

**COMMENTS ABOUT THE BRANHAM SECT  
BY CONCERNED CHRISTIANS AND FAMILY MEMBERS**

**HOPEFULLY THESE WILL BENEFIT MANY**

**MARY**

In my teens, my brother found Jesus after my parents separation and started to sing the 1st time in his life. I was not interested. Some years later, when I found Jesus and experienced the Joy of The Lord, I sent a letter, to share the good news\_ and he did not even respond. Instead, he came back to our city a few months later to persuade me into the Branham doctrine, he somehow got mixed up in. Fortunately, the Spirit of God protected me. Then some years later, my sister got mixed up also.....and she did not believe that I was Saved and kept silent when I asked her....in fact, she kept such silence for several weeks and I ended up having a full-swing nervous breakdown that affected me for months! A friend of my brother used to make visits to my mother that concerned me, and on one occasion, he tried to convince her that many people are not meant to be saved. Fortunately, The Lord gave me a strong urge when I was shopping that day, to go home straight away - that there was not a minute to waste - the right bus came instantly and would have left without me. Those were the 1st words I heard him speaking as I came through the door. And although I was a young Christian unskilled in Scriptures but loved them, the Spirit of God instantly brought 3 scriptures to mind like "He is willing that none should perish but have Everlasting Life". He changed the topic and left, to return another day. Each time he came, the next 2x The Lord alerted me and I was there (I prayed that He would help me protect her) the man did not return after that. Some time later, a sister in The Lord from an Evangelical church who was married to that man told me that she had to leave him for the welfare of her 2 children because he would lock them in a room and try to indoctrinate them (several times) and they were very disturbed. Even my brother's 2 kids were so affected, that one became pro Buddhist and the other very unbalanced mentally. Clearly, this is not God. Jesus came to Save the lost and Heal the sick\_ not to make us sick.

**SONIA**

This is not uncommon in that movement, I met a brother in Christ who was so disturbed, he had to leave his wife to keep his sanity. She dominated him with that doctrine and was super reactionary to anything that was of the world – ordinary things – she was bound by fear. We live in the world, but we are stronger because of Christ in us the Hope of Glory. He does not want us in bondage, that does not glorify a risen Savior. Religions are the devil's strongest weapon often and the Branham Sect is no exception! If you truly follow Jesus\_ He is the Prophet, Priest and King to His Church. NO major prophet comes after Him. God has spoken to us in these Last Days through JESUS ALONE.....Hear Him! (Read Hebrews 1)

## MARIANNE

Quite honestly, the followers of that movement fear Branham more than God. IE "brother Branham this.....and brother Branham that....." The apostle Paul would shudder if he could hear them. What was his counsel concerning these things? Unfortunately, those who are led by his teachings fail to judge clearly because of so much indoctrination through books and tapes. Sorry if that offends, it's the truth sadly.....and Paul gave us so much counsel to save us from that kind of thing. JW's and Cristadelphians quote scripture too and tell us that they back them up. That doesn't make their teachings true, does it? I think it is much safer to have good judgement than to be misled. Especially, since no major prophet in the bible felt the need to prove or justify their words. They did not try to convince anyone. That was Hitler's tactics and also Mohammad's. Think about it. And Paul also counselled about "party spirit".....I have encountered so much with these people for over 40yrs. But I feel compassion for you, I really do. Let Jesus truly be your Shepherd and Savior.....He said "Learn of Me", then you will hear no other voice.....our sufficiency should be in Him.....and "He is not a disappointment". Man will disappoint us again and again with their different followings, but Jesus never.

## LYN

**Do you really think Branham opened 'the seventh seal' that scriptures talked about? For scripture said only Christ can and will do such. Branham claimed he would or did open that seal? Is this in accordance to the word of God? Just one example.**

MARIANNE - YOU ARE QUITE CORRECT - BRANHAM'S FOLLOWERS DO NOT KNOW THE SCRIPTURES, YOU ASK THEM A QUESTION AND IT IS ALWAYS - THE PROPHET SAID... AND THEY TELL YOU THEY KNOW WHAT THEY BELIEVE BUT CANNOT EXPLAIN IT - ENOUGH ALREADY. SO MANY OF HIS PROPHECIES FAILED TO COME THROUGH - WHY DO PEOPLE HOLD ON SO BLINDLY TO A MAN - A FALLIBLE MAN AT THAT..IS BEYOND ME.

## JULIE

That's so true, what Mary and Marianne said. I have seen and heard of so many children of Branhamites getting mentally ill because there is untold pressure placed on them very similar to Adventist children. My neices became real Women's Libbers after years of domination and sanctimonious airs. When I found Jesus, I threw worldly music out and a few dresses. No-one told me to do that. When the Spirit of God came in, those things fell off, and I had such peace and happiness, it was a challenge to Jws Mormons and Adventists alike. I don't like religions of any kind. Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil, it's a shame that so many Christians are taken in by them with certain Sects that have nothing better to do than quarrel over truth and error and what they interpret as error. These Sects also bring discredit on the Name of Christ like Israel "made God a by-word among the nations" and they exclaimed "where is their God?" Someone needs to tell people to be careful of that doctrine because it can suffocate every bit of peace and freedom in a family setting. And I mean the peace and freedom Christ came to bring us. "If you continue in My Words you will be Free" because "He is the Truth" the only way you should go. The only one worthy of your allegiance!

## REBECCA

So they did not even believe you were saved Mary, because you didn't have their doctrine? How really sad that is. I'm glad you are well. My bible tells me that "whoever calls upon the Name of The Lord shall be Saved" .....not a religion or building, not a preacher but simply Jesus. Geoff Fenholt would have found The Lord years earlier had he not been put off by Revivalists (they are also very strongly legalistic). He was saved after he did the Superstar movie, through the prayers of a Christian wife. I had

a niece who was in need of much prayer after being brought up in the Branham religion – she was so emotionally disturbed! Nothing and no-one could help her. She is alright now, 20yrs later but there's still an imbalance in her personality: the way she responds and reacts to people. Health professionals are saying now that the more love and security you have when you are brought up, the stronger and healthier you are. Also that the more laughter in the home – in little years – the stronger your children are going to cope. I think that some people need to think what they're doing to their kids in all this. It's disturbing to know that Christian Sects are having a similar affect on parents and children that cults have in the world. I'm sure it makes Jesus' heart break, because He died to see us well and happy – that's part of the Salvation He offers us. "The Letter kills but the Spirit brings Life". The world waits to see a Happy and Well people, not quarrelsome and legalistic. Christians who really know their Savior. The devil doesn't mind how religious you are. Jesus wants you strong and happy.