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**1** 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 Reasoning, 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 alway 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 Where unto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**2** From Christ is the Mystery of God Revealed pp. 259 brother Branham said, "Now, listen close. Fallen angels, what kind of angels? Luther, Wesley, Catholic, Pentecostal who kept not their first estate like the angels did and has fell into organizations like Lucifer's main hold at Nicaea...

**3** Notice brother Branham's words, here. First he says there are people who fell away from the Messages of their hour. They were part of that Message for their hour, then after the Messenger left the scene, these fell away. And notice how they fell away. He say they fell into organization. So Message people be warned, he's warning how that organizational spirit can take a mans soul right to hell.

**4** "And what have they done? Organized a great ecumenical association of ministers to make an image unto the beast, as the Bible said,

**5** Now, I hate to stop here halfway through this sentence, but notice again we must not fail to see what he is warning us about. Notice the Image that is made unto the Beast is Hierarchy. An association of ministers he says is what makes the image unto the Beast. Why? because the beast system or the Babylonian system was built on the doctrine of the Nicolaitians, which means to conquer the laity.

**6** What was it? Men rising up and laying claims to a hierarchy over the people. And that doctrine comes right out of the Pitts of hell.

**7** "and building a Christian economy that'll close the doors of this church and others like it. Listen, that's coming when the New laws being passed are making it a crime to be a Christian outside of the realm of those dead organized churches. Born again, Bible carrying people are laughed at by the Hierarchical politicians and church leaders.

**8** See Lucifer at his work? So that's what they are doing. But what about us?

**9** As for us, he says, I'm trying to bring you the threefold revelation or mystery of God. and remember, what was that? 1) Christ in His Son 2) Christ in us 3) Back to fellowship with our Father as it was in the garden. God and His Children back in fellowship.

**10** Then brother Branham says, What did they do? They Sold out to reasoning's of wisdom and education like Eve did, fallen angels did.

**11** So in selling out to reasoning of mans wisdom and his educational system, they fall. They fall where? They fall into organization. They have to because it is not Revelation they hold to. They fall away from Revelation into

reasoning for themselves, and Proverbs 16:25 There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

**12** Now, brother Branham said in The First Seal 63-0318 P:44 "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 a 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.

**13** 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 Delusions 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.

**14** Now, we know through our studies of the Word Glory that the Greek word for Glory was Doxa which means "the opinion, values and judgments" of God. In other words, it speaks of the very mindset that was in Christ.

**15** Paul said, Philippians 2:5 "Let this mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus."

**16** 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.

**17** So what gives us the ability to be Thus Minded is Revelation that comes from God. But what causes the great delusion is not revelation, but the reasoning of man to try to figure out a way around the Word. Because let's face it, if you do not have a revelation from God, then you will have to resort to the reasoning' of man and you will open yourself up to the great delusion.

**18** 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 (this revelation) I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

**19** 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 so many refuse to believe what the revelation was that Peter said to Jesus that brought such praise from Jesus.

**20** 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 who do you say that I am? 16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

**21** Then Jesus called Peter blessed and said those most notable words, "Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood has not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. and upon this rock (upon this

revelation), I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

**22** So, this morning we are going to examine the difference between Revelation and Reasoning, 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.

**23** Now to understand the difference between Revelation and Reasoning, 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 so is Revelation and Reasoning two different words and they mean two different things.

**24** 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 hidden but then He does something to uncover or disclose it, which reveals it and makes it known to men.

**25** Now, let's contrast that to Reasoning, for Reasoning is: the drawing of inferences or conclusions through the use of reason, or the intellect. And we know that no man can understand the things of God except the Spirit of God be in him, 1 Corinthians 2, and Proverbs 16 tells us "there is a way that seems right unto a man, but the ways thereof are the ways of death."

**26** Listen to the words of the Apostle Paul how he really nails down this point.

**27** 1 Corinthians 2:4 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. 6 Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: (or those who have come to full maturity) yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that comes to nothing: 7 But we speak the wisdom of God yet, it's in a mystery, it's even been hidden, and is a hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: 8 Which none of the princes of this world knew: (they didn't even have a clue) for had they known it, (if they even had a clue) they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. (the Lord of the values, the lord of the opinion,. the Lord of the judgments. No they had no clue those opinions, values and judgments he expressed were god's opinions, values, and judgments. They just had no clue).

**28** 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:

**29** So without the Spirit of God you have no idea what this great revelation is all about. he said God reveals it to us by His Spirit. You've got to have His Spirit to understand what He is revealing. Now, listen this is not a mental thing. Remember the word "reveal" means to manifest bible truth. And we know the word manifest means "to clearly show or display". So when God does something by way of manifestation, those with His Spirit catch what He is revealing but those without His Spirit have no clue what they just saw take place.

**30** "for The Spirit (and there is only One THE Spirit, and that is God's Spirit.) So he says God's 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 knows.

**31** That is why it is so very important to receive the true baptism of the Holy Ghost, and not just an anointing of the holy Ghost upon your flesh, or upon your spirit. Because brother Branham said, Leadership 65-1207 P:57 The choice of your conduct, you could... You can't mix it now. You're either for God or against God, and the outward

expressions shows exactly what's on the inside. See? The cocklebur, many of you think, "I got the baptism of the Holy Ghost; I'm going to heaven." That don't mean one thing that you're going to heaven. No, sir. You can have the baptism of the Holy Ghost every hour in your life and still be lost and go to hell. The Bible says so. See? It's exactly right.

**32** Notice he says, you are either for God or you are against God and your conduct on the outside shows what you are standing for on the inside. When God knows the very secrets of your heart, how are you going to fool Him? You can't. so, live your testimony, don't preach it.

**33** Thirst 65-0919 P:97 We realize, Father, that when the sperm, the genes from the male and female come together, there's only one out of a million that's accepted. One germ from the male finds the fertile egg of the woman, the female, and a million others perish. There's a million, two million, come out of Egypt; two, Joshua and Caleb, entered the land. One out of a million, Father, I tremble when I think of that. Think, across the world today of five hundred million Christians, that'd be five hundred if You should come tonight. O God, let us remember that every Word of God stands a memorial. We must believe It. We must obey It. And when You said, "Repent, every one of you, and be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost; for the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to them that's far off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." And, God, You are still calling tonight, and the promise is as long as You call. And clergymen has twisted the minds of those people, and directed it by an educational, denominational school of theology, to a thing to say, "Oh, you just believe." The Devil believes also, but he can't receive the Holy Spirit. Judas Iscariot was done all the rest that the disciples did, preach the Gospel; but when it come time for him to get the Holy Ghost, he showed his colors. God, may the people of the land tonight realize that without that experience, they are lost. May it be tonight that their souls will be satisfied with Thy Portion, Lord, as we commend them into Thy hand. They are Yours, Lord. We're only responsible for the Word. I pray that they'll (1) believe with all their heart, and (2) be filled with the Holy Ghost. We ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.

**34** Then the Apostle Paul says, 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 teaches, but which the Holy Ghost teaches; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

**35** 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, (he can't know them, it is impossible for him to know the things of God, that's why they run here and they run there, because they are not born again.)

**36** And Paul says they can not know the things of God because they are spiritually discerned. And if they are spiritually discerned then they are discerned by the Spirit, and if you have not the Spirit of God then you can not discern what is happening.

**37** 15 But he that is spiritual judgeth (discerns) all things, yet he himself is judged (discerned) by no man. 16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

**38** So whatever way you want to slice it, the reasoning of man is only a deception, which is a delusion. Therefore His reasoning's are a delusion, and the word delusion comes from deception, or 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 it, while Reasoning takes that which is true and in trying to use a limited understand ends up confusing it and thus hiding it from men in all the reasoning and conjecture. And the result is Deception.

**39** So we can say revelation reveals or manifests while deception hinders or covers up truth. In other words,

Reasoning then is anti or the opposite of Revelation.

**40** So if Revelation is Christ, then Reasoning is Anti-Christ.

**41** Brother Branham said in his sermon, Blasphemous names 62-1104M P: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 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.

**42** So notice that brother Branham says when the Holy spirit comes into your mental faith, The Holy Ghost 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.

**43** Again from Blasphemous names 62-1104M P: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.

**44** 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's what 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."

**45** But what if the Holy Spirit never comes into you to seal in the teaching? Then you become like a broken cistern that can hold no water. And what breaks the cistern? The reasoning of man.

**46** That is why we are commanded to cast down all reasoning. 2 Corinthians 10:5 Casting down imaginations, (computation, i.e. (figuratively) reasoning (conscience, conceit)--imagination, thought.) and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and bring into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

**47** In 1 Peter 1:13 we are told 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;

**48** 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.

**49** And in 1 Corinthians 1:3 we also read, "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;

**50** 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 "The 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.

**51** Then he tells us why. 6 Even as the testimony (the witness) of Christ was confirmed (stabilized) in you: 7 So that ye come behind in no gift; (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

**52** "waiting for the coming (the apocalypses or unveiling) of our Lord Jesus Christ: 8 Who shall also confirm (stabilize) you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**53** Notice twice we see that this grace is to give us a certain unction in order to know for the purpose of stabilizing us until the end. And he calls that grace, for that is what it is. God by His Spirit gives us a certain portion of His Spirit to stabilize us that we might not only know, but that we might not be tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine. And that is why there can be a great falling away, because the people have never been stabilized by the Word, the doctrine. So when just anything comes up, they blow a fuse and jump on the band wagon as we see the great falling away all over the message.

**54** Then the apostle Paul tells us, 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."

**55** So you see this grace that brother Branham was talking about is the same Grace that Peter and Paul both spoke of that would come at the time of the apocalypses 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 and giving us the same mind that was in Christ which readies us for the adoption as obedient sons.

**56** So we see the importance of Revelation to the believer. Revelation is what seals us in. Revelation is what takes all the teaching by the true five fold ministry and anoints that mental faith with Grace to receive Word upon Word upon Word, and bring it to a supernatural dynamic Revelation that seals us into Christ the Word, and readies us for our adoption.

**57** 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 acknowledgeth 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.

**58** 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 deeper things of God. But that is where the problem we see among so called Christians today, even in this message, because men have received their learning from men and not from God. and thus they have placed their hope in men, and not in God.

**59** Brother Branham taught us 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." That's the way they did in the days of Luther.

**60** 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.

**61** 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.

**62** 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.

**63** 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, or Reasoning, that they should believe the lie: 12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

**64** Now, a delusion is A false belief strongly held in spite of invalidating evidence. And no matter how many hundreds of Scriptures you give them, and no matter how many hundreds of quotes from a prophet who has been vindicated, they still refuse to believe it.

**65** That is one strong delusion, brother. I've talked to these men and so have you, and you can show them every word brother Branham said on a certain point and they will say they believe every word he said, but then deny in their next breath what he said. You talk about a delusion. And they don't even see what they are doing.

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

**67** Did not the apostle John tell us "they love darkness rather than light?"

**68** John 3:19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather

than light, (they love darkness more than they love the light, and the reason is) because their deeds were evil. 20 For every one that doeth evil hates the light, neither will he come to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved (which is exposed). 21 But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought (or formed) in God.

**69** Therefore if revelation is to anoint our mental faith and create in us a supernatural understanding that will bring us to the state of readiness for adoption, then deceptive reasoning's of men will do just the opposite. It will cause men to fall away from The Revelation of Jesus Christ and thus not made ready for adoption and rapture. So what are you going to choose this day? Revelation, which means you've got to die to your own thinking and receive it the way God said it, or take your chances on your own reasoning and fall away from The Faith, which is The Revelation.

**70** Let us pray...