

Jim Jones and the Message of William Marrion Branham

Jim Jones started to become famous when he held a series of services with the help of William Branham at the Cadle Tabernacle in Indianapolis, IN.



In an article in a religious magazine and the newspapers, Jones claimed that his church was “The Open Door to All Man Kind.” He began to advertise the fact that the already famous faith healer, William Marrion Branham was the guest speaker for the event, and together they would have meetings that would include a prayer line for the sick with both discernment and divine healing.

A copy of one of the articles can be found at the archive of Jim Jones documents here:

http://jonestown.sdsu.edu/AboutJonestown/PrimarySources/theopendoor_text.html

A book called “The Raven” was written describing William Branham’s involvement in helping to get Jones started, and can be read online at Google Books:

<http://books.google.com/books?id=g8v4WH-dHbIC&printsec=frontcover&dq=raven+branham&hl=en&sa=X&ei=LOICT86PHZTu ggfv7tCgCA&ved=0CDwQ6AEwAA#v=onepage&q=branham&f=false>

THE OPEN DOOR
TO ALL MAN KIND

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THE CHRIST IN YOU

In the body or out of the body; You have not left God.

Ephesians 4:7-11. But each of us has been given mercy in Christ's generous measure. So it says, "When he went up on high, he led a host of captives, and gave gifts to mankind." What does "he went up" mean, except that he had first gone down to the under parts of the earth? It is he who went down who has also gone up above all the heavens, to fill the universe. And he has given us some men as apostles, some as prophets, some as missionaries, some as pastors and teachers, in order to fit his people for the work of service, for building the body of Christ, until we all attain unity in faith, and in the knowledge of the son of God, and reach mature manhood, and that full measure of development found in Christ. "That He might fill the universe the fullness of Him that filleth all and in all—" Christ is the door. You must come in at the door. My God is so high, you can't get over Him – therefore you can soar as high as you want too [to]. You may ascend – you may descend. You may explore the heights and the depths and the length and the breadth. You may go forward or backward – you cannot miss God if you come in at the door through Jesus the Christ. You can explore God for He is the fullness that filleth all and in all and through you all. In Him we live and move and have our being. Paul said, "I will go on to visions and revelations given me by the Lord. I know of a man fourteen years ago – whether in the body or out of it I do not know, God knows – being actually caught up to the third heaven. And I know that this man – I do not know whether it was in the body or out of it, God knows – was caught up into Paradise, and heard things that must not be told, which no human being can repeat." Paul was exploring in the heights. David said, "If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there." He was exploring the depths and found God there. Jesus said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death." Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad. He was exploring time and space looking forward. And Jesus said, "I tell you, I existed before Abraham was born!" Before Abraham was, I am. He was covering all time and space. The fullness of Him that filleth all and in all. The way in – through the door, that I may know him in the heights and the depths and the length and the breadth of being in God who hath ascended on high and giving gifts to man that he might through the manifestation of the gifts in operation – "As every man hath received the gift, even so ministered the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifest grace of God." – perfecting the church. As each one has received the Gift so let him minister that all may learn and all may grow thereby and all may be edified and grow up in love in Him who filleth the whole universe. The fullness of him that filleth all in all who is in you all and through you all and above you all. "For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us." For it is in Him we live and move and have our being. For thus he will show us knowledge in the face of Jesus Christ who is the way – the truth – the light – the chief corner stone of the heavenly Jerusalem, with the twelve apostles for foundation stones, the twelve tribes of Israel as gates to the city, salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks. "Look upon Zion, the city of our solemnities; thine eyes shall see Jerusalem a quiet habitation, a tabernacle that shall not be taken down; not one of the stakes thereof shall ever be removed, neither shall any of the cords thereof be broken. But there the glorious Lord will be unto us a place of broad rivers and streams; wherein shall go no galley with oars, neither shall gallant ship passed thereby." No work built by man can stand in the place where the city of the Most High is being revealed. So do not be afraid or terrified at heart, but go in, explore, and see the splendor and greatness of the building, as far as the sight of your eyes can see, and afterward you will hear as much as the hearing of your ears can hear. "See I am placing in Zion a cornerstone, chosen and valuable, and he whose faith rests on Him shall never be disappointed. Continued next Issue.

THE OPEN DOOR

Behold, I have set before thee an open door and no man can shut it. Re[velation] 8:8. The church of the open door is that of Philadelphia, which is the church are brotherly love.

The door is open so wide that all races, creeds and colors, find a hearty welcome to come in relax, meditate and worship God.

The same Pharisee spirit that was so prevalent in the days of Christ is still a-bounding today and would seek to close the Open Door but thank God, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth and no man shutteth, is still on the throne.

In Jn. [John] 17 Our Lord in his highpriestly prayer, prayed for his people to be ONE; not a multitude of denominations and organizations, each one claiming to be The Body and at the same time manifesting that Pharisee spirit of competition, strife, envy, and carnality.

“Christ is not divided.”

Paul in his letter to the Corinthian Church admonished them to abolish division, saying, “If one say I am of Paul, and another, I am of Appolos, are yet not carnal and walk as men?”

If the great Apostle Paul could take a walk thru [through] organized religion of today with its many divisions of Methodist, Baptist, Penticost [Pentecost], Trinity and Oneness, with their high sectarian walls he would surely say, Ye are Carnal.

The whole cause of all the distress that is in the world is all because of the condition existing in the church.

The Lord speaking through Isaiah says “For it is the day of the Lord’s vengeance and the year of recompense [recompense] for the controversy of Zion (the church)”. Is. 34:8.

He also says, he will bring against thee a nation from afar and he shall besiege thee in all thy gates until thy High Fenced Walls (organizations) come down where in thou trusted. De. 28:52.

If man could only see the folly of their sectarian walls they would gladly bring them down so that the Lord would not have to bring that heathen nation (communism) to perform his will.

He says the Assyrian is the rod of his indignation. Is. 10:5. If that be true so is communism his rod of correction which he will bring against the church in order to tear down man’s carnal sectarian systems which divide the body of Christ.

The church with the Open Door urges you to lay aside all malice all strife and division and come let us worship together for united we stand, divided [divided] we fall. We have one common enemy and instead of fighting each other let us join our forces against the enemy.

The spirit of anti-Christ (communism) is sweeping the world, bringing the body of anti-Christ, (the communist party) together, just as the spirit of Christ is bringing the Body of Christ, together.

Soon the entire world will once again be faced with a tremendous issue; which will it be Christ or Barabus [Barrabas], (christianity or communism).

Christ in you is your only hope.

Jesus said, I am the Door; by me if any man enter in he shall be saved. Jn. 10:9.

People’s Temple is endeavoring to keep the door open to all mankind by presenting to them the Lord Jesus Christ, for He is – The Open Door.

By VIOLA BRADLEY.

ATTENTION ALL READERS

Peoples Temple is broadcasting on W.O.W.O. 1190 on your Dial from Fort Wayne every Sunday morning at 8:00 A.M. It is a very expensive medium of communication but it is so beneficial to those whose material and spiritual body needs the healing power of God. We are receiving many letters of thanks for the help the radio is given them but very few are sending any support to keep us on the air. Won't you please do your part to reach out over the air for those who need this message? Send us a token to be dedicated to the work of the Lord as soon as you can as next week may be too late as we need immediate aid to continue. We are helping the needy thru our commissary every Monday by giving them food and clothes on Sunday; we have service all day. Every denomination and every race is welcome. We serve 2 pitch-in meals. Everyone is welcome.

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Branham helped to get Jones started, and fully supported Jones in the ministry. Unfortunately, sections mentioning Jones are cut out from the tapes and replaced with [Missing spot on tape – editor].

All that remains are these statements:

56-0611 HEAR.YE.HIM_ INDIANAPOLIS.IN MONDAY_

E-4 Now I wish to take just a moment here; I think it's my lot to teach tomorrow afternoon here I believe, at the Tabernacle. Is that two-thirty?

56-0614 GOD.PROVIDED.A.LAMB_ INDIANAPOLIS.IN THURSDAY_

E-3 So it was... It's our intention to try to help further the cause of Christ and make people--the world, as Mr. Cadle used to say it here at the tabernacle, "A better place to do--easier to do right and harder to do wrong," something of that order.

56-0615 AN.EXODUS_ INDIANAPOLIS.IN FRIDAY_

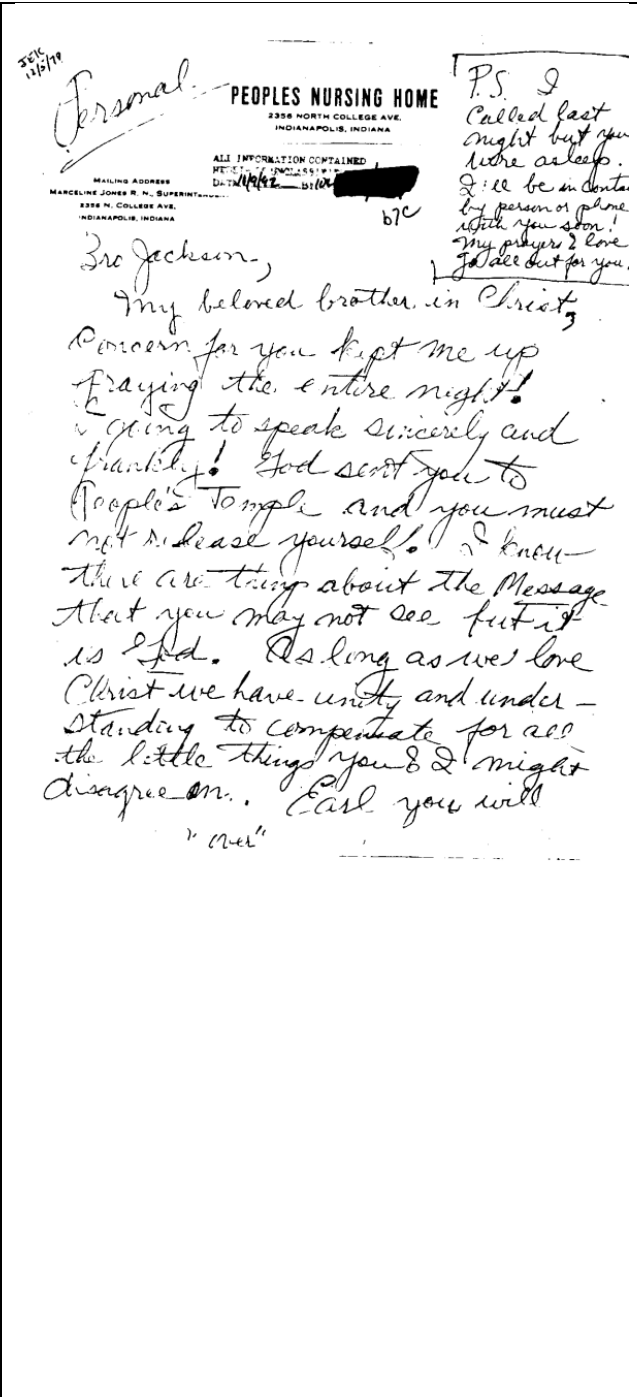
Then in behalf of the Cadle Tabernacle and its staff, I certainly thank them, truly, with all my heart, that it's certainly been a great privilege to be here under the roof of this great mammoth church here.

Jones was fully immersed in the Message of William Branham. He would try to persuade others who left the Message that they were doing so against God's will:

Personal

Bro[ther] Jackson,

My beloved brother in Christ, concern for you kept me up praying the entire night! I [am] going to speak sincerely and frankly! God sent you to People's Temple and you must not release yourself. **I know there are things about the Message that you may not see but it is God. As long as we love Christ we have unity and understanding to compensate for all the little things you & I might disagree on.** Earl you will be making a serious mistake if you leave our Temple that God has ordained and declared you to be a part of. Don't go out to see the proof of what I just said. Hear me as a voice crying to you from the depths of love & fondness for you. "Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord." Don't go back on the light! I know you wouldn't intentionally but if you leave the place that Christ has set you in[,] much sorrow and heartache will be the result. God impressed my mind strongly in every prayer in the early hours before dawn that you would be making a terrible mistake to leave. Please hear my counsel which I give with a heart full of love for you!



So that all of this was hidden from the followers of William Branham, the sermons were edited to remove all mentioning of Jones whatsoever.

On the first night, when the prayer line starts, there are a few [blank spot on tape -ed]. Jones and WMB were both supposed to be praying for the sick together!

On the second night, when he starts out, there are few [blank spot on tape -ed]

On the third night, [a brother welcomes Brother Branham -ed], and then scattered through the prayer lines are several [blank spot on tape -ed].

Jones was completely cut out of the tape.

The missed the later mention of his name, however. Years later, in 1963, Branham told his congregation to support Jones, and his wonderful work for the Lord.

Would you stand up, Mr. Jones? Now, Mr. Jones, at the end of the service, you stand just at the back door there, as you go out.' And if any people feel in your heart, or anything that you want to do for this man, give it to him as you go out." Is that understood, now?

63-1226 CHURCH.ORDER_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN COD THURSDAY_