moses, I want to say that the Prophet's Message as a whole, is a restoration of Apostolic Doctrines, which were established under a covenant of Grace, and which magnified the Law of Moses.

William Branham, God's prophet was identified in Malachi 4:5-6 as the Elijah who was to forerun the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. The whole purpose of his coming was to restore all things. When he came he restored Apostolic Doctrines. Therefore I believe it is gross error for these people around the Message to propagate the idea that preachers should not stress upon the law of sports, dress codes etc.

William Branham spent thirty-three years preaching around the World. He preached against immorality, nakedness, sports, television, against the wickedness that is taking place upon the face of this earth, which is in a Sodom and Gomorrah condition.

I quote from Brother Branham:

"Why does the Church want to act like the World. Why do they do it? I don't know! You say, Well, it's no fun to play poker, just a little bit for fun. Just a little penny-ante, ever what you call it, it's a sin. You shouldn't have them things in your house. Why, It's no harm to take this little bitty glass of beer out there. We just got a few, me and my wife has a few in the afternoon. And the first thing you know, your children got a few." (Adoption, par. 137, 60-0522E)

"Look at the soul, look at the spirit. Look how the spirit in the Church has got, hybrid, intermarried to the world. Oh! What an hour! Flee children! Flee to the cross. Come to Christ. Let him lead you." (Leadership, 65-1207, par. 295)

" And if you love the world, the world's travel you go and in the fall you'll be, see! Come out! You're sons and daughters of the King. Be ladies and gentlemen. Walk like Christians, Live like Christians, act like Christians, remember I'll meet you at the Judgment bar, with these remarks." (Things That Are To Be, 65-1205, par. 137)

Now, I believe that all these articles of the World are covered by 1 John 2:15 - "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the World." And the Lord has ordained in the Scriptures, certain spiritual exercises such as fasting, praying and waiting on the Lord to help us to deny self. We live in an age where no one wants to deny self. Everyone wants to liberate himself, they want to free up themselves, to live it up. This is in fulfillment of a prophecy that Jesus made concerning the drunkenness and surfeiting that is so prevalent today. But Christianity is a life of sacrifice, it is a life of self denial. The Lord Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me" (Matthew 16:24) And Brethren, if you confess that you are a follower of Christ, you would always seek to deny self, the evil nature.

Now the Apostle Paul said that the Law was a schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. Galatians 3. He said also in another place, that the Law was added because of the transgression of the Children of Israel, until the Faith should come by the Lord Jesus Christ. Galatians 3:19-22. But I want you to notice that when He came, He came preaching the Law and not just preaching the Law but He magnified the Law and made it honorable. This was in direct fulfillment of a prophecy in *Isaiah 42:21* - "The Lord is well pleased for his righteousness sake; he will magnify the Law, and make it honorable."

These followers of Malachi 4 say that we do not have to preach the Law, but when the Lord Jesus Christ came, He did not only preach the Law, but He also made it honorable. That word 'honorable' tells us that the Children of Israel, who were under the Law, were never able to honor the Law or keep it. How do you honor the Law? You honor the Law by your obedience to it. The Scripture says, "Honor thy father and your mother". How do you do this? By obeying them. So the people of God before Jesus came were never able to keep the Law, even because they did not have access unto the Grace of God. The Bible says that "the Law came by Moses but Grace and Truth came by the Lord Jesus Christ". And notice, when He came He said, "Think not I am come to destroy the Law and the Prophets, but I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. Ye have heard that it was said by them of old times, thou shalt not kill, and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the Judgment". Then He went on to say, "but I say unto you, that whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause, shall not commit adultery, but I say unto you that whosoever looketh upon a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart."

What was he doing? He was magnifying the Law, He was getting down to the very root of sin, down to the thoughts and intents of the heart. In the light of what has taken place in our day and hour the Lord's coming was to fulfill the Law and to make a way for the believers of the Gospel to fulfill the Law by Grace. This was made possible by the blood sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ on Calvary. The blood of Jesus Christ was shed for the remission of all sins. When the Gospel is preached and it convicts the heart of a sinner, the Bible says, "The goodness of the Lord leadeth us to repentance."

When a sinner repents at the preaching of the Gospel, the spirit of God drives out that evil spirit from his heart that originally had caused him to sin in the first place and as he continues to sit under inspired preaching, with the correct motive and objective, he receives Divine Revelation, which is the Faith of Jesus Christ and which gives him access into the Grace of God.

Romans 5:1-2 - "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God."

The Old Testament people never had this access into the Grace of God, therefore they were never able to fulfill all the requirements of the Law. This faith of the Lord Jesus Christ, this Revelation of Jesus Christ was not preached to them in Old Testament times. The Bible says, "Faith cometh by hearing and hearing the Word of God." And the Scripture goes on to say that, "How can you hear without a preacher, and how can that preacher, preach except he be sent."

This Scripture hits at the heart of the problem that we have around the Message of the Prophet. Men have accepted the Message. They have come over under the Message with their old organizational births and baptism, without a repentance according to the acknowledgment of the Truth that came by the Prophet; without starting all over again; without a Divine Revelation of the Prophet's Message and without a divine call to preach. They have handled the Message injecting their own ideas and interpretations into the Message.

The Prophet said that no man has any right to preach, except he has met the Pillar of Fire in the back part of the desert and where he has an experience with God until no Devil in hell can explain away the Word of God from him.

"No man has a right to preach unless he, like Moses, meets Him out there on that sacred grounds, that Pillar of Fire hanging

there, where he knows where he's at. See?"
(The Future Home of the Heavenly Bridegroom and the Earthly Bride, Jeff. Ind. 64-0802 - par. 37-2)

That is the problem. We have a lot of preachers that do not have any calling and who have not been sent to preach the Message.

So the people under the Old Testament never had access into the Grace of God, but the Lord prophesied by Isaiah of another covenant to come. He said, "This is the covenant that I will make with them, after those days, saith the Lord. I will put my laws into their hearts and in their minds will I write them. I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people."

Isn't that wonderful! Whereas under the Old Covenant, the Law was written by the finger of God on stone tablets, here under this New Covenant the Holy Ghost puts the Law into the heart of the believer and writes them in his mind making him a written epistle read and known of all men. The Holy Spirit circumcises from his heart the very appetite for sin. He does not have to be reminded of the Word by going to the Temple since he becomes the Temple of God. When he is tempted to sin, the Word rises up to remind him not to sin. Brother, do not lust! Do not steal! Don't hate, be a good boy.

It is a New Covenant, in which, whenever a portion of the Word is revealed to you, whenever you understand the Scriptures by 'inspiration', it is written upon your heart by the Holy Spirit. The One that spoke the Word initially, comes down into the heart to believe and to fulfill His own Word.

Now people transgress the Law because of sin. The Prophet taught us that sin is unbelief and unbelief has many attributes: lying, stealing, murder, adultery, fornication. People manifest these things because they disbelieve the Word of God from the heart. So, therefore under the New Covenant the Lord was going to deal with the very root of sin which is unbelief, an unbelieving spirit that we were born with because of the fall. All this was going to be accomplished by the foolishness of preaching. Paul said, "We are saved by the foolishness of preaching".

Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. And this faith, which is the faith of the Lord Jesus Christ, gives you access into the Covenant of Grace, where the Spirit of the Lord comes down into the heart of a man to live out his own Word. So, Brethren, there is no struggle, there is no striving, it is automatic. A born again Christian is in automatic gear. He does not have to strive and struggle against the things of the World. He is not sad or sorrowful that he is not partaking of the things of the World. He has the joy of the Holy Spirit in his heart. He has a peace that passeth all understanding and the Lord has become his satisfying portion. The Lord has become his joy, his peace. The Lord has become his strength and his salvation.

This is what the Grace of God is all about, and anything outside of this is legalism. They tag that label of legalism upon us. But no! We are under Grace. We have access to the Grace of God, by a Revelation of Jesus Christ which is the Revelation, the Prophet said, by which a person is born again.

1 Peter 1:13 - "Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ:"

So a man is born again by a Revelation of Jesus Christ and then as the Apostle Paul says, "If any man be in Christ he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new". A change takes place in the life of a true believer, his appetites and his ambitions are changed and he has no desire for the World and the things of the World. But what is it that's happening with some of the brethren around the Message, they are trying to serve God in their carnal nature without a Revelation of the Message and the gates of hell are prevailing against them. They cannot resist the spirits of Sodom

and Gomorrah and they cannot resist the influence that the World is exerting upon them.

There is a Revelation in the Prophet's Message against which the gates of hell cannot prevail. Love God, love His Word, love eternal life which is God's own life above every other thing that the Devil will offer you on this pilgrim journey. Seek the Lord with all your heart for Divine Revelation and he is obligated to His Word to grant it unto you. This is God's provided way for you to be an overcomer in this hour.

The white horse rider has sought to devalue the Holiness Message of Brother Branham, seeking to emphasize getting up into a spiritual atmosphere to catch great swelling revelations such as the 'seven thunders' and getting the brethren to rely more upon experiences, visions, dreams and emotions than upon the Word and Holiness. Therefore they cannot access the Grace of God, being outside of God's plan and program to receive Divine Revelation.

In conclusion, I emphatically state that this heresy is from the pit of hell and the Devil's excuse, that preachers who are yet in their evil nature accepted and have taught such deceptions and hypocrisies unto sincere people who love the Lord, to lead them away from the Holiness Message of Malachi 4:5-6, thus resulting in them missing the coming of the Lord and the Rapture.

Hebrews 12:14 - "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord"

This heresy has opened the gate for believers to commit any kind of sin, breaking any commandment of Holiness on Christian conduct. This is the spirit of antichrist, Nicolaitanism from the first age changing the Message of Malachi 4:5-6 as it changed the Message of Paul the Apostle. All true believers must stand like the saints of the early age.

Galatians 1:8 - "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed."

Paul established holiness, it was lost through the Dark Ages but restored by Elijah, Malachi 4:5-6.

Thus it is Holiness or Hell! Amen.

HERETICAL ARTICLE NO: 22

"The elected bride is to be gathered for the rapture, within a radius of fifteen hundred miles of the desert of Arizona, where the angels came down for the opening of the seven seals."

1 Thessalonians 4:16&17 - "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

Matthew 24:23-26 - "Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false christs and false prophets and shall shew great signs and wonders; in-so-much that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold he is in the desert; go not forth; behold he is in the secret chambers; believe it not."

I am Daniel Seebrat, a preacher of righteousness following the message of Malachi 4:5-6, God's Servant and Prophet, William Branham since the year 1964. I am here to refute and to prove as false and heretical a dogma which says, "The elected bride is to be gathered for the rapture, within a radius of fifteen hundred miles of the desert of Arizona, where the

angels came down for the opening of the seven seals."

The scripture supports a rapture. The word used in scripture is "Caught Up" - a catchting up. All Bible readers know that there is going to be a rapture.

The rapture is an actual disappearing act that will take place in our time. To us who are alive, it means going to heaven without dying.

And there is going to be a rapture. The Bible confirms it and the endtime message of William Branham confirms it also.

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"There is going to be a rapture." (The Rapture, 65-1204, par.81)
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"There is going to be a gathering for the rapture."
(Question and Answer, Book one pages 16-17, 23-08-64, condensed)

We are expecting to escape the tribulation and go in the rapture. It is our hope and concern. But this heretical article states that the bride is to be gathered for the rapture within a radius of fifteen hundred miles of the desert of Arizona where the angels came down for the opening of the seals. **This is contrary to the Message of Malachi Four and Scriptures.** If we understand clearly, it says that if you are not within this area you will miss the rapture. Article No. 22 is saying, if you are not within this area you are out of the rapture.

We live in Trinidad, West Indies. Trinidad is three thousand miles away from America. That is twice the distance of the fifteen hundred miles of the Desert of Arizona in question. This heresy is saying that if you are not within that area you will miss the rapture. The people in Africa, Europe, Singapore and others are further away. This heretical article is saying that you must be gathered there.

There is going to be a rapture and there is going to be a gathering for the rapture. The question is When and Where?

The propagator of this heretical article is devoid of any Scriptural proofs to support his conception of the Bride gathering in Arizona for the rapture. He absolutely has no Scriptural foundation for basing, or to support his dogma. However the Scriptures support the gathering of both things on earth and things in heaven (Ephesians 1:10) in Christ after the resurrection and the rapture (1 Thessalonians 4:17). This gathering will not be from a particular place but it will be a universal gathering from across the world (Luke 17:34-37) at the Last Trump (1 Corinthians 15:52). The message of Malachi 4, William Branham, God's Prophet and Messenger to Laodicea does not support such heresy.

I will let Brother Branham say for himself whether this is true or false by answering certain questions that were asked of him concerning this subject.

I quote:

Question - "Do all who go in the Bride have to live within the fifteen hundred miles of the tabernacle as it sounds like on tape number two of the "Future Home of the Bride"? I always thought the Bride would come out of all parts of the world at the time of the rapture. Am I wrong?"

Answer - "No my dear friend, you are not wrong, you're right. ...No, the bride doesn't have to be in any certain place. Many of them will be in the dust of the earth. They'll be around the earth; they'll be frozen in the snow in the north, and the dust of the tropical jungles and all around the world. But when the trumpet of God shall sound, the dead in Christ shall arise, waken, and come out of the dust, no matter where they are. And now, in this, the resurrection will be a universal. See? Everywhere, every creature on the ball of the earth that's in Christ will come forth with Him when He comes, see? no matter where you are."

(Conduct, Order and Doctrine, pages 1064-1065 - Question 325)

Question - "Brother Branham, I have some questions I wish to ask you. I have heard people say that you have advised people to sell all their homes and follow you to Arizona or they would not be in the rapture. Is this true?"

Answer - "No Sir! I did not say it! If anything, I've advised people not to do it...... No, you shouldn't do that. If you want to go, that's up to you. Course, I don't. My, I don't care where you go, but just to do that, think the Bride's going to go from there, you're mistaken.......Also I have heard this. I have (Let me. I got it wrong somewhere here. Let's see) the rapture. Is this true or should we sell our homes, or did you ever say this? NO, I never said it.

But now, to think that....See, what does it? It starts a cult (see?) and then I get in trouble. They got a group out there now that's going to be on charity pretty soon. And then what's it going to be? 'We come out here for the rapture of the bride.' That just what the newspapers are waiting for! They're waiting to get it when they fall on charity and can't go back to their homes."

(Conduct, Order and Doctrine, pages 973-975 - Question No. 267)

Question - "Also about these families that have sold out and moved to Sierra Vista, Arizona, where they have interpreted from one of your tapes titles "Little Bethlehem" the rapture will take place in Arizona. Did you advise them to go there?"

Answer - "I certainly did not.....You are making the worst move you ever made in your life. Don't you do a thing like that." (Conduct, Order and Doctrine page 976 - Question No. 269)

Question - "Brother Branham, some understand you to say in your message of the "Future Home of the Bride and Groom" was to be (No, this is different) be fifteen hundred miles from the tabernacle - square - seven hundred each way (In other words, the tabernacle setting right in the middle would be seven hundred each way - be fifteen hundred miles. Oh!) Is this true. I live outside of this area; should I move into it?"

Answer - "No honey don't you do that......they'll come forth out of every crack, crevice and corner of the world.....the resurrection and the rapture will be general all over the entire world! No matter where you are at, when that hour comes, you'll be caught up to meet him! That's all! There's nothing going to stop you, no matter where you are."

(Conduct, Order and Doctrine, pages 979 - 981 - Question No. 273)

Question - "Will the bride, those that believe this Message, go out west, eventually gather there, I mean?"

Answer - "No! Now, will the bride eventually go out west, eventually? Not as I know of; the bride is universal, all over the world..... you don't have to gather west or anywhere......But if you want to come west to Tucson, Arizona, where I'm living, welcome.....But if you are coming out under these conditions, thinking that the bride or something is going to go up from Tucson, Arizona, and there only, you are mistaken. Don't come out for that, don't come for that, because that's an error. That isn't right."

(Conduct, Order and Doctrine, pages 1145-1146 - Question 376)

"The coming of the Lord will not be just at any certain corner but will be universal. One will be in the field working - day time. The other one in the bed sleeping on the other side of the world. It'll be a universal Rapture." (Secret Rapture of the Church. Jeff. Ind. 58-1002 - Quotation Book Page 51)

Luke 17:34-37 - "I tell you, in that night there shall be two men in one bed; the one shall be taken and the other shall be left. Two women shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken and the other left. And they answered and said, Where, Lord? And he said unto them, Wheresoever the body is, thither will the eagles be gathered together."

Matthew 24:40-41 - "Then shall two be in the field: the one shall be taken and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken and the other left"

Question - "Do you believe that sometimes the little living bride will gather somewhere together and have all things in common, as did the first Bride, perhaps just before the coming of the Lord Jesus in the clouds?"

Answer -"And it's very doubtful whether it'll be that way, because the Bible said "There'll be two in a bed; I'll take one and leave one; two in the field, and I'll take one and leave one...Across the world, they won't be gathered in one place to have things in common. But little groups of them will be scattered all over the earth. I believe, maybe if the Lord permits, this is a little group of it. Maybe another little group in Asia, one down in Germany, one down somewhere else. When I seen a vision of the Bride the other night, they was made up from the international. See? So the Bride won't be gathered from one place, it'll be gathered from all over the world. And that exactly vindicates with the Word, and never has the Word been wrong. And to this time, neither has the vision ever been wrong, because it's been according to the Word."

(Conduct, Order and Doctrine pages 1161-1162 - Question No. 396)

"The Preview of the Bride: And I looked and here they come again. And they passed by, sweet looking little ladies. They was all looking right at me as they passed by... Each one had long hair and no makeup and real pretty girls. And they were watching me. That represented the Bride coming out of all nations. See? She.... Each one represented a nation, as they marched perfectly in line with the word. See? And then, I have to watch her. She'll get out of step with that word if I don't watch, when she's passing by, if she gets by."

(The Master piece, Jeff., Ind. 64-0705, Quotation Book page 259)

Are we not a little group in one part of the world expecting to go in the rapture?

Question - "Will the bride be gathered together in one place at the rapture, and will it be in the West?"

Answer - "Nope, it don't have to be there. Yeah, the Bride will be gathered together in one place. That is true, but not until the resurrection......Therefore, the Bride will all be together when It goes to meet the Lord. See? It will be together, but it don't necessarily mean that we - they all have to be setting in one place like this; because the Bride is sleeping in the dust of the earth around the world, from the Arctic to the tropics, and from the east to the west, from north to the south.....Look at the missionaries that died down there in the fields of Africa. Look at them that's died up yonder in the frozen regions of the North. Look at them that died in the arena, all over the world, in the Congo and all around across the world. They've died everywhere, China, Japan, around the world; and the coming of the Lord will be universal, this rapture will.....It'll be a universal rapture. Yes, the church will all be together, but after, after the resurrection and the rapture has set in."

(Conduct, Order and Doctrine pages 933-935 - Question No. 240)

In answering a question about restoring a sinner Brother Branham said:-"Now, the gathering will be unto the Lord. As

Jacob in the 49th chapter, he said, "When Shiloh comes, and the gathering will be unto Him. There'll not be a lawgiver go until...from between the feet, until Shiloh come," Speaking of Judah, "and to Him shall the gathering be."Now, so many people are looking for a church, a great group of people to be caught up together, a church, a denomination, some creed something to be caught up. That's not it. That's not it at all...The gathering of the people, when God calls His flock together, He may take two out of Jeffersonville, two out of Indiana, two out of Kentucky, two out of Mississippi. That's exactly what He said; not them words, but He said, "There'll be two in a field," that's where the daylight's at, "I'll take one and leave one." There'll be two in the bed," the other side of earth is night time, "I'll take one and leave one." see?

The gathering of the people will not be clannish, for a group here. It'll be a universal resurrection gathering together, and the Rapture will come the same way.... Then he shows that the people that are living on earth, it'll be one here and one there, it will not be a bunch of people gathered together in a little group....So the gathering will be unto Christ whether I am in Jeffersonville, whether I am in Sweden, whether I...And wherever it is, is the gathering will be unto the Shepherd. See? And then together we'll be caught up with the resurrection to meet the Lord in the air. People will be coming from all parts of the earth, that's living. People that's dead, and so forth, will rise. And together the church will be caught up (together) to meet the Lord in the air. See?

His coming will be universal. It will not be just coming to Louisville. It will not be just coming to the Baptist, to the Presbyterian. It'll be "the pure in heart shall see God" and the resurrection and the gathering shall be from everywhere." (Conduct, Order and Doctrine, pages 716-717)

The scripture says that the gathering shall be in Christ.

Ephesians 1:10 - "That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him."

Genesis 49:10 - "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be."

Luke 17:34-37 - "I tell you in that night there shall be two men in one bed; the one shall be taken and the other shall be left. Two women shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken and the other left. And they answered and said, Where Lord? And he said unto them, Wheresoever the body is, thither will the eagles be gathered together."

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"Then when that takes place, it'll be a gathering together. And Jesus shall appear, and there will go the church from all over the earth like that, with the resurrection, going up." (Conduct, Order and Doctrine page 724)

"And that's why these things are doing; the Holy Spirit come into the earth in the great fulness of His being to gather up the children from the four corners of the earth to get ready for the Rapture." (Time is at Hand, Chicago, Ill. 56-0408E, par. E-53)

"And the trump of God shall sound, and the dead in Christ shall rise first, appear to many...and all at once you happen to stand and look, and well, there's a brother...And you know it ain't long. In a few minutes we'll be changed in a moment in a twinkling of an eye, and together with them be missing on earth, caught up to meet the Lord in the air." (Going Beyond the Camp, par.22, 64-0719)

1 Corinthians 15:52 - "In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."

"The trumpet of God shall sound, and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then when our eyes behold our loved ones, then we'll be changed in a moment in a twinkling of an eye, and with them shall be caught up together".

(How Can I Overcome? Page 5-6. 8-25-63)

"And now, we pray God, that you'll give us prophets to interpret this word to us, that we might know, whether we're right or wrong. We see false prophets raises up; they're in the deserts, Salt Lake City, all parts of the nation, all kinds of deserts, and all kinds of secret chambers, all kinds of Father Divines, and so forth, everywhere...Dear God, so many of these questions here about the people coming to Arizona...But when they're teaching that the rapture must come from there, and there alone, or they must be with me, a poor, unworthy, filthy sinner, saved by the grace of God...Let them come here where they really hear it, if they want to hear it, not run off out there in that desert. They are trying to do exactly what this Scripture told them not to do. Lo, it's in the desert; believe it not! Lo, it's in the secret chamber; believe it not! Lord, I'm trying my best to warn them.."

(Conduct, Order and Doctrine, pages 987-989)

Matthew 24:23-26 - "Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false christs and false prophets and shall shew great signs and wonders, in-so-much that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold he is in the desert; go not forth, behold he is in the secret chambers; believe it not."

This heretical article is saying that you must be gathered in the Arizona Desert for the rapture. Believe it Not!

This article is proven to be wrong and heretical. It will overthrow the faith of many and cause confusion of mind. It is delusive and can cause insanity.

By the Scripture and by the quotations of William Branham we have found the propagator of this article to be a liar and a false prophet. He is a deceiver. False prophets have crept in into the message unawares trying to deceive the Bride of Jesus Christ. This article can cause insanity among the Bride by telling her she must go in the desert of Arizona to go in the rapture.

I call on the propagator and all those who believe and follow him to repent. Come back to the Word. Come back to the message. You have been found a liar. False prophets have gone out into the world. This is the hour of the false anointed ones. They are trying to deceive the Bride. Repent! There will be rejoicing in heaven.

Amen!

HERETICAL ARTICLE NO: 23

"The Joshua Commission is the Word from the Seven Seals Book. It is now presently placing the Bride into the promised land, which is her inheritance. The placing of the sons is when they see themselves in the Word as elected of God, and believe the Word without any supernatural vindication."

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Exposed by Dalton Bruce.

Joshua 1:1,2,5-7 - "Now after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD it came to pass, that the LORD spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying, Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, [even] to the children of Israel. There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, [so] I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I sware unto their fathers to give them. Only be thou strong and very courageous."

May the Lord add a blessing to the reading of his Word. The "Joshua Commission." We believe in a Joshua Commission because it was revealed to Brother Branham. But there are different heresies that are built around this revelation, which we term, "the Joshua Commission." We do believe in a Joshua Commission.

This term came about by a revelation that was given to Brother Branham. A vision was given to him, and when he came out of this vision he had his Bible laying on a table, and supernaturally, the Bible left the table, came towards Brother Branham, and a hand with a collar on a cuff turned the pages of the Bible and opened up to the scripture that I just read from, Joshua 1, and the finger went right down from the first verse to the ninth verse revealing this commission to Brother Branham. (Early Spiritual Experiences, 52-0713A. Paradox, 65-0117)

Brother Branham made many references to this Joshua Commission. Nobody understood what that Joshua Commission was at that time but Brother Branham had some understanding on it.

The Joshua Commission was only one of the promises that were revealed to Brother Branham. There are many other promises that were revealed to him. For instance: the revealing of the Seven Thunders, and the white horse riding the trail again, etc. All these are promises that were promised to be revealed. However we are centralizing our attention upon what we call "the Joshua Commission." Brother Branham believed, and preached, and looked forward for the fulfillment of the Joshua Commission. Everybody, in the days of Brother Branham, looked forward for the Joshua Commission.

Joshua was the successor of Moses. That was the ministry that followed the Moses Ministry, and we just read it in the book of Joshua, Chapter one, where God came to a man called Joshua, and He said, "Moses my servant is dead, arise and take these people into the land that I have promised". That was going to happen within three days time. And the Lord told him, "no man shall be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses so shall I be with thee". Brother Branham preached a message called, "As I was with Moses", [60-0911M] in order to explain this commission, and he made many references concerning this Joshua Commission.

Brother Branham, looked forward for the fulfillment of that revelation for the rest of his life but he lacked perfect understanding on how that Joshua Commission was going to be fulfilled. That should clear up the understanding of the congregation who had never heard the term, "Joshua Commission". I will simplify it a little more. Moses came with a ministry, having the pillar of fire and two signs, and he came with a certain mission. That mission was to take the people out of Egypt land, and take them into the promised land. That was the mission of Moses. The mission of Moses was incompleted having died in the wilderness, leaving the people there. This was the incomplete mission of not carrying the people over into the promised land.

He knew, however, that there was somebody to arrive and take the people over into the promised land. It was also revealed to Moses that that man was Joshua. So after the death of Moses, the Lord appeared to Joshua and spoke to him and commissioned him with this task of carrying these people over into this promised land. This land that was promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob for years upon years, and not fulfilled, was now going to be given to the Israelites within three

days time.

Now, I want you to pay particular attention to this fact here; the mission of Moses and the mission of Joshua was the same mission. Moses was given the commission to take the people over into the promised land, but failed on the way and, as a result of that, could not lead the people into the promised land. So God called another man called Joshua and gave him the same commission, that is, to continue that ministry. So both Moses and Joshua had the same goal, which was to take the people over into the promised land, and divide the land unto the people by lots. This was the mission of the both of them. So when we speak of "Joshua Commission" we are actually speaking of the second phase of Brother Branham's ministry. The first phase was the Moses ministry that Brother Branham came with and it was not completed. Just as Moses never completed his ministry, Brother Branham never completed his ministry. Therefore the ministry continued in what we call here, "the Joshua Commission". The Joshua Commission therefore is to take the people over into the promised land and positionally place them where they belong.

Now the prophet of God, Brother Branham, left this hanging here without saying very much, because Brother Branham himself expected, all the days of his life, that he would fulfill the Joshua Commission. We cannot get away from that fact. Brother Branham expected that he would fulfill that Joshua Commission and take the people over into the promised land.

While Brother Branham was alive everybody that followed him expected the same. They expected that Brother Branham was going to go into another phase of his ministry, and doing so, greater signs and wonders would accompany him.

They were expecting "Speak the Word" power by what is called, "the third pull". They were expecting greater signs and wonders and greater volumes of conversions. That is what everybody expected. However Brother Branham died without fulfilling this Joshua Commission.

Now, Brother Branham having departed, there arose all kinds of ideas and heresies and interpretations concerning the Joshua Commission. Certain men arose claiming to be that Joshua, literally, in different parts of the country and in different parts of the world. It will take too long to get into these individual histories how different men arose claiming to be that man called Joshua to lead the people over into the promised land.

This heresy is another version of the interpretations that are built around the Joshua Commission. This heresy is saying that the Joshua Commission was actually fulfilled when the seals were opened.

I studied about four or five different messages that were preached some time ago in Germany in a large gathering with both ministers and congregations present. The substance of all those tape messages outlined their interpretation of what the Joshua Commission is; and all the tapes were saying the very same thing to project this heresy, which said that the Joshua Commission was fulfilled at the opening of the seals. God is presently placing His sons into their inheritance, and when they see the Word in such a way, that they realize that they are sons and daughters of God, that is the actual placing of the sons. When they could see by revelation that they are really sons of God by the opening of the seals, then that is their actual placing. It also shows that they are elected, and they have to see that they are sons of God and daughters of God without any supernatural vindication, just by the revelation, that these mighty ministers are preaching, that says that the Joshua Commission was at the opening of the seals.

I defy this heresy! This heresy is mixing up two or three different subjects. It is mixing up election with manifestation. It is mixing up faith with the Outpouring of the Holy Ghost. We defy this heresy as the Antichrist, of the Devil and while we agree that the end time Bride will believe the Word of God without supernatural signs and wonders and any kind of

vindication, we do not believe that the opening of the seals was actually the Joshua Commission carried out. And I would prove that is contrary to the Word of God and by the message of the hour. It is not!

Now if we can find somewhere in the Scripture where this Joshua Commission was carried out before and see how it was carried out before, then we can prove that this heresy is from the pit of hell, not ordained of God and is contrary to the Scripture. I cite Joshua Chapter one. When Moses, the man of God with signs and wonders and miracles, who performed ten miracles in the land of Egypt and opened the Red Sea, and was accompanied by the Pillar of Fire, as soon as he turned the commission over to Joshua, the commission itself was carried out in supernatural signs and wonders and miracles. Starting from the river Jordan, the waters of Jordan were rolled back, which verified that Joshua was carrying out the commission of Moses and the One that was with Moses was now with Joshua, because He said, "As I was with Moses so shall I be with thee."

The commission was carried out in power signs and wonders, in so much that a city was overtaken with just a few men, and the walls of Jericho fell down by the sound of the trumpet. We started seeing some signs and wonders under the ministry of Joshua that we did not see under the ministry of Moses. The ministry of Joshua went a little higher in signs and wonders and miracles, so that even Joshua stood that day whilst in battle and stopped the sun from going down for a whole day, just by the Spoken Word. A man spoke to the sun and it stood still for a whole day. Not only that, he commanded the moon also. Many people pay attention to the sun, but they work together. While the sun sets the moon comes up and Joshua did not only speak to the sun he spoke to the moon. He said "sun stand still and moon stand in the valley of Ajalon." The Bible said in that day the words of a man was obeyed, as I was with Moses so shall I be with thee.

The Joshua commission was carried out in mighty signs and wonders and miracles. This heresy that we are dealing with is trying to establish that the Joshua commission is being carried out without any supernatural signs and wonders and vindications. It's a lie of the devil; It is contrary to the Scriptures because he is trying to establish a Joshua commission contrary to the Word of God without any signs, without any wonders and, without any miracles. The Joshua commission, had miracles that superseded the miracles of Moses and were of a different order. When they went around the walls of Jericho seven times, on the last day they blew their trumpets and without a man pushing the wall the angels of God by the sound of the trumpets took their little fingers and pushed that wall down. Nobody had seen the angels there, but it was the angels of the third pull ministry that crossed the Jordan. They were the ones who pushed the walls down.

The Joshua commission must accompany signs and wonders because the same One who was with Moses promised to be with Joshua and if the same One who was with Moses came over with Joshua then he is an All Powerful God. He's a God of miracles, signs and wonders, not a God of intellectualism a God of interpretations and a God of heresy, like this heresy is trying to project to us. This heresy is full of intellectualism and through that intellectualism they spiritualized the commission that God gave today for the endtime Bride. They spiritualized it because of unbelief and impatience. It comes just like the day of Joshua if one smart man will say to Joshua "The commission that Moses gave you was the message of Moses"; The message of Moses was not the commission. No! The commission was to be carried out and that was going to happen across the Jordan. This heresy is saying that the opening of the seals, the Word itself is the commission. The Word from the opening of the seals is the message of Malachi 4. It is the message of our Moses, it is not the commission, it is a message of Moses, but the commission must be carried out.

We see that in our Bible. There was another time that the Joshua commission was carried out and I want to cite that. The Joshua commission was carried out another time. The meaning of Joshua is Jesus! How many know that? If you are not sure of that look in the Hebrews Book, fourth chapter, verse eight, and notice that Joshua was called Jesus in the Old Testament. Even because Joshua and Jesus carry the same meaning, and all that it means is "Jehovah Saviour" This Joshua commission was carried out the second time by our Lord Jesus Christ himself. Jesus was actually the Joshua of the New Testament and as Joshua placed the people into a natural land, and divided the land by lots, our Jesus Christ that is

Jehovah Saviour he placed the sons and daughters of God into the Body of Christ. The natural land that was promised to the Jews was a type of the **Outpouring of the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost**. And Jesus was actually the Joshua of the New Testament and when he came by, he did not give them a natural land but he gave them an Outpouring of the Holy Ghost. By that Outpouring of the Holy Ghost he placed every man where he belonged: Apostle, Prophet, Teacher, Evangelist and Pastor, and he endued them with nine divers gifts. So on the day of Pentecost was the placing of the sons in their respective positions. Also they knew that they were sons of God and **they knew that they were elected of God before the day of Pentecost**.

This heresy is saying that, when the seals were opened, that was the Joshua commission. And when the Bride could realize that they are sons and daughters of God, they are placed. I defy that heresy as a lie of the devil. You know that you are Elected Sons of God by Divine Revelation and by the new birth. Glory to God: but you are placed into the Body of Christ by the Outpouring of the Holy Ghost. This heresy is mixing up two subjects together, it is mixing up, election, faith, revelation as a Son of God with the Outpouring of the Holy Ghost. It is of the devil. It is of Satan. Joshua was the Saviour of Israel, while Jesus was Saviour of the world.

Now there is a difference between translation and transliteration. 'Jesus' was a transliteration of the name 'Joshua' so that the "Joshua commission" was carried out in Joshua (Chapter 1) and the "Joshua commission" was carried out on the day of Pentecost, This shook the world for three hundred years in that the dead were raised, crippled legs were made straight. We summarize it this way, the Joshua commission was the victory of the church over the enemy.

When Joshua carried out his commission, he had the victory over the enemy and, having victory over the enemy, he was taking the land that God promised. When the day of Pentecost came and the Joshua commission was carried out, it was a victory for the church, victory over sin, victory over sickness, victory over demon power, the dead were raised and the crippled legs were made straight. I am showing you two places where the Joshua commission was carried out and it was not dead and intellectual, and Satanic and powerless like this heresy makes it. Therefore this heresy upon the basis of God's Word is of the Anti-Christ, is of the devil, it is faithless, it comes from the pit of hell and nobody should follow it.

The last day Joshua commission must be repeated as in the Old Testament and as in the New Testament. This is what Brother Branham looked for. Brother Branham looked for a ministry that will be greater than the Moses ministry that he went out to the organization with. He was expecting a greater ministry, greater power, greater signs, greater wonders and all the people that followed the message during that time expected the same. Let us see if Brother Branham will say that the Joshua commission and the land that we are suppose to inherit is a natural land or a spiritual land! I quote:

"Now what is the land promised to the New Testament believer? The Promise is the Holy Spirit. For it shall come to pass in the last days, (Joel: 2:28), that I will pour out My spirit upon all flesh" (Ephesians Parallels Joshua, 60-0515E, par. 38)

I am saying from the words of the prophet that the land to the endtime church is none other than another Outpouring of the Holy Ghost from heaven like it was on the day of Pentecost.

"The Book of Ephesians placed us positionally in Christ, what they was in the Holy Land. We are placed not in the Holy Land but in the Holy Ghost, the Joshua of today. (Ephesians Parallel Joshua, 60-0515E, par. 62)

"The Joshua of today puts the Church today in it's order, giving to each one gifts, places, positions. He is the Voice of God speaking to the inner man that Christ has saved, the Holy Spirit". (Manifested Sons Of God, 60-0518, par. 18)

I believe in a Joshua for today, and I believe that the work of the Joshua today is to place the Church in it's rightful position, enduing them with gifts, enduing them with signs, enduing them with wonders and enduing them with positions, which equal the five-fold ministry and the office gifts. Brother Branham concluded that the Land of Promise today is when the sons of God are positionally placed in the Holy Ghost where they can have signs and wonders and miracles.

This heresy is a far cry; this heresy is a dead doctrine. This heresy is a heresy of unbelief. This heresy is intellectualism, and this is a different vision to what brother Branham had concerning the Joshua commission and the placing of the Sons of God in their rightful position. Glory to God! Brother Branham preached a message called "Ephesians Parallels Joshua." Here Brother Branham is taking the Joshua book and the Ephesians book and he is comparing the both of them. A parallel means a comparison, and an example of a parallel is two train lines running together with the same width but they are yet separated. The book of Joshua was one train line and the book of Ephesians is the next train line but both of them runs parallel. Brother Branham had a reason for entitling this message that way. Why would he parallel Ephesians with Joshua? This shows that the Ephesian Church was the apostolic church. And now Brother Branham is saying the Ephesian Church was the Joshua Church. Now, both of them were dominated by signs and wonders and miracles, both of them were living organisms and both of them were victorious over the enemy. Yes! So Ephesians parallels Joshua.

After this commission was revealed Brother Branham had this upon his mind: The Joshua commission. He looked into the book of Ephesians, and said that this commission that was revealed to me, is to take the Church back to the apostolic pattern, and standard apostolic signs, apostolic wonders, (apostolic wonders.) He said this Joshua commission means that the Church has got to go back to Pentecost. The Church has got to go back to what it was in the beginning. That's the meaning of Ephesians parallels Joshua. He could have said that the Joshua ministry is going back to the apostolic church and that would be the same thing. Brother Branham said that the Church goes back to Pentecost, it goes back to another Outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians parallels Joshua is placing the Church in its rightful position, with power, signs and wonders. And just as the early Church demonstrated the Power of God in that early time, the Church is now to go back to the same power, signs and wonders like they had in the early days. It's a restoration.

This heresy is a far cry from what brother Branham projected. This heresy is trying to project to the people a dead doctrine. The Joshua commission is not a dead intellectual ministry of the letter and it is not dead imaginations. It was a ministry of power, it's a ministry of victory over the enemy by miracles, signs and wonders: The Jordan waters rolled back, the walls of Jericho fell and the sun stood still. Joshua's ministry compares with the Ephesians church and the apostles' ministry. It has got to come back the same way.

Now, Brother Branham and the believers looked forward for such power while he was alive. They looked forward for the Joshua commission just like the Bible said it in Joshua one (1), just the same way they read it in the Ephesians apostolic church, the perfect Church. However the people's faith died with Brother Branham. Make believers' faith died when Brother Branham died, because the message was not mixed with faith, (Hebrew's: Chapter 4), just like under Moses' message. They that heard the message fell because the message was not mixed with revelation to them.

I am going to identify this heresy where it belongs right in the message. Now this heresy which says that the Joshua commission was fulfilled at the seals and God is placing His sons and daughters without any supernatural vindication today is a lie of the devil. It is intellectualism, it is the letter of the Word and it is unbelief. People had no patience to wait on the Promise of God, and these people are typed to the people that followed Moses when they came to Kadesh Barnea and they were filled with unbelief. It has got to play out the same way. Now let me state here that this heresy has it roots in a dead

faith, a dead heresy, which propagated for the past thirty years that "all was in Brother Branham".

This heresy has it roots in the dead heresies that "all is over." This heresy has its roots in the dead heresy that "there is no more power to the Church." This heresy has it roots in the dead heresy, which says that "there is no more revival coming to the church". Automatically, these dead heresies are saying that the days of miracles are over, and the Bride should only believe the letter of the Word, and they are making reference to their interpretations of what they think the message is. So these make-believers, their faith died when Brother Branham died.

This heresy of unbelief is intellectualism, dead faith. I want to put it right back in the message to identify it. This heresy - let the world hear me and all that will hear this tape, and all that will read our book - states that the Joshua commission took place at the opening of the seals, I clearly state here that this heresy is the mamba snake of unbelief at the Jordan. [Reference to Brother Branham's Vision of the Binding of the Serpent. Paradox, 61-1210, Early Spiritual Experiences, 52-0713A)

The same Brother Branham that received the revelation of the commission and the Bible came to him and God told him that there was a Joshua commission to be carried out, a little later he got a vision and the vision was a map of Palestine. Brother Branham was walking on the map, and he had come two thirds of the way: There was one third again to go and he said that one third will take him over the Jordan, into the promised land where all the promises lay. This is relating to the Joshua commission.

"I was coming down to the Jordan: looked like I was standing on the map of Palestine. And I was coming down to the Jordan...And as I drew near the river, I looked back and seen which a way I had come, and I was two thirds of the way there to the Jordan. And I looked across Jordan, and I said, "Oh, praise God, just on the other side is where all the promises lay. Every promise lays in the promised land." it seemed that I was lifted up and setting on a--a highway, a narrow highway with some brother. And a voice came and said, "There's such danger in these days. There's a great hideous thing that's death when it strikes you." And I heard the weeds a-mashing down, and I looked, and here come a huge monster snake crawling through the weeds... And he crawled up on the highway. And as soon as I got sight of him, I knew it was a mamba...And the snake, of course, represents sin, death. See?...And I said, "Satan, in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bind you." ... And then when he did that, that Voice said, "Now, you must be more sincere than what you are to do this." Then it left me, and I was standing in the room...And so I slipped off into the den room, and I got down on my knees, and I said, "Lord Jesus, I don't know these things. And what must I do? ... And I took this Bible and just pulled it open like that, and my thumb was laying at I Corinthians the 5th chapter, the 8th verse,..."When you come to this feast..." Which, a fast in the body is a feast with the Lord, "don't come with the old leaven or the leaven of malice, and so forth; but come with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth," just exactly what He had told me in the vision... Then I seen what He meant. As He... Years ago, when I seen the Bible come down (I got it wrote right here.), come down; and a hand came from heaven and pointed down to Joshua, and read the first nine verses, and stopped there. That's Joshua, come to the wilderness, but never did... He was ready to... When he got near Jordan, God called him out, said, "This day I'll begin to magnify you before the people." And then he took the children of Israel across Jordan to the land where--give them, divided to them, the promised land. I went to the woods, and prayed, and prayed, and fasted. (Paradox, Jeff, Indiana. V-15 N-8 - 61-1210, par. 56-78)

The serpent in the Garden of Eden represents sin and unbelief. At what point did Israel manifest their unbelief? Was it not when they were about cross Jordan? Was it not at the place called Kadesh-Barnea? And why did they not enter the Promised Land. Was it not because of their unbelief? They entered in not, because of unbelief. Is that right? And we are heading to a certain land; and the thing that will stop this endtime people from entering the Promised Land is the same snake, the same mamba of unbelief and sin. It was shown to the prophet of God. Everything that doesn't believe in an

Outpouring, everything that doesn't believe that the Church will go back to Pentecost is of the devil. It is anointed of Satan. It is unbelief and sin and it cannot go over into the Promised Land.

I am saying that you are standing upon solid ground. And the only message today anybody should be preaching is back to Pentecost, crossing the Jordan and over into the Promised Land. That is how you know a true servant of God today. Everybody else under Moses was saying that they couldn't take the land. Oh glory to God! The only ones, who were saying we could take the land, were Joshua and Caleb. And that is how you know the true Bride of Christ today. That is how you know the true ministry of Christ; they are saying we can go back to Pentecost. Anything that manifests unbelief, like this heresy is manifesting, is anointed of unbelief, it is the Mamba snake at the Jordan. This heresy is identified with the Mamba snake at the Jordan.

And how do you identify the true ministry today? The true ministry is saying that we are more than able to take the Land. And there is a fellow there with Joshua that was saying. Who does he represent?

"Now, watch close, this is going to have a spiritual background. Now let us stand like Joshua and Caleb as we see the Promised Land coming in sight. It's nearing the time to be given. Joshua in Hebrew means Savior and represent the promised end time leader to take the Church over. Caleb represents the true believer who stayed with Joshua. Now listen. This is going to mean something. Joshua waited for that time. No matter how much people might have said, God gave us the land, the promise; let us go now and take it. They might have said, Joshua you lost your commission. You are all washed up. Why are you not doing something? You used to know THUS SAITH THE LORD in a moment and what was the will of God. But this God sent prophet knew the promise of God, but also knew to wait for that promise a clear-cut decision from God for his time. Now watch. And when the time come God gave it to Joshua who had stayed with Him by the Word, for he could not trust others; He could trust him. So will it repeat."

(Spoken Word Is The Original Seed - 63-0318E, par. 120-5 to 121-1)

Did Brother Branham believe in a Joshua commission? Did he believe in a Joshua ministry? Did he say that Caleb is the end time Bride and believed what Joshua said? (*The congregation says*, "Amen") The endtime Bride will continue the same vision of William Branham. The only way to identify today, the Joshua ministry is that they would be preaching the Promise of God, of going back to Pentecost, of going back to the Power of God, going back to the signs, going back to the wonders, going back to the miracles. And they are going to have patience to wait on that Promise of God to be fulfilled. That is the way to identify the Elect now. She is going to believe that Promise of God that Joshua is preaching.

Anything that says that the latter rain is fallen, anything that says that the Church is already positionally placed, anything that says that there is no revival or power, and no more signs to the Church, is of the devil, is of the antichrist. It came from hell and will go back to hell, and not only that, it is identified with the Mamba snake at the Jordan.

It is stated in this heresy that the opening of the seals is the fulfillment of the Joshua commission. When you type the land you are typing the Outpouring of the Holy Ghost, and when you type Caleb, you are typing the believers of the endtime ministry, the Joshua ministry. Can't you see that? When we speak of Joshua, we are speaking of the ministry that followed Brother Branham. When you talk of a Land of Promise you are talking about the Outpouring of the Holy Ghost, and when you talk of Caleb you are talking about those that believe the Promise of the Hour. I challenge the world to show that what I said there is wrong. You cannot do it.

The opening of the seals was the arrival of Joshua, not the commission fulfilled. It was the arrival of Joshua with the commission. It was the greatest event that ever took place in human history. That was *Rev: 10:1, which* was Christ, the revealed word, also called Jehovah Savior and when the seals were opened, Joshua arrived, but the commission was not carried out as yet. They are getting their lines tangled up here. They know that the seals pertained to that Joshua commission but they are tangling their lines. All that happened at the seals was that Joshua, the Christ, the Son of Man revealed, arrived and he had the commission to carry out, because Moses was going away, Brother Branham was going

away, the man with the Pillar of Fire was going, and Joshua was to take over with the vision of Moses.

Any man you hear preaching this message and would say that you don't have to get an Outpouring of the Holy Ghost, is not carrying out the mission of Moses, the vision that God gave to Moses. I am saying that the opening of the seals was the arrival of Joshua on the scene with his commission. The arrival of Joshua is different from the commission to be carried out. Joshua was with Moses, he was anointed, he was given the books, he was given everything from Moses, but the commission was not carried out as yet. At the opening of the seven seals, Moses handed over the books, he handed over the ark, he handed over the tables. He got them on Mt. Sinai and he got all these particulars, but the commission was to be carried out in a little while, which is to lead this end time Bride unto another Outpouring of the Holy Ghost. Regardless of who is dead, Moses or his servant, the Captain is leading on and we are following the Captain's footstep wherever he goes. How many believe? Do you see that Brothers and Sisters? The Joshua commission. Joshua is not dead. Oh My! It doesn't matter who dies, all of us could fall down and die today, but the captain is leading. Do you see who is the real Joshua? The real Joshua is Jehovah-Savior, and I'm proving to you, he was employed in the first commission, he was employed in the second Joshua commission. Three is perfection, and he is right here now upon the face of the earth to carry out this commission with the Holy Ghost and fire. He said his fan is in his hand and he shall thoroughly purge his floor and he will gather the wheat into the garner but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire. That prophecy is for today. Follow the Captain's footsteps.

Photo of Mamba Snake

"...he made this backward S, that 'and' (&) sign. [like a conjunction, you see]." (Paradox Of God, 12/10/61)

HERETICAL ARTICLE NO. 24

- -A- "Mercy is still available since the bloody Lamb took the Book, opened the 7 seals climb upon God's throne of Rev. Ch. 4:3-5; and God the theophany descended with the open book to meet the prophet in 1963." (Germany).
- -B- "The Lamb came from the mercy seat took the book, opened the 7 seals in 1963 and returned to the mercy seat in heaven to continue his mediatorial work.". (Thanks to North Trinidad W.I.)

I am Brother Bruce. This heresy seeks to justify the fact that the Blood of Christ's atonement is yet effective to sinners, on the basis that since 1963 the bloody Lamb occupied the vacant seat of God and continued His mediatorial work. Another version of the same heresy states that He returned to the mercy seat to continue His mediatorial work after He opened the 7 seals.

I will give you a little background of this heresy. Some of our tracts, books and tapes have gone out for the first time in many years. It is not our policy to send our tapes and books since we do not want to interfere in other people's congregations.

However, we believe that the time has come when there is so much that is going on, and not only that, but when they would send these literature and heresies to us, then it forces us to answer. So now this is the thing that caused us to reply in a book called, "Exposition of Damnable Heresies", because they sent fax loads and postal loads of heresies to us, and after reading them I could not stay quiet. Then we came here and exposed those heresies and returned the answers. I believe that is fair.

There is a man from Germany, who formulates many heresies, and claims to be a follower of the message for many

years; claims to be a product of the message here in Trinidad, and probably was in contact with the "Chief Authority" and he has been living in Germany for about the past twenty-five years. It happened that a couple of tapes went to this man, and after listening to the tapes and hearing the Promises of God that we preach, he got in contact with me and immediately sent me fax loads of heresies. Some that I had never heard of. I read it carefully. Being so much to handle, I wrote him a letter and said that all these things are heresies and are of the devil, and this letter that I am writing to you is only a light exposition, but more exposition will come a little later.

So when the book did actually come out, it included some of his heresies as well as other heresies. That man was so afraid to read that book that he took it and burnt it. Now, is that any way for a man that calls himself a preacher to act? The prophet of God said that he would have enough decency to sit down and hear out a man. And if you wrote something and projected a certain doctrine, and you do not have the guts and the Christian decency and the bravery to read out something, then you are lacking sincerity and you surely don't know where you are standing.

All these things that I am saying here, I told him in letters, of recent times and also before. He finally concluded me as belonging to Cain's genealogy, and demanded that I stop "bothering" him, and said, "You are Cain's family." That is okay. That is nothing strange to us here. They have called me everything from God to the Devil, in the past thirty-four years.

It was reported to me, and it is not hard to believe that this man, who claims to be a minister, has no church and he has no congregation. He voices his opinion on the message everywhere. He is in ministers meetings. He interferes in peoples' congregations. He jumps up in ministers meetings and voices his opinion in Germany, in the conferences, in church gatherings. And I don't think that this man had ever bounced into a hot wire to oppose his heresies. I am ashamed of the ministers that allowed this culprit and this heretic to function in Europe and be "a hair in the biscuit." He is going to hear this just like I am saying it here. "A hair in the biscuit." I am ashamed of the ministers in this message that would allow such folly to take place in ministers meetings and congregations and have a heretic like this to interfere in their congregations and not shut up this man's mouth. Like Brother Paul said in the book of Titus, that there are unruly and vain talkers, especially they of the circumcision whose mouths must be shut. (Titus 1:11)

I want you ministers in Europe to take courage, and to take an example and be obedient to Brother Paul in shutting up this heretic's mouth, for certainly he has fitted all the descriptions by the Cretian prophets: liar and a slow belly. The Cretians that claimed to be Christians, their own prophets prophesied of them that they are slow bellies and their mouths must be stopped. (Titus 1:11,12). It was stated by brother Paul that he that is an heretic, after the first and second admonition reject. (Titus 3:10). Any group or any ministers that would allow a heretic to function time after time, and not shut up his mouth and not reject him after he expresses his heresies, are breaking the Scripture. You are not obedient to the chief apostle Paul who said, after the first and second admonition to reject such a man.

So this man, does not have a church, does not have a congregation, and he is laden with heresies and interferes in everybody's congregation. He interferes with ministers. He interferes with doctrines. He interferes with the saints, and he hatched up heresies by the dozens and write letters and bomb people's FAX machines. This is evident by his interference with pastors in one of our sister churches in USA, where in one day he sent many pages of FAXes to Connecticut, and the brothers there wrote him a letter to shut up his

mouth. Those <u>letters</u> were trying to evil-speak me and say all kinds of wickedness, and all kinds of terrible things, and the ministers got together and wrote him a FAX letter and told him, "shut up! We know differently concerning Brother Bruce, and you cannot fool us, we don't want any more of your FAXes to come here because it's damnable heresies." Oh yes. I believe that that's the way to deal with a heretic.

So he has a gospel that he goes around trying to unite the Bride by these heresies. That man has changed everything in Brother Branham's message to fit his doctrine; bend it and twist it, and twist the quotes, and a very outstanding thing that this man does is that he purposely misquotes the prophet. If you check back the quotations word for word, he always misquotes the prophet of God in order to make it say what he wants.

Now this man is a dead unbeliever in a return of Pentecost. A dead unbeliever in any kind of a Power coming to the church. Yes. He goes around from place to place; and judging from the kind of letters he writes and everything, one wonders if he has anything to do, based upon the love gospel. He says, "Don't criticize, otherwise you are not a Christian. Don't come against each others heresies." He said, "Everybody is going to come together one of these days, and we have to join together to fight the World Council of Churches when the squeeze comes down." He has a love gospel.

I wrote him several letters, and I let him know that he is nothing more than a heretic and to keep his mouth shut. I wrote him letters and told him that he has no business interfering with congregations and interfering with ministers. I said, "Together with that, what is your office? Declare your office. Who are you? Are you a prophet, are you a pastor, are you a teacher, who are you?" But his office is a little mysterious; he would not declare his office. I said that the only thing that I could guess at, is that you are a prophet. You are playing a prophet. Yes. But he denies that he is a prophet. But, my Brothers and Sisters, a man could deny being a prophet, but in essence he could be functioning in the office of a prophet. So that's another deception. He's playing humble, "I'm no prophet," try to act like Elijah, but in essence they function as prophets.

And when a man would get a revelation and say that the cloud that appeared in Arizona is the thunders, and the angels are the thunders... That is one of his doctrines, and we cleaned that up here recently, remember that? So that is the man who formulated several of those heresies. And I want to say here that **this book is not just written here or the tapes sent out to target any individual, or target this one man. These things were sent out to target heresies worldwide. We are against heresy in every form, and anything that comes against Brother Branham's message is of the devil, I don't care who it is. It could be a bright angel come down from heaven, he could jump down from the moon, he could come down from the sun, you contradict Brother Branham's message, my Brother, it's heresy. That's the only way to run a straight line, and if there is any other way to preach, I don't know it. I never so learned Christ.**

All this is compromising going on around the message. I believe in wisdom, I believe in love, I believe in not treading upon a man's doctrine in certain places and under certain conditions, but when the time comes to speak up, I believe in speaking up also.

Although I told this man not to send me any of this thrash again, he is so unmannerly that he keeps on 'bombing' my FAX machine with these heresies. I wrote him a letter. I said, "You know what happen, I feel like a man with his hand down in my throat trying to feed me what I don't want to eat". I said, "that's the man you are, you are an unmannerly fellow. You have no manners whatsoever. I told you that I don't want these heresies and you keep on sending them to me." I said, "You're trying to push your hand down in my throat. Did you not see me vomit that the last time. Yet you have come back again putting these heresies in my throat. You are unmannerly! Stop your nonsense!". Since that he never FAXed.

Recently in a gathering in Germany, this culprit, who went to a ministers' meeting there, had discussions and a great part of his subject was me. He had visited Trinidad recently and came down in support of "the Chief" and the book and hid himself around the country and then went back. But he went back there with the witness of five ministers that I am a bad man. I learnt from witnesses there, that he stood up in the congregation, ministers gathered together, and he told them that he has five witnesses of ministers that witnessed evil of me. We have a thousand that witness good things, (Congregation says,

"Amen"). You know how many ministers would have said that Jesus was a bad man, and Brother Paul was a bad man? No, you have to come back to the Word of God. And when a man could rely upon such nonsense, it shows that he has no Word to judge anything.

So now this heresy that he came up with is a new heresy which states that the blood that left the mercy seat went back on the mercy seat. So he bombed my FAX machine with this because this was a new doctrine that he came up with. So in this recent gathering, this culprit was there, interfering with ministers again, opposing this one, opposing the next one.

This heresy is saying that the Lamb left the mercy seat, came out in front, took the Book, opened it, revealed the Seals, and at the same time, the One who was sitting on the throne descended from heaven and came down to earth according to 1 Thessolonians 4:16, and then the Lamb jumped upon that seat and He is sitting there. Since He is presently sitting upon that Throne, we have Blood in heaven so people could be saved. Have you ever seen such scriptural ignorance? How many knows that Revelation Chapter four is a judgment throne? (Congregation answers, "Amen!"). How many knows that when the Lamb leaves the Mercy seat that throne became a judgment Throne? How many knows that there is only one place of intercession where the Blood can be placed on the altar? (Congregation says, "Amen!"). This man, in essence, is saying that there are two places, one where the Lamb was before, and now the judgment throne turned out to be a mercy throne. He is a heretic, a liar and a false prophet! And he has broken every shadow and type in the Scripture; therefore this heresy is satanic, hell oriented, it came from hell and must go back to hell!

Now this is an expression of great, great Scriptural ignorance. **This is spiritually dumb to the core.** This is great "message" ignorance. A man like this should not even open his mouth, much more to try to teach ministers, and correct ministers and congregations, and try to correct ministers around the world. Ministers should get together and shut up this man's mouth. He has no business speaking. This heresy that he has hatched up here is the proof that he don't even know the letter of the Word. He doesn't even know the Scriptures.

This heresy expresses gross Scriptural ignorance on the part of the heretic, upon the subject of atonement and its simple plan evidently documented in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament And Jesus said, "You do err not knowing the Scriptures nor the Power of God."

Do you know that Pentecostals and Adventists know better than that? Do you know that people out there in "so-called full gospel" preach a better gospel than that. Because they all know the letter of the Word, and they know that there is only one place of intercession. My contention against this heresy is that there is only one place of intercession that God has ordained. This heresy here is making it two, and he is turning the judgment seat into a mercy seat. It's of the Devil!

No Scripture was given to support this heresy, nor even one quotation of the message of Brother Branham, God's authority upon the Scripture in the end time (*Malachi 4: 5-6*), simply because there is none.

Scriptures declare and establish that God has only one ordained place within His temple, where the Blood of atonement is accepted for the salvation of sinners. That is upon the mercy seat behind the second veil the holiest place.

In the earthly temple, Aaron the high priest offered blood upon the mercy seat once a year on the Day of Atonement for the sins of the nation of Israel. (Lev. 16-14-17) "And he shall take of the blood of the bullock and sprinkle it with his finger upon the mercy seat east-ward and before the mercy seat shall he sprinkle of the blood with his finger seven times."

Christ Jesus, the lamb entered once into the heavenly temple within the holiest

place and offered his own blood upon God's mercy seat for the redemption of sinners.

It's the only place in heaven that intercession by the Blood of Christ can take place. (*Hebrews. Chapter 8:9*) Thus I emphatically state that this heresy has no Scriptural nor message foundation and is from the bottomless pit, came from hell and must go back to hell.

It has broken all the types and shadows of the old Jewish temple set up by the command of God through Moses. It has totally disregarded the revelation of Paul the apostle in the book of Hebrews where he taught of the heavenly temple and the holiest place where Christ entered to perform His mediatorial work as a High Priest after the order of Melchisedec. (Hebrews. Ch. 8,9)..

There is absolutely no Scripture nor quotation of Brother Branham that even suggest, and far less to prove that the Lamb ascended the judgment throne of God after He opened the seven seal book.

In opposition to this heresy Brother Branham taught that when the Lamb takes the Book and opens the seals it's time for Him to claim the purchased possession, "the Elected Bride" because His intercessory days are over.

"[John] never noticed [the Lamb] before. Why? He had been back there doing His mediatoral work, for He was bleeding - intercessing for the people until the last soul that was put on the Lamb's book of Life before the foundation of the world come in. So then when that last soul comes in, then the time of redemption is finished. Then the Lamb comes forth to claim His rights to what he has redeemed." (Seals pg. 233-234)

"After [the Lamb] had been slain, It had raised again and was sitting on the Throne, way back in behind the Throne like this interceding for all of those souls that would come. Then when the last one was here and it was completed, God still held the book of redemption." (Seals page 234)

"He's been back here interceding until his Blood has atoned for every person. He has stood back here and done mediator work till everyone that's been put in the Book has been redeemed... Now He walks out He's done his kinsman works." (Seals, page 228, 63-0317E)

"Let's speak of this throne now for a few minutes. This was not a throne of mercy's, mercy throne is finished. No more mercy, its without mercy... The white throne judgment is there going to be mercy then? There is not one speck of mercy to be given. At the judgment throne you could scream "mercy" till you couldn't scream no more, cause there's no more mercy". (Revelation Chapter 4, part 3 - Throne of Mercy and Judgment, 61-0108, par. 91)

"I want you to notice that this was not a throne of grace no more...There the blood had been gone... The blood was off the mercy seat. And it was now a judgment seat, because thunders and lightening issued off of it. Is that right?" (Page 662 - Revelation chapter 4, part 2, Twenty Four Elders, 61-0101, par. 207)

In essence, this damnable heresy indicates two places of Christ's intercession. One: the holiest from where Christ came to take the seven seal book. Two: the throne of God which is now occupied by the bloody Lamb according to the heretic's heresy. Scriptures speak of only one place within the temple of God, that is upon the mercy seat within the second veil called the holiest. Thus the throne of God (*Rev. 4*) is not a place of intercession but judgment.

This is great, great spiritual ignorance. Great spiritual ignorance in the Word and the message. And I would tell you how this ignorance actually came about. Let me show you the foundation of this. I'll stop for a moment, and I want to show you why these preachers that preach "blood off the mercy seat", and now preach that the blood has gone back on the mercy

seat, and that God turned the judgment seat into a mercy seat. The foundation upon which this is laying is ignorance upon the fact of the opening of the Seven Seal book, and the Lamb coming out of the intercessory place to come and take the Book and open the seals.

Now let me explain that to you a little, to understand how this heresy is made. Now, thousands of preachers around the message are confused about that subject. This is what they are confused about: It is stated that in 1963 the seal book was opened and the only one who could open the seal book is the Lamb of God. In order for the seals to be opened, the Lamb must leave where he is, which is the intercessory box, the atonement altar, come forward, take the Book and open the seals. These preachers have one problem, and that is that they cannot reconcile the opening of the seals together with the Blood still being on the mercy seat. They cannot reconcile, or they cannot put together the seals being opened and the Blood of the Lamb still being on the altar of sacrifice.

Now, in their thinking, if they say that the Blood is still on the mercy seat, then they have to deny that the seals are open. So now this is their defense, those who preach that the blood is off the mercy seat, they will answer you this way: "Brother do you believe that the seals were opened?" If you say "yes", they say, "Well that answers my question. If the seals were opened then the Lamb left the mercy seat, so that's the answer." Now that is gross spiritual ignorance. They cannot reconcile how the Seal Book is opened and how the Lamb is still on the altar of sacrifice. Let them bounce their heads. Let them humble their hearts. By this ignorance is why they are so confused.

What has brought about this heresy that the Blood went off the mercy seat, and the Lamb opened the book and ran back on the seat and sat down, is that when these heresies were exposed, it went out with such power that it exposed all of those preachers to show them that the blood is still on the mercy seat, but they don't know how to explain it. And not knowing how to explain it, they are searching for a place in heaven to put back the Blood. So this fellow took the Blood and put it on the judgment throne.

At the time of this writing, this poor, ignorant and deluded brother from Germany, having read my brief but compact exposition of his heresy, yet expressed total blindness in understanding the simplicity of the Word that reveals that there is only one place of intercession in heaven like in the temple of Solomon, and that the Throne of Revelation chapter 4 is a judgment throne when the Lamb leaves the mercy seat within the sanctuary.

His defense, which he ignorantly states, is that there is only one throne in heaven and it's behind the second veil, and indicated proudly, that it is the mercy seat. This is gross, compound and wholesale scriptural infidelity, which cannot separate the sacrificial altar, or place of intercession, from the throne of God.

He defends his compound heresy by the fact that the Lamb could not be found by John-(Revelation chapter 5). Therefore the throne and the mercy seat of Revelation chapter 4 must be one and the same, and it's located behind the second veil in the holiest place, he claims.

This has broken the shadow and the type of the Old Testament where only the High Priest did enter. Here, this heretic has all the activities of Revelation Chapter 4 and 5 going on in the holiest place, or place of intercession: angels, beasts, announcements, opening of seals and twenty-four elders sitting upon twenty- four thrones.

The prophet of God taught us different to what this heretic is saying:

"And now, we found out that a slain lamb is a bloody lamb, bleeding all over. It's been slayed. After It'd been slain, It'd raised again and was setting on the throne, way back in behind the throne like this, interceding for all those souls that would

come. Then when the last one was here and it was completed, the... God still held the Book of Redemption. See? Now, He's just doing the Kinsman work now... Now, notice, but then after it was all over, after the--His--His interceding was done, He comes forth, takes the Book out of the hand of Him." (Seals, 63-0320, page 234)

Intercession is taking place behind the throne says Elijah.

"He's setting at the right hand of God tonight doing His mediatorial work. And when that last soul is saved that was redeemed and seen and knowed by God before the foundation of the world, when that last soul's saved, that closes the Book. Then the Lamb comes out and takes the Book out of the right hand of Him

that sets upon the throne." Christ Is Identified The Same, 64-0415, par.E-5)

He further seeks to justify his heresy by stating that there is only one throne. The scripture said that there were twenty-four elders sitting upon twenty-four thrones. (Revelation 4:4). Daniel 7:9 said: "I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire."

In response to this man's sending his heresies, along with copies of correspondence between him and Dalton Bruce, by FAX to a sister church in Connecticut, the brethren there sent him a four-page letter by FAX and by post in early June 2001. The following is quoted (by permission) from their letter:

"As I have never met you before nor have I ever written to you or even ever heard of your standing post in Germany, I can only speak to you according to the correspondence I have from you to Brother Dalton, he to you and you to me.

"You, Sir, have forgotten the very teachings of Brother Branham, whose words you quote in an attempt to support your own views.

"Have you not, Mr. Roberts, just sent to me two letters expressing bitterness against Pastor Dalton Bruce? The congregation here at Grace Covenant Church, along with the ministers, are very well taught in such matters. We will not drink of your poison. Neither will I allow the ministry here or the congregation to drink from your cup of bitterness and private interpretation of Brother Branham's message. Who gave you the right to interpret the seven seals or the seven unknown thunders when Brother Branham said, 'Don't put your interpretation to it.' Who gave you the right to disbelieve in an outpouring of the Holy Ghost when Brother Branham said the Church must go back to Pentecost?

"The very intent of your letter to me is to try and seduce me over to your way of thinking and I abhor such a thought.

"You have the same spirit on you that was on the Nicolaitans in the early church, after it had received truth from the Lord Jesus Christ, for He said, 'Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.' Yet the church came into bondage under a pretended love-'Why, we're all brothers, believe what ever you want. Let us preach love and join ourselves together.' That is Truth mixed with error!

"Because of that instance of pretended love, because Truth was being mixed with error, the early church lost the Power of God and plunged into the dark ages.

"There are many different interpretations of Brother Branham's message, yet there can only be one true revelation of his message. It is by the truth of this one revelation that all of God's children will come together and be set free. There is 'One Lord, <u>One faith</u>, one baptism,' (Ephesians 4:5) not a hundred different faiths. The joining of God's people today is not by a pretended, hypocritical love but by one faith, one revelation of Brother Branham's message. Brother Branham said:

'And at that day we would know that He was in the Father, Father in Him and He in us, that together we were one. What a union of oneness that would be to see God in His Church till every member is just perfectly in harmony with each other and God. That's the Church that Jesus is coming for. That's when His prayer will be answered, that we will be one. And it is the only grounds of fellowship that God has ever laid down for Himself and His Church, is the oneness of Himself in the

people.' [Oneness With God, Jeffersonville, IN, 62-0211]'

"How can we ever be in harmony when each 'believer' goes his own way, believing his own revelation and arriving at his own interpretation of the Scriptures and Brother Branham's message?

"If God sent Brother Branham (which He did) to separate Truth from error, who has given you the right to join Truth with error among those following Brother Branham's message? For, no matter how sincere you are, you are trying to join Truth with error.

"To be quite honest with you, your problem is that you are upset with correction of your doctrine by Brother Dalton. If you were truly called of God and truly had a God-called ministry, no one would be able to refute your ministry or to prove it wrong-not even Brother Dalton-for God would vindicate it Himself. But the Bible says, 'Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.' (I Thess. 5:21)

"Therefore, I send this letter to you in all love, in hopes to change your mind as your soul is in jeopardy. The Apostle, James, wrote 'Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.' (James 5:19-20) However, the Apostle, Paul, wrote to Titus: 'A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject; Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself.' (Titus 3:10-11)

"Brother Dalton has sent you several letters of admonishing. Please consider this letter from me, and the undersigned ministers, your <u>second</u> admonition. Please do not send me any further correspondence to trouble me or the minds of the saints <u>unless</u> it is to repent. If no letter of repentance is sent then I shall count you as a heretic, for a humble heart receives the word of correction with gladness."

The letter was signed by the pastor and three associate pastors.

The exposition and rejection of this man's heresies made manifest the true qualities, spirit and hidden intentions of this heretic. These are evident by his own letters of response which resemble, in many respects, the tactics, rage and activities of the Jesuits when exposed. However, I will let his own letters, signed by himself, reveal to my audience what spirit is upon this man-Hitler's or Jesuit! Since he has complained that he has been misquoted, his letter dated 23 June 2001, is shown here as it was received by FAX except for single spacing rather than the double spacing that he used:

"Von : S. @ 23 Jun. 2001 06:59 S1

YOU REFUSED PEACE THEREFORE YOU SHALL HAVE WAR YOU HAVE A REPUTATION GOOD!!! HAVE NONE YOUR PERSONAL LETTERS AND BOOK WILL APPEAR IN A CATHOLIC PUBLICATION ON THE INTERNET CALLED TRIBAL WAR AMONG THE BRANHAMITES.AS NEXT SOON YOUR RUBBISH BOOK AND LETTERS WILL APPEAR IN YOUR LOCAL PAPERS CALLED THE BOMB...ALL?NO NO I WILL BE ON YOUR LOCAL TV ON INTERVIEW SOON YOUR NAME WILL BE CALLED OPENLY.THIS WAR YOU CALLED FOR!! [signed] Roberts"

Another letter, dated 22.06.01 and received by FAX on 23 June 2001, includes only a few lines of his heresy's defense. Much of the letter spoke evil of a brother's unsaved wife. I refuse to be a partaker of his evil deeds by publishing it here.

A letter, received by the brethren in Connecticut on 28 June 2001, gives further information as to this man's intentions. Portions of it are quoted here as he sent them:

"All the letters will be carefully documented together with my letters side by side and a video will be made which goes on the internet and let the antichrist do what he wants to do with it. In the very first issue by videophone a copy will be made. The Jesuits are dying to get material from the inside of the message groups and I will diliver this to them. I am sick and tired of the tribal battles which socalled message men have been fighting all these years, and this is what is holding back that 3rd

pull.

"So you have eaten at his house and you must support his battles against other ministers, but now everyone of you will sing another song soon.every effort was made to appeal to you to stop cursing and criticizing other ministers. I tried to stand in the breach and got shot at by Bruces filthy spirit that teaches noone but the prophet has the baptism of the holy spirit.

"Don't be surprised to see all yours names in the newspaper. I will make sure they get the fact good. If this is what it must take to wake you men out of your spiritual sleep so let it be done.

"On my last trip To Trinidad I saw a lady in a shop that looks like a message believer, and she was. I asked her if she knew Bruce. She said yes sir, but he does not permit his people to have fellowship with other message believers. Sir, that is Jehovah witness practice.

"All for now and don't tell me I mustn't write you sir. As long as you claim to believe this message, I will pen what god gives me to pen. When men were sent to Israel they never asked permission nor did they compromise. I have nothing to lose, but all to gain, my theophany is calling me, If you had a revelation of the thunders you would know this too. Bro.Roberts"

It seems obvious that this heretic will not and cannot receive correction upon the Word of God. His persistence in continuing to send his heresy doctrines to ministers who do not want to see them shows his lack of knowledge of the Scriptures and of Brother Branham's message and example. Men of God will not go where they are not wanted and will not force their doctrines on those who are not interested. Brother Branham waited for invitations to set up meetings and often held back on preaching doctrine until he was in his home church. Jesus would have passed by the ship in which His disciples were struggling with the waves. Jesus, at Emmaus, would have gone on but for the invitation of His hosts. This man, Roberts, says that he will send his claimed revelation without regard to whether his vomit is wanted.

We have never discouraged fellowship with message believers. However, when people claim to be a believer but show by their life and the things they say and do that they are not a believer, we then discourage fellowship with that person--as did the apostles.

The Scriptures say, "What fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?" (II Corinthians 6:14-15)

Brother Branham said:

"Oil and water won't mix. That's right. Neither will a believer with unbelief mix together, you got to be one side or the other. You've got to make a stand and continue to stand." (Father, The Hour Has Come, 56-1002A, Par. E-18)

"Learn not the way of the heathen, the unbeliever. Stay away from him. See? Don't fellowship with it at all. He's a unbeliever." (Sign Of His Coming, 62-0407, Par E-26)

I would ask one question concerning a comment made in the 28 June letter (portion not quoted above) that the prophet of God said, "Thus saith the lord all the visions which god gave me have fulfilled(the tent too).(1965)" First, this is not a direct quotation and he did not say, "Thus saith the Lord." Brother Branham's words were taken out of context and without understanding. Brother Branham did say just twenty-eight days before he died, "The works that the Holy Spirit is doing today by these visions never failing, promises never failing, all the apostolic signs promised in the Bible of Malachi 4, and, oh, the Revelations 10:7, all of that **is being fulfilled** and proved by scientific, every other way. (Works Is Faith Expressed, 65-1126, Par. 311)

Brother Branham told of his 1933 vision in the Church Age book. The seventh part of the vision "Was wherein I heard a most terrible explosion. As I turned to look I saw nothing but debris, craters, and smoke all over the land of America."

One question: When was the seventh part of the 1933 vision fulfilled with "Nothing but debris, craters, and smoke all over

the land of America?" Or, more specifically, When, after July 1964 (when Brother Branham said that two parts were yet to be

fulfilled) and before February 1965 (when the above comment was made) was the vision fulfilled? Anyone who lived in Germany for any length of time must know about "debris, craters, and smoke," because, in many places, the debris and craters from World War II can still be seen. This has not happened in America or the whole world would know about it.. Obviously, this man's "revelation" is faulty and he needs to repent.

This point is dealt with at length in the Book, "Exposition Of Damnable Heresies-Bars Of Interpretation-Book One," beginning on page 33. Mr. Roberts would know this if he had not (as he said in his FAX of 11 May 2001) burnt the copy of the book that was sent to him.

In early July 2001, Mr. Roberts again "bombed" the FAX machine of the Connecticut brethren, again confirming his heretical, unscriptural intentions, with the following (quoted in its entirety):

Von: S. @ 04 Jul. 2001 07:40 S1

RELEASE OF NEW VIDEO SOON!

Title: WHO IS DALTON BRUCE AND what is HIS MESSAGE

Contents: much effort has been made to gather material on this man, what he teaches and who he follows(who is bob Lambert, and how he died what he taught can be seen documented). From his tapes as well as his video, his personal letters which Are in our hands. My letters to him, and his answers are shown in full as to document his character to the world for he claims to believe this message. His teachings which Will be proven by quotes from the message after the seals will show his errors on Large charts. All efforts were made to bring reconciliation to the men he has been Openly attacking and murdering their influence worldwide has been rejected. now all shall get to know who he is and what he teaches. This video will be seen on the Internet as part of a live chat. Viewers have permission to download freely. names will Be called of those who support his attack on ministers of the gospel. Why this video? He has declared war on other ministers and must learn the hard way. The length of This video will be approx.2hrs.

[At the close of this note, the following was handwritten:]

please make Sure your pastor in Trinidad gets these letters. br. Roberts

Such a man as this, refusing Truth, refusing instruction, attempting to peddle his ungodly doctrine to people who are earnestly contending for the faith once delivered to the saints, attempting to silence true ministers of the Gospel by unscriptural threatenings, will be amply rewarded for his deeds.

We know Bob Lambert's life-that he was humble, clean living, zealous for the Word of God, upholding Brother Branham's message, faithful to his family and the message of the hour and was diligent in correcting heresies that lifted their heads in his assembly. He was a martyr for the Word-killed as he walked in a park with his wife. Mr. Roberts seems to be saying that he knows more about Bob Lambert's death, never having seen nor heard him. If so, the Connecticut State Police will be interested in asking him some questions. More likely, all he can write are more lies that have been circulated for thirty years. Mr. Roberts' method of gathering "information" was exposed in his own 28 June letter where he talks about taking the word of a woman in a shop. He accepted her lie without checking it out and then scattered it abroad. In the same letter, he repeated another lie told about Dalton Bruce-that he teaches that no one has the Baptism of the Holy Spirit except the prophet. Again, if he had bothered to read the book that he so quickly rejected and burnt, he would have realized that this is false. In the introduction to the "Exposition" book (referred to above) is this statement: "I now present unto you, born again sons, filled by the Holy Ghost, evident by the word and the revelation which they preach...."

There is great danger in repeating lies, generating and repeating heresies, rejecting out of hand anything that does not agree with your own preconceived notions and having a made-up mind. This is totally unscriptural. St. John wrote, "Try the spirits whether they are of God..." (I John 4:1)

(On account of rumors and lies about Bob Lambert that have been scattered throughout the world among the followers of the message of Malachi 4:1 for thirty to forty years, it has become necessary for believers to know a little more of the truth

concerning his life and ministry. Certain of his associate ministers and congregation, some of whom were acquainted with him almost from the time of his conversion, are now preparing material for a book to be made available to message believers who might be interested.)

His plans cannot do us any harm, for if he had not burnt our book, he would be conscious of my endorsement, with the rest of the ministers of the message, of all the expositions of heresies that were included. This also is clearly stated in the Exposition Book.

If he had the Word, he wouldn't have had to solicit the help of the Catholic Church, the local newspaper and television. Judas solicited the help of the Pharisees to put Jesus to death. This resulted in exalting His (Christ's) throne higher than Satan's. This heretic's plans will only cause our good work to be further published at no expense of ours, though his "love gospel" has turned into a hate gospel, fully manifesting his true spirit as a heretic, plus.

Ephesians 5:13 "But all things that are reproved are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light."

The light of the Gospel has manifested his true spirit, when he, like a cat was raked the other way, his gospel changed from a "love gospel" to a hate gospel, by the Light.

Let our audience judge in themselves; is this a manifestation of love or hate, to the prophet, to the message, and all the followers of the message of Malachi 4? The second part of this heresy states: "The lamb came from the mercy seat took the book opened the 7 seals in 1963 and returned to the mercy seat in heaven to continue his mediatorial work".

This heresy went a little further by another from North Trinidad. I must compliment the efforts of this heretic to keep the blood of Christ in it's only intercessory place ordained of God, which is upon the mercy seat behind the second veil called the holiest. However, this also expresses gross ignorance of scriptures and the message of the hour, as it breaks every shadow and type of the Old Testament temple, which was a shadow of the heavenly.

As I had said before, these preachers cannot reconcile how the seal book is opened and how the Lamb is still on the altar of sacrifice. As a result, when this heresy of the Blood off the mercy seat was exposed, a fellow here in Trinidad, my good old preaching partner, formulated this heresy that the Lamb came out of the Holy place, opened the seals, and when he had finished, ran back and sat down. Now that's the dumbest doctrine. The first time that came up, the brethren blew it up with the Word of God. And how they blew it up with the Word of God was with one Scripture, which said that Christ entered into the Holiest place once to make intercession for our sins. (Hebrews 9:11-12) ONCE! That means that if He went back in, then He went in twice. That means that if Jesus opened the seals and ran back inside, then He went in twice. Then you bring Him right down to the place of the Aaronic priesthood, because the Aaronic priesthood used to go in year after year.

Any-time you say that Jesus came and took the Book and opened the seals and went back unto the mercy seat, you have broken the type of the Scripture and have devaluated Christ right down to Aaron, because Aaron, the natural High Priest, used to go in there year after year. But the Bible verified in the ninth chapter of the book of Hebrews, that Christ entered into the holiest once to make intercession for us. And anytime you have him coming out there and going back inside, you put him in there twice. There is no escape for this heresy and this heretic. You can't escape. So now this is gross spiritual ignorance.

It has reduced and devaluated the ministry of our High Priest Christ Jesus from the Melchisedec priesthood to the Aaronic high priest hood by saying that before Christ entered into the holiest place more than once. Such a heresy is blasphemous, unscriptural, and cheaper than any organizational teaching upon Christ's atonement for sinners. They all believe Christ entered once into the place of intercession and remains there until the last elect is saved.

Hebrews:6:19-20 - "Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that

within the veil. Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus made an high priest forever after the order of Melchisedec."

Hebrews:9:24-26 - "For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others: But now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself."

"Therefore as long as there was one name that had never yet been declared in earth, <u>Christ had to stay on as an intercessor</u> to take care of that name. But as soon as that final name has been splashed in that Clorox bleach <u>then His intercessory days</u> were over. Let him that is filthy be filthy still. Let him that is holy - he's holy still. And he leaves the sanctuary and <u>then it becomes a judgment</u> seat. Woe unto those outside of Christ then". (Seals Pg. 126)

<u>It is evidently clear from the Scripture</u>, and teaching of the last church age messenger, (Rev:10-7) that Christ our high priest entered once into the holiest place to make intercession for us and <u>only when the last soul</u> is redeemed does He leave the <u>sanctuary</u>. The Blood goes off the mercy seat and God's throne of grace becomes a judgment throne.

Thus there is no need for Christ to return to the sanctuary, contrary to Scriptures, nor to sit upon God's throne (*Rev: 4*) to continue his intercession, for sinners.

The doctrine went out that the Blood is off the mercy seat in heaven but is in the Bride of Christ, the five-fold ministry or a chosen seven thunders prophet.

<u>That heresy was blown to bits by God's weapon of mass destruction</u>, the Word of God by tracts, books, tapes and the preached Word. But how blind can a heretic become! When he refuses to repent for his heresies. <u>A proud unrepentant heart will always formulate new heresies to justify old ones</u>, when they are exposed, that he may bind the people to himself by his deceptions, but <u>true gifts of God are ordained to expose all heresies</u>, both old and new **bringing deliverance to God's Elect.**