

## Unveiling of God no 102

### Revelation or Delusion

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But the False Vine do not love the True Word, but hold to the word for another age, and because they loved not the Word they are turned over to a delusion.

**2 Thessalonians 2:10-12** *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.*

From his sermon **Christ is the Mystery pp. 120** Brother Branham said, "Look, Christ in you makes Him the center of Life of the revelation. See? Christ's Life in you makes Him the center of the revelation. Christ in the Bible, makes the Bible a complete revelation of Christ. **Christ in you makes you the complete revelation** of the whole thing. See, what God's trying to do? What is the new birth then? You say, "Well, Brother Branham, what is the new birth?" **It is the revelation of Jesus Christ personally to you.** Amen. See? Not you joined a church, you shook a hand; you done something different; you said a creed; you promised to live by a code of rules; but Christ, the Bible... He is the Word that was revealed to you. And no matter what anybody says, what takes place, it's Christ. Pastor, priest, whatever it might be... It's Christ in you. That is a--the revelation that the Church was built upon.

**121** You say, "Well, I'm a Lutheran"; "I'm a Baptist"; "I'm Presbyterian." That don't don't mean [Brother Branham snaps his fingers--Ed.] that to God, not a thing, not a snap of your finger. What is it? **It's Christ being revealed, and He is the Word.** And **when the Word is revealed, It expresses Itself.** See? That's God's purpose for Jesus Christ, was to express Himself, to take His own laws and live by His laws, and fulfill His law by death. Christ, God died in flesh in order to condemn sin in the flesh that He might bring to Himself a glorious Bride, redeemed back, **that will believe only in the Word of God and not swap It, like Eve did, for intellectual conceptions of men.** You see it?

Notice now what he just said here. "**When the Word is revealed it expresses itself.**" You can't get away from the definition of what Revelation is. It is not a mental thing, it is a manifestation of Divine Truth, therefore it has to be an expression in you.

**122** That's Christ's idea. That's God's idea. **The new birth reveals this.** And if a man says **he's born again** and **try to place these promises of Christ in this last day to some other age, making Him Christ yesterday, but not today, then that man or that person has been in a delusion by Satan.** And **if that man says that he believes that, and it doesn't manifest itself through him...** Jesus said in **Mark 16**, "**These signs shall follow them that believe... into all the world and to every age.**" Casting out devils, and speaking with tongues, and all of these great manifestations of gifts that would follow, that they shall--not that they maybe, they ought to; **they will.** And heavens and earth will pass away, but His Word won't.

So what you are looking at here is this. **Revelation manifests while delusion does not manifest.**

There are two things that brother Branham speaks of here in this paragraph, and that is **Revelation** and **Delusion**. These are two opposing things.

Now, according to Webster's Dictionary, **Revelation is a *manifestation of divine will or truth***. Notice revelation is not words, revelation is not mental knowledge or understanding as though someone tells you something, or your mind understands something. The definition of **Revelation** is "***a manifestation of Divine will or truth***." Therefore it is a **Manifestation as in "expression"**. So the invisible becomes visible. If a person claims revelation, then there must be manifestation and expression, or what they have it is not a **Revelation** but only a **Delusion**.

Notice the apostle Paul said in **Ephesians 3:3** *How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; So **revelation is a making known** by using something to manifest it.*

This is very important for us to understand because many people think they have a revelation but in fact are only under a delusion.

**62-0218 - Perseverance 26** *Now, the devil is not like some people think, "he's mean and everything," but he's deceitful. **The devil makes you think that you're right**. But when you disagree with the Word, that shows that it isn't the Spirit of God, 'cause the Holy Spirit wrote the Bible. And then it's got to be agreeable with the Word.*

Now listen to me, most people are living in a delusion. If they do not have Revelation they have delusion, and that is dangerous because they think they are right.

The difference between revelation and delusion is that Revelation is based on Bible truth that is manifested, rather than Bible truth that is mentally believed.

Revelation is a Bible truth that you see coming to pass. That is what Revelation means. Revelation is not as many think, just some mental understanding you have that you did not have before. That is only a delusion if it has only come as far as a mental understanding.

Because a delusion is a false belief or opinion: That is something that is mental. Delusion has to do with the mind. Thinking something that is not. It comes from the word **delude** which means *to mislead the mind or judgment of; deceive*: And then the dictionary gives an example of how the word is used. "*His conceit deluded him into believing he was important.*"

Notice the mind or judgment was misled or deceived. And in the case of this young man, it was what he claims to have seen a vision, (which many people call dreams visions when they are not a vision, but just a dream). And I do not doubt that he had a vision or dream, but his problem is that he did not check his dream or vision by the Word. We must check everything by the Word. And in the case of this person he said, it is not the Word that is important, it is the voice that speaks to Him.

Now I do not deny that he may hear voices, but Whose voice is he hearing. Remember satan can impersonate anything the Holy Spirit does. And most mental patients hear voices, and many claim those voices are God. But if that voice is not Scriptural then it is not the voice of God but a demon. And that is where so many people open themselves up to a delusion.

Why? Because they do not love the Word, which is the Truth

Let's read what the apostle Paul said again from **2 Thessalonians 2:10-12** *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.*

Notice the reaction, just like Cain who when he was wrong got angry instead of talking to his brother to find out about Abel's Revelation, Cain got angry and wanted to destroy his brother. If the brother had listened he would have heard me quote the Apostle Paul that **God was IN Christ reconciling the world to himself**. He would have heard me quote a vindicated prophet of God that said ***the body was not deity but deity dwelt in the body***. He would have heard me quote the Vindicated prophet who said, "***Jesus and God are not one like your finger is one.***"

He would have heard me quote God's prophet as saying, **Questions and answers COD 64-0830M P:62** *Jesus was not God, but He was God. He was a Man, yet He was God. He could cry, and yet He could raise the dead. He could cry for a man being dead and raise him back up again. He was Jehovah-jireh, Jehovah-rapha, Jehovah Manasses; He was Jehovah, all completely. He was Jehovah, and yet He was a Man.*"

But usually when they hear us quote the prophet they do not believe we are quoting him because they do not believe what is being quoted, and that is their problem and not mine.

Now, a lot of people call ***the Parousia*** - "***a false doctrine***", but just because they say it, doesn't make it so. If Jesus preached it first, which he was the first to preach of His coming Parousia, and then the apostle Paul preached it and he said if you do not preach what I preach you are cursed with a curse. Then we find the apostle Peter preaching it, and we also found that the apostle John preached it, and so did the apostle James preach it as well.

Therefore if all the apostles who wrote the New testament all preached it, as well as Our Lord Jesus Christ who was the first to preach it, and then you call it a false doctrine, I would have to doubt your having the same Holy Spirit who wrote the Word and placed the doctrine of the Parousia in the word. Because it shows the Word is not revealed to you, and therefore your understanding is false and you are living in a delusion, and not by Revelation.

Remember, "just one word off is Satan's kingdom". And when you turn down the truth God will give you over to a reprobate mind which is a delusion.

I hope and trust that I will follow brother Vayle to where he is now because I am positive sure he is saved and in fellowship with God's prophet beyond the curtain of time even as we speak. And the prophet told him, "***Lee, you will be in that tent when I get it, and you will teach doctrine to the ministers and faith to the people.***"

Now, listen carefully to what brother Branham said in his sermon **Word become flesh India trip 54-1003M P:80** *Now, you can express it by mental conception, but if it becomes a real revelation of God, that you see it before it happened, and express it in word form, that word takes a hold and becomes material: a thought expressed. Oh, my, how God could... See? If your heart and your mind is so, and in-filled with God's Spirit, until your thoughts become His thoughts... Amen. There you are. When your mind, and your leading, and your guiding, becomes a direct place, or a direct inspiration of the Holy Spirit that's moving*

*your mortal being... Oh, my. What kind of people should we be? If the very Holy Spirit has you so embodied or empowered, that you don't use your own thoughts, you don't use your own mind, you don't use your own opinion; but the Holy Spirit has you so built, until your thoughts and your being is God's Spirit expressing Itself through you, what kind of a church would we be? What kind of a people would it be, this morning, if this Branham Tabernacle, this morning, was so filled with the Presence of God, why, when you didn't even use your own mind, didn't even use your own thoughts, didn't even have no alternative of your own, but just to be led by the Spirit...?*

Hallelujah!! So filled with God's Words, His thoughts, that our bodies begin to express the God-Life contained in that Word within us. That is when God-Word becomes manifested Word, and manifested Word is Manifested-Life. For Jesus said in **John 6:63**, "*The Words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are Life.*"

Now, the opposite of this **Revelation** is **delusion**. A **Delusion** is when you think you know but you really don't know. You are only deluded. And **Deluded** meaning: *To deceive the mind or judgment of*: Therefore a delusion is *an act or process of deluding or being deceived. b. The state of being deluded or deceived. 2. A delusion is A false belief or opinion*:

We find then two conditions at the end time. First we have a great promise of an end-time **Revelation** and then there is also the promise that this end time will be the time of **great deception** and **delusion**.

Now which of these conditions you will find yourself in will depend on your own heart, your election, and **your love for the truth**.

The promise of the great **end-time Revelation** we find in **1 Peter 1:13** *Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;*

And again in **Ephesians 1:17** *That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:*

Notice we see that the revelation of Jesus Christ is the great end time revelation, and that is because as the Lord descends from heaven with a Shout which is the Message, that Message is the Revelation of Jesus Christ. But at the same time there is also promised a great deception or delusion that will come on the scene at the end time as well.

**2 Timothy 3:13** *But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, **deceiving**, and being deceived.*

And of course going back to our text for this morning we see in **2 Thessalonians 2:10** *And with all **deceivableness** (which means to mislead by a false appearance or statement; **delude**: *They deceived the enemy by disguising the destroyer as a freighter.* to be unfaithful to (one's spouse or lover). and as a verb it means to to mislead or falsely persuade others; practice deceit.*

*And with all **deceivableness** (by a deluding) of un-right-wise-ness in them that perish; **because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.** So you see the delusion comes via **un-right-wise-ness**, which is a wrong understanding. People will be*

deluded by their own lack of understanding.

**11** *And for this cause* (what cause? The fact they did not love the truth) **God shall send them strong delusion**, (a false opinion or belief) **that they should believe the lie:**

So they will be so caught up into their own creeds and dogma that they will be unable to see the truth when it is shown openly to them. They will refuse it because they would rather believe a lie than the truth. And for this purpose **12** *That they all might be damned who believed not the truth*, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

So you see the true Vine love the truth but the false vine love un-right-wise-ness, and they will be damned because they love not the truth. Then in the next verse he speaks of the true Vine and he says, ...

**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* (doxa, the opinion, values, and judgments) *of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Now, there are two words that are very important here for us to review. he said, "*with all deceivableness of un-righteousness in them that perish*. So the un-right-wise-ness they possess is the delusion they hold onto and are damned by it.

1) He says "*with all deceivableness*": now, there is not an English word **deceivableness**, in the dictionary, but there is a word **deceivable** which means **To cause to believe what is not true; to mislead** and there is the suffix **-ness** which denotes **the quality or state of being**.

2) he adds "*Of un-righteousness*": **un right wise-ness** or **not wise** which means **incorrectness**.

Notice that the attributes of these people is that they are deceived by an incorrect word,, belief or opinion. The word **un-right-wise-ness** speaks of **incorrectness** in their doctrine. That is how they are deceived. And remember, the Bible says, they are deceived and they deceive. "*evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.*"

From **The First Seal 63-0318 P:44** brother Branham quotes the scripture and then explains it, "*And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness... (deceiving people by un-righteousness)... 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.*"*

And from his sermon, **God of this evil age 65-0801M P: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, values 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 her also said, in **Philippians 3: 15** *Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in anything ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.*

So what gives us the ability to be **Thus Minded** is the **Revelation** we receive from God.

Any child who follows the ministry of William Branham should be able to quote from **Matthew 16:17** *And 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. 18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock (of revelation) I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*

Now, as I said, just about anyone who follows William Branham's Message has heard him say this 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.*

Not thou art God, but **thou art the Son of 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."*

But Peter had just called Jesus the Son of God, and the majority of the ministers (so called) who claim to be following the ministry of William Branham do not have that same **revelation** as Peter had, that was given to Peter by God the Father as Jesus pointed out.

So, this morning we are going to 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 as well. And let's face it, I am not interested in the world. It is a lost cause. But what I am interested in are the Sons and daughters of God who are sitting under false shepherds who have not more **revelation** from God, than the Oneness Pentecostals do.

Now 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 they mean two different**

*things.* And the words **Revelation** and **Delusion** are also two different words and therefore 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 a knowledge that God had alone, but had not yet revealed it, then He uncovers or discloses that truth so as to reveal, manifest or make that truth known to men. It may have been hidden in the Word for ages, but until God makes it manifest, it is still hidden. But when God reveals it through manifestation, that then becomes the interpretation of the Word. And thus when He does that we call that **revelation**.

And as we mentioned earlier that **revelation** has to do with **manifestation**. As we read the definition of **Revelation** earlier tonight as being “a *Manifestation of Divine will or truth.*”

And we noticed, that the word **Manifestation** is an *expression* and that expression or manifestation is used by God to clarify the revelation and what it consists of.

In other words, “*that which is invisible becoming visible.*”

Then if **revelation** has to do with a **manifesting**, then the opposite would be a **delusion** which would have to be **an absence of manifestation** or **an absence of expression**.

As the Apostle James said in **James 1:22** *But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.*

Therefore, James suggests here that *if we are not expressing our belief in an outward expression or manifestation we are deceiving ourselves into thinking we believe when we in fact do not believe.* So the absence of expression shows **delusion**.

Now, notice the word **delusion** comes from **deception**, *the act of deceiving*, and to **deceive** you must take a truth and do something to it to hide it from men. So **revelation** takes that which is hidden and **reveals** or **expresses**, while **Deception** takes that which is true and **covers it over** or **hides it** from men, and the result is **delusion**. believing something there is no reality for.

So we can say **revelation reveals** or **revelation manifests** while **deception hinders** or **delusion hides** or **covers up** truth. In other words, then a **delusion** is anti or the opposite of **Revelation**, because **Revelation expresses** while **delusion suppresses expression**.

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.*

You see, *he that expresses comes to God* while *he that expresses not, comes not to God*.

In paragraph **121** that we read tonight notice brother Branham said, *And when the Word is revealed, It expresses Itself. See? That's God's purpose for Jesus Christ, was to express Himself, to take His own laws and live by His laws, and fulfill His law by death. Christ, God died in flesh in order to condemn sin in the flesh that He might bring to Himself a glorious Bride, redeemed back, **that will believe only in the Word of God and not swap It, like Eve did, for intellectual conceptions of men.** You see it?*

Notice how he mentions in paragraph **121** *when the Word is revealed, It expresses Itself*, but then notice in the next paragraph **122**, brother Branham lets us know that *if a man says he believes but doesn't express it or manifest it in his life, he is just living in a delusion*.

**122** ...*The new birth reveals this. And if a man says he's born again and try to place these promises of Christ in this last day to some other age, making Him Christ yesterday, but not today, then that man or **that person has been in a delusion** by Satan. And if that man says that he believes that, and it doesn't manifest itself through him.*

Woe woe woe, listen to what he just said, "*And if that man says that he believes that, and it doesn't manifest itself through him.*"

There's your **John 14:12**. and notice brother Branham goes on to point out Mark 16 and listen to what he says about it. "*Jesus said in **Mark 16**, "These signs shall follow them that believe... into all the world and to every age." Casting out devils, and speaking with tongues, and all of these great manifestations of gifts that would follow, that **they shall**, not that they maybe, they ought to; **they will!** And heavens and earth will pass away, but His Word won't.*

So you see the importance of the manifestation of the Word of Life in your life, the **expression of the God-Life**? For **without it** you are only **deluding** yourself. Without **manifestation** in your life that it is actually **God-Life** living in you, you are living in a deception brothers, sisters, a **delusion**.

Notice brother Branham is telling us here that when a person is genuinely born again there will be a manifestation of that Life living itself out in you. And **if there is no expression or manifestation in your life then you are still dead in your sins**, and you only think you are a believer when you are not.

So we see the important of **revelation** to the believer. **Revelation** is what seals us in and gives us the assurance that we really do believe, because you see the evidence of belief in our life. When your body begins to believe your confession is when "*His Spirit bears witness with your spirit that you are a son of God.*" You can say all day long that you believe this Message correctly but saying it and expressing it are two different things.

The problem we have right here in this message, is that men have received their learning from men and "*they got it but they don't got it*", because the Life of the Word is missing though they can quote it all day long. They might have it from man but not from God.

Remember, it is all about dying out to self, and letting **God work in you both to will and to do**.

That is what brother Branham is telling us here in **Show us the Father 59-0419E P:71** *The thing to do is **know that you're coming to fulfill a promise that God made you**. There's going to be thousands of people praying for you. And when you come by this line, when we pray, lay hands on you, just as soon as hands is laid upon you, you've just like rising them up out of the water of being baptized. You have done something that God give you a promise what would happen. **He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved**. You go right out of this building testifying that you're saved. What if you go out of the building saying that, "Well, I don't know." **Then you're not saved**. But **God will make your body obey your confession**. See? And **He's the High Priest of our confession**. **Before you can be healed, you have to confess it first**. You have to believe that you are healed. And **then when you***

**believe you're healed, God makes your body obey your confession.** So now when you come by here, just let it be settled; say, "God, this is Your command. I believe I'm healed," walked off the platform ...

And from his sermon **Attitude and who is God? 50-0815 P:35** And when *the inspiration of the Holy Spirit is here to inspire you, remember, God will make your body come into your confession.* If you say you're a drunkard, and want a drink. Don't worry, you'll soon be one. If you say you're a sinner, and want to sin, you'll be right into it. **If you say you're a Christian and believe it all along, God will bring... Your testimony will bring you right into it.** If you believe in healing, and believe that God has healed you, **confess it, and God will make your body obey your confession,** for **He's the High Priest of your confession;** setting at the right-hand of the Father now with His own Blood **to make intercessions for any confession** upon anything that He died for. And He died to rid sin. And sickness is the result of sin. **"He was wounded for our transgressions, with His stripes we are healed."** Remember that. Have faith. Don't waiver. Stand on it.

And let me tell you this, **You will know** when you have it from God, and that is when it takes a hold of your life and brings with it an expression and a manifestation of that truth in your life. Until then you are only professing it.

Brother Branham said in his sermon **Voice Of The Sign 64-0321E E-33** **The elected listens to the voice.** **But the unelected ignores and says, "Nonsense. Go on. We'll take the same old school."** There' our two vines again. The true Vine, the Elect, they listens to it and enters into it, while the false Vine, they ignore it and pass right on by it.

The Apostle Paul said in **1 Corinthians 2:6** *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.*

So you see because they could not see or understand the glory, the doxa of God, they crucified the Lord of Glory. Your actions or lack of actions will give you away every time.

**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.*

You see there is an action right there. You will compare, you will search, you will keep looking and God will let you know you've got it when you begin to see His life living your life for you, when you hunger and thirst and he begins to fill.

**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 or understand, and what you saw, *you did not see nor did you perceive nor understand lest God would have to heal them* as Jesus quoted in **Matthew 13**.

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. And they become a delusion. That is why they heard and did not hear, and saw but did not see, nor did they understand. They were deluded by a misunderstanding.

Now, I've seen this first hand in my minister meetings overseas. As I've told you before I have taught more than **3,500** ministers overseas, and I'm getting ready to teach many more in Gabon in a couple weeks. And having met thousands of ministers overseas, and talked to many of them, and received questions from a whole lot of them, I think I can say that there is not a person I've met who claims to believe William Branham's Message that cannot quote you **Malachi 4**, **Luke 17:30** and **Revelations chapter 10**.

And all these individuals also know by heart the emphasis that brother Branham spoke concerning how Peter by **Revelation** spoke those most notable word. And yet if you ask them to speak those most notable words, I have my doubts that they could all quote them, or at least they might quote them, but they do not believe them. Why, because they do not believe what Peter said that won praise from Jesus. *"Thou art the Christ, the Son of God."*

So if the Word of God is shown to them, like it is shown to the real believer who believes it, but nothing happens to the others, then what happens to them? They open themselves up for the great delusion.

Listen, the true Believer, the True Vine they hear and understand what they hear, and they see and perceive what they see. And what they see is the **manifestation** of the **revelation**. But the false Vine *hear and do not understand, and they see and do not perceive*, and therefore they are content in their deluded state, **thinking they are, what they are not**.

Again let's go back to what the Apostle 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 the lie: 12* *That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.*

In other words they took pleasure in a wrong understanding.

Now, a **delusion** is *A false belief strongly held **in spite of** in-validating evidence.*

And 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 concerning One God and Him having a son.

And that is one **strong delusion**, brother. I've talked to these men and they tell me they believe every word brother Branham said, but they deny and disagree with what he said.

So instead of **Revelation** that feeds upon Word upon Word upon Word, *they receive a strong delusion that feeds upon what other men have said*, and thus they would *rather believe the Lie* than *The Truth* vindicated by Scripture and Prophetic utterance of *Thus Saith the Lord*.

Well, if **revelation** anoints us to bring forth **expression**, and creates in us a supernatural **understanding** that readies us for adoption, then **deception** will do the opposite. It will cause to *fall away from The Faith* which is **The Revelation**, and *there is only One Lord and one Faith* and **that Faith is the revelation of that One Lord**.

As brother Branham said from **Anointed ones at end time 65-0725M P:186** *the faith, not a faith, the Faith. One faith, one Lord, one... You can't have one faith without believing in one Lord.*

Therefore, you can't tell me that these men who deny the Truth of the Word and have no expression of God-Life in themselves, are not intentionally holding to error rather than the Truth.

Jesus said in **John 3:19** *And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, (why?) because their deeds were evil.*

Notice as 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 will you allow them that are entering to go in.*

You see, *they themselves will not enter, they will not express* and *they will hold others back from that expression* or *manifestation* as well.

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 down in unrighteousness;* Now, that word hold was translated from the Greek word *Katecho* and it means *to hold down, to withhold* or *to 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 down the Truth using an incorrect understanding to do it**, that's how they hold down the truth.

So you see by teaching error instead of Truth they hold the Truth back from the people. By telling the people there is no expression, the manifestation is for the millennium, they are in fact keeping sons and daughters of God from becoming the manifested Word they were ordained to become. That is why understanding **John 14:12** is so important. Because if you are a true believer then you will truly manifest the same life Jesus did. And **that is the manifestation of the revelation** of Jesus Christ.

So 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, and so they will say teach God's children lies and say, *you have no need for that fiery experience of new birth, all you have to do is say you believe and you got it*. And thus they suppress the expression of God-Life from the people, because the people become afraid to check it with the Word.

Now, in order to teach a lie they do not come right out and deny the Scriptures. No, instead they will just not quote it, or when you quote from the Scriptures and William Branham they will say you are not teaching it like our church teaches it and therefore you are false.

False by teaching from the prophet and Scriptures? And you are right in teaching from your traditions and church dogma? I don't get it.

But they say they believe God's prophet, and yet they deny what he taught.

So what they do, is they tell the people the Scripture does not mean what it says. They teach the people that evidence is your experience, when they are two different words and they mean two completely different Words altogether.

They say the Parousia of Christ is a false doctrine because brother Branham never used the word Parousia. Yet the word Parousia means presence and he most certainly taught that well over 8-9,000 times in only 12 hundred sermons. And he even said, "*my ministry is to declare Him that He is here.*" And brother Branham did not have to use the word Parousia to teach the doctrine of Parousia. He used the equivalent English word presence.

In brother Branham's message *The Indictment 63-0707M P:116* what he said is just as alive today as when he preached it. And in that sermon he said, "*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 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 the Truth? Put it in a Message with a thousand counterfeits. Look, the counterfeit religion isn't out there somewhere, it's right in our midst trying to keep you from the Truth of the Message as Brother Branham said,

And how can you worship God outside of Truth. You can't. So they try to change the truth. 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 they will lie about the Truth in order to cause the people to stay away from it. That's how they suppress the truth.

***2 Peter 2:1** But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. 2 And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.*

The **Wuest Translation** puts it this way: ***2 Peter 2: 1** But as there arose false prophets also among the people, even as also among you there shall be false teachers who will be of such as to bring alongside of true doctrine destructive heresies even denying the Lord who purchased them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. 2 And many shall follow their licentious conduct to its consumation; on account of whom the way of truth will be reviled. These men will come into the Message and give a wrong understanding of the Word of God*

*and the people will be caught up into what these men say as evil interpreters of the Word of Truth. 3 And in the sphere of covetousness with fabricated words they will exploit you, from whom: for whom from ancient times their judgment has not been idle.*

And Jesus 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.*

So notice their expression is not in expressing the Word but in trying to kill the influence of the Word, thinking in doing so they are doing God a favor.

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.*

Now, brother Branham warned us in his sermon **Christ revealed in his own Word** that people would lose their minds in 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.***

**Way of a true prophet 62-0513M P:118** *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.*

**God's wrapped gift 60-1225 P:53** *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.***

And let me add, **"when they refuse the Word they refuse the Holy Ghost"**, For He is the Word.

**The Indictment 63-0707M P:72** *If a man accepts "Father, Son, and Holy Spirit," a creed in the stead of the Word, titles instead of the Name, what does he do to the people? **He crucifies the effects of the Word to the people.** When he says that **Mark 16** was just for that generation, and God said Himself right there, Jesus talking to them, said, **"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them..."** How far? Every nation, every creed, every tongue, every race, every people, the same*

Gospel. "**And these signs shall follow them that believe.**" And when a man tries to cut that out of the Bible, he crucifies the effects of the Gospel to that congregation. So I indict you in the Name of Jesus Christ: You're guilty of murdering the Lord.

Let us pray...