Your Absolute Brother

Brother Brannham

1 DID WILLIAM BRANHAM MAKE MISTAKES?

Did William Brannham make mistakes or errors in his teaching? We are not talking about mistakes that he later corrected, but mistakes he never corrected. Consider these examples:

- William Brannham said that unborn children in the womb are not alive. "You say, ‘Oh, it’s alive!’ No, it isn’t! That’s little nerves jerking. Muscles. See? The baby hasn’t received life till it’s born. And you say, ‘Yes, but you’re not... See, see? You’ve got to be born.’ The truth is this: If an unborn baby is not alive, it will die and cause a miscarriage.
- William Brannham believed that day and night are caused by the sun circling the earth. Commenting on the famous "long day" of Joshua, he said, "I believe the hour will come when they’ll actually find out that the world doesn’t even run (rotate). I believe that with all my heart... I don’t believe the sun does what they say it does." The truth is this: The earth revolves around the sun causing annual seasons, and it also rotates on its own axis (causing day and night). The sun does not revolve around the earth.
- William Brannham taught that people in the days of Noah had nuclear bombs with destructive powers greater than today. He said they had "great scientists, far beyond what we have today, greater science.... And they had powers that were beyond anything that we’ve got, unless it is the atomic. They had it harnessed." The truth is this: The ancient world of Noah’s day did not "harness" nuclear energy or know anything about nuclear bombs.

2 DID WILLIAM BRANHAM CONTRADICT HIMSELF?

Are you aware that Brother Brannham often changed his personal testimony or contradicted his own teaching?

- When telling how the Angel of the Lord came to him in May 1946, sometimes he said the visitation occurred in a ranger’s cabin, and other times he said it was in a cave. In William Brannham: A Man Sent From God and in "How the Angel Came to Me and His Commission" (1955-01-17), he said the Angel met him in a ranger’s cabin. In The Acts of the Prophet, you’ll discover that he really met the Angel in a cave. Though you might think Brother Brannham had a good reason for hiding the location, he still missed people regarding where the visitation occurred.
- When telling how his beloved wife Hope died, Brother Brannham gave five different names to the nurse Hope spoke to. Remember where he says, "A little nurse was standing near by, and she (Hope) said to her, ‘I hope you might have as good a husband as I have had.’ Of course, that almost tore my heart out, but I knew I had to hold up for her sake." Those are the exact words in William Brannham, A Man Sent From God (p. 61).

Brother Brannham sometimes mentioned the name of the nurse. He said her name was Ebony. The next year he said it was Hilda. The year after that she was Juanita. In 1951, her name was Miss Cooke, but in 1952 it was Louise Hale. Each time he gave her name, he said that she was Hope’s friend or that they both knew her. It would be okay if he just said, "I don’t remember the name of the nurse." But it is said to realize that he just couldn’t be honest, at the very point we think he is being most vulnerable.

FOOTNOTES

4 Revelation Chapter 4, Twenty-Four Tabs, 1961:01:01.
8 "Why Are We Not a Denomination?" 1965:09:27.
16 "How the Angel Came to Me and His Commission," 1955-01-17.
21 "The Spoken Word is the Original Sound," 1962:01:35.
22 "There is a Man That Can Turn on the Lights," 1963:02:19.
24 An Exposition of the Seven Church Ages, p. 377.
26 The Invisible Union of the Sons of Christ, 1965:11:25; Spoken Word 2:15, p. 43.
28 "This Day This Scripture is Fulfilled," 1965:01:25.
32 Note that this is the prophecy of the Jewish customs at this time, when men wore a kippah or yarmulke while praying and who were worn nothing on their heads. Paul did not require the Christians to adopt the Jewish customs of prayer and return to the Hebrew customs, but instead found a positive spiritual meaning in their world forms.
33 The Revelation of the Seven Seals, p. 299.

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Many people believe Brother Branham was sent to correct the church, and everything he said was 100% in agreement with the Bible. So it is improper for us to search for the Scriptures, like the noble Bereans, to see if these things are so (Acts 17:11).

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3. DID WILLIAM BRANHAM EVER TEACH ANYTHING UNSCRITURAL?

Brother Branham said Los Angeles would sink into the ocean, and it would be soon. "I remember just my last message in California where I thought I'd never go back again, when I predicted Los Angeles will go beneath the ocean. And THUS SATH THE LORD, it will," He told Billy Paul in downtown Los Angeles on April 29, 1965. "Billy, I may not be here, but you won't be an old man until sharks will swim where we are standing."

Some may object that God can suspend judgment if we request, as in the case of Nineveh. Ezekiel chapters 14 and 33 teach that God may withhold punishment if people turn to Him in repentance and righteousness. Maybe the people of Los Angeles or California repented, diverting God's wrath? That might be possible with an ordinary prophecy. However, Brother Branham stated unequivocally that America turned down her last chance to repent on January 14, 1966. If anything, America is even more sin-filled and apostate now than in 1966.

In October 1962, Brother Branham said U.S. actress Marilyn Monroe died of a heart attack. He said, "I saw a vision. And it was a lovely, pretty woman... And the Angel of the Lord said, 'Now, when you hear this, remember, they're going to say that she committed suicide, but she died in a heart attack.' Branham said sleeping pills were not the cause. He said, "It doesn't make any difference how much they say, they're still going to say she committed suicide. But the child did not, had a heart attack. Marilyn Monroe was found dead in her bed on August 6, 1962, by her housekeeper. There are several theories about who was responsible: deliberate suicide, accidental overdose by herself or by her housekeeper, murder by U.S. government agents, or murder by organized crime. However, there is no doubt about the cause of her death: Monroe died of "convulsions brought on by an overdose of Northfield (38–66 capsules) and chlordiazepoxide (14–23 capsules), should never be combined in normal doses. The drug overdose was enough to kill ten people, Marilyn Monroe did not die of a heart attack at the age of 36.

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5. IS YOUR BROTHER BRANHAM YOUR ABSOLUTE?

Our concern for Message believers is that Brother Branham is treated as the final answer to all questions, the standard for interpreting the Bible, the absolute authority that is never wrong.

Though Branham preached against Catholicism, he became the very thing he preached against: a source of new revelation outside of Scripture (like serpent seed) and supposedly infallible when speaking as exalted. What if Mary is to the Catholics, Branham is to the Message: You must go through the Mediator to reach Jesus. And just as the Pope claims to be the spiritual leader of all true Christians, Branham took the same role. In the Church Ages book, it says the true evidence of having the Holy Spirit is to recognize Branham as the voice of God. Make no mistake, Branham said he was the one and only prophet for the last days.

In the last years of his life, nobody could be his peer, his equal, or on equal footing. The Bible says, "let the prophets speak two or three and let the others judge" (1 Cor. 14:29), but this divine order was not followed in Branham Tabernacles. Even his own church carries the name Branham, not the Name of Jesus Christ.

In Branham's early days (1946–1950), it was okay for other men to teach or exercise gifts of healing or prophecy. But as Brother Branham got older, he always complained of "callous impersonators" or "impostors" with similar gifts.

Pay attention to what the "tent vision" was all about, Branham, in a vision, himself saw with a gift that nobody could copy or impersonate. In the vision, Branham walked into a little room and Branham raised two people into the air (see Eza 5:5). In this New Testament, God will send "my two witnesses" to prophesy at the same time (Rev. 11:1–14). So, Mr. Brand's claim is contradicted in both the Old Testament and the New.