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Introduction

I was born and raised in a cult.

Though this is a shocking statement, and implies exactly the same underlying meaning as the reader might assume, I can be sure that some minds are picturing dark robes, candles on the floor, and some old guy peering through a hood with dark beady eyes. Not so.

My childhood was filled with fun-loving, Christian fellowship from men and women who made serving Christ their only purpose in life. Our pastors were shepherds, herding their sheep the best they knew how, and our parents did their best to raise their children for the Lord Jesus Christ.

With the exception of a few unusual instances, not a single finger can be pointed towards any one aspect of our religious following that could be labeled as “cultish,” and there were certainly no midnight walks to the inner chambers by the elders ...at least most of them. From the surface, we were like everyone else in the world – we just looked and dressed differently.

As a child, I had the same ambitions as other children. Though I later considered myself to be in a different class of people than “the world,” I

was completely oblivious to this fact in the early years of my life. I loved playing baseball, basketball, fishing, and other outdoor activities with “the world”, and to me they were no different than myself. As a male in the cult, there was really not much difference between myself and the other boys of “the world.” We looked the same and acted the same. Occasionally I might object to joining children of “the world” to watch their favorite programs or join them for a trip to the movies, because only “the world” watched television and “Hollywood”. For the most part, boys in the religious following did not have many aspects of their lives that would invoke any sort of persecution.

As a small child, home life was very good. Followers of the movement were very close knit not only in church communities, but also in the home. Without the distractions with television, radios, or some of the other “worldly” entertainment, family time is actually promoted.

The years of concern start at about age twelve, and grow increasingly more concerning as life starts adding complications. This is the area of focus for this book: the age where the child becomes an adult and begins to realize that he or she is in a “cult,” or a religious movement that separates their people from “the world.”

The Mechanics of a Cult

Down through history, groups of normal-minded people have never decided they were different from the rest of the world and separated themselves to become the “chosen ones” unless something was wrong. Human nature provides the instinct to form solid communities that grow and mature into a working environment for help and comfort, and generally communities cooperate in mutual support.

Entire nations have been founded upon this premise. Great men have stood and fought for the protection and the unity of the people, sometimes giving their lives for the group of people and lifestyle they hold dear. Most famous men who so fiercely defend their beliefs do not stand for separation. Instead, they defend the structure and unity of their people. Famous words known by every American are “Give me liberty or give me death.”

For a group of people to make such a radical change, leaving behind the community of their peers, they must submit to a misguided leader. No man willingly gives up his liberty without following a misguided and devious mind.

A true leader is a person who leads by causing others to take lead. Any successful businessman will tell you that a good manager does not lead

merely by example, but leads by causing good men under him to set the example for others to follow.

When you really stop to consider the likeness, a good manager is an example of Christ. He does not lift himself up; he lifts those working for him up so that they begin to perform with passion. He may even lower himself to lift up one of his own.

Colossians 4:1 says, "Masters, treat your slaves justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven."

Cult leaders, however, break every rule of a leader in business, world history, and even the Bible. Though it is not clearly evident from the surface, their hidden agenda is to lift themselves into a place of wealth or power.

By example in history, it is evident that a cult leader does this very cunningly. Humility can lead to great power when used properly. While managers in the workplace issue instructions from a position of higher rank, a cult leader must present himself as a more humble person than his follower. The manager must earn praise by lifting up the worker in praise, while the cult

leader must lift himself by causing the follower to give him the praise for his humility and grace.

This cannot be done without oppression.

Followers must have a reason to need a cult leader; otherwise they would simply continue about their happy lives and ignore the man in the corner asking to be their leader. Not only must they have a reason to need this new leader, they must have reason to want the leader.

World events can contribute to this cause. As the evil of the world progresses, wars and rumors of wars cause a political unrest in the people. During times of military engagement, there is an increasing need for a settling of this unrest, and the world event becomes part of the setup for the perfect storm.

Still this is not enough to cause intelligent people to separate themselves from their brothers and sisters in other churches of their city, states, and countries. There must be strong oppression, more than just simple unrest.

To cause a group of people to form a religious movement separated from society, cult leaders must impose rules (or law) that drive the oppression. The rules cannot be promoted all at

once. Any intelligent person would quickly recognize being led astray by a set of rules that are different from the rest of their Christian brothers and sisters. They would simply ignore the new leader and assume him to be mentally unstable.

Rules must be gradually introduced over time. They must be introduced slowly, not only in number, but also in severity.

Let's take "sitting" as an example. If I were to walk onto a platform, get behind a pulpit, and start preaching that every member who "sat" had a devil in their hearts, I would be quickly escorted from the platform and asked never to return. Intelligent people would quickly recognize that I myself had an "evil spirit."

To do this successfully, I must gradually introduce this new doctrine. I might say something like, "The problem with this world today is that men and women sit too much! Can I get an 'Amen?'"

I can hear a resounding Amen, because intelligent people would agree that our society is becoming lazy. They sit way too much!

Over the course of the next twenty years, I would have to convince them every sermon that “sitting” was the root of all evil, and gradually start asking the congregation to remove the chairs from their house.

Some of the more scripturally sound members of the church would not stand for this (no pun intended), and would only take so much before they would leave. The target for the cult leader is not these people studied in the scriptures, however. The strongest enemy to a cult leader is a man or woman who knows the Word of God.

There is only one way this can work without having an entire congregation turn on you: You must have enforcers.

Enforcers are the second level of the cult hierarchy. They are the pastors that not only make the congregations adhere to the cult leader, but also create additional rules for their people to follow. These are the men who create the feeling of oppression.

In comparison to the business structure, the pastor of a cult church would be similar to a team lead under a manager. The manager gives the goals to the team leads, the team leads direct the people under them according to the master

plan – many times not knowing what the other team is doing. They enforce and execute the instructions of their leader, the manager.

The difference is that the enforcers must enforce the rules to a point of oppression. Followers must be broken down in spirit to a point of needing a savior – and the cult leader becomes that savior. A good businessman would never let his team leads break his employees into oppression, the team lead would be quickly fired. Cult pastors, however, are praised for their oppressive natures.

To ensure the pastors are effective, a quality control system must be put into place. Similar to the quality control teams in business, the cult's quality control team monitors the "product batch" which is the group of people being indoctrinated with the leader's teachings. Product groups that have minor defects will be reported to the manager in the business world, and product that is greatly defective is disregarded or re-worked. People who do not fully submit to the cult teachings are quickly discarded or "ex-communicated."

Cult churches must have "policemen." Men who keep watch over the congregation are put into place, and are taught to watch the actions of both

the congregation and any outside interference with their legalistic and oppressive teachings. Many of these in the “policeman” position are not even aware of their work. The “team leads” gather the information from them and relay this information to the “manager”.

Many cult leaders have claims to prophecy. Often, the prophecies cannot be substantiated. Sometimes, the prophecies were not actually prophesied before the event, or the prophecy did not quite happen like the ‘prophet’ said it did. Sometimes the event described in prophecy did not happen at all. To support prophecy, there is one crucial element: the false witnesses. Not just one, there must be a set of false witnesses that are distant enough for a crowd not to recognize their acquaintance.

This can be done both while aware to the false witness or unaware to the unsuspecting ‘witnesses’. It is very easy for a cult leader to find others with the same motives, and convince them to ‘witness’ an event that never happened, but it is more difficult to catch the congregation unaware.

It must be a mixed congregation. The cult leader must be an evangelist, and churches joined together under the same roof without the same

church history. To the average person, this is unthinkable – but to the gambler this is simply a “numbers game.”

Picture the scenario: imagine a large meeting with four thousand people of different churches fellowshiping under a travelling evangelist. Heavy into the preaching, the evangelist ‘gets in the spirit.’

“You there, brother Bill. You remember the vision I had of the World Trade Center! How God told me it would one day fall at the hands of Islamic extremists!”

“Brother Bill” would certainly think the evangelist to be a lying lunatic. Yet, in front of three thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine others, he is not going to stand up and say, “Are you crazy?” No, “Brother Bill” would simply leave the sermon afterwards and never come back, leaving three thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine others who now have seen a “witness!”

And then, with a batch of slightly less than four thousand people, we have the makings of a cult.

The Trail of the Serpent

Cults, groups of people who have separated themselves from the mainstream religion, are nothing new to this day and age. In fact, it started with Cain and Abel.

Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. The Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it."

Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him.

Genesis 4:2-8

Abel continued true worship to God through his sacrificial offering, but Cain decided to start a new doctrine of a fruit offering. The blood was the atonement that kept sin from Cain's door. God even told Cain that if he would sacrifice the

way Abel did that it would be accepted, but Cain separated himself further. The end result of his separation was the murder of his own brother.

Though it was a cult of one, this formed the first separation in history. Cain and his descendants continued against the way of God's leading and ultimately led to the creation of every cult throughout the ages of time.

As the world continued and time progressed, cults strayed farther and farther from the Truth. Though many cults of today seem quite harmless, underneath the hood of their finely tuned engines contain the same evil that once caused man to sacrifice their own children to idolatry. The same evil spirit is the foundation, and the motivation of that spirit is to separate people into small groups to attack and destroy in a "divide and conquer" strategy.

Ancient religious cults who separated themselves from Yahweh began to even separate from the separated. Ba'al worship, though thought to be the worship of a single false god, is actually the worship of several false gods.

Practically anything that could be worshipped that was not Yahweh started springing up after Cain's separation from the rightful worship of

the One True God. As you can imagine, strange objects of worship that seemingly had no power did not last long. When men and women saw gods that had the appearance of more power and wonder, the smaller ones were left behind for the more magnificent.

It is very evident that the same serpent that beguiled Eve in the Garden of Eden had his hand in every cult from Cain to Joseph Smith, Charles Taze Russell, John Alexander Dowie, William Branham, Jim Jones and more. Each group of people separating themselves from the “church” the body of Christ led to legalistic oppression, some even to the deaths of their followers.

If the researcher looks closely, it is very easy to recognize the trail of the serpent throughout time.

The First Bible Of Idolatry

The most enduring of the objects of worship found in history are centered on the sun, moon, and stars. With the strange lights in the skies that could predict weather patterns, seasons for crop planting and harvest, and other important life sustaining decisions, the worship of the sun, moon, and stars seemed a very powerful worship to most in idolatry.

It was for this reason that the scriptures warn against it very early.

And beware lest you raise your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun and the moon and the stars, all the host of heaven, you be drawn away and bow down to them and serve them, things that the LORD your God has allotted to all the peoples under the whole heaven.

Deuteronomy 4:18-20

Worshippers quickly learned that the stars had recurring patterns, and would begin to identify symbols or objects within the patterns to create 'gods' within gods. These patterns were the first 'bible' of the idolater, and the heart of most pagan religion: the Zodiac.

More than one religious cult teaches that the Zodiac is the bible of their religion, and the cult I

was born into is no exception. Because this is the most enduring, it seems as though the serpent has continued to use the worship of the “elemental spirits” in the skies for his purpose.

The strongest combination of false gods in the Old Testament was that of Dagon and Asherath, both of which made use of the “original bible” of the pagans. These two, male and female false gods, were like opposing forces of power keeping the pagan worshippers in fear and oppression.

Dagon came in various names and forms, but most common is that of a “fish god.” This god was not initially a fish god, but over time and over many separations started to shape into the form of a man with a fish tail.

Dagon worship was an indescribable evil. It is said that any opposing Dagon as their god were fileted into sacrifice for the fish god and thrown into the sea. Other accounts describe tying the limbs of the body of the victim to bent trees and flinging body parts in four separate directions.

Much can be said of Jonah’s unwillingness to travel to Nineveh, but considering their practices of worship, Jonah would surely have thought he were not only writing his own death sentence,

but also writing one of severe and extreme torturous pain.

Dagon worship was believed to provide the false god's blessing on grain to the people. Sacrifice to Dagon was believed to result in provisions of food through great harvest. People who feared Dagon did not simply respect and hold him into reverence; Dagon worshippers feared Dagon with an unimaginable fear.

Just as the pastors of modern-day cults drive their followers into fear through legalism and oppression, Dagon worshippers were oppressed to the point that a seemingly lesser and gentle God could be added to their worship. In the early beginnings, this counterpart was the female goddess Asherah.

Asherah, the breasted god, was the goddess of fertility that provided blessing and forgiveness from the more powerful and fearful Dagon. Worshippers of Asherah were worshippers of their own flesh, worshipping the breasted god by all sorts of pleasures.

Though unmentionable evil, pagan worshippers would sacrifice even their children to this pagan goddess. By doing so, she would protect them

from the all-powerful Dagon by keeping him in check.

Worshippers of Asherah would construct temples with “pillars of Asherah” pointing to the constellations in the sky. Temple prostitutes would service the men and women, and those participating believed that the sensations from the prostitutes would grant their own sexual fertility.

Wiccan teachings are said to have originated with Asherah, and more specifically with Balaam who was a prophet of Ba’al, which would have included both Dagon (or one of his counterparts) and Asherah.

To the reader, it is absolutely unthinkable that man would actually sacrifice his own kind to an inanimate object in the form of an idol. To the mother, it is even more unthinkable to have allowed the sacrifice of her children. Yet, by way of oppression, these people believed there was no other way of survival. They were oppressed to the point of murdering their own flesh and blood to allow their idol to become a “savior.”

The Branham Cult

The cult that consumed and almost destroyed my life was the cult founded by William Marrion Branham from Jeffersonville, IN. William Marrion Branham was part of the Charismatic Movement in the United States during 1945 and lasting until his untimely death in 1965. Though some have named him the 'father' of this movement, it is evident that he rode the coat tails of some of the larger names in the movement such as A.A. Allen, F. F. Bosworth, Jack Coe, T. L. Osborne, and many others. Branham's influence likely started with F. F. Bosworth, who had been greatly influenced by Alexander Dowie in Zion Illinois. Bosworth's healing ministry had been in full effect for several years.

Branham was so ashamed of the first twenty-five years of his life that he never gave accurate accounts in any of his recorded testimonies of his life story. Born the son of a very young Charles and Ella Branham in a time when the law did not prevent immature children from marriage, Branham would be raised without solid moral foundation. At an early age, Branham witnessed unspeakable abominations by married and unmarried men and women around his father's whiskey stills and inside the house.

These wild orgies would scar the mind of a young William Branham. He would begin

suffering hysteria, though only diagnosed by his family physician at the time. These memories would take a toll on Branham, with severe depression and other mental conditions affecting him every seven years for the rest of his life.

Branham's family had moved to a town called New Albany, only a few miles from "Little Vegas" which would later become the city of the headquarters of the denomination started in his name. In "Little Vegas," Branham admittedly would run horse races and boxing rings. Jeffersonville, IN received the nickname of "Little Vegas" due to the abundance of gambling and quickie marriages and divorces. Well-known mafia members such as Al Capone and Dillinger would frequent the gambling attraction, where greyhound racing and casinos dwarfed the distillery business across the Ohio River in Louisville, KY. Elliot Ness is known to have visited Jeffersonville frequently in an attempt to track down federally known offenders.

When prohibition ended in 1933, much of the underground business that made big names in the mafia had been eliminated. The population of residents and visitors in Jeffersonville began to quickly decline. Unemployment had reached 25% in the US, and Branham turned to religion to provide for his family. In his brand-new 1933

Ford, Branham would no longer be seen running gambling events. Instead, the brand-new Ford would be seen outside of a small Baptist church that he had begun building.

Branham produced a religious tract entitled "I Was Not Disobedient To The Heavenly Vision" which referred to a great healing revival that started in 1945. In this religious tract, Branham describes a vision that he considered to be a commission by God to heal the sick. Though the original commission would later change, the healings he described in the tract would be the cornerstone to his ministry.

Branham would later meet Gordon Lindsay, who would give a young Branham tips and pointers that would start his ministry in full force. Purchasing a very expensive and technologically advanced tent, Branham would hold a revival at Vandalia, IL in June 1947. A microphone and loudspeaker system would be setup to blast his revival message throughout the entire city, and Chicago Tribune reporters would be called to cover the event as a "nattily dressed" Branham hosted a well-funded revival.

Branham and Lindsay would start the "Voice of Healing" magazine as marketing material for Branham's business, as well as a series of tracts

that would be sold for additional profit such as "How To Keep Your Healing." The new version of the commission included angels, whirlwinds in trees, and bushes on fire that did not burn, and the Associated Press would publish the first news article featuring William Branham.

With Lindsay and the new marketing technique, Branham was immediately a success. Word of his healing campaign spread almost as quickly as the faith healer Branham had met only a month before, Avak Hagopian the Armenian.

Large crowds followed William Branham during the first few years of his newly improved marketing version of his commission. Crowds peaked as Branham combined his ministry with other well-known faith healers, and sales of the Voice of Healing skyrocketed as almost fifty great faith healers took their ministry around the world. By 1951, Branham and Lindsay were marketing religious tracts entitled "I Was Not Disobedient To The Heavenly Vision" for other great faith healers such as Paul Cain.

This following would begin to decline and would never return to the worldwide following it had in 1951. Branham's techniques used for healing were not uncommon, and the large crowds became familiar with "vibrations of the hand,"

"shortness of one leg," and "magically guessing the information written in prayer cards." As the crowds declined, the money also declined, and eventually Lindsay left William Branham as his campaign manager.

Branham knew that if he were to continue revenues in his ministry, a new marketing technique would be necessary. In 1955, Branham would reuse a story told by William Sowders to claim a voice from the heavens commissioned him in the Ohio River. This new story had some effect, but was not significant. Branham also described having three visions in 1932 about women's role in politics, Communism, and the shape of cars. This story seemed to be a hit, so Branham refined and polished the three visions of 1932. It was not until 1956 that the new marketing scheme would bring in the crowds. In April of 1956, Branham started claiming to have seven spiritual visions from God, prophesying seven world events that had already happened. These included the three visions of 1932, but added a few others. Not having the tools to research, Branham did not fully get accurate accounts of what happened in these events, but the people would not notice his mistakes as he continued to refine them over the years.

In 1960, Branham started including a year to one of the seven prophecies of 1933. He added a prediction that the world would end in 1977, using the power of fear to hold the declining followers. This teaching would resound through not only his following, but other evangelist ministries as well. It was a common belief that when the Bible was published in all languages in 1977, the Lord would return. Songs were written about the date 7-7-77 and entire cities were evacuated to prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ. A very disturbed Jim Jones who got his start through William Branham's joint campaign at the Cadle Tabernacle in Indianapolis, IN would take his entire following to South America to their deaths only a year later in 1978.

While travelling with his wife and daughter, William Branham began fighting with his wife about revealing everything to the people. The platform he had placed himself upon was not one that he could easily walk away from, and the only exit was to finally tell the truth to all. During this argument, Branham struck a vehicle and was left dying in the hospital.

Through William (Paul) Branham, the legacy continues. "Billy Paul" quickly established the "William Branham Evangelistic Association" in

Tucson, AZ at an attorney's office in order to cash checks made out to "William Branham," his father. In a joint effort to keep the money coming in, Willard Collins of the Branham Tabernacle in Jeffersonville, Pearry Green of the Tucson Tabernacle, Eddie Byskal of the Cloverdale Bibleway in BC Canada, and others joined with Billy Paul to keep William Marrion Branham's legacy alive and the revenue flowing into the organization.

After they built the business back up to a level of income that exceeded William Branham, Billy Paul's brother Joseph decided to become active in the organization. Setting up a master organization called Voice of God Recordings and a non-operational organization with the same name "William Branham Evangelistic Association" in Jeffersonville, IN, all revenues could easily channel from the smaller organizations and into the headquarter of the denomination.

Various other sales and marketing techniques have been added, including an ecommerce section of the organization that sells children's books, toys, publications, and other media. Since there are far more revenue-producing businesses surrounding the William Branham ministry than can be accurately counted, it is

unknown the total size and volume of production and sales.

Though most followers of William Branham will claim that this cult is harmless and based solely on the King James Bible, they are far from the truth. His teachings, though seemingly Christian, were the combination of many false religions and even demonic underground cult teachings.

Let's review a few.

Freemasonry

Freemasonry in the message of William Branham is difficult to detect, by the simple nature of the mason cult itself. Masons have mixed idolatry, paganism, the occult, Gnosticism, Kabala, fertility cults, Satanism, spiritualism, demonology, and more, creating a hodge-podge of false religions that are combined into one evil.

Some believe this religion that encompasses so many results of the idolatry described in the Old Testament that it is the Harlot of Babylon described in the Book of Revelation. Regardless of whether it is or not, it is truly Pagan worship. Masons offer new recruits "the light". The light they are actually giving is Lucifer. The Christian Bible says that Satan walks to and fro on this earth masquerading as an "angel of light", that many might be deceived.

Mystery Religion of Nature, Pyramid ology, and Astrology

Masons repeatedly are directed to the "Mystery Religion," claiming that their religion was one hidden in ancient teachings and lost over time. The fundamental belief of the Masons is that this mystery will be revealed to the people in the last days.

The core element of the Mason religion points back to the time man found God in nature. Masons believe that ancient man studied nature as his bible before the written Word.

As time progressed (according to the Freemasons), man set up a great monument to corroborate the Bible: the Great Pyramid of Giza. This pyramid is believed by the Masons to be long standing representation of the mystery religion.

Study of [basic] numbers

Masons have a fascination of studying [elementary] numbers. It is prominent throughout their inner chambers, and used to depict not only basic core beliefs, but advanced knowledge as well.

The numbers 33 and 3 are both believed to have significant meaning. Masons believe that when the 'Sons of man' fell, they landed on Mount Hermon in what used to be Phoenicia, now in Israel. This location is exactly 33.33 degrees north and 33.33 degrees east.

Oddly, it is 2012 miles from the equator, and 2012 miles from the Paris Meridian. Many ancient structures are aligned to the Paris

Meridian, and Masons believe that this is significant in their study of the New World Order. An 'unearthly' ruler will return.

Also interesting is that 33.33 degrees translate to 2012.9 degrees of the earth -- which corresponds to December 21, 2012 (the date the ancient Mayans believed their calendar would end.)

Their core belief system is very basic:

- Three is the third whole number excluding zero.
- Three is the sum of the first three whole numbers.
- In the first three numbers, 0, 1, 2 all of the others are synthesized.
- From the union of oneness and duality (which is its reflection), that is, from triad, proceed all of the other numbers, and from this primordial triangle all figures derive.
- A triangle, with three sides, is the first closed a two dimensional object.
- RNA has a triplet codon system.
- DNA has a triplet codon system.
- Human chromosomes can present trisomy. We are hard-wired for the number three.

- 3 mammalian Germ layers: Endoderm, Mesoderm, Ectoderm
- 3 principal stages of glucose respiration: Glycolysis, Krebs cycle, Electron transport chain.

But later as the entry-level Mason elevates in rank, this teaching moves from basic discovery to theology common among all cultures to elevate the “number three.”

- There are three main Abrahamic religions: Judaism, Christianity and Islam.
- The Holy Trinity in Christian doctrine (or trinity in general), is God both as a single being and three persons: the Father, the Son and the Spirit. This is also known as tripartite division.
- Jesus rose from the dead on the third day.
- The Wise Men who visited Jesus after His birth left Him three gifts.
- Three Wise Men
- In Muslim devotional rites, certain formulas are repeated three times, and others thirty-three times
- A devout Muslim tries to make a pilgrimage to all three holy cities in Islam: Mecca, Medina, and Jerusalem

Finally it is included in their organizational structure:

- Three Grand Masters
- Three Principle Officers
- Three Great Supports of Masonry
- Three Great Lights of Masonry
- Three Distinct Knocks
- Three Degrees
- Three Orders of Architecture
- Three Precious Jewels of a Fellowcraft.
- Three Wages of a Fellowcraft Mason.
- The Three Villains
- The Three Deacons Raps

Watching You, Watching You! There's An All-Seeing Eye Watching You!

Masons teach that the 'capstone' of the pyramid was the deity to be worshipped. The capstone was an 'all-seeing eye.' The symbol on the dollar bill has been taught since the 18th century by Masons in their pagan religion to describe the one who would bring the New World Order.

The Branham cult believes that this capstone was Jesus Christ, and with the three sides, the triangle is "completion."

The Sixth Sense

Masons teach that we have lost our 'sixth sense' abilities. To find a higher faith than what we were given, we must learn the ancient 'sacred science' that allows us to move on to a higher plane.

It is the opening of a sixth sense through which a man actually feels his immortality with the same absolute certainty as he feels another object through the sense of touch. This sixth sense cannot be communicated from one person to another; it lies dormant in all; it must be developed through spiritual exercises...
"<http://www.deepertruth.com/journal/article-2.html>

Baphomet: The Breasted God



The breasted god 'Asherah' combined with other gods of Baal became the imaginary god, Baphomet. The Knights Templar performed rituals to this pagan god during the foundation of Freemasonry.

The False Prophet

Many false prophets were openly Mason. Others hid it well, but were discovered after their deaths. This is not limited to William Branham.

- Oral Roberts is believed to be a 33rd degree Mason. The design of his medical center included the three-sided pyramid.
- Charles Taze Russell's grave, similar to William Branham's is the form of a pyramid. Russell founded the Jehovah's Witness religion. Russell was a 33rd degree mason.
- Joseph Smith of the Mormons was also a 33rd degree Mason.
- Ron Hubbard, founder of Scientology, was a 33rd degree Mason.
- Prophetess Ellen G. White, founder of the Seventh-day Adventist [SDA] Church, was a Mason and believed to be a Wiccan.
- The list could go on throughout the ages.

Almost none of Masonry's teachings come from Christianity, yet there is enough doctrinal teachings spread throughout William Branham's ministry to fill an entire series of books.

The thing that binds all of the false religions together is the capstone. This capstone is on display for all to see:



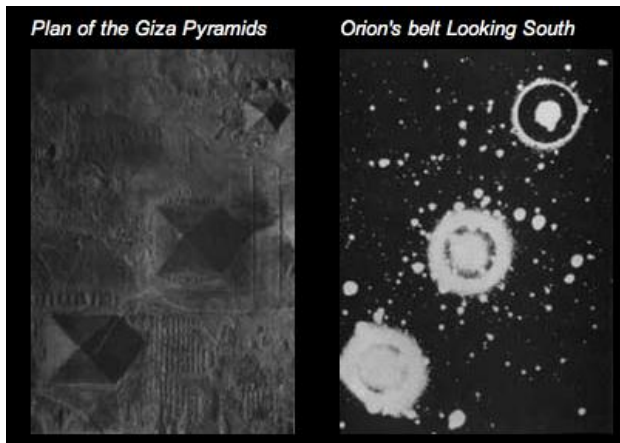
The most fundamental belief to the Masonic teaching is the New World Order. It is the belief that the 'world order' we have today will be replaced with a 'new world order,' and those who have earned their right to be part of it will ascend to a higher plane.

This teaching has spun off several cultish conspiracy theory followings, since the pathway

to this new world is covered in mystery. Any time a group of people claims to have knowledge of a deep mystery that will one day give them power over another, both the group claiming and the group wanting isolate themselves with pure hatred. But the mistake of the conspiracy theorists is that it is an earthly 'world order' instead of a spiritual one.

Ancient Babylon brought much of its mysterious worship directly from Egypt. The ancient gods they worshipped are very similar in structure to the ancient gods of Egypt, and most are identified in the Zodiac. The stars, to the ancient mystery Babylon, were the gods.

Egypt had something the Babylonians did not have, however. Egypt has three great monuments representing the stars in Orion's belt. Aligned perfectly to the stars in Orion, the three pyramids in Egypt are an earthly representation of the stars in the heavens.



Before the pyramids were constructed, Baal worship of the stars was simply done by observing them. To the Baal worshipper, the 'Zodiac' was their bible. Once the pyramids were constructed, they acted as a second bible.

Branham firmly believed in this doctrine:

God is from above. He's writing the zodiac in the sky. Zodiac starts with the Virgin, the first coming of Christ, ends up with the Leo, the Lion, the second coming. And He's writing His first Bible. There's three of them.

One of them was written in the skies, one in the pyramids, one on this. Everything in God is in a trinity, like a man's in a trinity. All right.

Then after He got all that written, the stars and the planets off that sun. Then I can see a

big ball of ice laying yonder somewhere, this earth. And He brood over the earth, moved it over around the sun, dried it off. And He begin His creation on the earth.

51-0729A THE.RESURRECTION.OF.LAZARUS

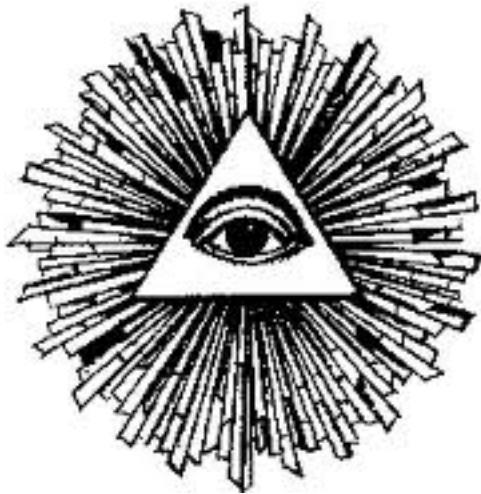
Egyptians worshipped the sun god Ra. Ra was primarily identified with the midday sun, when it was at its hottest. During this time, the pyramids point directly to the sun god, and become beacons toward their false god.

Because of this, it is believed that the capstones were an object of worship. The capstone was basically the 'eye' that pointed to Ra. The 'Eye of Ra' is the female counterpart to the sun god Ra. Its symbols are found in ancient Egyptian worship as well as mystery Babylon.



Masons also believe this is an object of worship, and include it in not only their belief structure,

but place it in symbols that are hidden in plain sight. Even the masonic symbol of a compass and ruler are laid out in such a way that resembles a pyramid with a 'G' as a character symbolizing the 'eye.'



Masons tie the 'New World Order' teaching to scripture by only partially interpreting the Greek word 'kosmos.' Kosmos does mean 'world order,' but it means much, much more than that. Kosmos is not just the order and harmony of the world we live in, it is the harmony of every single world in the entire universe! Like a huge clock, each inner working of the stars and planets are in perfect harmony with each other, perfectly in order, forming the Kosmos.

Masons teach that this verse refers to an 'earthly order,' and specifically those who are not chosen.

*"A little while and the world will see Me no more." That meant the world order, the unbelievers. "The unbelievers will see Me no more. Yet you shall see Me (ye,) for I will be with you, **even in you**, to the end of the world."*
55-0620 CONTENDING.FOR.THE.FAITH

Masons contend that this world order, the unbelievers, will be replaced with a new world order. Though scripturally this is very close to truth, it is subtly different. This belief separates the 'elect' from the 'unworthy,' making the cross of Jesus Christ of non-effect. Most cults that rise and separate themselves follow this same belief system.

When teaching historically, Masons identify each 'world order' to the cleansing of the old and the replacing with the new. Scripturally, this is very close, because in the first destruction of the world by water, there was only a very small group of people saved. Reading the description of the second coming in the New Testament, however, we do not find a small group unless taken out of context. "The harvest is plenty and the workers are few."

Where Masons deviate quickly from the Bible is the placement of dates to their events. The "No man knows the hour" scripture is omitted, and Masons try to calculate the end time according to numerologies derived from their Kabbalistic teachings.

But look, let's take historically speaking. The first two thousand years, the world order come to a climax, and God destroyed the world with water. You know that? Then it come forth as a new world. And the second two thousand years, it came to its end again and God sent Jesus. Is that right? This is the end of the next two thousand years, 1954. And the Gospel, Jesus said, "The work would be cut short." For what? "The elect's sake, or no flesh would be saved," it would so wicked. So we're at the end time. And then the seventh, in type, is the Millennium, a thousand years.

54-0513 THE.MARK.OF.THE.BEAST

When one date is missed, as shown above, then another date is implemented. Numerologies target the next sequence of dates.

The strongest masonic teaching we find in the 'message' of William Branham is the 'Future Home of the Heavenly Bridegroom and the Earthly Bride'. During this sermon, not only did William Branham teach the entire New World

Order doctrine from start to finish, he drew it on a blackboard.

The mystery Babylon 'all seeing eye' found on the dollar bill becomes Branham's god.

I don't have my pocketbook with me. But if you'll notice in your pocketbook, if you have a one-dollar bill, they have the seal of the United States; a eagle on one end, a-holding the spears, the coat of arms, as it were; and on the other end, it's got the pyramid, with a all-seeing eye on top of it. See, they didn't know what they were doing. And on there it's wrote in Latin, and you'll find out it says it, this is "the great seal." They didn't know what they were doing. Neither did Caiaphas know he was prophesying. [Brother Branham illustrates at the blackboard--Ed.] There is the Great Seal. Here it is, see, the City. It's not just a flat cube like this, see, but it leans up so it can be seen. And upon this holy Mountain of the Lord, the Lord shall descend upon top of His Mountain; here He is. That's the reason the capstone wasn't put on by Enoch. See? That's the reason the Capstone has to come now. And the Mountain will be pushed up, and it'll be the Mount of the Lord.

64-0802 THE FUTURE HOME OF THE
HEAVENLY BRIDEGROOM AND THE EARTHLY
BRIDE

As he draws the pyramid on the blackboard, he specifically uses the period of time that the structure pointed to the sun god, Ra. The Great Pyramid of Giza DOES cast a shadow, but not at the time that it becomes the Eye of Ra. During midday as it points to the sun God, the pyramid casts no shadow. In the same breath, Branham claims that the Eye of Ra is Jesus Christ:

On this Throne, look, so high! The New City; with the foundations; twelve gates; Jesus, the Headstone; the apostles, judging; the twelve tribes. The pyramid of Enoch casts no shadow no time of the day. I've been in Egypt, at the pyramids. It's so geographically fixed, and in the dimensions of this great geometrical figure; that, no matter where the sun is, there is never a shadow around the pyramid. See how it is?

And there'll never be no night there. Him on top of the Mountain, floods it with His glory. His Glory Light will be there all the time. There'll be no night there. Jesus, the Headstone!
64-0802 64-0802 THE FUTURE HOME OF THE
HEAVENLY BRIDEGROOM AND THE EARTHLY
BRIDE

Masons, by name, symbols, and teachings, are architects. They teach that to become part of this

'New World Order', one must earn their ticket by the work of their hands. They are all architects, and the Eye of Ra is the 'divine architect.'

Jesus gone to prepare, with the Divine hands, a Divine City; Divine Architect, for a Divine-boughten people, for a predestinated people. He has gone to prepare.

Abraham was looking for it. "And he professed that he was a pilgrim and a stranger, for he looked for a City Whose builder and maker was God." That prophet, knowing it was somewhere! John saw it coming down, but Abraham thought it must be on earth right then. Why? He met Melchisedec, the King of it, and give Him a tithe. "Which had no father, or no mother. He had no beginning of life or no ending of life." Abraham met Him, and they took communion right on the literal spot where the City will be raised up, the holy Mountain of the Lord, where the Redeemed will live. Oh, my!

That time just don't stop. No, we're in time; after a while we'll go to Eternity.

*64-0802 THE FUTURE HOME OF THE
HEAVENLY BRIDEGROOM AND THE EARTHLY
BRIDE*

Masons also teach that their members -- and only the more advanced in their group -- are able to earn a place in the New World Order.

Oh, holy Mountain! There will be streets of transparent gold, avenues; and houses, and parks. If you want to read this, Revelation 21:18. The Tree of Life will be there; twelve different manners of fruit, one each month, will be bore on it. The people that eat these fruits, they'll change their diet every, every month.

And it's--it's from... for only the overcomers. Do you know that? It isn't for the denominations.

You say, "You mean that, Brother Branham?"

Let's turn to Revelations 2, just a minute, and find it. Revelations 2:7. Let's find out now whether it's really the Truth or not. Revelations 2:7 reads like this.

And he that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit...

Now, remember, He is not talking to the Jews now. This is the Church, the Gentile.

He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches; To him that overcometh, I will give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

"Overcomers only, that overcome the beast, overcome his mark," that's Catholicism, Protestantism, denominationalism, "who overcome the beast, his mark, the letter of his name." "He'll have a right to the Tree of Life, to enter into the gates where nothing that defiles can ever go in." See? Think of it. Now, just a minute now, as we go just a little bit farther. Tree of Life will be for the overcomers only.

*64-0802 THE FUTURE HOME OF THE
HEAVENLY BRIDEGROOM AND THE EARTHLY
BRIDE*

Gnosticism

A large portion of the Masonic belief system is taken from Gnosticism.

Though Gnostic beliefs sound Christian on the surface, they are structured in such a way that Jesus Himself is depreciated and 'Gnosis' is elevated. There are many points of interest, but the common ones are these:

1. Secret knowledge others do not have.
2. Asceticism,
3. Depreciation of Christ (lowering Him in name and in glory),
4. Strict rule keeping, ceremonies, or rituals
5. Worship of angels,
6. Reliance on human wisdom and tradition.

Paul warns against Gnostics in Colossians:

Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind

Colossians 2:18

The most identifiable topic found in the message is the 'secret knowledge.' Gnostics teach that you must 'read in-between the lines' to get the Truth, and that the Truth is hidden in mystery for only the chosen ones. This secret knowledge is required to gain your ascension.

The second (and most important to the faith) is asceticism. Forbidding your self of the enjoyment of life by avoiding life's pleasures. This topic alone is condemned in several places in the Bible from the Old Testament to the New. Asceticism breeds legalism, and legalism brings works-righteous faith. Gnostics must 'earn' their salvation, making the Cross of Jesus Christ of non-effect.

Depreciation of Jesus Christ is very cunning. It is not obvious for the beginner to see, but the message of William Branham took a very slow course of action in bringing Christ down to our level.

Using reverse psychology tactics intended for a two-year-old, William Branham would tell a story of how a woman claimed that he "put too much emphasis on Jesus," turning it into a funny story that psychologically made us think that he actually did. He did not.

William Branham claimed that the Holy Spirit left Jesus in Gethsemane. With this conclusion, Jesus suffered and died on the cross as a man and not as God. If man dies for our sins, there is no remission of sin.

He also claimed that Jesus and Satan were equal at one time. Jesus was lowered to the level of not only an angel – a fallen angel.

William Branham taught that Jesus could do nothing unless the 'Father showed him'. At this point in his ministry, Jesus was lowered to the level of just a prophet.

This theology is Gnostic, and comes directly from the evil one. It actually spread into Islam. Regardless of whether or not William Branham knew he was serving Satan, this point in his ministry was quickly becoming an ambassador for the devil. We would like to give William Branham the benefit of the doubt, hoping and praying that his soul was simply misled.

Strict rule keeping is not only visible in the message, but also required. Earrings are forbidden, though not a single scripture forbids. Makeup is forbidden, though not a single scripture condemns. Several scriptures twisted, misinterpreted, or invented to create a rule-based religion towards a works-righteous faith system. Were these things required for our salvation, Paul would have preached a message of works and not Grace.

Worship of angels is also strongly supported in the message of William Branham. Elevating the fallen angel (Satan), and lowering the Son Jesus Christ, angels were given greater status by Branham. William Branham claimed he could do nothing his 'angel did not tell him -- instead of relying on Jesus Christ. Angelic worship is prevalent, but the question we have is which side these angels were fighting for.

Reliance on human wisdom and tradition is prideful. Most followers of William Branham today will tell you that you can only earn salvation if you follow the tradition of William Branham. Those who do not believe in their 'prophet' are not worthy of the bride of Christ and will not be in the 'rapture.' The pastor in the church in Jeffersonville teaches that all Christians not part of this elect group will be 'servants' to the 'bride.' This group is worthy to be called 'bride' because they have the 'knowledge' of William Branham.

Buddhism

For a period of time, William Branham preached sermons that seemed to have the aspects of Buddhism more than the aspects of Christianity.

Let's review some fundamental Buddhist beliefs:

- Worship of nature and/or ancestry
- Increased respect for elders
- Events (good or bad) are a direct result of the decisions you make
- Priests, monks, mediums, and diviners are equipped to handle the spirits, not the simple followers
- The evil force is equal (or very close to equal) to the good force
- Good spirits have the power of healing, bad spirits do not

The first two points are very simple, and most Christians who study their Bibles in the slightest will understand these things to be false.

Regardless of what William Branham taught, there is no scriptural support for "nature being anyone's first bible." Buddhism is not the only religion that teaches this, and it definitely coincides with the American Indian teachings.

Scriptures support respect for elders, but not elevation in "rank" or stature. Paul was given a

"thorn in the flesh" to keep him humble before men, and taught the same.

Events (good or bad) are a direct result of the decisions you make

God does not send floods to take the life of your wife and children when you decide to follow a different path in Christianity.

The result of this teaching very problematic, because followers of the Message of William Branham believe this to apply to not only the major events in their lives, but the minor ones as well. The casual message follower will see a tragic car wreck that has halted traffic, and "prophecy" that had they not been slowed down in their travels, something awful may have happened to them! Though God has the power to do this, the minor events in our lives have no comparison to others losing their lives in the cause of the traffic jam.

Priests, monks, mediums, and diviners are equipped to handle the spirits, not the simple followers

On the surface, this looks correct. When compared to the Old Testament, the great men of old were typically the ones who withstood the

spirits. Further examination, however, finds that this also is not scriptural.

When Christ came, he gave power to the church - you and me. Any message follower would shake in their boots to face an evil spirit, and quickly speed-dial the Branham headquarters for one of the sons to come and perform exorcism or spiritual shield. In doing so, they are denying the power of Christ in their lives.

Christ sent His Spirit to the church, and we claim that power by faith. Pastors, true pastors of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, equip their congregations with that same power, and do not elevate themselves as the all-powerful wizard who has a "spirit guide" on the platform with them.

The evil force is equal (or very close to equal) to the good force

For a period of time, William Branham taught that Jesus and Satan were one day equal. The only difference between the two, according to William Branham, was that Satan could not create --- but then he gave Satan the power of creation with the Serpent's Seed doctrine.

Satan is not only an angel, but he is a fallen angel. Though Satan had some limited power before

Christ conquered death, hell, and the grave, the fallen angel had nothing in comparison to the Son of God who created the heavens and the earth. Otherwise, Satan would have simply created his own planet and let the demons dwell!

Good spirits have the power of healing; bad spirits do not.

Though William Branham taught this from day one of his ministry to the day of his death, this is not scriptural. The funny part is that he also contradicted himself on this several times -- saying that the evil spirit in the Beatles music was also healing because "for everything God has, Satan has a substitute."

This teaching would not be so damaging, but the book of Revelation and the book of Matthew both describe the false prophet that will one day come with signs and wonders, deceiving the very elect if it were possible. To claim that only the Holy Spirit had the power to heal would be to deny the healing in each and every one of the false religions -- from the American Indians to the Buddhist, to even the Wiccans.

Not only do these false religions offer healing, they offer healing placing the weight of the cure upon the faith of the individual rather than the

God who created them. Of this, we should beware.

Wicca

Vibrations in the hand to detect disease are not something new to William Branham. This practice has been around since the dark ages, and is practiced still today by Wiccans.

Consider this:

- Wiccans describe the detection of sickness through 'vibrations', and can be felt through the hand:
<http://www.wiccan-grove.com/groveall8.htm>
- Wiccan 'prophecy' is fully dependent upon the understanding of time by the view through the 'crystal ball'
<http://www.wiccan-grove.com/groveall4.htm>
- Wiccan healing must involve upsetting the patient's imagination, loud boisterous communication in a fully quiet environment: <http://www.wiccan-grove.com/groveall5.htm>
- Wiccan religious experiences include that of white lights, and believe that the body and soul are made up of lights:
<http://www.wiccan-grove.com/groveall8.htm>
- Wiccans believe you can 'project your spirit': <http://www.wiccan-grove.com/groveall9.htm>

- Wiccans believe in the 'presence' of the dead in our midst: <http://www.wiccan-grove.com/groveall10.htm>

Wiccans also live in mortal fear of cats. According to the Wiccan belief system, other Wiccans can disguise themselves as a cat and invade your solitude.

I keep cats shoosed away all the time with a .22 rifle. I hope I'm not hurting a cat lover, but I'd sure hurt the cat if he got one of my birds.

56-0723 LED.BY.THE.SPIRIT.OF.GOD_
SHREVEPORT.LA

We're a little skeptic of kitties. I guess they're all right, but I--I just don't care too much for cats: none of the Branhams. So we... all--all... We never had one around the house.

57-1215 SPEAK.TO.THIS.MOUNTAIN_
BROOKLYN.NY

I remember, at Tulsa, Oklahoma, I was... Oh, I was getting in a awful mess there, them denominations begin swinging around there. And I was setting in this building one day and I seen a--a vision. I seen a--a little... pretty, little ol' kitten, and he was laying on a silk pillow, and he was the cutest little fellow. And I walked over there (and I'm afraid of a cat), and I went over and I begin to rake him, and he was going, "purr, purr." You know how they do

that funny noise, you know. And I was raking him, I said, "Pretty, little kitty." And he said, "purr," just as fine, you know.

And I looked over behind his pillow, it said, "Pentecostal kitten." Well, I thought, "Now, isn't that strange." And I said, "This has got to be a vision."

And Something said, "As long as you rake his fur this way, all right; but now if you want to see what he's made out of, rake his fur backwards." See? So when I raked his fur back, them eyes stuck out, green, and he was a monster standing there spitting at me as hard as he could. See, just rake his fur back a little bit. Tell him his baptism in the "Father, Son, and Holy Ghost" is of the Devil and of the Catholic church, watch what happens to him. See? His furs get up.

60-1209 THE.SARDISEAN.CHURCH.AGE
JEFFERSONVILLE.IN

We don't like cats at our house. Now, if you have them, that's all right. I ain't speaking against your little kitty now, but I don't like the things.

62-0714 THE.UNCERTAIN.SOUND_
SPOKANE.WA

I tell you, when I left home, they was... My little girl... We're kind of... You people can have them if you want them, now, see, but I'm scared of a cat. And so I--I just don't like that superstitious feeling you get around them. And so we don't

*have them around house, and--and I believe
the cat can realize that I'm afraid of him. So,
my father was afraid of cats.*

63-0118 SPIRIT.OF.TRUTH_ PHOENIX.AZ 77

*Now, anybody can have any kind of pet they
want, but I sure don't like a cat, so she... or no
Branham.*

*65-1127E I.HAVE.HEARD.BUT.NOW.I.SEE_
SHREVEPORT.LA*

Raphael, Angel of Healing

William Branham claimed to have an “angel” on the platform with him during his healing campaigns, and he claimed to be able to “see nothing unless his angel shows him.”

Very few descriptions are given regarding the supernatural aspects of this angel, but in a sermon entitled “The Angel of God,” Branham gives the supernatural description. This description includes the emerald green light that is cast by his angel.

I try to be sincere. Now, I want you to know this, that I may leave...?... before morning. I know not. But in the room that night when He came (to you people)... It appeared to me many times in a form of a--of a star. I've seen it many times. But when it came visible, it was a Man that would seemingly would weigh two hundred pounds.

A little over two years ago now, I was sitting in the room. I was reading my little Scofield Bible, and I heard something. First, I saw a Light. And I thought it was an automobile that turned the corner. But it turned, but it got brighter. And I looked out the door and there was no automobile. Then I heard something coming like this, going... [Brother Branham knocks on the podium four times.--Ed.] walking. And I looked, and the Light got greater. And just above me hung a great Star. And the Light was kind of a, more of a green.

between green and yellow, shining on the floor. And coming walking through this Light, came a Man that looked like, as I said before, would weigh two hundred pounds, a huge Man. He did not have beard over His face, like Christ's picture does. Who He is, I do not know. But He had... [Blank.spot.on.tape--Ed.]... shoulder. He was more of an olive complexion; He had dark eyes. He walked as close to me as the microphone is there.
47-1102 THE.ANGEL.OF.GOD

In Wicca, the Archangel "Raphael" is the Spirit Guide of healing, and is surrounded by an emerald green light. He also produces white lights when summoned by the Wiccan.

AIR is the element of the intellect and communication. It is considered an activating element. The direction and quarter of the Circle that corresponds to Air is the East, where the day begins. Air is the springtime, beginnings and, in the foundations of magick, it is Faith. Faith (confidence) in magick comes from knowledge (intellect) and from understanding the processes of ritual and applying them with sure result. The tool of Air is the Wand, which is used to direct and channel energy in magick. In its application for healing where it is used to absorb the energy of the universe and channel that energy into the subject of the healing, it

corresponds to the caduceus of Mercury, a god of Air - you will notice that this same symbols is used by physicians today.

The Sabbat which corresponds to Air is Candlemas (also known as Oimelc). This Sabbat falls in the fixed air sign of Aquarius, the astrological sign noted for intellectualization, eccentricity, originality and genius.

The archangel of Air is Raphael, the archangel of healing, teaching and travel. He is visualized on a mountaintop, in robes of yellow and purple (the colors associated with the element Air) which blow gently in the wind. In magick, angels represent invisible forces, powers ascending and descending between the Source of all things and the world. An Archangel, then, is the angelic entity in its highest and most pure force.

THE ELEMENTS OF MAGICK, LESSON 2: AIR

Here is an example Wiccan chant:

Raphael, Angel of Sun, enter my solar center and give the fire of life to my whole body. Archangel Raphael and Mary, please heal and align my physical, mental, emotional, and etheric bodies and help me to be a vehicle for healing others. Assist me in developing better concentration. Help me to dedicate myself to the path of

ascension for Earth and self. Help me to pierce within the heart of Creation and draw forth what is needed as a model to heal separation and fear. Amen
<http://www.angelfire.com/biz3/danielkudra/PrayerToArchAngels.html>

*When asked for healing assistance, Raphael surrounds and nurtures people with the **emerald green light of his halo. Green is the color of healing and clairvoyant people may see emerald green sparkles when Raphael is around.***

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*You can also work with Archangel Raphael to heal others. **We are all beings of light** and anyone can work with the healing energy and assist in another person's healing. You do not need any special training to do this type of healing work. **You just act as a channel for the healing energy.** All that is needed is your intention to help the other person in their highest good.*

Archangel Raphael, your Higher Self and Spirit Guides, and the Higher Self and Spirit Guides of the person you are doing the healing work with are directing the healing being done. Your main job is support for the person, or

“receiver,” and to facilitate the healing work.

*Make the person you are going to work on comfortable by having them sit in a chair or lay down. Together, ask your ego-selves to move toward your left shoulder. Let the ego-selves know they are only observers during the healing and know this is so. **Ask your Angels, Guides and the receiver's Angels and Guides to accompany you on this quest to heal now.** Ask God/dess to send down a beam of **protective white light**. God/dess hears your request and in your mind's eye you can immediately envision a beam of light coming down from the universe. Watch it surround you and the receiver in a protective glow.*

<http://www.shininglite.com/Raphael.htm>

Compare the above to this quote by WMB:

*And we find out today that your body is made
up of light meters
--55-1003 Faith In Action*

Branham claimed this angel was the one who gave Jesus his healing powers:

*Now, It'll come to the platform, this same
Angel, if It does, It never failed yet. I trust that
It will. Then it's your faith that operates It. See,*

when the Angel of God, the Holy Ghost, God Himself, was with Jesus Christ, the woman touched His garment. He didn't see no vision about that. And yet, He said, "I do nothing, except the Father shows Me."

55-0228 SEPARATION.FROM.UNBELIEF

He mentioned the angel on the platform with him throughout his ministry. The angel gave him his visions, helped him heal the sick, and performed great signs and wonders. And the color of the angel? Emerald green.

And I felt the Angel of the Lord near, and I raised up.

Shining right down through a little dogwood bush was a yellowish green Light.

50-0816 LOOKING.TO.THE.UNSEEN

Mr. Lacy said, "The mechanical eye of this camera, Rev. Branham, won't take psychology." He said, "The Light struck the lens. And it's a leaping, flaming, emerald fire, a burning." Many times It comes right into the meeting. You can see It. thousands times thousands have seen It at a time.

52-0817E DO.YOU.NOW.BELIEVE

Now, you... you're aware, brother, that something's taking place. You have a feeling that you've never felt before. Don't... Isn't that a... You have a strange feeling. Isn't that right?

*It's the Angel of the Lord standing near you.
Looks to me like that you could see that,
people. Just look that way, right there just
above the man. That milling Light standing
right... It's kind of a emerald, moving. Right
here It is.*

53-1110 I.WILL.RESTORE

*George J. Lacy said, "It looked like an emerald
light, a burning with flapping flames like that,
as it whirled around and around like that.
Looked like it was going in a circle a whirling
around."*

54-0720A THE.MANIAC.OF.GADARA

*Now, to the woman, if the audience can still
hear me, the woman's very conscious that
something's going on. For she knows she's
standing in the Presence of something.
Between her and I stands a Light, real bright,
emerald looking Light, which is the Angel of
the Lord. And the woman is conscious that
something's going on.*

55-0220E CONTEND.FOR.THE.FAITH

*Now, lady, just a moment to you. I'm sorry. I
just have to move the way It moves me.
Don't move around, no one. See? It... The Angel
of the Lord is a Light. It's a Pillar of Fire (See?),
just a Light, an emerald-like Light burning, and
It moves. And--and you moving, sometimes...
It's a human soul. You're just all like, under
control. If you move... And I know just where*

the skeptic is sitting; I know where the believers is setting. I have to watch just exactly. When that moves, that's a conflict, it's in spirit life.

55-1115 BLIND.BARTIMAEUS

When I said, "I saw an Angel, and It was an emerald Fire, burning"; people laughed and said, "Billy, get next to yourself." The magic scientific eye of the camera took It. I wasn't lying. I was telling the Truth. God vindicated.

62-1230E IS.THIS.THE.SIGN.OF.THE.END.SIR

Then down there that day, when they were standing at the river, and the Angel of the Lord that I had told you that It looked like a-a star or something in the distant, and then It got close, and told you how the emerald Light looked, and there It come right down on the river where I was baptizing, when businessmen down here in the city said, "What does that mean?"

63-0319 THE.SECOND.SEAL

Sometimes when God shows me something to do, I can do it. And then... As far as diagnosis, that is when the Angel of God is near; that's positive all the time. See? That's the phenomenal such things as miracles. I have to see it first before it happens.

49-0718

*I.WAS.NOT.DISOBEDIENT.TO.THE.HEAVENLY.
VISION*

And I'm very happy tonight to start the prayer line here in--in Minneapolis. And I desire all of you to pray for me while I'm praying for others, and have faith and believe that what I tell you is the truth. Most all of you, oh, I guess, in here, and the manager has been explained the way, they... it came to me and was ministered by an Angel, Who one night walked into the room. When I was a little boy, it started. It would talk to me down through life. {...}It's nothing I can do in myself. It's just what He shows me, is all I can speak.

50-0713 OBEY.THE.VOICE.OF.THE.ANGEL

While they're lining up the audience, let's pray again just a moment. Father, come near now. Abide with us, Jesus. Bless us tonight. There's those that are here so--looking so anxiously. And it's seemingly that just a little extra blessing is on us tonight somehow, or just around near. Maybe You're just fixing to pour out the Spirit upon us. We pray that it will be, Father.

Heal all, now. The Angel of God that You sent to me at my birth, guiding me down through life by Your hand, He Who meets and talks, and shows the visions that I speak of.

50-0715 LED.BY.THE.SPIRIT

But I am God's Voice to you. See? I say that again. That time was under inspiration. See? And I--I felt bad about the first time, but It repeated it.

Now see, I can say nothing in myself. But what He shows me, I say it. You believe it and watch what happens. See, He did. After setting in great meetings...

51-0505 MY.COMMISSION

Kaballah and Name Numerology

Everything in this world consists of energy which is the source of life and power. Every individual possesses a certain amount of energy as well. Even people's names have their own energy which in some ways determines their future and influences their present life. Kabbalah numerology is a whole study that is mostly associated with names, rather than numbers. It has a lot in common with kabalistic mysticism and it originated from the Hebrew alphabet.

<http://www.kabalatalisman.com>

Name numerology is mysticism and not scriptural. Though the content below started in a thread related to Wicca, we decided to move it to it's own thread because it can be said that it is also part of Buddhism, Hinduism, and several other religions.

William Branham specifically chose to target the names 'Elvis' and 'Ricky' as names we should never use for our children, but the truth of the matter is that many, many people share the same signs for their names.

The numerologies that William Branham used in his ministry were all 'basic' numbers, numbers used in numerology calculators that translate to the numbers 0-9. With only nine choices, many

names also match the number of Elvis (which is 9). "Johnny", for instance, is the same as "Elvis."

Elvis Presley's name just happened to calculate to a '9', which is symbolic to the 'cat.' Cats, as we know, are superstitious in many aspects, but especially in Wicca.

Cats perceive things beyond the physical world. Anyone who's had a cat has seen evidence of this. Watch a cat on Hallowe'en night, or in the house of someone who's recently passed. They are obviously seeing things that we don't see.

Another example is cats' sensitivity to energy. Cats are irresistibly drawn to ritual and sacred space. This is not always a good thing . . . If a Witch's cat is peeved, it's not unusual for it to express its feelings all over her altar or ritual items.

On the plus side, this sensitivity makes the cat a wonderful companion in working magick. Cats can protect a working Witch, and act as a messenger in the spirit realm or energetic level.

This is why cats are common Witches' Familiars.

Black cats are just double the witchiness! A black cat is one of the most common Wicca symbols, to outsiders.

See also Evil Eye.

<http://www.wicca-spirituality.com/wicca-symbol.html#cat>

William Branham was very afraid of cats. Odd that a child of God would fear superstitious feelings, however William Branham was afraid of them.

William Branham often referred to Elvis as meaning "cat". This came directly from numerology of Wicca, using basic interpretations of the number '9'. Wiccans, like masons, place great value on numbers, and cats as we know have 9 lives.

The "cat's nine lives" myth comes from ancient egypt, but was carried forward in Wicca. The number 9 is deeply associated with cats.

The three great symbols of Bast-Wicca are the nine-pointed star (representing, among other things, the ninefold rebirth cycle of a cat's spirt), the Key of the Nile (also known as the ankh, the ancient Egyptian symbol of life), and

the sun, which symbolizes the Bast's original role as a solar deity.

-- Exploring Spellcraft: How to Create and Cast Effective Spells

William Branham claims to have got this meaning of names from 'numerology':

I... Excuse that, see, I--I didn't mean that, see, but I sometimes I get over-enthused, I guess. But I mean... Ricky is all right. I just don't like the name, that's right. But you look that up in numerology, you'd re-name your child. Yes, sir. Now, Ricky or Elvis, or something like that, oh, mercy! So, oh, anyhow, now, you see they have to. They didn't have those names gone by, it has to come. This is the age for it to be here. Sure. Exactly right.

62-0603 THE.END.TIME.EVANGELISM

Of course, this is not Christian theology. William Branham must have been confronted about this, because he does a complete turnaround -- and claims he is NOT using numerology. He claims instead of what he first mentioned that he has TSTL:

Now, we find out that they set the pace. And did you ever notice, our young boys has become "Ricky" and "Elvis." You got a child named that,

change it right quick, call him number "one" or "two," or something. Don't, that's a horrible... You say, "What difference does the name mean?" Why, sure, it means something. Your name characterizes your life. "Now, Brother Branham, you're on numerology." No, I'm not! I'm on THUS SAITH THE LORD!

63-0120M

THE.VOICE.OF.GOD.IN.THIS.LAST.DAYS

He then blends the two:

That expression. If you only--only knew the numerology of the Bible, and know what Elvis or--or Ricky means, to the Scripture! Uh-huh. Just like, why did Jesus... You say, "There is nothing to that, your name." There isn't? That name could only come in this last days, for this last-days people.

63-0728

CHRIST.IS.THE.MYSTERY.OF.GOD.REVEALED

The irony? The numerology of the name "Elvis" is the same as the name "Jesus."

The Watchtower

This one is very easy to identify, and to the message follower who is of an age to understand any words spoken by William Branham, you will quickly identify with the beliefs of the Jehovah's Witnesses.

Jehovah's Witnesses believe many things similar to the Branham cult:

- Satan is the 'god of this evil age'
- After the death of the apostles, the 'church' started diverging from the teachings of Jesus, and the true teachings were lost for centuries
- The church must be restored to the 'original faith.'
- All other non-witness Christian organizations are 'Babylon the Great'
- Jesus was not God until lifted up upon the throne
- The 'Trinity' is unscriptural
- There is no eternal hell
- Satan is the invisible ruler of the world
- Satan is God's chief adversary (greater in power than simply an angel)
- A specific date was given to mark "the last days"
- Salvation requires a perfect [rapturing] faith

- Salvation is dependent upon the 'formula' spoken. (must be baptized in the name of Jehovah to be saved)
- Those who do not make the 'rapture' have a separate hope after tribulation (but a lesser class)
- "Shunning" is used for those who question or are compelled to leave

Charles Taze Russell's Tomb:



William Branham's Tomb:



Zoroastrianism and Balaam

Zoroastrianism (also called Mazdaism and Magianism), is a religion and philosophy based on the teachings of prophet Zoroaster. It is thought to have been one of the world's largest religions in the ancient world.

The most important texts of the religion are those of the Avesta, of which a significant portion has been lost, and mostly only the liturgies of which have survived. The lost portions are known of only through references and brief quotations in the later works, primarily from the 9th to 11th centuries.

Some of the ancient texts identify Zoroaster with Balaam. In the "Bar 'Ali", Balaam is referred to as Zardosht, the diviner of the Magians. [Gottheil, References to Zoroaster in Syriac and Aribic Lit]

The 17th century writer George Hornius actually confuses Zoroaster with Moses, listing several accounts where the stories of Zoroaster agree with the biblical stories of Moses.

The Magi were Chaldaens. Chaldaeia, another name for Babylon, is where Western astrology was invented. At the time of the birth of Jesus, the religion of the Magi was the dominant religion in Babylon. These Magi are believed to

have descended from the teachings of not only Zoroaster, but also Balaam.

The children of Israel came in contact with many from this ancient pagan religion, and their teaching was so influential that Deuteronomy mentions it in the Law of Moses.

And beware lest you raise your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun and the moon and the stars, all the host of heaven, you be drawn away and bow down to them and serve them, things that the Lord your God has allotted to all the peoples under the whole heaven.

Deut 4:19

and has gone and served other gods and worshiped them, or the sun or the moon or any of the host of heaven, which I have forbidden

Deut 17:3

Though these two religions were entirely separate -- one pagan idolatry and one serving Yahweh -- the two eventually did merge together as one. ...in the message of William Branham.

Balaam, anointed with the same Spirit that was upon Moses. What was the difference? The teaching of Moses was perfect.

65-0725M

THE.ANOINTED.ONES.AT.THE.END.TIME

But there was a star that passed through the land. And three men followed that star, and no one else saw it but them, for they were looking for it. They were looking for the Star of Jacob to rise. See? They were down in the country there where Balaam, the prophet, had spoke that this Star of Jacob would rise. Now, you look for Him. Believe Him with all your heart.

51-0501 EXHORTATION.OF.DIVINE.HEALING

Some Magis, astrologers, come over, and stargazers. And they seen the star that passed right over every observatory. Nobody said--seen it at all. The Magis saw it. Why? They were looking for it: the Star of Jacob. According to their prophet, Balaam, he said, "The Star of Jacob would rise." And they were watching it. And it passed right by the people that was stargazers, and didn't see it. But they followed the star.

I believe they saw a star. What do you think about it? The observatories didn't see it, but the Magis saw it.

52-0727 LED.BY.THE.HOLY.SPIRIT

Now, let's turn to Simeon just for a few moments as we close. Reading of him as in the days of the birth of Jesus. They didn't have the press like we got now. And they didn't have television, and telephones, and so forth. The only way they carried message was from lip to ear, and maybe a runner packed a letter.

But the news didn't spread out too well. Well, there was three Magi had been watching for the--the star to appear. The... Balaam had prophesied there would be a... Those eastern oriental people had... He'd prophesied that there'd be a star rise out of Jacob. They'd watched for that for years, and they followed it and found Jesus.

53-0903 EXPECTANCY

Then we notice again, a way back in the East some magis, or stargazers... I believe they'd noticed the prophecy of Balaam, that a Star of Jacob would rise. And they would... they was watching for that star to arise. And we're told by historians that the three magi... They come from different parts, not followed one star, as the Christian tradition has it, but they followed three different stars.

54-0220 EXPECTATION

And as it was with Jesus, so was the morning star a sign to the wise men that came from the East. They had heard that there would be a Star of Jacob rise. Balaam, the prophet, prophesied of it. And they knew that there would be a star arise. And this star would be the sign that there'd be a King borned on the earth, that would be a Saviour to all the nations. And when they seen this star arise, it was a sign to them to get ready, that the redemption was at hand.

54-0718A THE.GREAT.COMING.REVIVAL

Look, do you believe they actually followed a star? The Bible said they did. Now, it come over very... They kept time then by stars. And no observatory, no scientist, all the people standing up on the watches, looking at every star moving, to see what time moving, to see what time it was, in the night, and so forth, stargazers. There wasn't anyone seen that Angel, or that star, but these Magis, for they was expecting to see it. They had read God's prophecy when He spoke through Balaam back there, and said, "There'd be a star out of Jacob rise," and they were looking for it. So that's the reason tonight the American people are not expecting, they're not looking for a great Holy Ghost pouring out revival. And that's the reason they're not receiving It, while It's poured out; they're not expecting It. That's all. They're looking to see a reformation in the church, and the people come back and join church and live on out in the world. And that, it's not that age. It's the time where God is filling His people, and baptizing them into the Body of the Lord Jesus Christ. And that's the reason they're not expecting it; they're not seeing it is going on.

54-1206 EXPECTATION

So the wise men was watching, because the Bible said, the prophet Balaam, he said, "There will come a star out of Jacob." And they were watching for that star. Now, they found it.

After they'd looked for twenty--about twenty-five hundred years, generation after generation, finally there it appeared. And they started towards Jerusalem. And look at the trip they had: deserts, valleys, mountains. And how did they go? They never went by a compass; they go--and they didn't go in a scientific way; they followed God's directions by His sign. And they was led directly to Jesus Christ.

55-0819 BEING.LED.BY.THE.HOLY.SPIRIT

The red--Nobody else seen it, because no one was expecting it but them. They got what they expected. They was watching for the star where Balaam said, their prophet, that there'd be a Star of Jacob rise, and they was looking for it. And so they followed the star and found the Christ.

55-1001 EXPECTATION

One day there was somebody expecting to see something else happen, way back in the east, in the land of India. I was there a couple of years ago, and it hasn't changed a bit since that day: still just as primitive as it was. They had the wise men. And they were watching the stars, for they know Balaam, the prophet, said that a star shall rise out of Jacob. And they were watching for that star. And they knew according to the Scriptures it was just about time for it to happen.

*57-0811E EXPECTATIONS AND LEADINGS OF
THE SPIRIT*

And as we watch, we find, night after night, they watched It. They discussed It. They looked at the Scriptures. And in searching I can see one coming, and say, "Here is another Hebrew writing. It comes from one of their prophets, by the name of Balaam. And he said, 'There shall rise a star to Jacob.'" And they seen the Scriptures being fulfilled. Oh, how their hearts rejoiced.

And how it should make our hearts rejoice to know that in this evil day that we're now living, to see God's holy Writ being fulfilled and revealed to us as a great searching Light over our being.

57-1222 THE.GREAT.SHINING.LIGHT

It must have been about the time that they picked up the Scroll of Daniel, and was reading in Daniel. Because he must've conversed with them. Daniel 2 said that he was their chief. And so, they must've conversed with him. And they picked up a Scroll where Daniel had prophesied that there'd come a time when there'd be a Stone cut out of the mountain without hands, and it would tear down the kingdoms of the world. They must've been reading that. And then at... They'd had some of the Hebrew scrolls--or Scrolls, of back in Numbers, where that Balaam said there would be a Star of Jacob rise.

59-0411E WATCHING.HIS.STAR

Now, they knowed of the Scriptures, 'cause Daniel was their chief. You know that. Second chapter of Daniel tells us that he was made chief over them, so he taught them. No doubt, one night they was setting there, reading in the Scriptures about... "And Daniel said, as he beheld all these kingdoms, till finally they become into what they was, each, the Medes-o-Persians and on down till it come into Rome. And then finally he saw a Stone cut out of a mountain, without hands." And they said, "It must be about that time." Then they remembered the rehearsal of--of way back in before that time, way back in the days of the journey of Israel, when they come up and heard Balaam say, when he seen Israel, he said, "There'll rise a Star out of Jacob." Amen. It must've been about that time when they was thinking about those things, that the new Visitor appeared.

60-1225 GOD'S.WRAPPED.GIFT

Now, we find that the--the wise man, the wise man of the Old, followed the God-given substance. They followed the Word of God, to the Light, because it was the Word that brought Life. Now you say, "How did they follow?" Well, they were, kinda, magis, we understand.

And then we find out that Balaam, the prophet, back in Numbers 24:17, Balaam was kind of a magi himself. He was a prophet, truly, and he

prophesied here and said a Star would rise out of Jacob.

*63-1229M THERE IS A MAN HERE THAT CAN
TURN ON THE LIGHT*

Islam

William Branham had a theology that differed from most mainstream and even non-denominational Christians. Were this teaching not in the Quran, we could even say that it was unique. But it wasn't unique.

William Branham taught that Jesus had to see a vision from the Father, and He only did what the Father showed him in the vision. Multiple times throughout his ministry, William Branham claimed that Jesus was a "super prophet," or a prophet that was greater than the rest.

Now if you'll notice, my dear Christian friend, fellow citizen of the Kingdom of God, that Jesus testified while on earth, that He did nothing in Himself, that He only did, what the Father showed Him, by vision to do. Is that true? That's right. See? Only by what the Father showed Him. See? He said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, the Son can do nothing in Himself; but what the Father showeth Him, that doeth the Son."

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He said, "The things that I do, shall you do also, and greater than this shall you do, for I go to My Father." Is that right? Do you believe so?

Now, you sick people, look here for a minute now. Do you believe that that is the truth, that Jesus said in Saint John 14:7--or--or I mean

14:12, "The things that I do, shall you also; and greater than this shall you do, for I go to My Father"? And Jesus plainly stated... Now, listen, and outside, I hope you hear. Jesus plainly stated that He could do nothing of Himself, but what God showed Him to do in a vision, that's what He done. Is that right?

*51-0923 THE PRINCIPLES OF DIVINE
HEALING*

The Quran mentions Jesus by name twenty-five times, while it only mentions Muhammad by name four times. William Branham's "different Jesus" fits the description of "super prophet" perfectly as He is described in the Quran. From the virgin birth to his "healing campaigns and visions", the Quran seems to be the most accurate description of Jesus Christ according to William Branham's doctrines.

In general Muslim belief, Jesus was the last prophet sent by God to guide the Children of Israel. In Islam, Jesus is a precursor to Muhammad, and is believed by Muslims to have foretold the Muhammad's coming.

The Quran also teaches that Jesus came to "confirm" the Law of the Old Testament, not Fulfill it as the Christian Bible describes. This is

very interesting when you consider that William Branham taught the same.

Like William Branham, the Quran teaches that God was NOT the son of Mary --even though the Quran states that Jesus was born of Immaculate Conception. In fact, they teach strongly against Trinitarian religion -- even mentioning the "trinity".

"They do blaspheme who say: "God is Christ the son of Mary." They do blaspheme who say: God is one of three in a trinity: for there is no God except one God Allah. If they do not desist from their word of blasphemy, verily a grievous penalty will befall the blasphemers among them. Christ the son of Mary was no more than a Messenger; many were the Messengers that passed away before him."

Sura 5:72-73, 5:75

The virgin birth was a paradox. I do not believe that Jesus was any part of Mary. That was not His mother. It was a woman that God used for that purpose, a incubator to bear His Child.

62-0128A A.PARADOX

Let's compare:

Islam Jesus

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- Mary was not the mother of Jesus
- Jesus was born of immaculate conception
- Jesus was a prophet
- Jesus could not know anything supernaturally unless revealed by Allah
- God is not a trinity
- Christ was a precursor for Mohammed

Branham Jesus

- Mary was not the mother of Jesus
- Jesus was born of immaculate conception
- Jesus was a prophet
- Jesus could not know anything supernaturally unless revealed by God
- God is not a trinity

Bible Jesus

- Mary was the mother of Jesus
- Jesus was born of immaculate conception
- Jesus was a prophet, but also God
- Jesus was God
- God is a trinity (Father, Son, Holy Spirit, and all three are ONE God)

Where Do I Go From Here?

Most people that have been shown the Truth in the scriptures and the deception in the cult of William Branham ask the same simple question: Where do I go from here?

With over two million followers and growing, the cult pastors and elders of the Branham cult do not teach the most simple teaching *every* Christian *should* know: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is simple. It is the Good News that God sent his Son, Jesus Christ to earth. He lived a perfect life for us, suffered and died on Calvary for our sins. He conquered death and hell, rose again so that we can rise with him. The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke tell this story. The prophets of the Old Testament pointed to the coming Messiah, Jesus Christ. The Apostles all pointed back to the Gospel. It was the most beautiful event in history, and such a simple concept for any Christian to Grasp: by Grace we can be saved through Faith in Jesus Christ.

Jesus said that he came to “fulfill” the Law, not abolish it. The Gospels and writings of Paul tell us what this means, but so many have forgotten the story.

The covenant God made with Moses had two parts: blessing and curse. The Mosaic Law was a contract between God and Man. If the children of Israel kept the law, God promised to give them the blessings. If they failed, God promised to give them the curse.

Not only did the children of Israel break the Law and fall back into idolatry, they did so multiple times! They kept breaking God's commandments to remain distant from idolatry over and over. True to His Word, God gave Israel everything mentioned under the Curse of the Law.

The problem was that no man could live according to the law without breaking some portion of it. Even worse, the law became corrupt by scribes turning it into a set of rules with loopholes rather than a moral way of life. The Law failed.

Jesus came to fulfill our part of the bargain. He lived the perfect life for us, meeting our half of the covenant. Because of this, man could now receive the blessings of the covenant! Then, he established a New Covenant, the covenant of Grace. This was an unmerited and unearned blessing to all who believe that Jesus is the Christ.

The answer is very simple. Where do you go from here? Go to Jesus Christ. Put your faith in Christ, not in any man. Your pastor has no better telephone line to God than you yourself have. While pastors in the cults try to elevate themselves into power, Christ elevated *you* into power through His Holy Spirit!

Let no man tell you your salvation is “earned” by wearing crazy clothes that do not match the customary style for your culture. Remember, your cult leaders are culturally ignorant! Most of them have absolutely no idea what is considered “modest” in even their own culture.

Let no man tell you that you have to believe a certain doctrine or understanding of scripture in order to be saved. It is by Grace that you are saved, through faith in Jesus Christ. Nothing that you can do in of yourself will hinder or help your salvation, save accepting Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.

Let no man tell you a certain church or organization has incorrect teaching and will hinder your faith. Your faith in Jesus Christ cannot be hindered when you accept Him as Lord and ruler in your life. If you are in the wrong place, He will lead you to the right place!

Let no man tell you that you do not have the Holy Spirit. Christ gave His spirit to all the Church, the Body of Christ. Paul says that it is by Grace that the Body of Christ is saved, and nothing they can do of themselves has the power to save. Only this one simple requirement: believe that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Let no man tell you that the trials you go through after accepting the path that God has chosen for you come from God's Wrath. We are no longer under the curse of the Law. God has given us His blessings, not His curse.

Finally, follow the leading of the Spirit. You will never make a move if you wait until you are certain of the path you must take. Life does not work like this; we all must enter into decisions ourselves with the leading of the Spirit. If the decision is not the right one, trust the Spirit to let you know.

Where do we go from here? To Jesus Christ!

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Almost 36 years in “the Message”, the name of the group of people (cult) following the teachings of William Marrion Branham, John has dedicated his life towards helping those who are still in this cult, and to those who are no longer bound but serving Jesus Christ with many questions. His goal is to remind both groups that we serve a living God who does not look to any organization, doctrine, mystery, or gift of the Spirit; we serve a God who looks at the heart.

His main purpose is to point others back to the Bible, which is the Absolute. All words of men may fail, but the Word of God will never fail. We should put our hearts and minds back on Jesus Christ, who died on the cross so that ALL could be saved by grace through faith.

Seek Ye The Truth started as a central place for all cult followers to ask the questions openly and anonymously, many of which they had in their hearts and minds for several years and were afraid to ask. The original goal was to go "hand in hand" with the local pastors, spreading the answers and vindicating the teachings of William Marrion Branham.

As research started to progress, more false teachings were found than truths. More prophecies had failed than had succeeded. None could be proven. Bible teachings came from Gnostic texts and other strange beliefs, and did not line up with the Word of God. Cult pastors had no answer.

While some live normal lives walking "middle ground," many are starting to become very hurt and abused. Many suffer depression. Physical and sexual abuse, and self-condemnation stories started surfacing.

Over time, Seek Ye The Truth slowly transformed from a site of questions into a site dedicated to help those in need. There are almost two million cult followers of William Branham around the world, making it larger than some of the other cult followings, and there are almost no support groups for those desperately seeking help. Please join us as we help others.

God Bless You!