"I did not come with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring to you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified" (1 Corinthians 2:1-2).

**Definition of False Teacher**: One who presumes to teach in the Name of the Lord when God has not sent him.

# William Branham - Deceived by Signs and Lying Wonders

If not for the grace of God, we would not spend the time we do answering some of the patent nonsense you will find in this series of letters from the followers of Branham. It seems the height of foolishness to know better and yet to answer such foolishness as comes from the mouths of idolaters. But, dear reader, we have all been in darkness, and you are too, to whatever degree you have not come into the Light. God has determined that all things be brought to Light, that He might judge the foolish and rebellious that vex Him by the lies and deluded ways they attribute to Him by falsely taking His Name upon themselves while causing others to blaspheme on account of the evil report they bring of Him. That is what He is doing here, through us, that you might also repent of every false way and come to know the Lord as He is in Truth, in all patient rebuke and demonstration of His righteousness.

Then will come that glorious day when the saying shall be fulfilled: "And they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD; for they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin will I remember no more" (Jeremiah 31:34 HNV).

Paul wrote to a man who had included us in a list sending of *The Purpose Driven Life*: Promoting Christianity Without Christ and asked him about himself and how he found our article. Joseph's reply:

Hello Paul,

Thanks for your email. I came across your article yesterday as I was browsing through your homepage. There is so much that you have brought out that is so close to the message of Bro. William Marrion Branham which I have been listening to since I was a young seventeen year old lad since 1972.... about Godhead, women preachers, organized religion, God's sovereignty and 'predestination', the truth about salvation, etc... I was quite amazed and almost thought could it be you may have even heard of him...? I could very much relate with your expose of "The Purpose driven Life" book, as it is just what I been trying to share with others on similar subject lines. In my postings, I use various quotes of Brother Branham's to help everyone I know realize

how 'blinded' this age is, because he brought these things out very powerfully during his ministry on earth when he was alive. His sermon recordings are from 1948 right through to 1965, and to me, are nothing but the TRUTH. God powerfully vindicated his ministry, and I believe, today stands as a "writing on the wall" to this generation. Your views and exposes are not far from his, on these vital subject lines so relevant today.

The list of addresses in the "undisclosed recipients" are mostly my own contacts - of about 450 addresses of family, friends, and interested believers who have chosen to remain on my mailing list from around the world, and who regularly receive from me, poignant quotes and any interesting articles that I come across.

Anyway, Paul, I do apologize if perhaps I should have asked your permission to do so first..? I felt the liberty to do so because I believe the truth is for everyone to know far and wide as you said, and if it was myself writing it, that would not be an issue. I could identify with so much of all that you and Victor Hafichuk have written, that I had already thought of contacting you. Well now you have contacted me, which is just as well.

I will actually copy below just a few of my previous postings (of Bro. Branham's quotes) to my family and friends, which are saying what you are saying too.

God bless,

Joseph

## Paul's reply:

Hi Joseph,

No problem at all with sending out our writings as you did here. We appreciate your doing so, and also that you included our website and addresses. As I wrote in my first letter, we welcome anyone sharing the truth the Lord has given us, even when it is our enemies trying to defame us. The Word of God goes out all the same. That is cause for rejoicing.

We are familiar with William Branham. Victor went to a meeting of Branhamites in 1981, and more recently we have had involvement with a couple that attended a Branhamite church. They were quite messed up, and their minister was not helping them at all. In fact, he was exacerbating their strife and problems. He also took advantage of them financially. It was a terrible mess, and while they were greatly responsible for their own woes, they were not finding the answer in a Branhamite church or doctrine.

That is the problem, or issue, Joseph. Doctrines, even true ones, are not enough to save anyone, or to deliver from sins, problems, or darkness. Consider: If they were

then all peoples professing to believe the Bible as the Word of God and Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior would be in agreement, having peace and prosperity of soul. But we see the opposite: strife, contention, unrest, and confusion. Babylon.

The only answer and effectual Word of God is the living Word made flesh, the Lord Jesus Christ, not the Bible, religion, philosophies, doctrines, professions of faith or miraculous powers in whatever form, from whatever place:

"For false christs and false prophets will be raised up, and they will show great signs and wonders so as to deceive, if possible, even the elect" (Matthew 24:24 EMTV).

The Lord has shown us that Branham was a false prophet. More appropriately said, He has opened our eyes so that we recognize the difference between true and false. Without this miraculous work of grace, we are certainly deceived, or at least in the dark.

The false may have many true doctrines, as Branham (though he also had many false), but there is one great dividing factor between the sheep and the goats, those that are the Lord's and those that talk about Him but do their own works, and that factor is the cross. Branham did not preach the cross. He could not, because he had not experienced it. He was doing his own thing, religious, and possibly with miraculous powers, but not of God.

The cross is not hardship, opposition, persecution, nor is it identifiable by any external marker, though those who take up the cross will experience all of those things. The cross is an internal event arranged by the Lord, entered into by faith, and suffered unto death of our hopes, aspirations, gods, and everything we have and are or think to be. It is the end of us, and the beginning of Jesus Christ, the second Adam. Thereafter, we are crucified with Christ, and it is no longer we, but He that lives in us. The life we now live is by the faith of the Son of God.

I will give you an example from your postings that demonstrates Branham did not know the cross, though it will require faith on your part to discern the truth of what I show you. The quote from Branham:

"Our heavenly Father, You said in Your Word: 'If I be lifted up from the earth I will draw all men unto Me.' And, that is our purpose in life, is to lift up before a dying generation of people, that Jesus Christ is still the Son of God, the Saviour of the world. And I'm so happy to know that I live where there is people who believe that, and along with the thousands that has accepted Him as their Saviour."

There is only one way that Jesus Christ is lifted up, and Branham does not mention that, because he did not know it himself. That way is in the same text preceding the words of Jesus that Branham quoted:

"In most solemn truth I tell you that unless the grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains what it was--a single grain; but that if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. He who holds his life dear, is destroying it; and he who makes his life of no account in this world shall keep it to the Life of the Ages. If a man wishes to be My servant, let him follow Me; and where I am, there too shall My servant be" (John 12:24-26 WNT).

Christ is only lifted up by and in those that die in Him. He is not lifted up by men's preaching using His Name, or by any amount of Bible teaching, meetings, singing, or religious works. Only those that go into the ground with Him, baptized into His death, can join Him where He is now, being lifted up by His resurrection power, presently, and not just after physical death. The grain of wheat is planted alive, not dead. It goes into the ground to die. Then the Lord, being lifted up in these earthen vessels yielded to Him, will draw all men to Himself.

God forbid that this is something to happen only after physical death! He is no liar that promises what He cannot, and does not, deliver. His will is done on earth, as in Heaven. But Branham puts these things, and, yes, the Lord Himself, into the future. Here are Branham's words, following the ones quoted above:

"And knowing that after this life is finished, there will be a life on the other side that'll be so glorious that this toils and few hours that we're passing through these shades and shadows of life here in the testing ground, that we are merely entering into the orbit now, waiting for the countdown, for soon there will come a time that when God's time is fulfilled. The great arm, that's held back the time so long, will finally let go, and His church will move off from this earth in space out yonder into a land where there'll be no sickness, sorrow, old age, death. That's why we are gathered today, Lord, is to express our feeling about these things."

I do not discount the life to come in the next realm. The problem here is that Branham does not confess the Life that is here in this one, the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord went on to say this after the verses I just quoted:

"And if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him" (John 12:26 LITV).

William Branham was killed in a car accident. Is that the kind of honor Jesus was talking about, that God's faithful servants could expect? Or do these words of the Lord apply here?:

"Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were sinners above all men who lived in Jerusalem? I tell you, No. But unless you repent, you will all likewise perish" (Luke 13:4-5 MKJV).

Even Branham alludes to the sinful and lying state of one dying as he did, in the messages you sent me:

"And you'll see a accident that just almost takes your life and you'll say, 'Oh, if I would've died... Lord, thank You for sparing me. I'm going to serve You.' Then forget about it (See?), until one's done caught you. See? And then--then it's too late."

"I am going to serve You"? That is the flesh speaking. How about repenting in dust and ashes? Who is the sinner that is rebuked by the circumstances God brings upon him that will dare to say to Him, "But now I will serve You"? Can a man give anything to God, or bargain with Him? What a despicable notion! No man is good. None can serve God, except those to whom it is given:

"And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called of God, as Aaron was" (Hebrews 5:4 MKJV).

Jesus said that we should confess ourselves unprofitable after we have done His will, but Branham declares himself profitable before he does it. In a single statement, that is the difference between true and false religion.

We are, all of us - those who know and serve God, unprofitable servants, doing only what He has given us to do. If He does not give it, we are all toast, goners, with nothing whatsoever to recommend us to Him, or to others.

What we hear from Branham are the ramblings of an incoherent, boastful fool. That does not say much for where you are at, Joseph. But we hope better things for you, which is why we speak the truth to you, as we must with every person, not seeking the favor of men, but of God, Who is for all.

Paul

Joseph, in response, sent us excerpts from a writing from William Branham with a large picture of "Jesus" carrying the cross, and this question:

You said he didn't personally know God and the message of the cross....??

He also sent Gene Shaparenko's site of false accusations to his recipient list.

## And this reply to us:

Paul, Victor, and associates,

Although I had misjudged you at first, it is absolutely certain now to me that you both have unashamedly blasphemed against God.

Whether you accept it or not - it needs to be declared unto you, if someone else

hasn't already done so by now.

Deception is always so close to the truth, but some of your comments are a blatant and outright refute to God's own Word.

I would rather not go into too much detail, but generally you do not even trust the BIBLE as God's Word, which is a true Christian's ONLY ABSOLUTE and protection against Satan!

Have you ever heard of these three witnesses in the BIBLE...? (Perhaps you need a most basic lesson?):

**MATTHEW 24:35** 

35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

MARK 13:31

31 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away. LUKE 21:33

33 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

That's the irrefutable importance God places on HIS WORD. ... and you have clearly declared, which I quote you:

"The only answer and effectual Word of God is the living Word made flesh, the Lord Jesus Christ, not the Bible..." !!!

- An absolute contradiction to the SPIRIT OF TRUTH - WHO HIMSELF WAS THE WORD MADE FLESH, and WHO HIMSELF MADE THOSE STATEMENTS - LOCKED INTO HIS WORD, FOR ALL MANKIND OF ALL AGES TO KNOW AND TAKE REFUGE BEHIND!

Even a novice ought to be able to discern that with no hesitation.

No matter what or how you try to get out of the BIBLE as God's absolute infallible Word, it will fall back on you, even as in the Garden of Eden.

Satan deceived Eve through the serpent using God's Word, with **an element** of error added.

She and Adam fell BECAUSE they failed to **rightly discern** this, and **went out** from the PROTECTION of GOD'S COMPLETE WORD, being the cause of all SIN... which is **UNBELIEF** IN HIS WORD.

It's as simple as that.

As such, I will not, and do not wish to go into any further dialogue with you.

It is also now clear to me that an evil religious spirit has anointed you and upon those

who actually sympathize with you.

As another fellow human being, I can only pray for your souls - if they are redeemable. "Claiming" yourselves to be exceptional in what you do is just fulfilling the scripture for YOUR OWN PART and destiny. Enough said.

In parting here are just <u>some responses</u> I have received from my friends about your diatribe against God's Word-prophet.

You don't need to respond please. Thanks.

Goodbye,

Joseph

## Victor's reply:

You use images, Joseph, breaking the Second Commandment.

You point to an historical Christ and an historical cross, neither of which will save you, any more than it saves Catholics.

You accuse us of denying that the Bible is the Word of God. You lie. We do no such thing. What we do is point to the Present, Living Christ, Who dwells in us, the Author and Substance of the Bible, and Whom we love and serve by the cross.

"Search the scriptures; for in them you think you have eternal life: and they are they which testify of Me. And you will not come to Me, that you might have life. I receive not honour from men. But I know you, that you have not the love of God in you" (John 5:39-42).

You and your people have jumped to all sorts of false conclusions about us and made false accusations, being without knowledge. You do not clarify or seek to understand; you only attack and revile. And now you slink away with tails between your hind legs, as fearful cowards. How is it we are of Satan, yet unafraid to stand up to you and your great "jesus"? We are not afraid of you, for fear is not of God. You are the ones who are afraid.

You people have religion and idolize a man, which would do you no good even if he were a true man of God. You have nothing but vain religion, foolish doctrine, manifest emptiness and confusion. It is you who blaspheme and not we. You are the ones in danger of Hellfire and unforgiveness, and not we who speak to you by and in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Contending for the faith once delivered to the saints, without fear, ignorance or apology,

Victor

#### Victor also asked, in relation to Gene's site:

Another question, Joseph,

Why would you use this information, being a false testimony against us, spread it to your group, even though the source of this information would also deny Branham to be a man of God? Does that make sense?

## Joseph's reply:

There are "countless" sites on the Internet that put out false, damning, and inaccurate articles against Bro. Branham, this one by 'Aqua Technology' included, which has sadly "bagged" him along with you chaps!

Yes, although it was more dedicated to "exposing" you and Paul, it also invariably dumped Bro. Branham in as of the same false light..!

Yes, in spite of that, I sent it out to some of my friends in confidence, simply because I know them well and who are all true believers who've had a genuine experience with God.

I thus had NO fear in me to let them read and judge these things for themselves, without my cencorship, to draw their own conclusions.

In these last days, the worldwide body of the SPIRIT OF TRUTH within the Bride of Christ HAS sharp spiritual discernment (sharper than a two-edged sword), and she is able to decipher any false witness/es.

Her filter is GOD'S REVEALED WORD OF THE HOUR - the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, with her, Who is her protection - according to HIS WORD.

We know for ourselves that Bro. Branham was totally 100% surrendered to the WORD, whilst you are the exact opposite to him, who do not trust the Bible as your absolute.

To place the two together under the same "group" only goes to clearly show us the false prejudices and ignorance of all such writers. However, it at least offered us a secondary view of your works, from which to draw our own conclusions, or even make further searches if necessary.

At the very start, it was I who had forwarded your article (on 'the purpose driven life' book and it's author Rick Warren), to all my 470-over contacts.

At that time it happened to interest me, as it had 'appeared' to have 'elements' of truth, which I wanted to check out with my friends.

So I sent it out for their study and further information in order to receive their feedback.

It was with the SAME motive by which I sent out this particular article (by 'Aqua Technology') which you've questioned.

It was actually forwarded to me by someone first.

We can now all quite clearly see the utter falsity of **BOTH** camps, and have drawn our own conclusions.

By their fruits ye shall know them.

The cards are now opened on the deck and we know **nothing** is ever hid from God.

#### Paul's reply:

Joseph and associates,

You are false accusers, who, to maintain your darkness and sins, speak lies. I did not say the Bible was not God's Word. I said it was not the effectual and Living Word of God - the One made flesh. That is the Lord Jesus Christ. There is a big difference between Him and the Bible, but you do not see it. That is because you are Bibliolaters, idolaters of the Bible.

According to your wicked interpretation, Jesus Christ was a Bible before He took on the form of a man. To you, that is the Word made flesh. You have exchanged God for ink on paper. The glorious Creator for the creature! Him you do not know, see, or believe, and therefore you do not believe the revelation of His Book, or those who have been sent to preach in His Name. Jesus spoke to your kind as follows:

"You search the Scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and these are they which testify about Me. But you are unwilling to come to Me, so that you may have life" (John 5:39-40 EMTV).

And what do you say to the Lord Jesus when He speaks these words to you? We have your reply, as follows:

"An absolute contradiction to the SPIRIT OF TRUTH... No matter what or how you try to get out of the BIBLE as God's absolute infallible Word, it will fall back on you, even as in the Garden of Eden...the cause of all SIN... UNBELIEF IN HIS WORD...an evil religious spirit has anointed you and upon those who actually sympathize with you...As another fellow human being, I can only pray for your souls - if they are redeemable. 'Claiming' yourselves to be exceptional in what you do is just fulfilling the scripture for YOUR OWN PART and destiny."

In other words, "He has a devil."

It is not we, but you, who blaspheme the Holy Spirit.

Stephen writes that your god is not a god of fear and that, "William Branham's proof was come stand next to me and argue, then we can see who's god is God."

How can you see anything in your darkness? That is why you stumble while fleeing, slobbering gibberish and slashing yourselves on the altar of your idol, which will not save you. Nevertheless, you will know that we have spoken the Word of God to you.

Paul

## Victor's reply:

Go for it, Satan; do your very worst, which is nothing to us. We have nothing to fear. You are finished.

Joseph then gave us a website called "Believe the Sign."

## Victor's reply:

Joseph,

What did Jesus say about signs and sign seekers and those who bid others to believe any signs but the Resurrected Christ, Whom none of you know?

#### Here:

" A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas. And he left them, and departed" (Matthew 16:4).

You simply do not deceive us, Satan. And even if William Branham were a true prophet of God, it did you no good; you certainly have nothing of God.

Victor

#### Sara also sent:

"For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect" (Matthew 24:24 KJV).

## Joseph's reply:

#### II TIMOTHY 2:15

15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

#### I CHRONICLES 16:22

22 [Saying], Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm.

#### **PSALMS 105:15**

15 [Saying], Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm.

#### EXODUS 4:8

8 And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe thee, neither hearken to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the latter sign.

#### **MATTHEW 12:38**

38 Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee.

39 But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas:

40 For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

41 The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas [is] here.

#### **LUKE 11:29**

29 And when the people were gathered thick together, he began to say,

This is an evil generation: they seek a sign; and there shall no sign be given it, but the sign of Jonas the prophet.

30 For as Jonas was a sign unto the Ninevites, so shall also the Son of man be to this generation.

- 31 The gueen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation, and condemn them: for she came from the utmost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon [is] here.
- 32 The men of Nineve shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas [is] here.
- 33 No man, when he hath lighted a candle, putteth [it] in a secret place, neither under a bushel, but on a candlestick, that they which come in may see the light.
- 34 The light of the body is the eye: therefore when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light; but when [thine eye] is evil, thy body also [is] full of darkness.
- 35 Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness.

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28 Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?

# 29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

- 30 They said therefore unto him, What sign shewest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? what dost thou work?
- 31 Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat.
- 32 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, Verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven.
- 33 For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.
- 34 Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread.
- 35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life; he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

## 36 But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not.

- 37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.
- 38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.
- 39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath

- given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. 40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.
- 41 The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven.
- 42 And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? how is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven? 43 Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, Murmur not among vourselves.
- 44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.
- 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.
- 46 Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father.
- 47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.
- 48 I am that bread of life.
- 49 Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead.
- 50 This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.
- 51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.
- 52 The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us [his] flesh to eat?
- 53 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.
- 54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.
- 55 For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.
- 56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.
- 57 As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.

- 58 This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.
- 59 These things said he in the synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum.
- 60 Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard [this], said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it?
- 61 When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, Doth this offend you?
- 62 [What] and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before?
- 63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, [they] are spirit, and [they] are life.
- 64 But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him.

JOHN 12:37-50

37 But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him:

- 38 That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed?
- 39 Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again,
- 40 He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with [their] eyes, nor understand with [their] heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.
- 41 These things said Esaias, when he saw his glory, and spake of him.
- 42 Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess [him], lest they should be put out of the synagogue:
- 43 For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.
- 44 Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me,

# believeth not on me, but on him that sent me. 45 And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me.

46 I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.

47 And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.

48 He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. 49 For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. 50 And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak

therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.

## Gerald's reply:

Yes, Victor, I know what Jesus said about sign-seekers. At the same time He pointed them to a great sign - the sign of the prophet Jonah - pointing to the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord Jesus. Jesus also rebuked the Pharisees for NOT being able to discern the "signs of the times". I am NOT a sign-seeker, but when I see a sign I look to what the sign is pointing to. I get nowhere by hanging around the sign post.

Unfortunately, during the Healing Revival of the 40's and 50's most professing Evangelicals started leaning on the sign post, instead of moving in the direction which the sign was pointing - the Coming of the Lord Jesus. William Branham rebuked the preachers for putting too much emphasis on "signs and wonders" and not enough on "Salvation". They wanted William Branham's signs, but they didn't want the Word he preached - it was the same with Jesus ministry. Jesus told us that the "works" (signs) He did testified of who He was and if the people couldn't believe Him - His Words, He told them to believe the "works" He had done among them. They choose to believe neither Him nor His works (signs).

Peace,

Gerald Lush, Editor The William Branham Home Page Spiritual Food In Due Season

## Victor's and Paul's replies:

<sup>-</sup> KJV BIBLE

Gerald, it is to that very sign, the one and only one given, as Jesus plainly declared, that we point you. We are that sign, raised from the dead in Him. Your sign is that light over Branham's head, to which you have appealed, you or whoever had the "Believe the Sign" site. That is idolatry of the rankest order. Signs and wonders are not only from God, as you should know, but that does not matter to a mesmerized idolater with glazed eyes.

We are not making Branham the issue here, as much as your companions have evidently, yes, dramatically made him so. We have indeed touched the apple, not of His eye, but of your eye. We have simply exposed the corruption and death that is there, and the vicious reaction says it all, a reaction of which you are aware if you red the letters of those sent to Joseph, along with his letters.

#### Victor

Gerald, Paul here. The sign the Lord spoke of is also called the doctrine of Christ. The apostle John said this about it:

"For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.... If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed" (2 John 1:7-10 KJV).

## Gerald's reply:

#### Victor;

I wish you peace through our Lord Jesus Christ.

You signed your e-mail "Contending for the faith". But, judging from some of the things I read at your site and/or links from it to other sites, I see people who are "bringing reproach on the Word instead of bearing reproach for it". Many anti-Branham; anti-this preacher and anti-that preacher are no more than "religious tabloids", spreading religious gossip. I certainly don't see much Agape Love. I don't see many, if any articles encouraging the people to keep a right spirit and attitude. It's more like the same spirit that caused the Roman Catholic church to kill 68 million Christians during the Dark Ages. Our Lord Jesus rebuked His disciples for "loving only those that loved them". That's the same spirit the Pharisees had.

Abraham (because he lied), David because of his adultery and murder, Moses, because of his stuttering and temper, Hosea, because he married a prostitute, John, the baptist, because he dressed & acted like a wild man, etc., etc. - they would in this day be thrown in with Brother Branham and all the other preachers that many web sites condemn and crucify.

I assure you sir, I do not idolize a man. I respect Brother Branham as a Servant of God.

He is now history, but I continue to move on with the Lord in His Word. I Thank God for the many blessings I've received and continue to receive through Bro. Branham's ministry. I love the Lord Jesus more than ever and I love his children.

It's unfortunate that sometimes people focus on the fanatics "around" the message brought by William Branham, rather than on those who hold a "balanced revelation" in their hearts. It's like Balak, taking Baalim around the Camp of the Hebrews hoping to get Baalim to see them from a different angle and condemn them - but he could only say what God put in his mouth.

I assure you that my e-mail is not meant to antagonize anyone - just to express what I feel and what I see.

Thank you for your time.

Gerald Lush

## Victor's reply:

Gerald, I don't know if you genuinely wish me peace through our Lord Jesus Christ or not, but I can tell you, in all joy and thankfulness, with a full knowledge of undeservedness, that we have His peace.

I would also say that it is impossible for you to have that peace of Him you say you wish us, if you cannot perceive who and where we are in Him, His sons and anointed brethren.

Your judgment of our site and our writings is after the flesh. Your religiosity, the works of men, darkens your understanding. You have no discernment. We bear much reproach for our stand in the True Lord Jesus Christ, Creator and Savior of all, being one with and in Him. This altercation with Joseph and his foolish companions is but a snippet of what we suffer and bear patiently, with joy.

You are those who say you have God for your Father and Abraham for your father, yet you do not hear or receive us, misinterpreting what we say and accusing us of things for which we are not guilty. You have no objectivity, no love for the Truth. If you did, you would hold your tongue, pray, study, examine what we say - in context - and then speak, unless you realize you have nothing to say because wrong.

Your "agape" love is of man and not of God. You have never known His love. You don't have it in you. If you did, we would know it and receive it from you. You would love us. You don't. Why? Because we have touched your god.

Joseph scatters Scripture at us as one crazed, not even seeing that the very Scriptures he uses apply to him. He thinks that he wields the sword of the Spirit and that it will have its impact on us. For his sake we write, but no, he thrashes on the ground in his

foolishness, foaming at the mouth, as though a demon has thrown him down. We come to deliver, not to condemn. Paul's original letter to him displays that plainly, truthfully, we knowing fairly well the reaction would come as it did. We have simply disturbed a den of vipers, a partisan religious group centered on a man and on religion, thinking that in so doing it centers on Jesus Christ. There is nothing further from the truth.

Do we condemn you when we say these things? God forbid. We simply speak the truth about you as given (unpalatable to you as it is and must be) and leave the judgment to Him Who judges.

But you don't see it as "encouraging the people to keep a right spirit and attitude." You see it as condemnation. That is because you are already condemned, not believing. The only way we can speak the way we do is because we truly love. Your love is of man, phony, pleasing to the flesh, but disgusting to God, I truly and solemnly tell you. You are deceived, Gerald, you and your companions. That is why, out of true love, you are now exposed to God's rebuke by us.

We do not judge you by others, fanatical or not. We judge you by the Spirit of Truth, judging righteous judgment, even as He has commanded us.

While in your letter I recognize a hint of restraint, patience and tolerance, unlike most if not all the other letters from your associates, there is nevertheless great darkness. The examples you cite as you apply them to us are unfair and without knowledge because, in fact, you are not free of idolatry as you say. Your eye is far from single. If it were single, you would see us.

If you truly desire to "move on with the Lord in His Word," then you had better reconsider, examine yourself and take a prayerful second look at what we have to say; prayerful, I say, because without the grace of God, you can see and hear nothing. And you do not now see and hear as you think. Fasting and sackcloth are in order, Gerald.

Your politeness, yet apparent direct honesty, though in pride and ignorance, gives me hope that you will listen and be moved to repent in dust and ashes. Perhaps you will consider there is more here than you bargained for, something very different from those with whom you lump us. However we have seen far too much to count on that, at least in the immediate future.

Read our testimonies and consider that one need not believe that any man was "the last prophet" or even that he was a man of God in order to be saved. That is not what the Scriptures say, unless one reads into them, as many, if not all, Branhamites do with Malachi. The Word testifies of THE Word, which is what we have been saying all along, do say in our site, and now say to you. The very Scripture Joseph sends us applies to you all. We are in Him of Whom the Testimony testifies:

"You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life. And they are the ones witnessing of Me, and you will not come to Me that you might have life" (John 5:39-40 MKJV).

I believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, receiving that He was crucified, buried and raised up from the dead for me that I might have His Life, which can only be had by Him. I had not heard of William Branham and did not need to hear of him. I am very thankful that I did not, especially if what happened to you all were to happen to me. God forbid. Again, read the testimonies and then tell me we err, as you do.

Yes indeed, contending for the faith once delivered to the saints, and ever so thankful that we are so privileged to be granted such a high honor, to identify with the Lord Jesus in a religious atmosphere heretofore inspired and ruled by the prince of darkness, an angel of light, the usurper, but whom we now vanguish by the Sword of Light, in the Lord Jesus Christ's might, with alacrity and delight,

Victor

#### Paul's reply:

Hi Gerald, Paul Cohen here,

Your letter and tone come across as somewhat reasonable. The same cannot be said for Joseph. At least you are talking to us and we do hear what you are saying, and understand where you are coming from. You have opened the door for dialogue. Good. So let us talk about your observations.

You say you see people bringing reproach on the Word. Be specific. How do you see this? How are we bringing shame to Christ? Let's deal with a real and authentic measure of His teaching, example, and doctrine. Read The True Marks of a Cult and then tell us specifically how we are in error, in spirit and deed, according to the ways and teachings of the Lord. "Specific" means giving Scriptural backing and examples as applied to our precise words and deeds.

You talk about encouraging people to keep a right spirit and attitude. Just who are you proposing has a right spirit and attitude? Joseph? It is obvious he does not. All he can do is sputter and produce massive amounts of Branham quotes that say nothing apropos, and Scripture quotes that are taken out of context and misapplied. You call that "Agape Love"? Our letters are encouraging him to repent of his idolatry and to get a right spirit and attitude. What do you propose for him? What does your "Agape Love" tell you to do with him?

How about your attitude? You accuse us of having the same spirit as the Roman Catholic Church. How do you see us having that? While they committed crimes against humanity, which you cite (whether accurate or not), where are our crimes that prove

the same spirit? If you have no evidence of any, then how can it be the same spirit? Where is the fruit? Did not the Lord say to judge by the fruits?

Where do you see the Roman Catholic Church speaking out against hypocritical and false religious leaders and their doctrines, as we do? You say we are "anti-this preacher and anti-that preacher," implying that we are gossipers. Prove it. You show us where we are wrong in what we preach or what we have said about anyone.

According to my dictionary, making accusations without evidence or proof, as you do, is the spirit of the most pernicious and evil kind of gossip. You are in the company of those who wag their tongues without truth or any care to ascertain it.

By your standards, John the Baptist, Jesus, Paul, and all the myriads of saints that appear with the Lord Jesus Christ to contend for the faith "and to convict all the ungodly of all the ungodly deeds which in their ungodliness they have committed, and of all the hard words which they, ungodly sinners as they are, have spoken against Him" (Jude 1:15) are out of line. You condemn us all. You, sir, blaspheme the Holy Spirit, just like your fathers did, who also practiced their form of "Agape Love," worshipping at the altar of Ashtoreth, the goddess of the kind of love you talk about, a love of feelings rather than of Truth, of darkness, not of Light, which darkness hates and strikes at in fear, as evidenced by the reaction of your clan to my letter.

You are a hypocrite, Gerald. Your love is a lie and full of dung. You condemn us for rebuking false professors of Christ, as though rebuking is wrong, yet cite an example of the Lord rebuking His disciples, as though you do not judge Him for doing the same. How was He not wrong for not encouraging them? Are you not condemning God? If the Lord is not wrong in rebuking His own, and we know He is not, then how are we wrong for rebuking the wicked? If we are wrong, the Lord is even more so. That is your wicked stance and accusation, Satan. We are aware of your devices, as you know.

But we know that as many as the Lord loves, He rebukes and chastens. He scourges every son He receives. It is Satan who coddles men in their sins and encourages them in their foolish deceptions about their relationship with God. "Yea, your eyes shall be opened to be as God." And so they think themselves to be. That is where you are at.

You seem to insinuate (if not outright accuse) that we are in the same spirit as the Pharisees, and loving only those that love us. That is exactly what you are doing. You are speaking up for your own, with no thought or care for the Truth. Joseph and his partisan supporters can rant and rage as a rabid dog, but you focus on us as the problem. Did you not hear or know how Joseph approached us to begin with? He had sent out one of our writings to his group. I contacted him to find out more about him, and why he did this, and here is what he wrote back:

"I felt the liberty to do so [share our writing with his list] because I believe the truth is for everyone to know far and wide as you said, and if it was myself writing it, that

would not be an issue. I could identify with so much of all that you and Victor Hafichuk have written...."

Joseph was in agreement with us at first. We were thankful for his sending out of the writing, and told him so. My letter to him, which has stirred up the "hornet's nest," was not written to one expressing enmity, but to one that "loved" us. What you think to use against us backfires on you big-time. It proves the opposite of what you are trying to prove. Instead of us loving only those that love us, we are seen to love all, including those that falsely love us, not suffering them to live in darkness and lies by denying them the Presence of the Lord.

When Simon the Pharisee invited the Lord to his house for a meal, did the Lord withhold Himself from pointing out Simon's self-righteousness? This is the love of God, forsaking the favor of man to speak the Truth, which you condemn in us.

It appears you are also saying that we would harshly judge the saints of the past if they were here today. Basically you are accusing us of judging after the appearance. As I have been pointing out, that is what you are doing. It is not whether one speaks harsh words or not, but why they speak them. The same goes for apparently loving words. You are not judging righteously yourself, according to the heart and motive, but after the appearance, according to how you see things from your carnal viewpoint. If you think we would condemn the saints for their sins and faults, then you have not red our testimonies.

You say you do not idolize a man, referring to Branham. To which we say, "When we see a bird that walks like a duck and swims like a duck and guacks like a duck, we call that bird a duck." You have set up a shrine to your idol, and worship at his altar. You are right, though, when you say he is "history." He is dead, as are his works, and they are not yet speaking to us as are Abel's. If Branham gets the credit for your faith, then his was surely counterfeit, because you do not recognize or know the Lord Jesus or His children and brethren, whom you say you love. If you did, you would hear and love us, because we are surely His. Read the links I have sent you. Prove otherwise, or hold your peace.

It is another "Jesus" that you serve, made in the image of corrupt man, Baal, and another love, the deceitful love of Ashtoreth.

The sins of men will be forgiven them, but not blasphemy against the Holy Spirit. You are blaspheming the Spirit of God, which is why you find no guarter in our sight, or in the sight of God, which is one and the same.

"And then will come the revelation of that evil one, whom the Lord Jesus will put to death with the breath of His mouth, and give to destruction by the revelation of His coming" (2 Thessalonians 2:8 BBE).

Glory Hallelujah!

Paul

## Gerald's response to Sara:

Sarah;

Thank you for your e-mail and the admonition re "false Christs" and "false Prophets".

I agree - there are 100's of 1000's of false Christs (anointed ones) and prophets all over the earth. Every Sunday the pulpits are filled with such - teaching for doctrines the commandments of men or some church creed - making the True Word of God of none effect to the people.

The people swallow it hook, line and sinker and, in the words of Evangelist Jack Coe, they're going to hell at 10 or 20 miles an hour, setting in a church; whereas the drunkard and harlot is travelling at a 100 miles an hour.

One time Peter came under such an anointing, and Jesus rebuked him saying that he didn't know what spirit he was under. Yet Peter (in the natural mind) had Jesus' best interest at heart. He was trying to stop Jesus from going up to Jerusalem, because Jesus had said that it was there He would be betrayed and put to death. There was a wrong anointing on Peter trying to hinder the fulfillment of the Scriptures. Jesus stayed with the Word, even though it meant that ALL men would forsake Him and eventually kill Him.

Thank God for a few ministers like Wigglesworth, Freeman, Coe, William Branham and others, who in spite of rejection by the majority of the clergy and people - they stayed with the True Word.

Re "false prophets" the Lord, in His Word gave us guidelines for distinguishing a "true" prophet from a "false" prophet.

#### **DEUTERONOMY 18:21-22;**

21 And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken?

22 When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.

#### **JEREMIAH 28:6-9:**

6 Even the prophet Jeremiah said, Amen: the LORD do so: the LORD perform thy words which thou hast prophesied, to bring again the vessels of the LORD'S house, and all that is carried away captive, from Babylon into this place.

(Here we have Jeremiah, the TRUE prophet saying AMEN to the words of another Hebrew prophet Hananiah, from the school of prophets. 400 Hebrew prophets were all saying the same thing as Hananiah; and he was right in that the 'land' belonged to Israel, etc. But it would be restored to Israel in God's way, not Ahab's way).

7 Nevertheless hear thou now this word that I speak in thine ears, and in the ears of all the people:

8 The prophets that have been before me and before thee of old prophesied both against many countries, and against great kingdoms, of war, and of evil, and of pestilence.

9 The prophet which prophesieth of peace, when the word of the prophet shall come to pass, then shall the prophet be known, that the LORD hath truly sent him.

(In this age God can send a 1000 prophets and all their prophesies can come to pass, but if he crosses up on the people's doctrine or ideas, they will not receive him. When the God-Prophet himself - Jesus Christ came on the scene, He was rejected, not because of His "signs and "wonders" but because He crossed up their doctrines and religious ideas. NO SURPRISE that the religious people are ready to crucify Him again. And they would use the same Scripture that you gave concerning "false Christs and false prophets".)

#### **NOTE: EZEKIEL 33:30-33:**

30 Also, thou son of man, the children of thy people still are talking against thee by the walls and in the doors of the houses, and speak one to another, every one to his brother, saying, Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word that cometh forth from the LORD.

- 31 And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: for with their mouth they shew much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness.
- 32 And, lo, thou art unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument: for they hear thy words, but they do them not.
- 33 And when this cometh to pass, (lo, it will come,) then shall they know that a prophet hath been among them.

The re-action of the majority to Jesus is the re-action of the majority to all True servants of God: "We will not have this man rule over us". Remember, even in the New Testament, God always deals WITH man THROUGH man. Ephesians 4:11 tells us that God has sit a five-fold ministry in the Church - FOR THE PERFECTING OF THE SAINTS. The Holy Spirit teaches through the teacher, preaches through the preachers, Evangelises through the Evangelist, etc.. Sad to say that we have come to that time in history when "Every man does that which is right in their own eyes".

Grace and Peace.

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## Sara's reply:

Mr. Lush,

Your letter is quite unclear.

Regarding your assertion that those following false preachers and prophets are going to hell at 10 or 20 miles an hour, while the drunkard or harlot is going there at 100 miles an hour, you contradict what the Scriptures preach:

"Which of them did the will of his father? They said unto Him, The first. Jesus said unto them, Truly I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the Kingdom of God before you. For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and you believed him not: but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and vou. when you had seen it, repented not afterward, that you might believe him" (Matthew 21:32).

"For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you shall in no case enter into the Kingdom of Heaven" (Matthew 5:20).

"Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven" (Matthew 5:3).

"But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you shut up the Kingdom of Heaven against men: for you neither go in yourselves, neither suffer you them that are entering to go in" (Matthew 23:13).

Regarding the Scriptures I gave: So what if others, who do not want to submit to those whom the Lord has sent, would use the same Scriptures? The question is: Do the Scriptures apply, or do they not? Are you going to discard the Scriptures because people have done things they ought not with them? Also, you are following signs (such as those demonstrated in the link given by Joseph Saigal), so people may justifiably quote those Scriptures to you, as I did.

Concerning following true men of God, Paul and Victor were sent to minister to me in the Lord. You can read my testimony: Sara Schmidt.

Sara

## Gerald's response to Victor:

Victor;

Again, allow me to say that the "Light" over Brother Branham's head is not the 'sign' which I reference when I speak of "the Sign" which accompanied William Branham's ministry. I am not responsible for the "believethesign.Com" site. Thusfar, my only contribution to that site is an article on the "Journey To Salvation" in our Lord Jesus Christ. There were many "signs" in Brother Branham's ministry. I focus on the "Messiah Sign" of Hebrews 4:12, the Word discerning the "thoughts" AND "intents" of the heart, etc.

The "woman at the well" recognized that sign (John 4), saying "when Messiah cometh He'll tell us these things". In John 1:45-51 Nathanael recognized that sign and said, "Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel." That same Lord Jesus Christ was in His servant showing the same sign in these last days. Many of the religious people and their leaders called it "the Devil". The Pharisees accused Jesus of healing the sick and doing what He did, by the power of the Devil. But Our Wonderful Lord Jesus sit the record straight, saying:

25 And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand:

26 And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand?

27 And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast them out? Therefore they shall be your judges.

28 But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you. MATTHEW 12:26-28

The theme of William Branham's ministry was "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today and forever". In my 42 years as a Christian, and 30 years as a Minister of the Gospel - I can honestly say, from my heart, that, he, more than any other preacher I ever heard exalted Jesus Christ in Word and Deed. He took no credit unto himself - he would remind the people, "Now, you know that's not me. A man can't do these things. That's none other than our Lovely Lord Jesus, showing His Presence with us".

You accuse us of idolatry. I don't doubt that there are many who idolize William Branham. But I don't blame the man for that when I know that he personally warned a number of the people following his ministry NOT to make his ministry and message some sort of a cult. He told them to "not make it any bigger than what it is, or smaller than what it is". I'm sure that Paul in his day was idolized, especially in light of the fact that he said, "FOLLOW ME, as I follow Christ". Many would take the first two words out of context to justify their condemnation of Paul's ministry. And there were divisions in the early church: "....every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ."

I 'listened' to what the man had to say, and PERSONALLY, I found it to be Scriptural Voice behind these signs. And God forbid that I should hold anything in my heart

against anyone who may differ with me. It's so easy to fall under that wrong anointing - like Peter (good intentions but little discernment) when Jesus said, "But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men." Then there was James and John - when a certain village of the Samaritans refused to allow Jesus entry for an overnight rest stop on His way to Calvary; they said to Jesus "shall we (like Elijah) call fire down from God and destroy them?". But the Lord Jesus, pressing toward His destiny said, "Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of." (Luke 9).

They never lacked "zeal", but it was a "zeal that lacked Spiritual wisdom". We ought to be able to look into the Word and learn, and experience in a New Birth the attitude of our Lord Jesus. He was "tough yet tender; courageous, yet compassionate; strong, yet sensitive; exalted, yet humble; wise, yet always learning". Of Him the Bible says that "He (His flesh) learned obedience, by the things which He suffered".

I cannot answer for all that "profess" to follow the Word-Based Message of William Branham; and without a doubt there are many fanatics among them. But, such has followed every Message God ever sent to the earth. Satan does a good job of putting up smoke screens in an attempt to discredit what God does - it's a trial of our faith. The Apostles in the early church had their hands full, trying to keep the people in line and under a right spirit.

It's not my desire to "provoke" anyone to anger, just to express my faith. PROVERBS

"A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger." PROVERBS 15:18

"A wrathful man stirreth up strife: but he that is slow to anger appeaseth strife." PROVERBS 16:32 "He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city."

Thank you for your time.

In Christ, the Prince of Peace to the Children of God.

Gerald Lush

## Victor's reply:

Gerald,

Yes, you can point to the gift of discernment, prophecy, or word of knowledge or miracles as signs, but so can false prophets point to such gifts. And, indeed, Jesus said, "These are the signs that will follow them that believe...."

As to the argument that Branham did not take credit, saying no man could do the things he was doing, that it was only the Lord Jesus, I have heard Benny Hinn say the selfsame thing, and Kuhlman, and others. That is no proof of anything.

But you are right in this: A man ought not necessarily to be held responsible for followers in error claiming to follow him; otherwise, Jesus Christ would be responsible for much evil. Even so, like I said, this is not about Branham. This is about Jesus Christ and you.

Gerald, something I have noticed before with Branhamites, and discern here, is that you know Christ after the flesh, which is still the other, earthly side of the cross. You are not worshipping Him after the Spirit, in spirit and in truth. These words in particular give you away completely:

"We ought to be able to look into the Word and learn, and experience in a New Birth the attitude of our Lord Jesus. He was 'tough yet tender; courageous, yet compassionate; strong, yet sensitive; exalted, yet humble; wise, yet always learning'."

We are still in the same position of addressing you, the one and only sign being the death and Resurrection of Christ within. You have the doctrine of the Risen Christ, as most Branhamites do, but you do not have the reality, His Spirit within. Is that not so?

Let me ask you a question: Do you yourself have those signs, those you point to with Branham?

Victor

## Gerald's reply:

Victor;

It's amazing isn't it - What you said below to me could very easily be turned around and applied to your attitude. It would appear that, no matter HOW I approach you, you will not believe me. In your mind, it is signed sealed and delivered - YOU are the good and WE are the Bad. Therefore, in the Love of Christ, I commit you into His hands. And when you stand before the Judgement Seat of Christ, then shall you know that, from my heart, as a Son of God, I have loved you with the Love of God. I regret your apparent unbelief and hardness of heart concerning my attitude, motive and objective.

In Christ, the judge of all hearts,

Gerald Lush

#### Victor's reply:

Gerald, I understand. We have had very similar situations with persons of other groups as well - SDAs, Pentecostals, Baptists.... It is as though we are each looking in the mirror and thinking to see someone else, right? But we are holding a mirror up to you (as you might say of us). Nevertheless, I must say that "we are the good and you are the bad." If I did not say it, I would be a liar like you.

You have said, "I assure you that my e-mail is not meant to antagonize anyone - just to express what I feel and what I see," and, "It's not my desire to 'provoke' anyone to anger, just to express my faith." Do you accuse us of meaning to antagonize or provoke to anger? It seems so. Are we accusing you of that? No.

We are telling you that you do not have the love of God. You are in your own righteousness. It is the man of sin, Gerald. You are on your own throne in His Name, thinking it is right, but we are here to tell you that you are wrong.

I do hope you will read our testimonies, but that is the Lord's work.

His will be done.

Victor

## Paul's reply:

Gerald, as Victor has said, this is not about Branham, but about you and your state of rebellion against God.

Nevertheless, we can point out to you, as I have done so already in my letter to Joseph, the true marks of a false prophet manifested in Branham, which you do not see because you have the same marks yourself. You are blinded by your sin, which is why the Lord has delivered you over to strong delusion that you should believe a lie. Branham's demonic testimony and teachings. Insisting that you are righteous and that you can see has brought on your head the one sin the Lord will not forgive. Your sin, as He said, remains.

I quote a definitively revealing recounting of Branham's testimony from your site:

"At about the eleventh hour in the evening, the Pillar of Fire came into the cave where he was sitting. Then he heard footsteps; and into the light cast on the floor by the Pillar of Fire, walked an Angel. Bro. Branham was very fearful. But, speaking gently, the Angel said, 'Fear not, I am sent from the Presence of Almighty God to tell you that your **peculiar life** and your **misunderstood ways** have been to indicate that God has sent you to take a Gift of Divine healing to the people of the world. IF YOU WILL BE SINCERE AND GET THE PEOPLE TO BELIEVE YOU, NOTHING SHALL STAND BEFORE YOUR PRAYER, NOT EVEN CANCER."

Let us compare this angel's gospel to the testimony of God in Scripture:

IF YOU WILL BE SINCERE AND GET THE PEOPLE TO BELIEVE YOU - "Good for you, Simon son of John! answered Jesus. For this truth did not come to you from any human being, but it was given to you directly by My Father in Heaven. And so I tell you, Peter: you are a rock, and on this rock foundation I will build My church..." (Matthew 16:17-18 GNB).

IF YOU WILL BE SINCERE AND GET THE PEOPLE TO BELIEVE YOU - "GOD answered Samuel, Go ahead and do what they're asking. They are not rejecting you. They've rejected Me as their King" (1 Samuel 8:7 MSG).

IF YOU WILL BE SINCERE AND GET THE PEOPLE TO BELIEVE YOU - "He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, lest they should see with their eyes, lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them" (John 12:40 EMTV).

IF YOU WILL BE SINCERE AND GET THE PEOPLE TO BELIEVE YOU - "And He did not do many miracles there because of their unbelief" (Matthew 13:58 EMTV).

I suppose Jesus was not sincere enough. That is what Branham's angel is suggesting. Satan comes as an angel of light!

Gerald, you, as did Branham, and the devil that spoke to him, put your trust in man, in his righteousness and power to persuade, to perform signs, to impress and convince men. That is the flesh. It is utterly corrupt and unacceptable to God. He comes to destroy it, and destroy it He will. Satan, you are finished. The angel (if there was one; it does not matter) speaking to Branham is the kind of which Paul the apostle spoke:

"But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed" (Galatians 1:8 KJV).

Even so, amen. Thank You, Lord Jesus, for Your Word and power that destroys the enemy.

Paul

Joseph's response:

# **GET THEE BEHIND ME SATAN!** PLEASE REMOVE ME FROM YOUR LIST.

Victor's reply:

Joseph, how you do expose your falsehood in those few giant words. We could write volumes about it to prove you are a child of darkness, not to condemn you, but to bring you to Jesus Christ. Let me explain, that you might easily know, though we know full well that these things can only be received by the grace of God, no matter how simple they are to the learned of the Spirit of God.

One, why shout, as though your printed or vocal volume has any power with Satan? It does not. Only Satan and man think so, because there is no light in them.

Two, "Please"? You say "please" to Satan? We don't, and neither would Jesus or any true disciple of His.

Three, would Jesus ask us to remove Him from our mailing list with shouts, reacting in anger or fear or passionate plea? We don't think so; in fact, we know He would not do so. You do so because you are on the defensive. You are defeated and afraid, with no substance to counter us. Is that not so? Pretend all you will; put the greatest face on it, but you do not fool us and especially, you do not fool God, Whom you profess and presume to serve. Heaven knows.

You have been weighed in the balance and found wanting. Your number is up. By the grace of God, that can be good, if only you would get completely honest and repent. But you aren't prepared to do that right now, are you, Joseph? You have too much at stake - your image, your comfortable nest (which is not so comfortable any more), your friends and companions, whom you are not prepared to forsake for the Lord's sake. You are afraid of the cross and, therefore, you will not believe and obey the Truth, Who must inevitably bring you to the cross, to die in Him, so that you might have life. Therefore, thus says the Lord: "Because you say you see, your sin remains to plague and to wreak its havoc on you, until the end, when you have finally had enough of the ongoing and increasing consequences of your religious games and hypocrisy in My Name."

Joseph, if you truly desire for Satan to get behind you, repent of your sin, forsake all, take up the cross, stop worshipping idols, and he will have no choice but to get behind you. Until then, he has you completely in his power.

In Jesus Christ's Wonderful Name and by His Power and Love,

Victor Hafichuk

## Joseph's response:

I have decided to write you this once and hope never to, ever again. You speak of "another Jesus" - NOT the LORD JESUS CHRIST of the BIBLE.

Mr. Hafichuk, I am not insecure as you are. Your writings and taunts only expose you and your **deep-set** insecurities evermore so, whether you are aware of it or not...

they emanate of your gloom and sadness, that stems from the unfortunate path you've chosen. However 'religious' and 'right' you may be made to feel by the enemy, you have been completely engulfed by his lies.... until your senses of right or wrong have become so crossed that you no longer can decipher one from the other. I have literally seen this phenomena far too often, and it is a truly sad state to be in.

#### II THESSALONIANS 2:10-12

10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Your "path of truth" is as deceiving as the father of all lies, because it comes from him. Satan is very very religious, more than you or I even know. We are not ignorant of his tactics. That is why I do not wish to communicate with you at all. Was Jesus ever "afraid" of Satan?? ... absolutely not! He also NEVER clowned for him either! But he spoke to him with AUTHORITY, and ordered him to "get thee behind!".... without mincing His words. No explanations, no yakity-yak... just plain and simple recognition of who he was and projected His authority.

I read Sara's testimony and truly truly felt very very sorry for that dear young lady. I have a daughter who I think is just about her same age, and I absolutely feel so very grieved for her poor mum and dad. I shared her testimony with my wife and she felt exactly the same.

Sara, if you are reading this, PLEASE JUST RUN RUN RUN FROM THESE TWO..... AS FAST AS YOU CAN. Go to your mum and dad and repent to them FIRST, and then to GOD, for your disobedience. From my honest and sincere observation, darling, these men have sealed their destinies, and God willing you can still RUN BACK TO YOUR HAPPINESS, if it's not too late already. They are NOT telling you ALL the truth. Deception is usually 99.9% truth mixed with 0.1% lie. I have judged them by their spirits, and they have passed with flying colors as 'classic deceivers'. I speak in love and complete concern for you dear sister. Your mum and dad were not wrong, as unreasonable as it may have appeared then to you. Even if they may have been unreasonable or harsh, going with these men was NOT going with GOD! ... so you have been absolutely hoodwinked! You have allowed your OWN reasoning to blur your discernment of their spirits FIRST. They may say all they like sounding as religious as ever, but if the spirit is wrong, just FLEE FOR YOUR LIFE!! I kid you not. They have SEALED their end. So they have NOTHING more to lose. You have EVERYTHING to lose, and if it's not too late already, PLEASE just pack your bags and GET OUT OF THERE!!....QUICK! You had not just disobeyed your dear mum and dad, you absolutely broke God's commandment:

**EXODUS 20:12** 

12 Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

Go and make your dear mum your best friend again, and reconcile with your daddy in repentance. You will be so much more blessed that way. These men may "appear" to be ever so righteous, but they have foul religious spirits, which they may or may not even be aware of themselves.

I know who I am, what I've believed, and don't need to prove anything to or debate them. Jesus NEVER EVER 'clowned' for Satan. Their name-calling is typical of Satan's traits, and reflects upon their allegiance to him. This trait is rampant in the world, especially in these deceptive days. All their taunts are not the least bit different from the man in the street simply wanting to pick a fight. I have not picked to fight or debate with them. I do no such things with outright deceivers. My discernment comes from within me. I will only discuss or reason with someone who hasn't yet blasphemed God, and who has manifested an upright spirit. Their follies WILL be made manifest to all - already has for me. They have idolized YOUR THEIR OWN SELVES, and are drawing innocent souls to THEMSELVES as carriers of "their version of their truth"! How pathetic. And claiming to have 'extraordinary' revelations of the 'truth'. The ultimate tragedy is they have blasphemed and it's unforgiveable. For your soul's sake do not partake of their sins, and FLEE!

#### II CORINTHIANS 11:3-4

3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. 4 For if he that cometh preacheth **another Jesus**, whom we have not preached, or [if] ye receive another spirit, which we have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with [him].

Goodbye, and no more mails !!

JS

## Victor's reply:

Not so fast, Joseph.

Can you not see your religiosity? Can you not see your emptiness? What authority do you think you have? You accuse and condemn us with all kinds of opinions but give absolutely nothing to back them up. You do not specify where we are wrong and how we are wrong. You toss out random Scriptures, as a painter splashes paint on walls, windows and carpet, thinking he is doing a beautiful job. We have been specific with you and your companions. All you have is religion - vain, empty, foolish religion.

No, Joseph, you are the one who blasphemes, and your take on Sara is revealing too, not that we need further revelation of you. If you could only know the difference in

her life before and after. If you could only know a fraction of what went on, but you don't, and, with your words, you would put her back in Hell if you could because you do not know the Lord or the cross, as we have said.

The cross is anothema to you and to all Branhamites. We have met others and they are no different. They have doctrine, they quote Scripture, but they are never able to understand or divide the Word of Truth rightly. They have no reasoning power at all, so deceived are they in their righteousnesses. Fools are they all, stumbling and bumbling, and all in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, yet serving the angelic counterfeit.

You stubbornly refuse to hear, lest you should be healed and delivered. How miserable are your ways, full of pain and sorrow, loss, defeat, disease, losing children, health, finances and all God-given things. Had you been willing to forsake these for His sake, they would have been returned to you manifold. Instead, you cling to your stale, moldy bread and stagnant water in your slums. How awful! How grievous to the Lord God, Creator of Heaven and earth and all that is!

What choice do we have but to let you count His blood as nothing, destroying yourselves?

Victor

## Joseph's reply:

Why am I replying? ... because of my concern for Sara....

Who is "miserable"? "What authority do you think you have?" Answer: I am a part of God. His Blood runs through my veins!

#### I CORINTHIANS 6:2-3

2 Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?

3 Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life?

#### II TIMOTHY 1:12-13

12 For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

13 **Hold fast the form of sound words**, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

#### About Sara:

"If you could only know a fraction of what went on, but you don't, and with your

words, you would put her back in Hell if you could because you do not know the Lord or the cross, as we have said."

#### Answer:

She is already there if she doesn't get out IMMEDIATELY! Others have gone through extremely hard trials, but if she is the child of God, she will come through ALL of them as GOLD, as through a fiery furnace! Sara, get to learn that the trials of THIS life are to be born with joy, as they are but 'growing pains' of **His** grace. Don't look for a "heaven on this earth". A Christian lives in the realm of God constantly, and is literally DEAD to the conditions concerning this flesh. His or her only requirement is to RECOGNIZE HIS OR HER DAY OF RECKONING, and know who he or she is - a SON or a **DAUGHTER of GOD**. Old things are passed away, behold all things have already become NEW for him or her.

#### II CORINTHIANS 5:16

16 Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we [him] no more. 17 Therefore if any man [be] in Christ, [he is] a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. Don't fear trials and testings. God is IN FULL CONTROL of the lives of ALL HIS CHILDREN.

You said: "Had you been willing to forsake these for His sake, they would have been returned to you manifold."

Answer: ... Prosperity gospel? We lack nothing both spiritually and physically, for your info.

#### PHILIPPIANS 3:7-10

7 But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. 8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things [but] loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them [but] dung, that I may win Christ, 9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: 10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

#### As Bro. Gerald rightly wrote you:

I cannot answer for all that "profess" to follow the Word-Based Message of William Branham; and without a doubt there are many fanatics among them. But, such has followed every Message God ever sent to the earth. Satan does a good job of putting up smoke screens in an attempt to discredit what God does - it's a trial of our faith.

The Apostles in the early church had their hands full, trying to keep the people in line and under a right spirit.

It's not my desire to "provoke" anyone to anger, just to express my faith. PROVERBS 15:1

"A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger." PROVERBS 15:18

"A wrathful man stirreth up strife: but he that is slow to anger appeaseth strife." PROVERBS 16:32 "He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city."

Thank you for your time.

JS

## Sara's reply:

Joseph,

I was contemplating this very subject this morning (what the Lord has done with me and given me as a result of my life here - being involved with, and believing, His servants and having a resultant walk with Him), before reading your original letter of me. The Lord called to mind the many things that He has done for me since my coming out here, and believing Him through those He sent to me.

One thing that was brought to mind was my deliverance from demons and my sins. The circumstances and deliverance took place in this way: When I came out (after the events related in my testimony), I was fearful and hiding my sins, but also unbelieving when the Lord said I needed to repent. When the Lord showed me that it was "do or die," that I needed to get real and confess my sins, He gave me the grace to do so. I confessed that I was holding onto imaginary characters, from which I gained companionship and comfort, instead of walking in truth and reality. This led to deliverance from the demons that had plagued me my whole life (despite my sin nature, it was also revealed that the demons came from my mother - that she gave them to me; I only say this because of your spiritual approval of her and assertion that I should return to her).

I also confessed the sin of masturbation. This confession led to deliverance from this sin for good, which I knew was beyond my power - I had tried to quit for years, unsuccessfully. So you can see that Victor was not speaking poetically when he said, "...you would put her back in Hell if you could...." I was a wretched, wicked woman, and a tormented sinner. I was also religious and self-righteous on top of it all, of which I needed to repent, realizing that I was nothing but scum, and grateful for the Lord's having anything to do with me whatsoever.

I am not here to bad-mouth my mother. Just for the record, the Lord gave me a vision of her, at a time when I was struggling - wanting to hold onto our relationship, but also not wanting to deny Him. In my vision, I saw my mother's face, and it was attached to the body of a large snake. She was coiled in front of me, at the mouth of a dark cave (her home), and her body, coiled, was three times my height and twice my thickness (circumference). I was standing on higher ground than her, a bit above her, and I was unafraid. I was rebuking her evil ways. The vision was a demonstration of victory in Him. I have been given that victory (it was incomplete at the time of the vision). Now you come along, and you would want me to dwell in the cave with her, instead of confronting her on her dark ways.

I will give you another, outside witness of the things I relate to you:

About a week ago (last Friday), Paul and I spoke to Aunt Sally, my mother's sister. She had been out to visit me a couple of times since my moving. In the first visit, only a couple of months after my arriving here, she asked me if I had been brain-washed (she had heard only my mother's side of things). I answered that I had, in that I saw things in a different light than I ever had before, and shared a recent experience with her to demonstrate what I was saying. She answered that, by my answer, she knew that I had not been brain-washed in the way that she had feared. She said that she was glad to see what was happening with me.

In the second visit (a couple of years ago - and a couple of years after the previous visit), she told me that she saw me being at home for the first time in my life. She said that when I was with my parents, under their roof, I seemed awkward, like I was not in my element, not at home in my world. She said, "Sara, I believe that, for the first time in your life, you are doing and being what you were always meant to do and to be."

In this recent phone conversation, she was talking to Paul as I listened in. She said heartily, "I want to thank you, Paul, for the part that you have played in giving Sara what she has today. I know that you would say that it is not you [she was referring to the fact that we give glory and credit to the Lord, which she also does not deny], but you are involved, or else she would not be out there and involved in what you are doing. I see her having peace of mind for the first time in her life, and I want to thank you for your part in that."

A far cry, and a very different reaction, from what my mother has said and done towards me, and towards Paul and Victor. She has done nothing but curse and condemn them, and has denied all the good things that have happened with me. Why do you choose to stand with evil, Joseph? Why are you quick to condemn me and Paul and Victor? Is that not evil? Do you know what (or Whom) you are condemning?

You are blaspheming the Holy Spirit, Who has done this work in me. For this, there is no forgiveness. How can you do this and yet claim to be a part of God? Is He so contradictory? No, He is not:

"...for what fellowship does righteousness have with lawlessness? And what partnership does light have with darkness? And what agreement does Christ have with Belial? Or what part does a believer have with an unbeliever? And what agreement does a temple of God have with idols?..." (2 Corinthians 6:14-16 MKJV)

Sara

## Paul's reply:

Joseph,

If anything has been clearly stated in our letters to you, it is that you are not part of God, as you falsely claim to be. You stand in opposition to Him, and to all that He does. That is why you tell Sara to go back to Hell. That is why you cannot answer us with substance, though we give you Scripture and the testimony of Jesus Christ, but tell us to go to Hell. You speak of your own, as a child of Hell.

You are a damned fool. The fool denies God in his heart, but the damned fool claims to be with Him while contradicting and opposing Him.

At every turn your mouth betrays you, crying out, "I am a fool, the son of a jackass; take the whip to me!" You ask if the taking up of the cross, and forsaking of the things of this world, which the Lord Jesus solemnly declared was the only way one could be His disciple (Luke 14:33), is the "prosperity gospel." How darkened are the minds of idolaters and those that are wise in their own sight!

You have nothing, Joseph, and, if not abusing the Scriptures, can only borrow the words of other religious, like Gerald and Branham, who also have nothing. In this the saving of the Lord Jesus is fulfilled:

"Leave them alone. They are blind guides of the blind. And if the blind guides the blind, both will fall into a ditch" (Matthew 15:14 EMTV).

Preferring your pit, you keep that which you insist on having, with more on the way.

Paul

## Joseph's response:

MATTHEW 5:22

22 .... but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

PROVERBS 26:4

4 Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest thou also be like unto him.

#### PROVERBS 26:12

12 Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? [there is] more hope of a fool than of him.

#### PROVERBS 27:22

22 Though thou shouldest bray a fool in a mortar among wheat with a pestle, [yet] will not his foolishness depart from him.

#### PROVERBS 29:20

20 Seest thou a man [that is] hasty in his words? [there is] more hope of a fool than of him.

#### **MATTHEW 15:14**

14 Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.

As if you haven't already, with your last note you have thoroughly manifested your spiritual inclinations.... as the blind leading the blind ...they all fall into the ditch.

Sara, if you think I had 'misdirected' you in my advice then keep going on this road to find out for yourself where it ends up. It's ultimately your life and only you have to make or already have made your own decisions. I cannot comment on your personal life which you have so openly shared... some things are better left as secrets, if they have been repented off. You do not bring them out if you truly believe they have been erased and you've been truly cleansed by the Blood. You were young and impressionable (still are), and were/are still in need of help which you think you have found in these two individuals. You have placed your trust not in God, but in them. Sadly though, they are thoroughly unstable and vile individuals. Quick to damn anyone to "hell" - if that anyone dared to stand up against them. It also goes to explain why you have also so unashamedly condemned your very own mother to 'hell'... using their twisted and patchy interpretations of your "vision" and God's Word, according to their own understandings. Unaware, they are playing religious games with people's lives. But then again, every one on this earth has a part to play in God's plan. You are all doing exactly what you are supposed to do. The Romans and the 'religious' Jews who crucified the Lord, sincerely THOUGHT they were doing God a service! ... yet they were, in their own way... in the fulfilling of scripture - for THEIR part. Someone had to play those parts. It applies through all ages of humankind.... the same in this, our day.

## **LUKE 23:34**

34 Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do....

As this is getting us nowhere and simply wasting our time and efforts, it's best we simply go our individual way which we have chosen for our own destinies, and we shall reap what we sow. As I said before, I have no 'axe to grind' with you guys. Thanks for not replying.

js

## Paul's reply:

Joseph, you are speaking for yourself when you say "we" are getting nowhere. Because you do not know the Scriptures, or the power of God, and stubbornly refuse to listen to those who do, it is only true that you are getting nowhere. Yet the Word we speak is not in vain, and will perform all of God's will as He expresses it.

You go on, as we have said, wildly quoting Scriptures without rightly dividing them. That is because you do not know or understand the One you blindly quote, in this case about fools. The Lord our God, Who, as the Son of Man, said that those calling men fools were in danger of hellfire, also spoke these words to men:

"Fools and blind! For which is greater, the gold, or the temple that sanctifies the gold?...Fools and blind! For which is greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifies the gift?" (Matthew 23:17-19 MKJV)

"Fools! Did not He Who made the outside also make the inside?" (Luke 11:40 MKJV)

It is not calling a man a fool that is the problem. What is the problem is speaking out of the wrong diagnosis and motive.

The Lord also said this to the sons of men, through the wisdom He gave Solomon:

"Answer a fool according to his foolishness, so that he may not be wise in his own eves" (Proverbs 26:5 MKJV).

The Scripture you choose, and typically abuse, to rebuke the use of the term "fool" is this one:

"But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be liable to the judgment. And whoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be liable to the Sanhedrin; but whoever shall say, Fool! shall be liable to be thrown into the fire of hell" (Matthew 5:22 MKJV).

One, those born of God are our brothers, and not those who are simply indoctrinated, idolatrous, confused and incoherent fools, babbling Scripture they know nothing about.

Two, even if you and your Branhamite whoremongers (you are pimping your gods, deceiving) were brethren in Christ, it is not without cause that we speak, calling you fools.

We follow His precepts, and speak to you accordingly.

You say that it is better not to openly admit to having committed some sins. What sins are those? The ones of which you are still guilty? What sins are you harboring in your mind, if not your flesh? You condemn Paul for his ministry and speech, which are recorded as Holy Scripture:

"And I give thanks to the One Who empowers me, Christ Jesus our Lord, because He considered me faithful, putting me into the ministry, I, who was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I was shown mercy because, being ignorant, I did it in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord superabounded with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. Faithful is this word, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am first" (1 Timothy 1:12-15 EMTV).

And Paul, according to you, sinned even more by bringing up the shameful sins of others, who were already forgiven:

"Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor covetous, nor thieves, nor drunkards, nor abusive people, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you! But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God" (1 Corinthians 6:9-11 EMTV).

Joseph, you fool! A woman is delivered from her sins, those over which she had no power, which is signified by the sign of freely and openly, without provocation or shame, confessing what she was, and giving glory to Jesus Christ for her deliverance. What a glorious thing, but you condemn it, and God for doing it. You wicked, wicked fool! You remind me of David's wife, Michal:

"When David returned to bless his family, Saul's daughter Michal came out to meet him. 'How dignified Israel's king was today! He was exposing himself before the eyes of the slave girls of his palace staff-like a mindless fool might expose himself!' David answered Michal, 'I didn't dance in front of the slave girls but in front of the LORD. He chose me rather than your father or anyone in your father's house, and He appointed me leader of Israel, the LORD'S people. I will celebrate in the LORD'S presence, and I will degrade myself even more than this. Even if I am humiliated in your eyes, I will be honored by these slave girls you speak about.' So Saul's daughter Michal was childless her entire life" (2 Samuel 6:20-23 GW).

It is clear that you are the one who does not know what he is doing, but we know full well what you are doing, and what we are doing in what we say about what you are doing. We know Jesus Christ by Whom we see these things to speak His righteous judgment.

You lie without knowing what you are doing when you say you have no "axe to grind." You certainly have been vigorously trying to find fault with us, taking plenty of swings in the process. The problem is you have no axe or sharp instrument to fight the Truth, so you must give up and retreat to save face. Fine, retreat, we are not stopping you. If you are not getting anywhere, why do you keep writing?

Paul

## Victor's reply:

Well, Joseph, after joining Satan in spreading lies about us to some of your friends "in confidence," without foundation or good cause, and we pointed out your ways to you, as one who claims he has put away his sins and mentions them no more, you replied:

"Yes, although it was dedicated to 'exposing' you and Paul, it also invariably dumped Bro. Branham in as of the same false light..! Yes, in spite of that, it was sent out to some of my friends in confidence, simply because I know they are all true believers who've had a genuine experience with God. I thus had NO element of fear in me to let them all read and judge these things for themselves, without my cencorship."

Will you now let your readership judge our correspondence with you (not that they are able to judge anything, being of your mindset)? If they can read lies about us and judge for themselves, can they now read the truth you call lies about you and judge for themselves?

Let us make this clear: We do not care for ourselves that you sent lies out about us. We know it comes with the territory of being the Lord's disciples. We are merely wondering if you would be as willing to spread the truth you call lies about yourself.

It is written: "A hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness." Your head grows hoary but it is not at all in the way of righteousness, is it, Joseph? Now it becomes a shame, evident to those learned in the Lord Jesus Christ, those redeemed by His blood through His resurrection from the dead.

Victor

## Joseph's response:

Paul, Victor,

Oh my! You certainly have made yourselves a career out of this! Shameless brutebeasts. If Sara and any of your associates cannot discern you both by now and run from you for their lives, they have been truly brainwashed beyond redemption, I must say.

I will absolutely warn all whom I know about what I have seen for myself, behind your so called 'path of truth' masks. Even that will be a waste of my time, but may need to be done. This expose has been an eveopening experience, perhaps needful for me to go through for my own spiritual growth. I'm too busy in my personal life to go on wasting precious time with souls who have clearly sealed their destinies with Satan. So with this rebuke, I sign off and will be blocking you both from accessing my mailbox. Like I said before, the Lord NEVER clowned for Satan. Enough rope was given to you, but you have only used it to hang yourselves.

#### **JUDE 1:8**

8 Likewise also these [filthy] dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities.

9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the

body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said. The

# Lord rebuke thee.

10 But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves.

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

12 These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds [they are] without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots; 13 Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever.

BYE.

Joseph's note to his list (previously sent The Purpose Driven Life: **Promoting Christianity Without Christ):** 

Hi,

I refer to an article: "The Purpose Driven Life: Promoting Christianity Without Christ" which you may have received from me recently.

Shortly after sending it out for general comment and discussion, I was personally contacted by its two writers Paul Cohen, Victor Hafichuk (and one of their lady associates). I had been in correspondence with them since. Without going into much detail, I have discovered some very disconcerting traits in these writers through these correspondences, and finally had to resort to blocking them due to the language they had begun using. Having said that, I want to absolutely distance myself from their twisted perceptions of Rick Warren's book, and Christianity on the whole. Therefore, if you have received that article from me or anyone else, please ignore, delete and trash it, as in my honest personal opinion, it was not written by men of God. This has served as an eyeopener.

My sincere apologies to Rick Warren.

Thanks.

Joseph

## Victor's question:

How about giving them all the correspondence to let them judge for themselves, Joseph?

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