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"Understanding the difference between revelation and delusion" Brian Kocourek, Pastor December 12th, 2010

97 Moab... What happened? When Balaam went down there, he built seven altars just exactly like they had. Don't talk on them fundamentally, 'cause you had better know what you're talking about. Jesus said, "It would almost deceived the very elected." It's spiritual revealed. If you catch It, then It's the Word, and you see the Word made manifest. Look, here they was up there; and here was Moab. He's to... No doubt but he was a bishop, sure, great guy, and he built seven altars. He put seven rams on it, speaking that he believed that there was coming a Messiah. Brother, if it come to fundamentalism, God had to recognize both of them. When Cain built an altar to the Lord (Satan's son, built an altar to the Lord), he built the same kind of an altar that Abel built. They both worshipped; they both went to church; they both paid their dues. They both obligated; they got down and worshipped the same God, and one was received and the other one lost. How's it come?

98 Jesus said, "Upon this rock I'll build My church." The Catholic church says, "There's a rock there, the church is built on it; and Peter was that rock." And the Catholic church says that Peter's buried under it. That's a lie, as far as I can ever see, at the time they said Peter was buried in there, the Bible said he was over here in Jerusalem. See? He never was over there. But anyhow, they say he was there. There's actually not a record of Paul ever being there, but in history. But they say Peter... Let him be buried there. If he was, what difference does that make? That wasn't what Jesus was talking about. See, how they got the material thing mixed up.

Now, let's just go back to the Scriptures to see what he is talking about here.

Matthew 16:13 When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? 14And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. 15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? 16And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. 17And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Turn with me also to 2 Thessalonians 2:10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: 12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. 13 But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: 14 Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Now, let me read for you where brother Branham explains this Scripture to us. It is in **The First Seal 63-0318 44** And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness... (deceiving people by unrighteousness)... in them that perish;... (not this Bride, in them that's looking for such a thing)... because they received not the love of the truth... (And Christ is the Truth, and Christ is the Word, but they'd rather have a creed.),... that they might be saved. And for this cause God has sent them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:... (It should be translated there, as I looked in the Lexicon, "the lie," not "a lie"; "the lie," same one he told Eve.) That they... might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness."

Again from his sermon, GOD OF THIS EVIL AGE 65-0801M 33 brother Branham said, "Making a strong delusion, as the Bible said it would (II Thessalonians), how this man of sin would come into existence and set in the temple of God, showing himself he was God and caused the people to go into strong delusion to believe a lie; and believe it will be damned by it. That's the same thing he did to Eve, give her... Never told her the Word wasn't right, but give her a strong delusion that she believed a lie. The spirit of delusion is of the devil, devils now working in the children of disobedient. Disobedient to what? What's the children of this day disobedient to? Like Eve was at the beginning: the true Word of God.

Now, we know by our studies that this Glory that we are called to is the Greek word Doxa which means the opinion, assessment and judgment. In other words, it speaks of the very mindset that was in Christ. Paul said, **Philippians 2:5** "Let this mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." But he also said, in **Philippians 3: 15** Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

So what gives us the ability to be Thus Minded is Revelation that comes from God.

Just about any child who follows the ministry of William Branham should be able to quote from **Matthew 16.** And any child growing up in this Message has heard Brother Branham quote this Scripture enough that they should be able to quote it and even talk intelligently about revelation, what it is, and how necessary revelation is to the believer. But why do the majority of the ministers who claim to believe His Message refuse to believe what Peter said that brought such praise from Jesus.

In verse 13 Jesus had asked the disciples the question, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? 14 And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. 15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? 16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. Then Jesus called Peter blessed and said those notable words, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. and upon this rock (the rock of revelation), I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Listen, Peter had just called Jesus "*the Christ, Son of God*," and yet as I travel around the world, I see that the majority of the ministers who claim to be following the ministry of William Branham do not have that same revelation as Peter had, that same revelation that God gave to Peter, that "*Jesus was the Christ, the Son of the Living God*."

So, this morning we will examine *the difference between revelation and delusion*, because both are very powerful influences in the world today, and not only in the World but amongst those who claim to believe the End-time Message of Malachi Four. And let's face it, I'm not interested in the world. It's a lost cause. But what I'm interested in is the sons and daughters of God who are sitting under false shepherds who have no more revelation from God than Oneness Pentecostals do.

To *understand the difference between revelation and delusion*, we must know what the two words mean. Because as brother Branham said about the difference between the Appearing and Coming, he said *they are two different words* and if they are two different words then *they mean two different things*. And does these two words, "*revelation and delusion*", they mean two different things.

Now the word revelation means The act of revealing or disclosing. b. Something revealed, something not previously known or realized but is made know or realized. In Scripture it is a manifestation of divine will or truth. So we see that Revelation is something that God had before hand hidden but then uncovers or discloses so as to reveal or make that truth known to men.

Now, let's contrast that to *delusion*, for delusion comes from deception which is the act of deceiving, and *to deceive you must take a truth and do something to it to hide it from men*. Therefore, revelation takes that which is hidden and reveals it, while deception takes that which is true and hides it from men. And the result is delusion.

We can say *revelation reveals or manifests while deception hinders or covers up truth*. In other words, then a *delusion is anti or the opposite of revelation*.

Now, you all know that I have taught the Message Doctrine to nearly three-thousand ministers face to face, around the world, and I can not say that all I've taught have learned the doctrine to the place that it is revealed to them down in their soul. In fact I would be very surprised if 10 percent really understood and received what I've taught them. Does that make me a poor teacher? I don't think so, because the Holy Ghost is the real Teacher.

And in fact Jesus said in John 6:45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

So you see, even when *God Himself is doing the teaching* not everyone who is taught learns what God Himself taught. And we know the Holy Spirit is the real teacher anyway, but God uses men to do his teaching, but it takes the Holy Spirit to anoint that teaching to make it a divine revelation.

BLASPHEMOUS NAMES 62-1104M 56 Number one, coming to you, your mental faith, right here, comes the Holy Spirit, coming down into your mental faith making it a spiritual faith. Then the spiritual faith only recognizes the Word. Now, and number two--three: Then you'll have spiritual, you'll be--have the Holy Spirit, and will seal all these things into you, as that Holy Spirit covers this. From your faith up to the Holy Spirit seals you in with Christ; then you become one. Amen. You become one. See, you and Christ live together. "At that day you'll know that I'm in the Father, the Father in Me, I in you, and you in Me." See? Then that's a sealed unit of the Lord God. Now, and then they are vindicated and placed. When that time takes place, they become vindicated sons and daughters of God.

So notice that brother Branham is telling us here that when the Holy Spirit comes into your mental faith, he anoints that mental faith and it becomes a spiritual dynamic Revelation, and then it is sealed in there and no one could ever take it from you, and he said it makes us one with Christ. And notice he said when we come to that place we are ready for the placing as sons and daughters of God. In other words, we must be in that condition where our mental faith has been anointed with the Spirit of God and it has dropped down into our soul sealing us in and making us One with the mind of Christ, and we must come to that condition in order to be placed in the adoption of sons.

Again from **BLASPHEMOUS NAMES 62-1104M 53** The biggest part of our faith is mental faith. By hearing the Word it brings us to a mental recognition of God. But if this coming from above, oh, brother, if it ever strikes this, there is a godly, spiritual faith. Then what does that faith do? That faith recognizes only the Word. No matter what anything else says, it only recognizes the Word, because "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (And the Word's still God.) And the Word was made flesh and dwelled among us." And when the word Itself is pouring into our faith, our mental faith becomes a spiritual revelation. "And upon this foundation I'll build My Church," (See?), not upon a mental conception of church joining, a mental conception of that, but upon the revelation. When them streams of grace has poured into that mental faith that you've got, then upon this, a spiritual revelation, "I'll build My Church and the gates of hell can't prevail against it." See? That shows they would be against it, but it'll never prevail. Oh, what a glorious thing.

Now, notice how brother Branham tells us that *the Holy spirit comes and anoints our mental Faith and then it becomes a spiritual revelation* that builds upon Word upon Word upon Word. that brother Branham says when these streams of Grace pour in upon our mental faith. Then he says "*when them streams of grace has poured into that mental faith that you've got, then upon this, a spiritual revelation*."

Now, Peter. The one who Jesus praised for receiving the Revelation of the Godhead, that there is One God and He had a Son, and Jesus was that Son of God. In **1 Peter 1:13** he tells us "Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; "

Notice he says at the end time there will be a certain Grace that will be brought to you at the time of the Revelation of Jesus Christ. And in **1 Corinthians 1** which says, **1 Corinthians 1:3** *Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ;*

Now, notice what this Grace is to do. 5 *That in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance*, (that word utterance was translated from the Greek word Logos, which we know as Word, but also it means doctrine or teaching) *and in all knowledge;*

So we see that this Grace is to enrich us like fertilizer does to the seed planted in the soil, and it is to enrich the doctrine and knowledge in order to produce a fully manifested crop of sons and daughters. Then he tells us why. 6 Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you:

7 So that ye come behind in no gift; (the word is charisma and it means endowment as in mental acuity or ability to understand. So God sends a special anointing of Grace in order to anoint our minds to the doctrine so that we come behind in no understanding) waiting for the coming (the apokalupsis or unveiling) of our Lord Jesus Christ: 8 Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 10 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

So you see this grace that brother Branham was talking about is the same Grace that peter and Paul spoke of that would come at the time of the *apokalupsis* or Unveiling of the Mighty God. And it was to produce in us an anointing upon the doctrine and knowledge of Jesus Christ the Son of God that we might understand our own role as sons giving us the same mind that was in Christ and readying us for the adoption as obedient sons. So **we see the important of revelation to the believer**. *Revelation is what seals us in*. *Revelation is what takes all the teaching by the five fold ministry and anoints that mental faith with an ability to take on Word upon word upon word, bringing it to a supernatural dynamic revelation that seals us into Christ the word, and readies us for our adoption.*

1 John 2:20 But ye have an anointing from the Holy One, and ye know all things. 21 I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth. 22 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. 23 Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledges the Son hath the Father also. 24 Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father. 25 And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life. 26 These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you. 27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

So we see that the Holy Spirit is our teacher and the anointing of the Holy Spirit upon the believer is what allows you to know and understand the deep things of God.

1 Corinthians 2:1 And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. 2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. 3 And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. 4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: 5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

And that is the problem that we have right here in this message, that men have received their learning from men but not from God.

Brother Branham taught us in his sermon VOICE OF THE SIGN 64-0321E 33 The elected listens to the voice. But the unelected ignores and says, "Nonsense. Go on. We'll take the same old school." That's the way they did in the days of Luther.

And from his sermon GOD WHO IS RICH IN MERCY 65-0119 191 If a man comes out with an odd peculiar ministry, that's found in the Bible to be the Truth, and that man stays right in that same old denominational doctrine, forget it. Nothing to it. God don't do a thing like that. That thing, that's rotten manna that's got termites in it, or wiggletails, or whatever you want to call it, from forty, fifty years ago, still trying to eat that old manna that fell way back years ago. And the children of Israel on their journey, new manna fell every night. That's right, you couldn't keep it over. We don't live over some other age gone by. We're eating new Manna, fresh Manna out of heaven, in our journey as we go on.

Then why do men keep preaching the same old denominational Oneness doctrine and claim to believe the sign. They see the prophet, so they see the sign, but why do they keep preaching the same old watered down doctrine that they held back in Pentecost?

THE TOKEN 64-0308 77 *He displayed His sign as Messiah, and so forth. And they, many of them, said, "Yes, I could go for that." Well, now, if that was a sign, there's got to be a voice of that sign. What was the voice behind it? When He begin to teach His doctrine and call them a bunch of snakes in the grass, He wasn't popular from then on (See?) when the voice came with the sign. The sign went first.*

So we see that the doctrine is so vitally important, because it is the fertilizer upon the seed bringing it into manifestation of the life that lays within it. And Jesus said they did not want his doctrine, they wanted the doctrine of man instead an by teaching for doctrine the commandments of men they made the Word of God of none effect to themselves.

And Paul said, 6 Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: 7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: 8 Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit:

for **The Spirit** searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God knoweth. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. 13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. 16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

And if you hear but do not learn it is because you might have heard but you did not believe. Or else what you heard you really did not hear, and what you saw, you did not see nor did they perceive or understand lest God would have to heal them as Jesus quoted. So by hearing and not hearing and seeing and not seeing it shows they had preconceived ideas already of what it was they were hearing and seeing, but their preconceived notions were wrong. That is why they heard and did not hear, and saw but did not see, nor did they understand.

Now, seeing that I have met first hand in my meetings overseas nearly 3,000 ministers who claim to believe in this message, and having met them, and having personally talked to many of them, and having received questions from a whole lot of them, I think I can say that there is not a person I have met who claims to believe William Branham's Message that can not quote you **Malachi 4, Luke 17:30** and **Revelations 10:1-7**. And all these ministers know by heart what Peter said by Revelation to Jesus. And yet if you ask them to speak those most notable words, I have my doubts that they could quote those words right, or at least if they actually quoted Peter right, yet many of them do not believe words Peter said. And why is that? Because Peter said "*Thou art the Christ, the Son of God*," and they will not preach that God even had a son much less believe that He is the Son of God still.

So if the Word of God is shown to them, like it is shown to the real believer who believes it, but to them nothing happens. Well, then what happens to them? There can be nothing left for them but the delusion that Jesus, James, John, Jude, Peter and Paul talked about.

Paul told us in 2 Thessalonians 2:10 because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: 12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Now, a delusion is: "A false belief strongly held in spite of invalidating evidence".

Therefore, no matter how many hundreds of Scriptures you give them, and no matter how many hundreds of quotes from Brother Branham you give them, they still refuse to believe what the Prophet of God and the Word of God say. That is one strong delusion, brother. I have talked to these men and they tell me they believe every word brother Branham said, but will right out deny and disagree with what he said.

So instead of revelation feeding on Word upon Word upon Word, *they receive a strong delusion that feeds upon a lie,* which is what other men say, and thus *they would rather believe a Lie than The Truth* vindicated by Scripture and Prophetic utterance of Thus Saith the Lord from God's prophet.

Then, if revelation is to anoint our mental faith and create in us a supernatural understanding and bring us to a readied state for adoption, then deception must do just the opposite. Delusion causes one to fall away from The Faith which is The Revelation of Jesus Christ.

Now, you can't tell me that men do not intentionally hold to error rather than the Truth. Jesus said, **John 3:19** And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

The Bible tells us that they will lie in wait to deceive. Paul said in **Ephesians 4: 14** *That we* henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

Jesus said in Matthew 23: 13 But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.

And again we hear Paul say the same thing in, **Romans 1:18** For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

Now, that word "hold" was translated from the Greek word "Katecho" which means "to hold down, to withhold or hold back", in other words "they suppress the Truth."

Notice that "they hold down the Truth in un-right-wise-ness," which means "they hold the Truth with an incorrect understanding," that's how they hold down the truth. So you see by teaching error instead of the Truth they hold it back from the people. Let me say that again for you that are taking notes. By teaching error instead of the Truth they hold it back from the people. Let me people. Therefore, in order to withhold the Truth from the people, they cause the people to stay away from the Truth. Now to do this they must lie about the truth concerning the relationship between the Father and His eldest born son. That is why they tell others that we Two Gods, and by doing so, they are able to suppress the knowledge of the Truth and keep the people from the truth of this message, keeping the people focused on the man instead of His Message. And the people become afraid to inquire about the Truth, even though in their soul, they would like to know what it is we teach concerning the Doctrine of Christ.

Now, in order to teach a lie they will not come right out and deny the Scriptures. No, even Satan did not outright do that. They are smart enough to know if they outright disagree with Br. Branham, and say he was wrong they will loose their meal ticket, but then when you quote from the Scriptures and William Branham they say you are making it up, or you are twisting it. They say they believe him to be the prophet of this hour, and even claim him as their prophet, yet they deny what he taught.

In Kampala Uganda, I told them, "why don't you just go off and start your own message since you are not teaching what brother Branham taught in His Message." I said, "and why do you still hold him up as your prophet when you preach what he taught?" And I said, "brother Braham is no more your prophet than Peter was the first pope." And "Just because you say it doesn't make it so."

They tell the people the Scriptures do not mean what it says. And I've heard of preachers right in this Message quoting from the Scripture that describes the end-time and then tell their congregations that what the scripture is describing is for another day.

I mean they actually read from 1 timothy 4 where it says, "*Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall...*" and then it gives us a list of some of the things that they will do or will no longer do, and these ministers then tell their congregation that, that Scripture doesn't apply for this day? Well, if 1 Timothy 4 doesn't apply to this hour, then tell me what does? I mean "*if this is not the end-time then may God give me a thousand years of good health.*"

And yet the scripture specifically speaks of the end-time and then says what they will and won't do, and to justify themselves they say it doesn't apply to this hour. And that is no different than those who do not teach that "*Jesus could not be His own Father*", as brother Branham taught us. So they just won't share the Scriptures with the people that conflict with their own petty doctrines.

The scripture teaches us very explicitly that "God left Jesus in Gethsemane", and that "God entered into His Son in the river Jordan", yet they will neither quote the Scripture nor God's vindicated prophet concerning those thoughts, and yet they still claim to believe every Word he taught. They won't read those Scriptures to the people, nor will they quote the prophet, yet they will then quote where brother Branham said, "say only what the tapes say," and claim they are doing it, yet they won't say what he said when it comes to certain things. The scripture plainly teaches us that "Jesus is the Son of God" and that he was born so "he had to have a beginning", as our prophet taught us, yet they just won't read those Scriptures or quotes to their congregations, and pretty soon they won't read too much from the Bible either, so they end up quoting other men or just yelling and screaming a lot in what they call worship, and they drum out the peoples thoughts with a lot of music and very little Word, or just enough to say we preached from the Bible and Message today.

And don't think when Brother Branham preached the Indictment he wasn't indicting a whole lot of ministers that claim to follow the Message but outright deny it.

INDICTMENT THE 63-0707M 116 You poor intellectual, spiritual deprived, rejected upon your own grounds, you read the same Bible that any other man can read; but you've turned down the Spirit of God, till the Bible said you'd be given over to a strong delusion to believe a lie and be damned by it. You actually believe that you're right, and the Bible says that you'd believe it and be damned by the same lie that you believe to be the truth. Therefore, I indict you by the Word of God. You are teaching the people a error and crucifying the principles of Christ, of holiness, and Life above as a person might walk out on the street and be a different person.

So why do they claim to believe the message and yet deny it? Because they are under a delusion as both the Scripture and William Branham said. And what is the best way to hide a real diamond? Put it in a room with a thousand counterfeits. And what is the best way to hide or hold down the Truth? Put it in a Message with a thousand counterfeits. AND THE counterfeit religion isn't out there somewhere in the denominations, it's right in our midst trying to keep you from the Truth of the Message.

Paul told us in **Romans 1: 25** that they would take the truth and change it enough to bring it into error. He said, "Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen."

Therefore, instead of preaching about the Son of God and how he came and laid down his own Life, they preach about the Bride, the Bride, the Bride. In other words, *they teach about the creature more than the creator*. And I'm not interested in hearing about the bride at all. Since I have come into this message, I've had enough disappointment in men who claim to believe this message, and oh what disappointment it's been over the past 36 years.

So, don't talk to me about any man, because I've seen most of them who claim to be preachers, and I'm not impressed. What I want to hear is about my eldest brother Jesus, because he's the Saviour of my soul. I want to hear about Him, the eldest brother who gave His life for me. So, don't come around talking to me about the Bride, the Bride, the Bride, because I am not interested. I'm interested in knowing more about my Father, and My eldest brother in this vast family of brethren, and how my Father has come down in this Hour to get me ready to meet by eldest brother in the air, and to get me out of this pest house. But if your focus is on men, you're only going to be disappointed, because my Bible tells me that "all have sinned and all have come short of the glory of God." And it also says, "There is none that is righteous, no not even one."

So I am not interested in hearing about how great the bride is, when she has not even proved herself to be righteous and holding fast to God's Word for this hour. No, these men who teach such don't even believe "*the record that God gave of His Son*" and so in essence they are calling God a liar.

That's what the Apostle John said in 1 John 5:10 He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.

And what was this record that God gave of His Son. John told us in John 1:32 And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. And again he said in verse 34 And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.

So the error of the wicked is to take the word of God and twist it in such a way as to distort it, so it does not say what it actually says. It means to lie about the Truth in order to cause the people to stay away from it. That's how they suppress the truth.

2 Peter 3: 17 *Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness.*

And Jude tells us in Jude 1: 11 Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core.

And what was the error of Balaam? We're all the same. That was the error of Balaam, We're all the same, but *we are not the same*. Ninety some percent of the Message preachers don't preach what William Branham taught, and they don't want you to hear it either. So they call it *two-gods doctrine*, which is a blatant lie, because they know we do not preach *two-gods*, but they say it anyway. Why? For one purpose and that is to suppress and hold down the truth. And that is exactly what Jesus said they would do. Spirits don't change, they just move from one vessel to another. These same spirit denied that Jesus was the son of God back then, and they do so today. They caused the people to be afraid to follow Jesus in the Alpha and they do so in the Omega. They say Jesus preached two Lords, because he said, he was the son of God. And they said anyone that follows him will be excommunicated from the synagogue. And they did the same thing to Brother Branham. They did the same thing to Luther, and to Wesley, and Jesus said they will do the same thing to you.

Jesus said in his Prayer to the Father in John 17: 14 I have given them thy Word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

And he also said in John 16:2 They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service. 3 And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me.

And again Jesus said in John 15: 20 Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. 21 But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me. 22 If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloke for their sin.

Then Jesus said, 23 He that hateth me hateth my Father also. 24 If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father. 25 But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause.

And they hated William Branham without a cause because he came to them and did what no other man could do and they turned down his doctrine to hold to some silly denominational teaching that Jesus was his own Father. And so they do not know what to do with the Body and so some say it went back to gases. You talk about silly women laden with diverse lusts, and endless wives fables. We got it right here among us in this Message.

And they have attacked brother Vayle ruthlessly without a cause. Many who echo the false lies that say he teaches two God's have never even heard him preach. But they deny his ministry because brother Branham said they would.

But listen to what John says in 1 John 4: 6 We are of God: and he that knoweth God heareth us; and he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error, the spirit of delusion.

Now, brother Branham warned us in his sermon **Christ revealed in his own Word** that people would lose their minds at the end time. He said, "In the Laodicean age the people were what? Naked (Are they?), blind. What good does light do to a blind man? If the blind leads the blind, don't they all fall in the ditch? Naked, blind, and don't know it. Even their mental faculties are gone, their spiritual faculties of mental-spiritual understanding. See? Heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God, truce breakers, false accusers, incontinent, and despisers of those that are good, having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof, The power of revelation, they don't even believe in it. See?") They don't believe in such things as prophets, and so... They don't believe in it."

and from his sermon, **Way Of A True Prophet 62-0513M 118** he said, "*The Bible said if* they wouldn't believe the Word, **He'd give them strong delusions** to believe a lie and would be damned by it. That's exactly what these organizations and people of this nation's doing today: believing a lie to be damned by it."

And from his sermon, God's Wrapped Gift 60-1225 53 brother Branham said, "God said He'd give them over to strong delusions to believe a lie and be damned by it. God said He would do it. You refuse right, you have to take wrong. There's no other way. You refuse to go right, you have to go left, go some other way beside right; so you can't go right and wrong at the same time. When they refused the Holy Ghost, they refused Christ, they refused God's program, they refused the messenger, they refused everything; so therefore, they're left in their sin. There's nothing left then but judgment."

So *they've turned down the truth because they would rather believe a lie*, and the Bible tells us that *they will be damned by it*.

In closing, brother Branham said in his sermon called, A Deceived Church By The World 59-0628M 50 But as Israel was bound by their kings, that they could not follow the real King, and the real King, when He came, they didn't recognize Him, so is it today, O Lord, the King of glory has appeared in the form of the Holy Ghost, and, Lord, they don't know it. They don't recognize it. They're so organized so tight, that they do not understand it, because it's not in their organization. Lord, this is a work of the Devil that's done this to the people. May the Samson of God, may the true in heart, those who are longing and crying, and pleading and holding on, may they stay with it, Lord, until this new crop grows out, until there comes forth again a joy in Zion, and there comes forth a group that can recognize and understand, that can see the Messiah and the hidden power that's hid from the world, that they will not understand now. Grant, Lord, that they'll see this. For we ask it in Jesus' Name. Amen.