

**WILLIAM MARRION BRANHAM**

# **The Failed India Vision Branham Admitted**



*by John Collins*

*But the prophet who shall speak a word presumptuously in My name which I have not commanded him to speak, or which he shall speak in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die. And you may say in your heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD has not spoken? When a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the thing does not come about or come true, that is the thing which the LORD has not spoken. The prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him.*

*Deuteronomy. 18:20-22*

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# World-Wide Revival

As the world-wide revival broke out with evangelists, faith healers, and gospel preachers, William Branham rode on the coat tails of men like Jack Coe, A. A. Allen, T. L. Osborne, David Duplessis, and more. In October of 1951, Branham joined several on a tour through Africa, India, and Jerusalem.



The meetings were very successful, and the Gospel of Jesus Christ was spread throughout different parts of the world with the help of great men of God. But it did not take Branham long before he got the itch to go back. In fact, the very next year Branham started promoting his next world tour.

*And as--as soon as I get my debt paid off, every penny that we can have, will go right into a little fund, and we'll... soon as we get enough, then right straight to South Africa, and over to India, and just as far as they'll let us reach. As soon as we can get enough to make it, to try to bring the Gospel message to Africa. We love Africa, because the last six-weeks meeting we had in Africa, produced a hundred thousand conversions. In one day, thirty-thousand people*

*accepted Jesus Christ as personal Saviour in one day. Aren't you happy for that?*

*52-0713E GOD.TESTIFYING.OF.HIS.GIFTS*

*Now, and I thank you from the depths of my soul for your offering. I will do all that I can to glorify God. I'm trying my best now to get back to... I'm sure by... I told you the vision this afternoon, and there will be a meeting that I will hold somewhere, and I believe it's in India, near Bombay, that there'll be three hundred thousand people, and I don't know how many converts there will be in that meeting, probably run up to a hundred and fifty, two hundred thousand people, converted. And the little fragments that's left over this afternoon and tonight, will go for that purpose. And at that day, God reward you, each one for giving it is my prayer.*

*52-0713E GOD.TESTIFYING.OF.HIS.GIFTS*

Based on the results of his first trip to Indian and South Africa, Branham had an impression that the second trip would be just as successful. The photographs of the successful campaigns worldwide were staggering. Pictures from Peru, South Africa, and more were pouring in.

Congregations packed into auditoriums, tents, and open grounds were all hearing the Gospel of Jesus Christ preached by these men. Branham's



magazine, The Voice of Healing, covered the meetings and gained popularity.

*I--I'm just kind of going on impressions, the way that He seems to be leading me. I had one meeting that I'm going to. I know where that meeting is. That meeting is in--in one of them in South Africa, the other one is in India. And that's going to be a real meeting. That's going to be where God makes Himself known to three hundred thousand people.*

52-0715 FAITH.IN.THE.SON.OF.GOD

There was just one problem: Branham was not the main influence in these meetings, and he had to follow the lead of the campaign managers who did the preaching. Branham's commission was simply to pray for the sick. He evidently got reprimanded from one of them as he tried to take over the teaching, because he apologized and promised only to read a scripture and then pray for the sick.



*Usually Brother Bosworth, or Brother Baxter, some of them, explain all about the working of the Holy Spirit in our meetings. And I don't... I'd walk straight to the platform to start the meeting.*

*But they had... I told them, just last week. I said, "I don't know why I'm in Hammond." But I*

*understand now, so then... Now, they'll take over. I was speaking myself. Perhaps through speaking, I could find something or see where it was. Until I found what it was, and God has been glorified. And now, from henceforth, the managers will do the speaking. I will just pray for the sick. And each night maybe read a Scripture, and just start praying for the sick.*  
52-0713E GOD.TESTIFYING.OF.HIS.GIFTS

# Setbacks

By July, when he realized that he would not be joining the other ministers in their worldwide missions, Branham started promoting his own venture. He asked his congregation to write in the flyleaves of their bibles, and told them that “somewhere” he would have a great meeting with three hundred thousand people attending. He did not know if it would be China, India, or Africa.

*And you people setting here in this audience tonight, will hear of the meeting. Where it'll be, I believe it'll be in India. It looked like Indians to me. I could see them, and I was at the Durban meeting. I seen it going away into history, turning blue. I looked in front of me and there was still more people, thousands, greater than the first crowd was there. I believe I will be at Durban again. Then He turned to the left and I looked, and there was so many people, innumerable.*

*Now remember, keep that on your mind. Write it on a piece of paper; lay it in your Bible; put it on the flyleaf somewhere. You'll hear through the magazine: "Brother Branham had a meeting," (somewhere in Orients, or down in India, I believe, or Africa, somewhere), "where three hundred thousand people attended the meeting."*

52-0716 THOU.KNOWEST.ALL.THINGS

This worldwide trip started as a greatly anticipated mission for Branham, but over time it slowly started forming into what he would claim to be a vision. One of these countries would hold a revival, Branham claimed, and he only needed the funding to get there.

*And as soon as our Lord tells me the hour, the time to move, I'm going into Africa, and from there to India, where I will fulfill a vision that God has given me of three hundred thousand people. And you remember to keep that in mind. And you'll see it appear in different places. And now, you remember, that is the truth. God has spoken that, and it will be so.*

52-0720E

WHO.HAS.BELIEVED.OUR.REPORT

*Remember, I'm going to hold a meeting somewhere east of Durban, I believe in India, that'll consist of three hundred thousand people. That's before it comes to pass, that you might know.*

*Just as I have said, about the little boy being raised in Finland. Many of you heard that testimony before it was ever--before we even left the United States, a year before, that little boy would be raised from the dead, and so forth.*

52-0725 FAITH.AFRICA.TRIP.REPORT

*And, Father, I believe tonight, that as sure as I'm standing in the pulpit here tonight on this platform, that there is soon a time, when You'll*

*be with me and will help me in Africa or in India. Be near me now. Stand by me tonight. And bless me, and keep Thy loving wings of mercy over us, making an atonement for our sins and trespasses, forgiving us of all things, and helping us to live for You.*

52-0725 FAITH.AFRICA.TRIP.REPORT

It did not happen in 1952, however. Though Branham pushed as hard as he could from behind the pulpit, he was unable to raise the money to travel overseas. Fortunately for Branham, in August of 1952 F. F. Bosworth agreed to take him again to South Africa and India. This raised Branham's hopes again, and he started pushing the vision even harder.

*And I was glad to get to meet Brother Bosworth again. You know, we was talking about him last night, he and his son and them. And Brother Bosworth is feeling very much led that he's to go on ahead of us to South Africa. He wants to go down right away with a--to make arrangements down there and have some services down around Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, Grahamstown, Kler--Klerksdorp or--I guess I pronounced that right: Klarksdoff, and Bloemfontein, and through that part of the country there. And just before we come down... We're... According to the vision that the Lord has given me in--to return to Durban, and then from there to Bombay or somewhere up in India.*

*And you just remember what I have told you last evening about the vision that the Lord gave, and see if it isn't just exactly that way.*

*52-0817A EXPECTANCY*

*We're trying to build up enough to get back in there where we had a hundred thousand conversions in six weeks, thirty thousand in one day. Think of it. Heathens, raw heathens, and--and Mohammedans, thirty thousand in one day. That's wonderful, isn't it? Now, you can't blame me from wanting to go back. The first time they see the power of God go out there to a heathen, that don't even know nothing about it, can't even speak his language, and maybe many interpreters standing here. They see what he is a Basothu, Shangai, or whatever it is, and they started speaking, and telling him all about his life, and where he come from, what he did and things like that. They just scream and fall on their face: God.*

*Paul knew years ago, it takes a miracle to convert a heathen. Jesus Christ always knowed it.*

*Recently when we was talking to a missionary from India, where God has told me to go to, where I will have a crowd of three hundred thousand people in one meeting... Notice, in that same man, he said, "There's only one thing Brother Branham, that'll ever stir the people of India from those Mohammedans, and idolaters and so forth, it'll take the real power of God. Where demons when they rise up, the power of*

*God there is to let them down. Be sure you know  
what you're talking of.*

*52-0817E DO.YOU.NOW.BELIEVE*

## Let's Try For 1953

Branham was sure it would happen in 1953. He started including mention of the worldwide trip in many sermons, mentioning the great meeting that he anticipated. But there was one subtle change. He forgot that the original “vision” was for one of the three countries: China, South Africa, or India. Branham started claiming that his vision was just for India.

*And then the Lord gave the vision, and said, "In India, that three hundred thousand people attend one meeting." You write that down, see if that's right or not.*

53-0326 ISRAEL.AND.THE.CHURCH.2

He was so excited about the trip he was going to be making that he started studying India and started telling people about what the country was like.

*If we went down through India today, you'd find along the side of the streets, many people maybe laying on spikes, walking through fire, and tormenting themselves in some way. Some of them, of course, are just clowning, 'cause it's for tourists. But back in those inlands is the real man who's laying back there, afflicting himself, thinking that he can find rest and peace, pray--praying to Mohammed.*

53-0405S GO.TELL.MY.DISCIPLES

In fact, Branham got so excited that he got ahead of his self. He started telling people that he would be leaving soon, headed for Africa, India, and Palestine. He had already mapped out the route he would travel, and told of his departure before the others were ready to go.

*And the Lord has blessed greatly, and I'm fixing to leave now, again, to Africa, to India, to Palestine, and to--up into many of the different European countries, for I believe that time is at hand. I believe our Lord is doing things real quickly.*

53-0506 JESUS CHRIST THE SAME  
YESTERDAY TODAY AND FOREVER

The problem? Branham's campaign had split up. Bosworth had left for Africa without Branham. Bosworth was already there, and Branham had missed out.

*Our group is broke up. Brother Bosworth's in Durban, South Africa, getting ready for the meeting. He's setting the inter... the national committee together. We was there a few months ago and had thirty thousand converts in one altar call: Durban, South Africa.*

*Then we're going to India, Baron Von Blomberg, a baron of Germany, which is one of our managers, leaves the fifteenth to go to make a dinner with Nehru in India. I have a little dinner with Nehru, then we come back to have a dinner*

*with the king of Transjordan. And we go into the  
Mohammedans.*

*53-0512 SPEAK.TO.THE.ROCK*

## There Goes Ern Baxter

With Bosworth already in South Africa, Branham knew his ticket overseas was through Ern Baxter. He continued to promote his overseas trip, and with good reason. He had already turned it into a “prophecy!”



He continued to push for a joint meeting with Bosworth, and continued to tell the people that he was going – not matter what.

*I'm going home now, to get ready for Africa, and India, and Palestine, Germany, many places overseas.*

53-0513 GOD'S.PROVIDED.WAY

But it was hard to hold onto the coat-tails of the great men when internally his own campaign was falling apart. Though each were either going their separate ways or considering it, Branham held onto what little organization he had within his campaign.

*Now, I'm very thankful, expressing my thanks tonight to Brother Reed, and to Sister Reed, to the officers of this church, to every member, for your fine cooperation during this time. We are... little party has been scattered, different ones are home resting. Mr. Sharritt's in Phoenix, Arizona. Mr. Bosworth's in Durban, South Africa setting a meeting together. Baron Von Blomberg's in India making a--ready a dinner. I'm to have a*

*dinner with Mr. Nehru, which is the prime minister of India. And then, he goes from there, to the King of Transjordan for a little dinner. And then we go in from there, from the Mohammedans over to Israel, and from there up to Luxembourg, Germany. Mr. Baxter, the speaker, he's in British Columbia.*

53-0513 GOD'S.PROVIDED.WAY

But it was too late. What was known to many as the Baxter-Branham campaign would soon be long forgotten. In 1953, even Ern Baxter went overseas without Branham.

*I miss Brother Baxter. We've been together so long, Brother Baxter and I, till he just seems like he's just become a part of me. I miss him when I go to at the platform. I've had some services recently by myself, and I look around for him. He's been my--not only my co-worker, but my pal. And he has to leave me now to go see about Africa, and India, Germany, many other places: Palestine, Transjordan, for the overseas trip that's coming up just as quick as we can get it arranged. It has to go through some governmental affairs before... They've already cut off all missionaries in India. You know that. So by Mr. Nehru, having a dinner with him, gives us a little prestige to get to go into India.*

53-0604 THE.ANGEL.OF.THE.LORD

## Let's Throw An Angel At It!

With the Baxter-Branham campaign splitting, and the pre-planned trip already turned into a vision, Branham was frantic. He had to continue to push for the meeting or be deemed a false prophet by his following. He would inject stories that would appeal to the senses of his following attempting to turn the spiritual prophecy into a self-fulfilled prophecy.

*My minds keep drifting back to that poor little boy, to the vision. Across the nations, way down in Africa in that heathen land to see what You would do there, and the marvelous works, and thousands coming at one time to know Thee. God, tonight I pray there in Boston, that You're making arrangements right now for us to move into Africa and India, down into Palestine. We realize the day is evil and the time is short.*  
53-0607E A.TESTIMONY

At this point, Branham takes the situation to the extreme. He changes the appearance of his “angel” to match that of an Asian-Indian. Not only did the angel have the complexion and outward appearance of the people of India, he would later claim that this angel wore a turban.

*So He told me that--what was going to take place. And He said that. This Angel came down, and He told me to turn and look this a-way. And it looked towards India now. And I don't say it's*

*in India, but it's near. But they were Indian people,'cause the Africans are big burly, heavy fat-like people. Some of them are nearly seven-foot tall, and weigh, oh, two hundred and eighty, or three hundred pounds, burly: the Zulus, Now, the Shangai and the Basothu, and, oh, there's many different tribes. There's fifteen different tribes setting there that day I was speaking to.*

53-0609A      DEMONOLOGY    RELIGIOUS  
REALM

Baxter must have had some compassion towards Branham and his small following, and must have known that Branham had started to claim a vision about India. Maybe he could let Branham go with him to India alone? Branham would settle for India if it could prevent him from being deemed a false prophet.

*And strange the other night, Brother Baxter and I have been talking, maybe, perhaps, going to India and just bypassing Africa, because there's two or three groups over there. One of them is Afrikaans and the other one is a English speaking. Well, the Afrikaans thinks the English... anyone speaks English... They've never got over the Boer War yet. And so they still have it at one another's neck.*

53-0830E COME.AND.SEE

But there was one huge problem with setting for India alone. In the original telling of the “vision,”

Branham told the people to write in the flyleaves of their Bible that the great meeting would be in one of the three countries: China, India, or South Africa.

Branham could not settle for India, he knew that he must also go to the other countries. He added another fifty thousand to the number given in the vision.

*That's the morning He told me; here's the vision wrote out right here about India and Africa, written right on my flyleaf of the Bible here, and any of you that wants a copy of it can sure have it. And you mark that down and see if it isn't word by word how it'll come to pass.*

*See if there isn't three hundred and fifty thousand people comes to God in India when we get there. See if that isn't right. See if it don't appear in these magazines and things just the same way. Just like the little boy in Finland and so forth, it's God foretelling things what will come.*

*53-0905 FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD*

# Expectations

December 1953 was a very difficult time for Branham. Ern Baxter had parted ways, and not on the best of terms.

In an interview for the New Wine magazine in 1978, Baxter claims that it was because Branham's teaching had strayed from the Bible. He said that the fruits of his teaching were not good, and so he resigned.

*I believe there's a Bible principle involved. No matter who we are, if we don't relate to the principles of truth, we pay for it. We either fall on it and break in repentance, or it falls on us and breaks us in judgment.*

*The measure of faith Paul talks about in Romans 12 where he says, "to each man is given a measure of faith . . . he that prophesieth, let him prophecy according to the measure of faith," indicates that we all have been given a grace gift. But we must walk within the confines of our gift. For instance, if a miracle worker, who may be used mightily in working miracles, steps over the boundaries of that gift and presumes, to be a teacher when God has not called him to teach, then he is violating the rule of walking within his grace.*

*Branham saw himself as a teacher of some kind of "in" truth. To me, some of it was quite esoteric. I became aware early in his ministry*

*that there was a mixture. I urged him not to say some things in public. As long as we worked together he refrained. One of the reasons for my leaving him was that he was starting to say some seriously wrong things. When that, coupled with other circumstances, eventually became unbearable, I resigned.*

*I think there can be a lesson in this. Branham, as a miracle worker, had a real place. Branham as a teacher was outside of his calling. The fruits of his teaching ministry are not good.*

But Branham had told his following about the vision. He had told the people for two years that he would have a great revival in China, India, or South Africa. Now, it was December of 1953 and this vision had not yet come to pass. What would happen if the crowds suddenly realized that this vision had started out as wishful thinking?

Branham could not let that happen. He pushed even harder for the meeting, in hopes that his funding would be given by offerings from his following.

*Here it is written right here in the back flyleaf of my Bible: a vision and it cannot fail. See? It will be just that way. Just as soon as I get through just a moment. One night I want to give you the vision so you can write it down on a piece of paper and see if it comes to pass or not. And it's bound to come to pass.*

53-1203 TESTIMONY

*Now, pretty soon, if God willing, I'll be going into dark Africa, and from there up into India, From India into, across Transjordan, from there over into Palestine, from Palestine into Luxembourg, Germany, Frankfurt, back over into London, England.*

*Way down in Africa, those dark continents, oh, witch doctors would challenge you in a moment, come by the dozen. And when you have to produce what you're talking about, no fooling there... When men come along with witches and perform all kinds of signs and enchantments like that, you've got to know the God that stood with Moses Who can curse that thing, and throw it away, and ride over the top of it. See?*

53-1206E DO.YOU.NOW.BELIEVE

Branham started asking the local churches to see if they would support funding his campaign in India.

*I went and told Billy. Went on a few days, he had been fishing down the river. He come back up, and he said to me... We got a doctor friend there that's a very good pal of mine, Dr. Sam Adair. And so some man come over from India, and I went down in New Albany, we was talking over the possibilities of the Pentecostal churches of India cooperating in the meeting and so forth.*

53-1213E FAITH

## Troubled Times In India



Now it was 1954, and Branham still had not made his trip to India. To make matters worse, political issues in India were preventing the trip, and making the vision seem even more hopeless.

Almost a hundred years prior in Tibet, a young British Colonel, Francis Young had entered the holy city of Lhasa and forced upon the Tibetans their first Agreement with the mighty British Empire. In signing this treaty with England, Tibet was acknowledged as a separate nation by the British.

About ten years later, London called for a conference in Simla to settle the issue: British India, Tibet and China sat together at a negotiation table for the first time. This produced the Simla

Convention, which was still in effect when India became independent in August 1947.

But by 1954, this was falling apart. India was pushing for their complete independence. From late 1953 through 1954, India began talks to restructure their government relations with these countries.

There were five principles, or points that they would push for, which would later be known as the “Panchsheel.” The word “Panchsheel” (also spelled as “pancasila”) denoted “Five Taboos” in the ancient Buddhist scriptures governing the personal behaviour of Indian monks.

This was taken from the holy books by India’s first Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, and was to be applied to international affairs of the modern states. Nehru proposed to make panchsheel enshrine the first India-China agreement in 1954 as the Five Principles of Peaceful Co-existence, and the Chinese Premier, Zhou Enlai, readily agreed. Thus, these five principles have become the joint India-China invention.

During this process, Branham found it impossible to gain entry into India for religious purposes. But he did not realize this when he started the year.

## Pressing On For India

In February 1954, Branham continued pressing for India to fulfill his dreams. He preached sermons with titles like “Expectation,” and “South Africa Testimony,” and “God Has Provided A Way” reminding the people that he was expecting to make another trip to South Africa and India. China, though, was forgotten. Evidently, it was too expensive, and Branham had already moved the focal point of his prophecy from one of the three countries to India alone.

*So one morning, when this vision right here, I got wrote out, which came to me, the Word of the Lord, which will take place in Africa and India, I'll give it to you so you can write it down. See if it don't come Word by Word the way*

*54-0217 JESUS ON THE  
AUTHORITY OF THE WORD*

He started planning out his trip, and was very vocal about the countries he planned to visit and the travel itineraries.

*Then we go from there back to Louisville, Kentucky, up into Canada, over in Des Moines, Iowa. And then from there to New York, and then to Durban, South Africa, India, Bombay, Calcutta, up into Palestine, Luxembourg, Frankfurt, Paris, London, then back home again. Just traveling along for our Lord Jesus. We're believing the Lord to give us a half a*

*million souls on this next tour for the great cause of Jesus Christ and the Full Gospel churches of the world.*

54-0228A EXPECTATION

*And then from there, to Durban, South Africa. This time, it isn't my choice, my setting. It's THUS SAITH THE LORD. And to go to Africa, India, Palestine, Luxembourg, Frankfurt, Germany, and London, and then to Paris, then back home.*

54-0404E GOD.HAS.A.PROVIDED.WAY

*And the arrangements are already made to begin in Durban, South--in Johannesburg, South Africa, in September, about the third. And then we go on from there into Durban, and to India, and to Palestine, and Luxembourg, and Frankfurt, and Transjordan, and all through there.*

54-0514 THE.SEAL.OF.GOD

*We have just left Africa recently, where I'm to return again in the next few weeks: Africa, India, Palestine, Germany and... [Blank.spot.on.tape--Ed.] a ministry.*

54-0624 THE.DEEP.CALLETH.TO.THE.DEEP

For those that questioned whether this vision would be fulfilled or not, Branham gave their answer. He gave his sermon a title, "Do you now believe?"

Branham anticipated up to a half a million people in his meeting in India.

*When the archbishop of India came to my place, recently, and received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, Archbishop Palai, he said, "Brother Branham, the way they're looking for you there, so that meant converts." Said, "I'll assure you, there'll be anywhere from a half to a million people in your congregation." He said, "All India's awaiting."*

*And with this vision to back it up, watch what our Lord will do. See? I'm expecting a half a million converts in my journey. We go to Africa, to India, to Palestine, to Luxembourg, and Frankfurt, back to London, and then back home; and then down in South--Australia, New Zealand, and down in there. Now, perhaps, maybe I'll get to see you after I come back from overseas.*

54-0307E DO.YOU.NOW.BELIEVE

From the “archbishop over India,” Branham would be taught that the interpretation the Western world had of the Bible was incorrect. Greatly influenced by the culture of India, and now claiming that his angel was an Asian-Indian, Branham would focus on teaching the Indian version of the scriptures.

*It's an oriental book. We're teaching It in--in a western way, and It's an oriental book written in the eastern way. And our parables and things*

*that we teach out of there sometimes is as far as the east from the west of being right, the way we teach it. You have to see--have to go to the country where the Book was written to understand what they mean."*

54-0328 SIRS.WE.WOULD.SEE.JESUS

Finally, Branham changes his description of the outward appearance of his "angel." In a very crude and racist manner, he basically called his "angel" a "towel-head."

*I was praying for some people in the house, and went out in my house, went into another room, come back through to--was answering telephone, and come through the little hall, going back into another room. There'd been a couple more carloads come in since I was in the room--of answering this phone, emergency long distance. And when I started through the room, there stood a man standing there. And he had a towel, looked like, over his head like this, hanging down. He's kind of a dark complected looking fellow. Looked like his nose was kindly pushed on the end or like it kindly stumped like that. He was standing there looking right at me. I thought he'd been a patient just come in. And I said, "How do you do, sir?" And I... He was a standing right in my road, so I said, "How do you do, sir?"*

*And he said, looked up like that and said, "Brother Branham, don't go overseas till September."*

*Now, I said, "What..." Well, I looked, and the man was gone. Now, if that ain't just like the Macedonian call, that went over to...?... It's the same Angel of the Lord. See?*

*54-0331 THE RESURRECTION  
OF JAIRUS DAUGHTER*

Then, Branham starts applying his famous “Thus Saith The Lord” statement to the vision. He was so sure that it would not fail that he used these powerful words he claimed never to fail.

*Mark my word; write it in the pages of your Bible, for it's THUS SAITH THE LORD, "Remember, when we land in India, you're going to hear of tens of thousands times thousands being saved." The Holy Spirit has said it; I've wrote it here in my Bible; it's wrote in tens of thousands of Bibles right here, like the resurrection of the little boy. By a vision that He said, "There's three hundred thousand of them in there." And you see if that isn't right. There's how the Gospel's going to be preached just overnight. She'll just sweep like that from place to place.*

*54-0515 QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS*

## The Vision Fails

Branham's trip to India finally happened. In Fall of 1954, Branham made the trip. He gave one final testimony reminding people of the great time he had in South Africa with the other evangelists in years gone by, and told his following to write down his words on paper. God was going to fulfill what had become his vision.

*And from that day to this, there hasn't been one trace of it. I gained up to a hundred and sixty-five pounds now. See what God can do? Now, I am returning back to Africa, or to India, rather, on this meeting. And you mark what I have told you tonight, and write it down on a piece of paper, and see if it comes to pass that way or not. That's the way God will bring it; that's the way God has done it up this far; and it'll be that way when I get there.*

*If I have ever been fought on anything... I know I have Indian friends setting here tonight. If I have ever been fought on any meeting I ever went to, the worst I've ever been fought, is India this time. It's either this, that the devil has set a something trying his best to keep me away from there, or something. But God told me to go, and I'm on my road day after tomorrow morning, the Lord willing, to see His Word come to pass.*

*54-0902 SOUTH.AFRICA.TESTIMONY*

Unfortunately, he quickly learned that the Hindi and Muslim people were not entirely receptive to missionaries pushing Christianity. Rev. Branham

had to leave India after having been rescued by the militia from an angry mob.

*When I held my hand there, and when the prayer, of course wasn't interpreted, when I dropped my hands, the man looked. He let out a scream. He grabbed me around the waist. He grabbed the mayor of the city and began hugging him and kissing him. He was just--could see as good as any man setting in here. I'm telling you: a frantic, a scream went from those people, and the whole thing went into a turmoil. Two or three hours later, they got me through the crowd with a army there trying to push them back. I had no pockets in my coats. My shoes was gone. They'd pulled every clothes off of me, nearly stripping me, screaming and crying. And the next day with sorrow. I had to leave India with a promise that I'd be back again.*

*BRANHAM, India Trip Report, January 26, 1957  
(tape #57-0126B)*

Rev. Branham placed the blame for his lack of success in India on himself for not following the leading of the Holy Spirit, saying that Africa was to be his first destination.

*And when... I had been very much constrained to go to--to India. And yet, as many of you might know, the Indian trip wasn't the success that it should've been, because I failed to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit, and never recognized it after He give me a vision to go to Africa first and then to India.*

*BRANHAM, India Trip Report, January 26, 1957  
(tape #57-0126B)*

Branham focused more on the fulfillment of his alleged vision than he did the Word of God, otherwise he would have remembered Jonah. Though Branham taught throughout his ministry that God never fails, Branham claimed that God did in fact fail in this one instance, and that God's failure rested upon Branham's shoulders.

Had Branham remembered the simple story of Jonah, how Jonah did not go do Nineveh as God commanded, he would have known that God cannot fail. No matter which direction you go, God will direct your path.

In the case of Jonah, the men in the boat were saved after witnessing the power of God. Though Jonah went a different direction, God used Jonah.

This was not the case with Branham.

The next year, in 1958, William Branham decided to ignore the fact that his vision had failed. He could not accept defeat, and kept pressing to create a self-fulfilled prophecy.

*I just got my telegram back this morning from Durban, South Africa. The vision where three hundred thousand people will be gathered pretty soon for a meeting which is coming up right away...*

58-0323 JESUS CHRIST THE SAME

YESTERDAY TODAY AND FOREVER

Branham changes the focus of the vision from the campaign that had already happened to an upcoming event, hoping that his congregation did not notice.

After seven years, Branham starts promoting the failed vision once more. He claims that the vision, the one that already did not succeed, is about to happen.

*You all know where I'm going, don't you?  
Africa! I've called for a long time; for years I've  
tried to get back. Now a vision, the Spirit of the  
Lord has prepared the way.*

65-0418M IT.IS.THE.RISING.OF.THE.SUN

*And now I'm certainly soliciting the prayers of  
the people out in the radio land, as well as here.  
After I leave this meeting, I'm going to Europe,  
down into Africa and around, on meetings. And  
this is going by a vision, so it's going to be a  
great meeting there, I'm sure. And I felt for years  
that the Lord has wanted me to come back.*

65-0424 ONE.IN.A.MILLION

*And I--I'm going to South Africa after this. For,  
oh, my, you know how it is down there where  
you can't even talk to the people. And there'd  
be... We're at least expecting three hundred  
thousand, one single meeting. So you just  
believe!*

*65-0427 DOES.GOD.CHANGE.HIS.MIND*

William Branham died in December of 1965, putting the ultimate end to a failed prophecy. This prophecy was never fulfilled from the time it was spoken until the day of Branham's death.

## About The Author

John Collins is the author and web master of [www.seekyethetruth.com](http://www.seekyethetruth.com)

Almost 36 years in “the Message”, the name of the group of people (cult) following the teachings of William Marrion Branham, John has dedicated his life towards helping those who are still in this cult, and to those who are no longer bound but serving Jesus Christ with many questions. His goal is to remind both groups that we serve a living God who does not look to any organization, doctrine, mystery, or gift of the Spirit; we serve a God who looks at the heart.

His main purpose is to point others back to the Bible, which is the Absolute. All words of men may fail, but the Word of God will never fail. We should put our hearts and minds back on Jesus Christ, who died on the cross so that ALL could be saved by grace through faith.

Seek Ye The Truth started as a central place for all cult followers to ask the questions openly and anonymously, many of which they had in their hearts and minds for several years and were afraid to ask. The original goal was to go "hand in hand" with the local pastors, spreading the answers and vindicating the teachings of William Marrion Branham.

As research started to progress, more false teachings were found than truths. More prophecies had failed than had succeeded. None could be proven. Bible teachings came from Gnostic texts and other strange beliefs, and did not line up with the Word of God. Cult pastors had no answer.

While some live normal lives walking "middle ground," many are starting to become very hurt and abused. Many suffer depression. Physical and sexual abuse, and self-condemnation stories started surfacing.

Over time, Seek Ye The Truth slowly transformed from a site of questions into a site dedicated to help those in need. There are almost two million cult followers of William Branham around the world, making it larger than some of the other cult followings, and there are almost no support groups for those desperately seeking help. Please join us as we help others.

God Bless You!