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## THE MESSAGE

### of William Branham

by John Kennah and Tom Perkins

An error that many have fallen into is to judge the scriptural soundness of a teaching by the teacher's own interpretation of the Bible. Christians are responsible for determining the accuracy of any preacher or prophet's doctrine by objectively comparing the teachings to what the Bible says, relying on the Holy Spirit abiding in them, to lead them into truth (1 John 2:27).

By the time of his death in 1965, the followers of William Marrion Branham considered him God's prophet to the 20th century. Today, Branham's followers (most of whom disapprove of being called "Branhamites") approximate 1/2 million worldwide. In Tucson, Ariz., one of Branham's former residences, there are almost 2,000 followers who meet in the four area churches or in homes.<sup>1</sup> Pentecostal leaders such as Kenneth Hagin, Oral Roberts, Tommy L. Osborne, Gordon Lindsay and the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship were at one time greatly influenced by Branham. His teachings continue to spread worldwide from the hundreds of independent congregations that believe "Brother" Branham's proclamation, "I am God's voice to you."<sup>2</sup>

Born to a poor family in rural Kentucky in 1909, Branham had no religious background to speak of and only an elementary school education. His life was marked by strange apparitions, voices and visions. When he was a young boy, a voice from a whirlwind spoke to him, "Don't you never [sic] drink, smoke, or defile your body in any way. There'll be a work for you to do when you get older."<sup>3</sup>

These and other supernatural occurrences often caused him great stress and as a young man Branham was compelled to find out what his life was all about. He went into a shed behind his house to seek God, when a light in the form of a cross appeared and he heard a voice in an unknown language.<sup>4</sup> Soon after this "conversion," he felt the call to preach and began his ministry in a Baptist church.<sup>5</sup>



"Pillar of Fire" over Branham's head. According to Message literature, "the only supernatural Being ever photographed and documented as being authentic." The light above Branham's shoulders is supposed to be his "theophany."

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One day in 1933, Branham began baptizing a multitude in the Ohio River when a bright light came down from the sky. Branham heard a voice say to him, "As John the Baptist was sent to forerun the first coming of the Lord, so are you sent to forerun his second coming."<sup>6</sup>

Branham denied the Trinity and taught a Oneness doctrine. Toward the end of the 1950s he also began to imply that he was the Elijah of Malachi 4:5, 6 and the angel (messenger) spoken of in Revelation 3:14 and 10:7.<sup>7</sup> He taught that mankind has been perverting the word of God, but he came to restore the Word and prepare the bride (his followers) for Jesus' second coming. Branham preached, "the Lord Jesus loves you. And He died that you might be well... Then He sent me as His prophet to tell you what is truth."<sup>8</sup> His prophetic teaching, known as the "Message," became crucial to anyone who expected to be raptured. Trinitarians, and others that did not know the Message, would not be raptured but must endure the tribulation.<sup>9</sup>

female. Adam was not first created as a spiritual theophany, because in Gen. 1:28 and 29 God said to be fruitful and multiply and that the plants were to be used as food. There is no biblical evidence that spirits can multiply or need food. Genesis 2:1-2 says that God completed His creative work on the sixth day and rested on the seventh. Contrary to Branham's teaching, the creation was completed in chapter one.

## Serpent's Seed

Even more controversial is Branham's doctrine of the Serpent Seed. According to this teaching, when God forbade the eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, He was actually saying not to have carnal knowledge with the serpent. "Trees throughout the Scriptures refer to persons, as in Psalm 1. Thus the Tree Of Life must be the Person of Life, and that is Jesus... If the Tree Of Life is a person, then the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil is a person... Here is where we receive the true revelation of the 'Serpent's seed'. Here is what really happened in the Garden of Eden. The Word

"Jesus loves you. And He died that you might be well...  
Then He sent me as His prophet to tell you what is truth..."

## Adam and Eve

Part of Branham's Message is an unorthodox interpretation of Genesis. Because God created man in His image, and since God is spirit, Branham concluded that Adam was created as a spirit and not as a physical being.<sup>10</sup> He erroneously called this spirit being a theophany. According to the dictionary, a theophany is a visible manifestation of God, not a man's spirit. Branham taught that all who accept the Message have a theophany (their spirit selves) waiting for them in heaven.<sup>11</sup>

The Message teaches Adam's theophany was both male and female. It was not until the second chapter of Genesis that God formed a physical male body for Adam. The Lord is supposed to have removed the feminine part of Adam's spirit theophany to make Eve. "Remember, Adam was both masculine and feminine [sic] in the original creation, one, but then he was separated by a rib. Notice... but a by-product... And notice, the only one of all God's creation of every animal and anything else, she was the only one designed this way. Every other female was in the original creation, but Eve was not in the original creation. See, that had to be that way." [elipses in original]<sup>12</sup>

What Branham failed to see was that Genesis chapter two is not a separate creation account, but a more detailed description of chapter one. The Bible teaches in Genesis 1: 27 that God created them (plural) male and

says that Eve was beguiled by the serpent... This beast was so close to a human being (and yet was pure animal) that he could reason and talk. He was an upright animal somewhat in between a chimpanzee and a man, but closer to a man. He was so close to being human that his seed could, and did mingle with that of the woman and caused her to conceive."<sup>13</sup>

Since Eve gave into the temptation of committing adultery with the serpent, Branham placed the entire blame of the fall on her. He said Adam's only sin was taking Eve back as his wife and that there is a Godly principle that if a woman commits adultery, the husband is not to take her back.<sup>14</sup> This is actually a misinterpretation of Deuteronomy 24:1-4. According to this passage, God commands a man not to take a wife back if they had divorced and she had remarried. God does not say a husband can not take back a wife that committed adultery (see Hosea 3:1-3) and nowhere does the Bible say Adam divorced Eve. Jesus said in Matthew 19:8, "For the hardness of your heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so."

The term "Serpent's Seed" comes from Genesis 3:15 and refers to what Branham believed were the literal descendants of the serpent and Eve. The Message teaches that Cain's real father was the serpent. He was conceived when the serpent seduced Eve. A "proof" that Cain's father was the serpent is found in 1 John 3:12 where Cain is said to be of the wicked one. Jesus said that the

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# MINISTRY NEWS

## RECENT CAF ACTIVITIES

**Jack Gracie and other CAF volunteers recently gave presentations for:**

Eloy Baptist Church, Parent Talk radio program, Calvary Chapel Campus Outreach, Mountain Avenue Church of Christ, Formosan Evangelical Free Church (Los Angeles), Casas Adobes Baptist Church, Greater Arizona Christian Education (G.R.A.C.E.) Association.

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## UPCOMING CAF EVENTS

The annual corporate meeting of the CAF will be held at Calvary Chapel Northwest, 1097 W. Prince Rd. (near Flowing Wells Rd. in Tucson) on March 10, 1992. Call CAF for details.

Jack Gracie will be speaking on Wednesday evenings at 6:15pm at Valley Christian Church, 5968 E. Fairmount in Tucson. Call 298-6717 for information.

Date:	Topic:
Feb. 19	Marks of the Cults
Feb. 26	How to Witness to a cultist
March 4	God's Voice & Satan's Voice
March 11	Satanism, Witchcraft & the Occult
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April 8	The Media and the Family

The Institute for Creation Research will be holding a Back To Genesis seminar Feb. 24 - 26 at New Testament Baptist Church, 2855 Craycroft Rd., Tucson. Cost is \$6.00 per night, or \$15.00 for the entire seminar (discounts available for students, seniors and families). It is being sponsored by New Testament Baptist Church, Family Life Radio and Tucson Association of Creationists.

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## PRAISE REPORTS

We are thankful for the volunteers (many of whom are former cult members) who have typed, researched, answered mail, spoke, taught, witnessed, donated time & materials & money, prayed, etc., etc., etc.

A special thanks to Ted Schlinkert for his help. Ted is a member of the CAF and is also the director of the Pro-Life Action Network. If you are interested in pro-life issues, write: PLAN, P.O. Box 44251, Tucson, Ariz. 85733.

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

We ask that the Lord would continue to use the CAF to be His witness to the lost. Hundreds have written and called CAF about their families and friends who are involved in the cults and the occult. Also, please pray for the continued production of our New Age video, and for computer upgrades.

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## Satanic Conspiracy Uncovered in LDS Church

by Anders Anderson

Members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints have testified to being victims of occultic practices within their church. A recent report by Elder Glenn L. Pace, an LDS bishop, to the Mormon General Authorities reveals that church members have been involved in ritualistic child abuse and possible human sacrifices, according to newspaper reports.

Pace has interviewed 60 people who claim to have witnessed or participated in these rituals as children. He states that the victims do not remember the rituals until they are older. In fact, flashbacks of the abuse are experienced in many victims while attending the LDS temple for the first time. These memories include being buried alive, placed in a plastic bag and immersed in water, stuck with needles to draw blood and being baptized in blood. In addition, the children were also instructed in satanic doctrine, including, "white is black, black is white; good is bad, bad is good; [and] Satan is going to rule during the Millenium."

Most of the Mormon Church's eight million members have never been inside any of their 44 temples. Local "wards" are used for Sunday services. According to the LDS religion, going through the temple is necessary for "exaltation," or becoming a god (see Isaiah 43:10). The Endowment Ceremony, initiating adult Mormons into the temples, contains bloody oaths and threatening hand signs which may evoke the flashbacks.

The victims described by Pace include 53 women and seven men from the United States and Mexico. The abusers have been reported to be LDS leaders, bishops, temple workers and members of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. The victims were identified after they had sought counseling because of the flashbacks. Since the majority of Mormons do not go through the temples, probably only a fraction of the abused have been identified.

The ritualistic abuse reported by Pace is not part of the doctrine of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, nor is it condoned by its General Authorities. Leaders refer to the activities as a satanic conspiracy, but the satanic rituals are in some aspects closely related to the LDS temple ceremony. For a copy of Pace's report, write the CAF.

## Adventist Splinter Group

"The Sealing Ministry" has been protesting at many Tucson churches including Grace Chapel, Son Life Chapel, First Southern Baptist, 22nd Street Baptist, Calvary Chapel, North Tucson Baptist, Casas Adobes Baptist and Seventh-day Adventist churches state-wide. This group has also been disruptive at events such as the recent Billy Graham Ministries crusade and a Newman Center presentation on the University of Arizona campus. Members of this zealous ministry approach church goers as they leave their services to give them literature. Their tracts claim other churches and pastors are part of a Pope inspired conspiracy designed to make people worship the antichrist.

The sect gets its name from Exodus 31:13 and teaches that the seal of God is obtained by keeping the Sabbath, while the mark of the beast (Rev. 13:16) is on those who reject the seventh day as a day of rest. The Bible teaches the seal of God is the Holy Spirit, obtained by the new birth, through faith (Eph. 1:13, 14).

This religious group, which only numbers about a dozen members in Tucson, is part of a growing movement of Sabbath keeping separatists world wide. The Seventh-day Adventist church, from which many separatists are former members, teaches it is correct to worship on Saturday, but that salvation is not dependant on keeping the Sabbath. The SDA church is therefore not considered heretical or "cultic" by leading theologians.

This is not always the case for the independant splinter groups, such as the Sealing Ministry, which often teach a faith plus works (obedience to keeping the Sabbath commandment) salvation message. Jerry (who asks we do not use his last name), denies the charge of a works salvation. Jerry is the Sealing Ministry spokesman, teacher and author, but denies being the leader of the group. "We have no leader but Christ," members claim.

Sunday worship is rebellion towards God and the same as worshipping the sun, Sealing Ministry members say. All other churches and all their pastors teach witchcraft and all denominations are part of a Roman Catholic conspiracy, one speaker said.

An article on the Sealing Ministry by CAF member Tom Perkins appeared in the January edition of the Tucson Christian paper, the *Good News* (write for a free copy). Sealing Ministry members have since challanged the CAF for a public debate in ads placed in the *Arizona Daily Star* and the *Tucson Citizen*. Their supporters have also made harassing phone calls and written condemning letters to CAF members, Good News Communications and local churches.

The CAF has decided not to accept the challenge to a debate at this time, due to the caustic attitude some of the Sealing Ministry members and supporters have displayed. Their theological distinctives (keeping the Sabbath, observing Old Testament dietary laws, soul sleep, etc.) may be discussed in later issues of *The SERVANT*.

# CULT UPDATE

## Boston Church of Christ

In the Fall 1991 *The Servant*, the article "Discipling and the Tucson Church of Christ" reported that Campus Advance was the Boston movement's college outreach. Campus Advance is actually the outreach of the traditional churches of Christ at many colleges. Other chapters of Campus Advance, such as the ones on the University of Arizona (Tucson) and Arizona State University (Tempe) campuses, have been taken over by the Boston faction.

Look for use of discipling and house church groups in the cultic groups. Boston movement churches will usually hold services in rented facilities such as hotel conference rooms, while the traditional churches of Christ almost always have their own church buildings.

The Boston movement's leader, Kip McKean, has moved to Southern California-- perhaps due to the bad publicity his church has received in Mass. Missionary efforts are being controlled by McKean in Los Angeles (Perhaps the group should be called the L.A. Church of Christ movement). McKean is launching a large mission program into Russia and plans on making the Moscow Church of Christ the largest church in the country. (Keep the Russians in prayer!)

Professional exit counselor Rick Ross has told CAF that it is becoming increasingly difficult to deprogram Boston movement followers. He attributes this to a new teaching Boston movement leaders are

giving converts. Studies to "avoid persecution" instruct members to block out probing questions from friends and family members, and to avoid all contact with exit counselors and persons involved in counter-cult ministries. The thought stopping techniques keep the members from critically appraising their life in the cult. This is similar to the teachings used by the Unification Church (Moonies), said Ross.

## Rumors In Churches

A number of flyers and petitions have been circulating in Arizona and Michigan churches. One is against the Procter and Gamble Co. Claims of Satan worship by members of their board of directors and that their logo of a moon and 13 stars has occultic connotations are denied by Procter and Gamble officials. The Procter and Gamble Co. also states no one has ever appeared on *The Donahue Show* claiming to be an occultist, as the flyers state. Procter and Gamble recently won a lawsuit against a Kansas couple for spreading these rumors.

There is also no truth to another rumor claiming atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hare is sponsoring a bill to eliminate all religious radio and television broadcasts. A petition to the Federal Communications Commission calls for a stop to this bill, but the FCC says the bill is nonexistent.

Both the FCC and Procter and Gamble spend time and money educating the public that there is no truth to these rumors. Christians should remember that it is wrong to spread rumors. The CAF has obtained copies of documents showing that both these rumors have no basis in truth.

Take **A CLOSER LOOK** at what the Bible says about the cults.

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# IN THE BEGINNING

By Anders Anderson

The book of Genesis is the foundation book of the Bible. The foundations for all our cultural beliefs and practices, such as marriage, why we wear clothes, men's and women's roles, the family, our laws, etc., lie in Genesis. Also from this foundation comes the basis for all our doctrines, including why we were created, man's sinful nature and why Jesus' death on the cross was necessary for our salvation.

Unfortunately, much of the world has been swooned off this foundation by the persuasive teachings of evolution. Evolution has been taught in public schools for decades as the only plausible and "scientific" theory of the origin of life. It embraces the belief that life developed as a chance combining of elements billions of years ago. Evolution also implies that single-celled organisms mutated and reproduced, developing from one form into another until finally mammals, primates and then humans resulted through natural selection.

Several New Age and pagan groups have emerged based partly on the teachings of evolutionists. The following quotation is taken from a tract given out by a member of a Tucson Wiccan coven: "Over 4 billion years ago, life on earth began, as do we all, with a single living cell containing a replicating molecule of DNA. From that point on, that original cell, the first to develop that awesome capacity for reproduction, divided and redivided and subdivided its protoplasm into the myriads of plants and animals, including ourselves... All life on Earth comprises the body of a single vast living being--Mother Earth herself... That protoplasm which coursed through the body of that first primeval ancestral cell is the very protoplasm which now courses through every cell of every living organism, plant or animal, on our planet."

Other cults teach a spiritual evolution whereby man can evolve into a god. Many New Age sects teach this as well as the Mormon church. The faithful Mormon believes that, "As man is, God once was; as God is, man may become."

When people believe that a primeval "soup," is in their ancestry or that they will become gods, then they believe they can make their own rules because there is no universal standard of right and wrong. Many people are attracted to these cultic and pagan groups because their practices and beliefs do not conflict with their foundations. In addition, as evolution is being taught in the schools, children come to believe that they came from primeval slime, their ancestors are animals, that their lives are meaningless and that they are going nowhere.

During the past few centuries, geologists, biologists, anthropologists, as well as other scientific fields, have looked for and pointed to "evidence" that the world is very old, the latest estimates being around 4.6 billion years. Creation of the earth in a Biblical time frame (on the order of 6-10 thousand years) was thought to be inconsistent with the observations of science.

However, a growing number of scientists do not believe there is evidence to support the concept of an old earth. Neither is there any data that one family of organisms have evolved into another family or that life came from chemicals. The main evidences that have been found were later determined to be hoaxes or just plain false. This information is not included in most school science texts. On the other hand, the evidences in support of a "young" earth, consistent with the Genesis account of creation, are very convincing. In short, the book of Genesis does not contradict the observations of science. Subjects such as sedimentary soil deposits, the origin of fossils, extinction of the dinosaurs, the ice age, etc. can be explained in the light of Genesis.

The importance of our faith in the book of Genesis is beyond measure. Because of our indoctrination into the belief system or "religion" of evolution, many Christians do not accept God's word, or they do so by blind faith and cannot answer many questions usually posed by non-believers. The reason why Genesis is important within a Christian framework is that Adam's original sin is foundational to our understanding of why Jesus Christ's death was necessary. When Christians accept the possibility that Genesis is not true, they have denied the trustworthiness of His Word.

## RESOURCE AND WITNESSING MATERIALS

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## Serpent Seed (cont. from p. 2)

Pharisees were of their father the devil (John 8:44), meaning they were literal descendants of the serpent too. But the Scriptures indicate that when one's acts are inspired by Satan, one becomes in effect, Satan's child- in a spiritual sense, not physically.

Another "proof" used by the Message is that if Cain was of Adam, the birthright and man's lineage would have passed through Cain, not Seth.<sup>15</sup> But Cain was cursed and cast out from God's presence. He lost the birthright and his place in the lineage was given to Seth. Similar examples are found in the stories of Isaac and Ishmael and in Jacob and Esau.

If God was cursing the literal lineage of the serpent, why was it stated in Genesis 3:15, "I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed..." since Abel, Seth and Cain were seed from the woman? This is not a curse on the literal descendants of a quasi-human race but an announcement of hope for the triumph of Christ over the influence of Satan's kingdom.

## Creation of Jesus' Body

A Tucson Message pastor frequently asks, "If the doctrine of Serpent Seed isn't true, then why did Jesus have to be virgin born?" The presumption is that Jesus had to be created in Mary's womb in order to bypass contamination of the human race by serpent seed. Branham wrote, "As the Spirit of God, He came down and created in the virgin Mary the cells from which His body was born. I want to repeat that. He created the very cells in the womb of Mary for that body. It was not enough for the Holy Spirit to simply give life to a human ovum supplied by Mary. That would have been sinful mankind providing a body. That would not have produced the 'last Adam.' Of Him it was said, 'Lo, a Body hast thou (Father) prepared for me.' God (not Mary) provided that body. Mary was the human incubator and she carried that Holy Child and brought Him to birth."<sup>16</sup>

But the Bible says Jesus had to be virgin born to fulfill Genesis 3:15, which says that Jesus was the seed of the woman. Isaiah 7:14 says that a virgin shall conceive (not be implanted), and be with child. It also says that the virgin birth was to be a sign that God was fulfilling His promise. God told David in 2 Samuel 7:12 that through his own seed would come the Messiah: "...I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom."

The Message teaches Revelation 3:14 is further indication that Jesus' body was created.<sup>17</sup> But the phrase in verse 14, "...the beginning of the creation of God," is not saying that God/Jesus was created. It refers to God's possession of creation. The *Amplified Bible* renders this verse, "...the origin and beginning and author of God's

creation." The *New International Version* puts it, "...the ruler of God's creation."

Branham gave another reason for the creation of Jesus in the womb: "There has to come a sensation to bring the egg through the tube to the womb... [If Jesus was the product of Mary's ovum,] you make Him a sexual mess."<sup>18</sup> Branham did not understand that sexual stimulation does not cause the egg to descend from the ovaries. This occurs monthly whether a woman is with a man or not.

Contrary to Branham's doctrine, the Bible teaches that Mary was indeed Jesus' natural mother (see Mat. 1:18, 2:11, Luke 1:43, 2:48, Acts 1:14, etc.). Branham's view of the creation of Jesus' body in the womb also contradicts his teaching of the kinsman redeemer. Just as Boaz had to be a near kinsman to redeem Ruth, so Christ had to be a near kinsman to man to redeem the human race.<sup>19</sup> But Jesus was not a kinsman to mankind if He was created and not part of Mary. Judas would have been a nearer kinsman if Serpent Seed were true.

## Conclusion

The Message teaches that our sinful nature entered the world through the physical descendants of the serpent and the only way to overcome this is to accept Jesus, the Message and its prophet William Branham. But the Bible proclaims that sin entered the world through Adam. Never does it say through Eve, or the serpent, or Cain (Romans 5:12-14, 1 Cor. 15:21-22). All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:23). We have turned everyone to his own way, instead of God's way (Is. 53:6). Humans are not physical descendants of the serpent, but of Adam. To obey Satan's will is to become his offspring (John 8:44) and to receive Jesus is to become a child of God (John 1:12).

God's plan of salvation is made plain through His gospel. It is wise to heed the Apostle Paul's warning, "If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed." (Gal. 1:9)

Ed. note: John and his wife Carolyn were members of a Message church for over ten years. They, and many other former Message followers, have found the peace that surpasses all understanding in Christ Jesus, not in some "prophet." John believes that many sincere, born-again Christians are being deceived by Branham's Message. We welcome your comments and inquiries.

Part two of this article in the next SERVANT will include John's testimony and an analysis of Branham's miracles, healings and prophecies.

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