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Question no 1) Does the foolish virgin come only from the followers of the message, or does she also come from the denominations? In other words, are there also foolish virgins within the denominations?

Answer no 1) There are only three quotes where brother Branham used the word foolish virgin and denomination in the same sentence, but the way he used it, could be applied to the message churches that have denominations around their chosen creeds.

Seed shall not be heir 65-0429B P:21 *Now, there, what troubles me at this hour is knowing that we see all these denominations pulling into this what we know to be the, what you call **the latter rain**, or **the pouring out of the Spirit**. Do you realize that Jesus said that when that come to pass, it would be the end? When, the foolish virgin and the wise virgin was not heirs together... For **the foolish virgin, she was a virgin, just lacking Oil**. But when she come to buy Oil, it was at that time that the **Bridegroom came**. And she was left out, while she was trying to buy Oil. You understand? I want that to soak in real good. Now, surely I won't have to move that subject any further. Now, **neither can the spiritual and the natural be heirs together**.*

Ok, so this last statement is the key, “**neither can the spiritual and the natural be heirs together**.” Meaning that the natural ones which are those who have not been born of the Spirit of God, and those with the Spirit of God can not be joint heirs with Christ. You must be born of the same Spirit by the same Father as Jesus was in order to be joint heirs with Christ.

In his sermon **Faithful Abraham 61-0312 P:53** Now, **the church** that professes to be a Christian church, will have to have that same Spirit that was in Jesus Christ. For at the resurrection of the church, Christ and His Bride will come together and dovetail. The writings and promises of God will be made fulfilled there.

So it cannot come together unless the same Spirit was in Christ is in you and me. And then if that same Spirit is in there, It'll “do the same

works”, and live the same kind of a separated life, and “do the works that He did”. The Bible said so, all the way to Genesis confirms it.

Conflict between God and satan 62-0531 P:73 Fire is the confirmation of the Light coming from the Word. They will fill... **The smart virgin, the wise virgin, had oil in her lamp, and she trimmed her lamp and lit it.** Now, what is it? Now, **God is the Word; the Oil is the Spirit; and the Fire is the Gospel Light on that Oil.** Amen. God said so. See? **That's the vessel.** All right. **The Oil is in the vessel, and the Fire burning it, shows that it's reflecting the Light of what the Word said.** See? **That's the reflection.** Now, **that wise virgin could do that; but that other, foolish virgin, was on the outside, had no Oil.** And **they couldn't reflect nothing but just their church and their denomination.** See? Now, "You say the Word... You said the Word was Spirit?" Yes, sir. God said, **"My word is Spirit."** That's right. **The true Bride must be unified by the Word.** Now, remember, **if she is a part of Christ, she has to be the Word of Christ.** **In order to be the Word of Christ, you have to be baptized into Christ.** And **when you're in Christ, you believe Christ and Christ is the Word.** Amen. Amen. Amen. Do you believe it?

Ten virgins 60-1211M P:86 Now, there was **the virgins** went out to meet Him. And **the foolish virgins, now, did not have Oil in their lamp, but they had everything else:** they were **clean;** they **believed in Christ;** they **preached the Word** that they believed, **their denomination would let them preach; they preached that,** the **second coming,** the **Sacrifice,** the **Atonement.** **They believe.** You ever tie up with a good Baptist scholar one time (huh.); you better know what you're talking about, sure had.

Questions and answers COD 64-0830E P:60 403. When you use the expression that if we do not believe the Word, we will be eternally separated from Christ, do you mean the foolish virgin will live eternally, but they will be separated from the new Jerusalem where Christ will dwell with the Bride? Here are those who do not have the Holy Spirit, born again as the Scripture speaks of being born again. If the natural birth requires water, blood, and spirit, does not the spiritual birth require all three stages of grace before the person is truly born again? **Absolutely,** I just explained that this morning, the same, on the same thing. You've got to have all stages. **You're begotten of the Spirit,** just like a baby's begotten into the womb of a mother, but **not born until they receive the Holy Ghost.** That's right. You're born then; you're not converted. **You're in the procession of being**

converted until that time. That's the reason that all these great mysteries could not be given to Luther, could not be given to Wesley, could not be given to the age that has just passed by us, the Pentecostal age. Why? It wasn't time. **They were begotten.** Now, the Person of Christ, Himself, the Son of man (You understand?) revealing Himself in human flesh, it could not have come till now.

Questions and answers COD 64-0823E P:88 Now, just a minute. "**Will the foolish virgin be saved.**" **No.** Whatever happens she happens now. After that time she's in the state... Now, **she will have to go through the tribulation period.** And **the reason of it is, is because she has rejected the Atonement in Its fullness. She is a believer, a professed believer, but she will have to go through the tribulation period.** The Bible said, "**And the rest of them, the dragon spurted water out of his mouth to go and make war...**" And **what an hour that is.** There's never been a time in history where that the nominal churches has become so hungry to find the baptism of the Holy Ghost. I speak for the Christian Business Men. Constantly, it's Presbyterian, Lutheran, Catholic, and all, Baptists by the hundreds, Church of Christ, Nazarenes, Pilgrim Holiness, Seventh Day Adventists, **every one of them flocking in trying to find...** See?

Notice it was those in **Matthew 25** both wise and foolish that heard the midnight cry, which is the Shout of **1 Thessalonians 4:17**. That of course is the Message. And all were in denomination when they hear the Shout for the first time, So at that time foolish were in denomination, but when the Voice said, "Come out to meet Him" both wise and foolish came out of denomination. If you read Matthew 25 you cannot see it any other way.

Matthew 25:1 *Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.* Notice this is the bride through the ages, because we will see in a few verses that they were asleep.

2 *And five of them were wise,* (these were knowing, had understanding) *and five were foolish.* (These did not have an understanding)

3 *They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:* Here he tells you why they were considered foolish. They had no oil which means they had no Holy Ghost.

4 *But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.* Notice the oil or Holy Ghost is in their vessel. Not their lamp, but their vessel. We know the lamp according to David in Psalms 119:105 is the Word of God. *Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*

5 *While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.* This shows the position of the church throughout the ages. They slumbered.

6 *And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; Come ye out to meet him.* At the Midnight cry which is the Shout or Message, the Voice commanded the bride to come out to meet Him. The KJV says go out, but the midnight cry is not from within, it is from without, so the cry is come out to meet Him.

This is exactly as we hear William Branham 7th Church Age Messenger tell us from his sermon **From that time 62-0713 P:102** *How many knows there's a difference between **the appearing of Christ and the coming of Christ?** It's two different words. **Now is the appearing**, the coming will soon be. He's appearing in the midst of us, doing the works that He once did, in His church. Now, you're a part of that church, and by grace you believe. I am a member of that church. Now, I'm not a preacher. You know I'm not. I have not the education to do it. Sometimes I feel reluctant standing here by men of God, who's called to that office. There are apostles, prophets, teachers, pastors, and evangelists. Not all are apostles, not all are prophets, not all are teachers, not all evangelists. I'm standing here...But my ministry is a different ministry from a pastor or teacher. I'm-- I'm not. And if I say things wrong, brethren, forgive me. I don't mean it. But **this is my ministry** (See?) **to declare Him, that He's here.** That is the shout of **Matthew 25, "Behold He is Here come out to meet Him."***

Many people mistake the Groom to be the son of God, but the groom is God Himself. It is an **invisible Union** of the Bride to Christ. She is United with to the Word Himself.

7 *Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.* So when the midnight Cry went forth, The Message, they saw the manifestation of the supernatural and the call to come out began. Many left their denominations and the call to "**Come out of her my people**" was made and many of the church responded to that call. The problem is that there were two types of Bride, wise and foolish. Those who had the Holy Ghost in their vessel to

understand the midnight cry was to present the Word and those who came out looking for the 2nd coming which will be a physical coming of the son. So because they did not understand the appearing which is the parousia of Christ comes before the actual coming of the son of God, they came out but held onto their denominational doctrines as we will see in some of the quotes I will present later.

8 *And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of **your oil**; for **our lamps are gone out**.* Their lamps have gone out. The Word they had was not good for the age they were now in, and as brother Branham taught us their lamps had become smoked up. Not able to shine light upon the word, because they were all smoked out even though they trimmed their lamps, which means to search the Word. But the Word they had was for the past, not the present tense age they were living in.

9 *But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather **to them that sell, and buy for yourselves**.*

Now, this is the first age where the Message that had come was taped and people could BUY it for themselves. In all other ages, the people were dependent upon a true Five Fold ministry to take the Message and teach it to the people.

Now, there is only one source for buying the tapes in this hour, and they even call the tapes the "Token" which is what brother Branham called the Holy Ghost is the token. So this organization that sells is telling people they can get the "Token" by buying their product. They also call themselves "**the storehouse**."

Now, Jesus told us himself, **Matthew 24:26** *Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the **secret chambers**; **believe it not**.* The Greek word for secret Chamber is: **Tameion** which means (a dispenser or distributor; (generally used for storage: --secret chamber, closet, storehouse.

So Jesus says, *Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the **Distribution center or storehouse**, believe it not. But because they did not know the Bible, they thought they could get the Holy Ghost (the Token) from the storehouse. And so off they went to them that sell.*

10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; (the mighty God Unveiled, the Appearing, the Parousia of Christ) **and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: (The Invisible Union of the Bride and Christ) and the door** (The Word) **was shut.**

Questions and answers COD 64-0830E P:78 411. Dear Brother Branham, please explain St. **Matthew** chapter **22**, verse, when... **How did this guest get in at the wedding supper, who had on a garment, but didn't have on one of the wedding garment? Remember, I said... I kinda pulled a little joke; I said, "A denominational brother who came by the window and not by the Door." The Door is the Word.**

Revelation 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, (the Word) **and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door,** (Word) **I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.** Wedding supper.

Why against organized religion 62-1111E P:117 Notice, this is the Angel of Light. Remember, the last Angel, it's the Angel in the church age to the Laodicea. It's the Laodicea messenger, that it's the last... Because the very next chapter is the 19 chapter, which is the coming Bride. And this is in the Scripture, **the last Angel that came to bring Light before the coming of the Bride to go meet Christ. It was the Laodicean church age then.** What was the Laodicean church age messenger? **Calling them out** of Babylon. Look. Churches caught in her cage with her, with her dogmas, denying the Word and accepting dogmas. This is the Angel of Light to the Laodicean church that had rejected Christ and His Word for dogma and had put Him outside. And **He stood at the door, knocking,** trying to get in. See it? **The church age had rejected the Christ, and Christ is the Word, and had rejected It, and He was on the outside.** The only church age that we have of Christ on the outside, knocking, trying to get in. And this angel's Message, messenger come from God, **was echoing his message on the earth to come out** of Babylon; come out of the organizations." The Holy Spirit today, the manifestation of the Holy Spirit is that Angel trying to get the people **back to the Word,** 'cause the Holy Spirit will only vindicate the Word. It can't vindicate dogmas; there's no life in them. He's Life. Notice, the Laodicean church age had denied Him, rejected Him, and had put Him on the outside.

11 *Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.*
12 *But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.*

Dr. Hoyer perhaps the greatest American Greek expert said, what the Greek says this is the great divorcement where Jesus is saying, “*I used to know you as my wife, but I do not know you as my wife any longer.*”

Patmos vision 60-1204E P:4 *So then the foolish virgin was the one who did not have oil in their lamps, that I believe that was **cast out into outer darkness where there'd be weeping, wailing, and gnashing of teeth.** If you'll compare that on your footnotes, it'll run it right back again to the great tribulation. And I think they're the ones that stays back and goes through the great tribulation.*

13 *Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.*

And of course we know this is the hour that the Son of Man has come.

Anointed ones at end time 65-0725M P:193 *Now, I want you to know this is sure. And you that listen to this tape, you might have thought today that I was trying to say that about myself, being that I was packing this Message. I have no more to do with it than nothing, no more than just a voice. And **my voice**, even against my better judgment... I wanted to be a trapper. But it's the will of my Father that I declare to do, and determined to do. **I wasn't the One that appeared down on the river; I was only standing there when He appeared.** I'm not the One that performs these things and foretells these things that happens as perfect as they are; **I'm only one that's near when He does it.** I was **only a voice** that **He used** to say it. **It wasn't what I knew**; it's what I just surrendered myself to, that **He spoke through.** It isn't me. It wasn't the seventh angel, oh, no; **it was a manifestation of the Son of man.** It wasn't the angel, his Message; it was the mystery that God unfolded. **It's not a man; it's God.** The angel was not the Son of man; he was a messenger from the Son of man. **The Son of man is Christ.** He's the One that you're feeding on. You're not feeding on a man. A man, his words will fail, but **you're feeding on the unfailing Body-Word of the Son of man.** ...*

Questions and answers COD 64-0823E P:87 306. *After the Bride is raptured will any of the foolish virgin be saved or will they all be lost?*

No. See, everything will be finished for the Gentile church when the **Bride is taken from the earth.** The Spirit of God leaves the earth: "**He that's filthy is filthy still; he that's righteous is righteous still; he that's holy is holy still.**" In other words the sanctuary becomes smokey, where the Attorney stands to plead the case. **Christ leaves the sanctuary; His day of mediatorial is over. The rapture comes; He leaves from the sanctuary, goes forth and takes the Book of Redemption, and claims everything He redeemed. There's no more mediatorial work.** How many understands that? I got it on one of the Seals--or one of the... Yeah, the Seals, I believe it was, that Christ comes forth to claim His mediatorial work.

God hiding Himself in simplicity 63-0412E P:116 Something happened the other day. You read or heard the tape, **the seven thunders, "What Time Is It, Sir?"** See? It happened the other day. You know these things... The time is at hand, church. The time is at hand. Don't--don't--don't wait any longer. See, **how do you know the rapture's not going on all the time? First thing you know it'll be past,** one disappearing here, and there. It'll be gone the first thing you know, and you'll--**judgment will strike the world.** You say, "Well, I thought this..." **"It's too late now."** You remember, **they didn't know it until the day they entered into the ark, and then it was too late. The foolish virgin didn't know until she come back and found the wise virgin gone.** Then she was left for the tribulation period.

Third seal the 63-0320 P:120 Notice... Here's the good part now. Notice, "**See that thou hurt not this wine and oil.**" Just a little bit of it left, brother. "**Don't you touch that.**" Now, **oil is--symbolizes the Spirit,** the Holy Spirit. I'll give you a few verses if you want to, a few Scriptures in **Leviticus 8:12,** where **Aaron, before he went in had to be anointed with oil,** you know; and **Zechariah 4:12,** of **oil coming, pouring through the pipes** and said, "**This is My Spirit,**" oil. Another thing, if you want to see **Matthew 14:25,** there was a foolish virgin (**25:3**) **the foolish virgin had no oil, no Spirit.** And **Matthew 25:4, the wise virgin had oil in her lamps, Spirit-filled.** Spirit... **Oil typifies the Spirit.** Oh, glory. You get it? All right.

Ten virgins 60-1211M P:82 Now, watch, they, both of them were virgins. Now, let me get this. Here, let's take these two right here. This is a virgin and this is a virgin. This was a foolish virgin and this was a wise virgin, but **both of them are virgins.** Now, if you'll take that name "**virgin**" and run it down, it means--it means "**holy, clean, sanctified.**" The word "**sanctify**"

comes from the word "**sainted**," which means "**clean**." Like the Hebrew word... Now, that's a Greek word; "**sanctify**" means "**clean**." Now, the Hebrew word is "**make holy**." See? And ours is "**clean**." Now, they take the three words, like each word has the same meaning but it's spoke different, like the word "**clean, holy, sanctified**," **all three the same word**.

Patmos vision 60-1204E P:4 And we use the word sometime as predestination, but it's a sure hanger in this church age that we live in. It was certainly a great thing used in the days of the martyrs, 'cause **they certainly believed it**. But it's got away from it now **to the legalist ideas, the legalist teaching in the church** which come... Which was a good thing, because all of it had gone Calvinistic in England till they didn't even have revivals anymore, and **John Wesley come along preaching the Arminian doctrine which balanced it up**. God will always balance it up. So then **the foolish virgin was the one who did not have oil in their lamps**, that I believe **that was cast out into outer darkness where there'd be weeping, wailing, and gnashing of teeth**. If you'll compare that on your footnotes, it'll run it right back again to the **great tribulation**. And I think **they're the ones that stays back and goes through the great tribulation**. Quite a lesson there, if we had time to go into it. If you...

Sudden secret going away of church 58-1012 P:35 How many of you, all perhaps, have read of the virgins? Some were wise and some were foolish. "**Virgin**" means "**purity**." **They were all good people, everyone of them virgin, sanctified vessels of God**. But those who had oil in their lamps went in. And the others was left out. They were all virgins, everyone people that you couldn't put your finger on for anything wrong. They everyone believed in the coming of the Lord. **They were ready to go meet Him**, but some of them **let their oil go out**. **Don't let that be your case. Keep oil in your lamp. Oil is the Spirit, the Holy Spirit. Never let it drain from you.** When you feel your love dying away, your sincerity to **Christ**, and to the cause, **quickly go to Him** Who has the Fountain of Oil and buy for yourself a filling of the Holy Spirit. **Our nation gone, morally corrupted and ruined, our politics corrupted and gone, our leaders... O God, what could we do about it?** **You can put a good man in, and he comes out a crook**. There's only One we can bring now, that's the Lord Jesus. Let's make ready for His coming.

Question 2 Based on **2 John 1:9**, does the foolish virgin also come out of the believers who have knowledge of the doctrine of the message?

Answer no 2) To answer our brothers question let's go the **2 John 9** and read it for ourselves. **8** *Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, (worked for) but that we receive a full reward.* **9** *Whosoever **transgresseth**, (whosoever goes beyond the limits) and abideth not in **the doctrine of Christ, hath not** (echoes not) God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath (echoes) both the Father and the Son.* **10** *If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed:* **11** *For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.*

And the only way you can properly echo God is if you have the Spirit of God in you. That is very apparent throughout many Scriptures.

1 John 4:13 *Hereby **know** we (ginosko = means to experientially know) that we dwell in him, and he in us, because **he's given us of his Spirit.*** **14** *And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.* **15** *Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, **God dwelleth in him, and he in God.***

1 John 5:10 *He that believeth on the Son of God **hath (echoes) 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.*** **11** *And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.* **12** *He that **hath (echoes) the Son hath (echoes) life; and he that hath (echoes) not the Son of God hath (echoes) not life.***

Now, let's skip down to verse **20** *And we **know** (and are aware) that the Son of God is come, and hath **given us an understanding**, that we may **know** (ginosko = experientially know) him that is true, and **we are in him that is true**, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.*

1 John 2:20 *But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.*

1 Corinthians 2:9 *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. 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.

Now, to answer that question, “does the foolish virgin also come out of the believers who have knowledge of the doctrine of the message?”

I've shown you by these scriptures that in order to even understand the things of God you must have the Spirit of God. And without the Spirit of God you will never be able to understand the things of God. The Foolish virgin does not understand. Foolish means she does not understand, because she has no oil to light up the Word to her. And without the Spirit of God you will not recognize and then act upon the Word. So the acting upon is your evidence that you understand.

If God be with us 61-1231E P:117 *“We are believing on His Word, keeping the Oil in the lamp, it trimmed and burning, letting your Light so shine that other men could see your good works, your fruits, glorify the Father which is in heaven. And what will happen? Believing the Word of God, and acting upon the Word of God, we'll meet Him up in the air: not a shadow of doubt.”*

Question 3 Are the seven angels that formed that supernatural cloud that appeared in the Arizona sky on February 28, 1963, the theophanies of the seven messengers of the seven church ages?

Answer no 3) I can find **no place** where William Branham told us those angels were the theophanies of the seven church age Messengers. He says they were the angels of the seven church ages, Messengers of the seven church ages, and he says they had wings, and humans and a human theophany do not have wings.

There are 13 times in Who is this Melchisedec where brother Branham mentions the word theophany or theophanies in respect to God appearing to Abraham, and he says God is Spirit and stepped into dust to become **enmorphé**. He tells us it was not a theophany that Abraham saw, it was flesh. And also in connection to our spirit body which the apostle Paul calls bodies spirit body in contrast to our natural body.

Be certain of God 59-0708E P:56 ", " said, **"Step in here, Gabriel; we're going down to Sodom."** [Brother Branham blows again--Ed.] **Step in here, Michael."** And **breathed one for Himself**, walked right down here in human flesh... Don't tell me He wasn't God. **Abraham said He was Elohim, the great God Jehovah. He wasn't a theophany either. It wasn't a vision. He actually eat the meat of that calf, drink the milk from the cow, and eat corn bread. He was a Man.**

In speaking about Samuel, in his sermon **Who is this Melchisedec 65-0221E P:41** brother Branham says, **"For he said, "Why did you call me out of my rest, seeing you become an enemy to God?"** Watch his prophesy. **"Tomorrow night by this time you'll be with me."** He was still a prophet, though he was gone from this body. See, **he become here and was part of that Word, and he entered from the flesh life back into the body that had been prepared for him before the foundation of the world. He entered into the theophany which was the Word.** You get it? **That's where all believers go when we turn from here.** Then in that form the veil then is lifted. **You see you are the Word also when you enter into there.** As a little baby as I said awhile ago...Now, notice. Praise God for these opening Seals is my prayer, to know these things.

Who is this Melchisedec 65-0221E P:29 He was the Word. **A theophany is something that you could not see. It could be right here now, yet you cannot see it.** It's just like, well like television, that's in another dimension. Television... **People are moving right through this room now singing;** there's colors also, but the eye is only subject to the five senses. Your whole being is only subject to five senses, rather. And you are only subject to what the sight has been limited to see. **But there is another dimension that can be seen by a transformation by television.** Now, television does not manufacture a picture. **A television only channels it into a circuit, and then the television screen picks it up. But the picture's there to begin with.** Television was here when Adam was here. Television was here when Elijah set on Mount Carmel. Television was here when Jesus of Nazareth walked the shores of Galilee. But you're just now

discovering it. They wouldn't have believed it back there. You'd have been crazy to have said something like it. But now it's become a reality. And **so is it that Christ is here. The Angels of God are here. And someday in the great millennium to come it'll be just more real than television or anything else, because they are here.** He reveals Himself in His great form of what He claim as He "**En morphe's**" Himself into His servants and proves Himself. Now, here **He is in the form of Spirit.** And **then He comes in the form of "En morphe."** Now, He appeared to Abraham "**En morphe.**" When Abraham was returning from the slaughter of the king, here come Melchisedec, talked to Him.

So you see he said **you cannot see theophany**, but we saw the seven angels, right? Took the picture of it as well and the whole world over they have seen that picture. If those were theophanies we could not have seen them nor taken a picture of them. They were angels with wings, not human theopanies or spirit bodies. Besides, humans do not have wings.

Shalom 64-0112 P:67 *Just exactly like He showed us in seven church ages, what would come. Just exactly what He showed us what would come when He set that Light up there in revelation to it to show the world. **When He sent the seven angels** to reveal the seven messengers that'd been down through there, and show the loose ends, **each Angel coming each day and revealing the loose ends that Luther left, and Wesley left, and Pentecost left, is all represented in there.** And in the very type and shadow of the great Shalom, Jehovah, Jireh. See? Exactly. **Threw It in the skies, and there is the mechanical eye taking a picture of It.** See? Thank the Lord. Shalom, peace. Don't be weary, Jesus is here. His great Light has come to us, and we're thankful for It, yes, His Word, the great mystery. Here He is today manifesting Himself, doing the same as He did then, just the same. Doing the very same thing.*

Shalom 64-0112 P:30 *But did you notice before the Seven Seals was revealed, before **the great mysterious Light showed forth in the heavens up here at above Tucson, Flagstaff**, where we were? Brother Fred, two of the men that was, the two men was with me that morning. **When that had been told months and months ahead of time would happen...** Both Brother Fred Sothmann and Brother Gene Norman setting here this morning, when it, was there when the blast went off, and not knowing these things would take place. And He sent me back, said that the time was at hand for these Seven Seals which held the seven mysteries of*

the entire Bible was sealed in with these Seven Seals. And how **these angels down along the road, messengers of the church ages, opened to a certain part of that.** But in the seventh hour, the seventh messenger, that all these mysteries should be finished. See? The seventh earthly messenger (See?), this angel that He speaks of then was on earth. A "angel" means "messenger." And then, after that, **he saw another Angel coming down, not the earthly angel that had been given the Message here, but the--another mighty Angel came from heaven with a rainbow over Him,** and set His foot on the land and sea, and swore by Him that lives forever and ever, "**Time shall be no more.**" See? But **before He broke forth on those Seven Seals to reveal them, that He showed miraculous, He showed it first in the heavens.** That day they took pictures all across southern United States and Mexico. There it hangs now in the "**Life**" magazine, still a mystery to them. But **He declares it in the heavens before He does it on earth.** He always does that. He shows His signs in the heavens first.

Desperation 63-0901E P:44 Then seeing these signs coming: seeing the Holy Spirit take us out there, and bring these Seals, and lay them in like that; bring the church ages and lay them in; then come down in a great big Pillar of Fire back there and reveal Himself; **then come down on the next thing, on the Seven Seals, and reveal it, even put it in the papers, the magazines; then come in and take the Angels of God, them seven angels with seven Messages, and confirmed it exactly what the Bible said;** then during that time, come up and bring in those Seals, those signs, flashes of the end time, and bringing it up to the people and tell them what it is, and all about it, **the Lord working right there showing Himself present;** and then, right down like this morning, come up and require that Token on every person. Then you're my people. You're the ones that I love, these and them's listening to the tapes and so forth. Then you see what desperation it puts me in.

Uniting time and sign 63-0818 P:64 We see nations uniting; we see the world uniting; we see Communism uniting; we see the churches uniting; and we see God uniting Himself with His Bride, until He and the Church is the same thing, like the pyramid yonder...?... Uniting themselves together; God uniting, why? **Never before since the early church age was the Pillar of Fire ever among the people. Never before, since the early church age, did they ever see the things that we're seeing today.** And this was only made possible when God sent the Seven Seals and give us a

sign by It, and sent seven Angels down out of heaven; and come to bring back that scattered Word from them denominations, and tie it back into the Word of God again to bring down His Holy Spirit.

Evening messenger 63-0116 P:34 *Each age has had its message and messenger. God has seen to that. Every... Even in the church ages, we find out that each one had a messenger, and each one lived their age; and another one come in, and that one went out; and another one come in, on down to the seventh church age: each star, each angel of the church, each messenger. And we find out at the last church age over in **Revelations 10**, there's to be a trumpet sound, and **there was seven voices uttered** at... They was not permitted to write. But it was sealed on the back side of the Book, the seven seals was on the back side of the Book. After the Book is written, then It's sealed back there with seven seals. Now, no one knows what they are. But It said, "**In the days of the seventh angel sounding forth his Message...**" that's earthly angel now. Because this Angel came down from heaven; and this was on earth. "**Angel**" is "**a messenger**," a messenger to the age.*

Question 4 Can you please talk a little bit about the mystery of **the serpent's trail** of **Proverbs 30:19**? **18 There be three things which are too wonderful for me, yea, four which I know not: 19 The way of an eagle in the air; the way of a serpent upon a rock; the way of a ship in the midst of the sea; and the way of a man with a maid.**

Now, the question concerns the serpent's trail of **Proverbs 30:19**. The word **wonderful** was translated from a Hebrew word **pala** which also means **difficult** and that would have been a better translation. Because I do not think he is speaking of a serpent just bathing in the sun, while laying upon a rock. There is nothing difficult about that.

But if you are talking about him leaving a trail upon a rock, that would be very difficult thing to follow unless you are looking for sign on the rock itself. And a very good tracker can do it. You just have to look at the other things on the rock, such as the sign of dust and leaves and twigs which have been displaced but are still on the rock only displaced from other dust, twigs, leaves, etc.

In the old west they would talk about the best trackers were those who could follow a serpents trail over rocks.

So knowing the signs, symbols and events foretold us by Jesus, Paul, Peter, James and John, and of course explained by God's 7th Angel Messenger William Branham are what gives us knowledge and understanding of following ***the trail of the serpent*** from **Genesis** all the way through the Bible finishing up at **Revelations** where we are at now in this age.

Brother Branham taught us the Book of **Revelations is a book of symbols**, and without understanding the symbols we can never understand what is in that book.

But to answer your question on the trail of the serpent, I do not feel led to teach on it because I am waiting for brother Branham to come back and teach on it, and I have my ideas and can run my own trail of the serpent or beast from the beginning and see him pop in and out of scripture all the way through from Genesis through the Book of Revelations, but since brother Branham intended on preaching the trail of the serpent, I believe he will do it when he goes between the lines in the resurrection meeting. So in closing let me read to you what he had to say on that.

Now, right in this sermon we are studying at present, in **Satan's Eden August 29, 1965** he said **4** *"Now, tonight we want to go to the Scripture and read a portion of the Scripture out of **Genesis** the **3rd** chapter, and just refer back a little bit to some things that we've been talking about in times past, and see if the Lord Jesus will give us a little bit more to what we will know when we go out. I pray that He will. "Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day that you eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her with her; and he did eat. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked;*

and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons." May the Lord add His blessings to the reading of His Word.

54 *Now, he brought forth this great Eden that they now live in--a church world's Eden. They're all uniting together now at the great Ecumenical Council, and going to have the world church, all coming under one head where Satan will be throned, just exactly. And the last call's going out to catch the Bride before She gets into that. For once in that, she's took the mark of the beast, and doomed. She'll never come out of it. That's the reason it said, "Come out from among them, My people, before it goes into him. See? Come out from among them, and be ye separated."*

65 *Now, notice. Now, look at Revelations 3, the Laodicean Church Age. You think it in your mind. Now, notice. She, Eve, is Satan's queen. See, Satan, the serpent got to Eve before Adam got to her. That's right. So he beguiled her, so Satan, the serpent was the husband of Eve before Adam ever knew. See? He beguiled her. The Bible said he did, and she knowed she was naked then. See?*

Power of transformation - 65-1031M 58. *There's always twins. And that's the reason... Don't forget this, little flock. The church in the last days is going to be twins, so close that'd deceive the elected: Matthew 24:24. See? The church is going... It's a Pentecostal move. It's so much like the real thing, till it would deceive the very elected if it was possible. And a little later on, if I get the chance, I want to explain what, how that election comes. See, it's going to deceive them, because it's almost like the same thing. See, just two fathers, that's all; same mother, same church, same movement, same thing. The bedding ground is the same, where the Word falls; but one of them, like here, is perverted. You understand? Say "amen" if you did see. [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] See, one of them is a perversion, because it's the wrong father. Which, I will prove someday, if God will let me, that denomination is the mark of the beast. See, it's a wrong father. He's steering people to an organization instead of to the Word. See? It's the wrong father. It's a Cain move. 59. When I go home this time, I'm preaching on the subject, "The trail of the serpent": the beast at the beginning, and the beast at the end, and trail him right through the*

Bible, and show how he heads up. See? And you all get that on the telephone (You see?), if the Lord permits us to do it. And now, just watch how cunning that fellow is, how he's just exactly in his... Why, they're just like Judas and Jesus there, both brothers in the tribe, just like Esau and Jacob. And--and like the--the crow and the dove setting on the same roost. And everything is a twin and--in this great warfare that we're in. 60. The enemy uses deception, like he did to Eve, "Oh, God has said? Surely, but--but surely..." See, see? Trying to reason it beyond what God said originally, "Thou shalt die." He said, "Yes, God said that, but surely..." See that spray over it? See? But what God says, God keeps; He don't need any help from Satan. He keeps It. So don't never be deceived by that. Now, we notice then, that it brought forth of its kind. Now, in Genesis here we find out after the spraying of this poison of knowledge... Now, science is knowledge. And all we hear is science, science, science, science, the great subject in school, science. Today, a better automobile, a better this, a better home, a better house, a better this, a better that. What are we doing? Dying all the time. Created an automobile, we quit walking; quit walking, we would turn to blubber. Well, we don't have men anymore; we have jellyfish. That's right.

I have heard but now I see - 65-1127E 17. *To you in New York, and you that are around up in Ohio and different places, soon I want to preach the message of "**The trail of the serpent,**" **the beast at the beginning, and the beast at the end,** at the Tabernacle. Billy will send you a note for that, when we're going to speak it, 'cause I do that in the Tabernacle because it'll, at least, be four hours or more long.*

God's only provided place of worship - 65-1128M *But because it wasn't associated in her own organization, she didn't even want to hear it or have nothing to do with it. If that ain't a Pharisee, I never seen one. 32. Wait till you hear "**The trail of the serpent.**" Huh. All right. Now, think now that their denomination is the only one that registers with God: "God won't hear you 'less you're a Methodist, or a Baptist, or a Trinity, or a Oneness," or something like that. That's wrong. And that's my purpose; but if there is such a desire in people's minds and hearts to be right... I don't believe the woman done it because--or anybody else. A Methodist wouldn't raise up and take up for the Methodist church because he knew it was wrong. The man thinks it's right. I don't believe a Trinity would condemn a Oneness, or a Oneness a Trinity and Pentecost, because he wants to be different; he thinks he's right. And you must respect his ideas. You know, the blanket stretches both ways. But remember in all that, if there's something in a*

man's heart or a woman's heart that they believe that that is right, then there's got to be somewhere that is right. As I've often said, "When the deep calleth to the deep, there's got to be a deep to respond to that call."

Modern events made clear by prophecy - 65-1206 25. I spoke here in Shreveport the other day on the national broadcast across the nation, that, **"Trying To Do God A Service Without It Being God's Will."** David tried to bring the ark of God back into the house. He was anointed king. Why, he consulted his delegates, his captains of thousands and ten thousands, and so forth. And they all said, "That's the Word of the Lord." And he consulted the priest, "That was wonderful." And **they all got so inspired, they shouted, they done every religious act that was.** And it was absolutely contrary to God's will, because there was a prophet in the land by the name of Nathan and he wasn't even consulted about it. See? And we found out it didn't work, though they were sincere trying to do God a service. 26. And you can be ever so sincere, but until we know what we're doing, you're fighting at the air. **Come back into the Word of God and get lined up, and then go; then you know.** Like a soldier, don't know what to do until he gets orders to do it. We must be Christian soldiers and get orders from the Bible for this hour now; not the charge yesterday, the charge the day before, but the charge today which way we go. Find out the hour that we're living in. And **these modern events is slipping by us too swiftly, and one day we're going to find out we'll be left behind without nothing,** and be caught, **sealed into the mark of the beast before we know it.** 27. Now, and **with patience we have to wait for this, for the prophecies that's promised, every one of them must be fulfilled in its age.** For It foretells us, the Author has before done this, and we wait to see Him do it again. What a time it is that we're living in, something like a calendar; you look at the calendar to find out what day of the year you're living in, and you look at God's Bible to see what age we're living in. We're not living in the Methodist age, the Baptist age. We're living in the Bride age, the calling, bringing back to God through a channel that He promised to bring it back in. He promised to do it. But as it's been in every age, people let men put their own interpretation to It by theology, and will not believe God's Divine vindication of It. That's God's interpretation; not what I say, what somebody else says. But what God has promised and what God does, proves that it's God doing His own interpreting of His Word. 28. They told you Pentecostals of forty-five, fifty years ago... Your mothers and fathers, when they were genuine Pentecostals come out of a organization and cursed the thing and walked out of it. Then like a dog to its vomit, went

right back in it again, done the same thing that killed that church, you killed your own by the same thing. Nothing against the people in there, nothing against it, it's the systems of the thing is what's doing it. Home, I'm... go home... I don't preach this in other men's meeting. I'm going to preach "The trail of the serpent," and listen to it if you take the tapes. 29. And notice, they missed seeing the confirmation of the prophecies of God's Word being fulfilled. If those priests... They had it fixed up just exactly the way the Messiah was going to come; they knowed what was going to take place. The Phar--the Pharisees had their idea, the Sadducees, Herodians, and, oh, they had their ideas. But He come, not... He come contrary to every one of them, but exactly with the Word. Jesus said the same thing was here: "If you would've known Me, you should've known My day. If you had knowed, you'd... You say, "Well, Moses... We have Moses." Said, "Why, if you had believed Moses, you'd believe Me; because he wrote of Me." But, see, when God was confirming exactly what He promised, they had it in some kind of a dignified way that Jesus was supposed to come, and the... I mean the Messiah... The Messiah had to come right to their group or He wasn't Messiah. Well, it's that way almost today, "If you don't see through my glasses, you're not looking at all." See? And so that's--that's just the way it--it is. We... That's the truth. We hate to think that, but it's absolutely the truth.

Leadership - 65-1207 75. *It might do the same thing today, if you have a great talent to sing. I thought of that young man awhile ago that sang that song here; how he give that to the Devil, and now he get it back... And how different between him and Elvis Presley and some of these, Pat Boone, and a group like that, Ernie Ford, them guys, great singers, and take their talents, that God-given talents, and use it to inspire the--the works of the Devil. That's right. Some great singer selling their God-given talents for fame in this world to become somebody. How could you become any more of a "body" than you could, to be a somebody, than to be a son of God? I don't care if you own the whole city, the whole world, and you haven't accepted the leadership of Eternal Life by the Holy Spirit Christ, how you going to... Who are you anyhow? You're a dead mortal, dead in sin and trespasses. Religious as you want to be; as faithful as you want to be to the church; preacher, if you want to be in the pulpit; but to turn down, you die. 76. He was a great success. He was a great success here in this life. Certainly. We find him where we notice... Then we find this fellow, that he went... We follow him a little bit, and we see he got a great successful. And we follow him through the Bible. We notice that he--he... We find him a rich man. He's got such great big places; he was entertaining the judge and the*

mayor of the city, or what more. He's up on top of his roof, and he has great banquets; and plenty of waitresses, and women, girls, and everything else, around him. And there's a beggar laying at the gate named Lazarus. He sweeps the crumbs off to him. We know the story. The next thing, he goes on successful, just like the churches today are getting. A businessman setting here, telling me right here in California, that the church has to tell the labor union what to do. See, it's coming church and state again. It's right on you. You see, you're right in there, and **you take the mark of the beast not knowing it.** 77. If you ever bought one of my tapes, get this when I get it, when I get home, "**The trail of the serpent,**" and **you'll see where it's at, see where this ends up at.** Going home now to speak, if the Lord willing. It's about four hours, so I couldn't keep it at one of the meeting like this. I have to go up there where the church suffers with me so long, patiently. Notice, but now... You can listen at the tape sometime in your home. 78. Notice this, now we find out that he was a great success. Then we find him later till he was a greater success, until he said, "I have got so much." Boy, he'd have made a real genuine guy of this day. Wouldn't he? "Even my barns has swelled out; they're bursting. And I've got so much till I said, 'Oh, soul, take your rest.'" But what he done at the beginning, he rejected the leadership of Jesus Christ. His church, his intelligence, his education, and all, had lead him to a success. All the Jews loved him. He give to them; he helped them; he might have done this, that, or the other. But, you see, he rejected the--the--the leadership of Jesus Christ, the Eternal Life. And that... The Bible said, He said, "Thou fool, tonight your soul is required." And now we find him, the next place, in hell, lifting up his eyes and seeing that beggar, that he turned out the street, in the bosoms of Abraham. What a fatal mistake. How that the churches had been all right in the way that they went, but they still hadn't had Eternal Life.

Trying to do God a service - 65-1127B

35. Now, and when I speak of denominations, I'm not meaning for you to be so cruel and... No, I don't mean for you not to go to your church. Go to your church, what you're supposed to do. But **just don't join up with them organizations, because one day I'll be telling you and prove it by the Scripture; it is the mark of the beast. And you just remember, it's the mark.** 36. **I'm preaching...** I wouldn't preach it in Brother Jack's church, he'd tell me, "Go ahead and do it"; but **I'm going to the Tabernacle, it'll be about four hours long.** And my subject is: **The Beast at the Beginning and the beast at the end, Through the Trail of a Serpent.** See? Takes about four hours. I got my Scriptures all laying out. **The beast from the**

beginning, he was the beast at the garden of Eden; he's the beast at the end, and show that he's a religious person and a denomination (that made the denomination); and come right through the trail of it, and prove it to you by the Scriptures that it is. I didn't know that till the Holy Spirit give it to me the other day up there.