

Grief

The pain of losing The Message is incomparable. It exceeded my ability to comprehend or sense pain. For those who lived and breathed it, it was not just a loss of faith; it was an implosion of self, a loss of identity, of family, of community, of past and future cosmic purpose.

I walked this path alone. Never once did I visit "banned" websites or study other's opinions on the Message. I was raised with a reality distortion field - raised to aggressively filter out *all* contradictory information. Reading or hearing it would never even register. It had to come from the Tapes themselves; Bro. Branham's own words against himself and the Bible.

Others, wiser than I, had easier paths (as I expect you will). They used existing resources and unraveled the mess quickly. They found a community or a church that would support them despite their change of doctrine. If family cast them out on the street, they found or built a new family that knew love. Nobody leaves The Message because it is easy to do so. It is never easy.

Pause. Exhale a few deep breaths, then close your eyes. Visualize leaving the Message, facing and grieving your many losses. Don't look away. List what you would lose, or fear you would lose. Who you fear you would lose. How you might reinterpret your past decisions. Can you face it? Can you complete this simple exercise?

Is anything more important than truth? For me, nothing can compare.

It is against this (sub)conscious awareness of this grief that you will fight. As you compare the Tapes to recorded fact and clarity of scripture, you will experience mental dissonance/stress that makes you extremely irrational, even angry. You will discover defense and avoidance mechanisms you didn't know you had. You will learn new words, and learn the real meanings for others. You will develop new skills. You will have to triple check your thoughts, for your every defense and coping mechanism will frantically intervene to cure that stress at any cost.

Fixing myself wasn't easy, and I'm not done. But the alternative is to be part of the problem; to remain a reason our corner of the world is messed up. We must check to see if we are wrong, and do so often. My "Ignorance is bliss" mentality fundamentally prevented me from following the golden rule in a meaningful way. If I have hurt you, I am sorry. My six years at VGR may seem small, but a lot happened during those years, and I hope my love was (and is) clear.

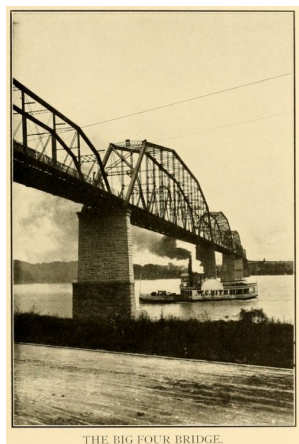
In the Message, I could not conceive of a reality as wonderful as the one I live today. Life free of those distortions is so much better than I ever thought was possible. More importantly, it is better for those around me.

The veil of Branhamism is dark, and it hides the many harms it causes.

Each passing year adds to the regret that must be faced when it is finally lifted, and to the courage it will take to do so. When you are ready, take this letter off the shelf and read the rest.

Do not wait too long, my friends. I love you all.

– Nathanael



Construction started	October 1888	June 1928
Opened for use	September 1895 Not born yet	October 31, 1929 Bro. Branham was 20 years old.
Under construction	7 years	17 months
Worker fatalities	37 (16 + 21 + ?)	2 (1 + 1)
Named	Big Four Bridge Walking Bridge	George Rogers Clark Memorial Bridge Municipal Bridge / 2nd Street Bridge

"And we were right up on the bank from the Ohio River. And I looked down towards Jeffersonville, and I seen a bridge rise up and go across that, the river, span the river. And I seen sixteen men (I counted them) that dropped off of there and lost their lives on that bridge. I run in real quick and told my mother, and she thought I went to sleep. But they kept it in mind, and twenty-two years from then the Municipal Bridge now (that many of you cross when you cross there) crossed the river at the same place, and sixteen men lost their life building that bridge across the river.

It's never failed to be perfectly true. As you see It here in the auditorium, It's been that way all the time."

— My Life Story, 59-0419, Los Angeles, WMB

And twenty-two years from that time, the Municipal Bridge span across the Ohio River, and the same sixteen men lost their live on it, just like It said. See? And it's always been that way. And Christian friends, to the best of my soul, I say this for God's glory: I have never seen one time but what it was just as perfect, just exactly the way It said it would be.

— Do You Now Believe?, 53-1206E, WMB

Bro. Branham repeated this vision on tape over a dozen times from 1948 to 1964, but only once (60-1218) did he speak of it from a Jeffersonville pulpit.

"THE LOUISVILLE HORROR" "SIXTEEN MEN DROWNED LIKE RATS"

Newspapers across the globe printed the tragic story, including The Queenslander, The Sydney Morning Herald, The Times, The Jeffersonville Evening News, the Buffalo Evening News, The Brooklyn Daily Eagle, The Ottawa Journal, The Sterling Daily Gazette, The Altoona Tribune, Dixon Evening Telegraph, The Duluth Herald, The Evening Star: Washington, DC, and the Associated Press. More [here](#) and [here](#).

16 men died working on the Louisville bridge about a hundred yards from shore.

"Within an hour from the disappearance of the caisson 3000 people were on the shore straining themselves trying to see something of the wreckage. Dozens of boats were plying about about over the spot where the caisson had stood and lights danced to and fro with them, but there was no trace of the massive structure of stone and timber which had kept off the hungry river, to give hope to the anguish-stricken mothers and wives who stood in the throng on the shore."

— The Havana Journal

The [Duluth Evening Herald \(Minnesota\)](#) reported:

<p>J, JANUARY 10, 1890</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">CAUGHT IN A CAISSON.</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Sixteen Men Killed After a Most Frantic Fight for Their Lives.</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">The Engineer's Testimony; and Possibly Drunk Careless.</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Description of the Trap by One Who Escaped; Those Dead.</p> <hr/> <p>LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 10.—At 12:20 o'clock this morning the bodies of three of the unfortunate victims of the caisson accident of the late afternoon were recovered by workmen. The positions in which they were found showed that a desperate struggle had taken place at the narrow door of escape.</p> <p>One negro had succeeded in pulling his body through the aperture, but death had overtaken him just when life was promised. Another negro had crawled partly through. His hands</p>	<p>were fastened by death in the clothing of the negro, in front of him, showing that he had died in a desperate endeavor to escape first. Between these two was the body of a white man. It appeared from his position that he was trying to push back some one who was clinging to his legs. Sand accumulating at the door by the sudden sinking of the caisson, had wedged in the body of this man in such a manner that it could not be removed.</p> <p>Of the twenty men in the caisson when the flooding was first noticed Abe Taylor, Frank Haddock, Lewis Couch and James Morrill succeeded in reaching the manhole shaft and escaped. Among those dead are:</p> <p>Thomas Johnson, Lon Roe, John Knox, foreman; Frank Mayer, Fred Soaper, Joseph McAdams, Tom Ash, H. A. Milton Morris, W. E. Hayns, Reuben Tyler, Chris Childs, Thomas Smith, John Gordon, Lewis Cox, Peter Taylor.</p> <p>One of the survivors tells the following story. The men were at work in the soft bottom of the river. They made such rapid progress that the excavation went down faster than the caisson. This afternoon an unusual quantity of water began to trickle from under the edges, but the pumps were at work and no increase was felt. Gradually it increased until suddenly on every side a flood gushed in. The men realized their peril, and all rushed for the exits. Immediately around the little trap door frantic unfortunates fought, all knowing that but a few of them could pass through before the air chamber was completely filled by the water. Only one could go through at a time and as one man gained a preeminence, he was snatched by his frenzied companions and drawn back. Meanwhile the flood rose and all who were after Taylor were drowned.</p> <p>The accident occurred late yesterday afternoon, and was in the excavation for a fill in the Ohio river for a bridge between Louisville and Jeffersonville.</p>	<p>The men were caught by a sudden burst of water and were drowned. Engines and workmen were put to work trying to pump out the water, repair the break and extricate the men. The caisson proper is twelve feet under water and is reached by a manhole shaft, which projects above the water's surface. This shaft is reached by four trap doors from the interior of the caisson. Shortly before 6 o'clock, while they were excavating in the bottom, water burst under the sides and edge of the huge machine, and the unfortunate workmen were caught in a trap.</p> <p>Mr. Ingle, resident engineer of the bridge company, was seen. He expressed the opinion that some one was evidently to blame for not having the trap door in proper condition and also for the weakness of the caisson, which resulted in the leak. The timekeeper on duty yesterday afternoon said:</p> <p>"There was nothing to be seen from the outside that would indicate what had taken place. There was no noise or commotion and the first intimation we had that an accident had occurred was when four men appeared at the top of the lock and shouted to the engineer to turn in more air to keep back water. The engine was set going at great speed and a great quantity of air was forced into the caisson and we could see millions of bubbles on the surface of the water, which indicated that the air was not being confined to the box. I do not know who is to blame or what caused the accident."</p> <p>An employe who had been sick for several days, but who is one of the lock-keepers and who declined to give his name, said he knew Knox was to blame; that Knox was reckless and often under the influence of liquor.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DULUTH EVENING HERALD.</p>
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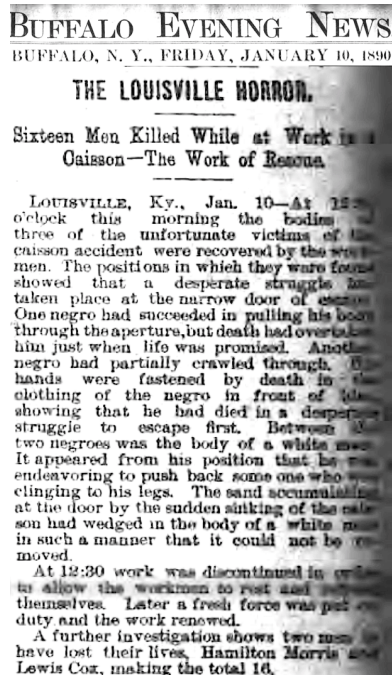
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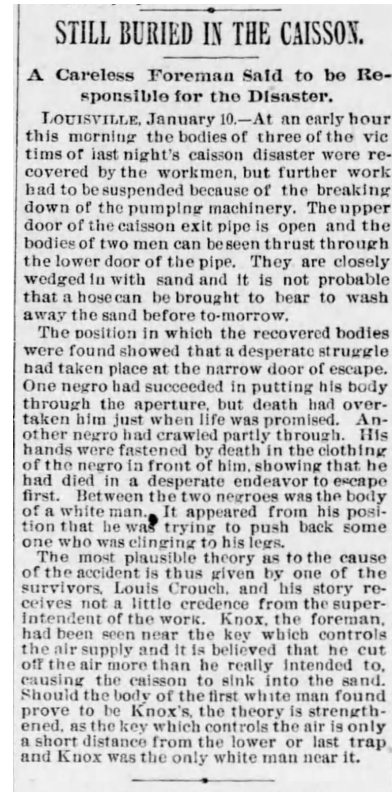
Buffalo Evening News

Jan 10, 1890



The Times

Jan 11, 1890



This seems to be the same event (sixteen bridge workers drowning) described by William Branham, but the actual date was January 10th, 1890. This was the Big Four Bridge.

Only Two Municipal Bridge Fatalities

Unlike the lethal¹ 7-year construction of the Big Four Bridge, the Municipal Bridge was finished under-budget, and opened ahead of schedule in just 17 months.

Only 2 worker fatalities were recorded during the Municipal Bridge construction.

Detailed [Coast Guard Station logs](#) (24/7/365) and [the engineering reports](#) confirm this.

¹ Another, even larger accident occurred on Dec. 16 1893 Sources: [NY Tribune](#), [Anaconda Standard](#)

June 20th, 1929

Richard Pilton, 26 dies after being struck in the temple by an iron crank he was using.

"A safety program [...] has been recognized as efficient in that this is the first fatal and serious accident that has occurred."

Cause of death: fractured skull.

First Life Lost In Erection Of Traffic Bridge

The first life was spent in the erection of the new Jeffersonville, Louisville traffic bridge shortly after 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon when Richard Pilton, 26 years old, Jeffersonville, was struck on the right temple by an iron crank he was using to tighten a wire rope near Pier No. 5 of the bridge. The blow knocked the workman off a barge at the side of the pier and his body landed in the river. It was recovered by United States Coast Guardsmen within five minutes after the accident.

Deputy Coroner Joseph Beck of Louisville said Pilton's death was due to a fractured skull. The man had been employed two months by the American Bridge Company, which has the contract for the steel work on the municipal bridge. Four other workmen were nearby when Pilton was knocked into the river. Edward Gibbs, Frank Pezzullo, Edward Connelly, Alfred Sult and William Seibert were the Coast Guardsmen who recovered the body.

For more than a year, workmen have been engaged in the erection of the traffic bridge across the Ohio river from Jeffersonville to Louisville. A safety program inaugurated by all companies and contractors who have placed men in the service of this erection has been recognized as efficient in that this is the first fatal and serious accident that has occurred.

Pilton is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ellen Pilton; two small children, Richard Pilton, Jr., 2 and Betty Jane Pilton, 3; and his parents Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pilton of Evansville. The body was taken to the home of the Rev. C. S. Whitted at 229 East Chestnut street, Jeffersonville. Mrs. Whitted is an aunt of Pilton.

Funeral services are to be held at 7:30 o'clock tonight at the Whitted home in charge of the Rev. Mr. Whitted. The body is to be taken to Boonville, Friday morning for burial.

September 11th, 1929

Lloyd McEwen, 25, fell from the floor of the bridge, eighty-five feet below to a barge.

"McEwen's death marks the second to occur since the beginning of the bridge more than a year ago."

Cause of death: broken neck.

Workman Killed In 85-Foot Fall From Traffic Bridge

Lloyd McEwen, 25 years old, Bruce, Wis., riveter employed by the American Bridge Company, contractors for the erection of the steel super-structure of the new traffic bridge from Jeffersonville to Louisville was killed at 11:30 o'clock Wednesday morning when he fell from the floor of the bridge, eighty-five feet below to a barge containing steel and anchored in the river.

McEwen's death was due to a broken neck, Coroner Asa D. Combs, reported Wednesday. The man also sustained a broken back, broken left arm and lacerations on his head.

Workmen who saw the man plunge to his death reported that he was working on the floor of the bridge and apparently made a misstep, losing his balance.

McEwen's death marks the second to occur since the beginning of the bridge more than a year ago.

The Doppelganger Theory

Proponents of the doppelganger theory – that a similar accident occurred during the Municipal Bridge construction – must confront the following facts:

- No victim names have been brought forward.
- No related obituaries have been found.
- The [local newspapers](#) mention no such accident, nor can it be found in a global search.
- Highly detailed [coast guard logs](#) do not include the accident.
- [Engineering and cost reports](#) do not allow for such a major accident.
- News of the real accident reached Australia *despite* the workers being "mostly colored".
- Just seven weeks before it opened for traffic, The Jeffersonville Evening News clearly stated "**McEwen's death marks the second to occur since the beginning of the bridge more than a year ago.**"
- The Municipal Bridge was opened for traffic before Bro. Branham turned 22 years old.

You can browse all 1928/1929 Jeffersonville Evening News articles related to the Municipal Bridge [here at SearchingForVindication.com](http://SearchingForVindication.com).

Why Does It Matter?

Healing is not prophetic vindication. Discernment is not prophetic vindication. Both would vindicate many other evangelists as prophets. Accurate and specific prophecy of future events is prophetic vindication. The Bible and the Message itself are **extremely** clear on this.

Deuteronomy 18:20–22 (KJV)

18 I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.

19 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him.

20 But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die.

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.

And notice. Then he thought. "I can only speak as God speaks." No prophet can say anything 'less God puts it in his mouth, if he's a prophet. If he's a false prophet, if he's

a hireling, why, he—he can say anything. But if you say anything, and God has to bring it to pass. If God said it, it'll be that way.

— The Children Of Israel, 47-1123, WMB

And if—if he has a vision, he speaks it, "I'll make Myself known to him through visions and dreams—make Myself known. And if what he says comes to pass, then hear that prophet, 'cause I'm with him. If it doesn't, then don't fear him at all." That's right. "Get away; just let him alone." See?

— The Seventh Seal, 63-0324E, WMB

Now the age in which we are living is going to be a very short one. Events are going to transpire very rapidly. So the messenger to this Laodicean Age has to be here now, though perhaps we don't know him as yet. But there will surely have to be a time that he becomes known. Now I can prove that because we have Scripture that describes his ministry. First of all, that messenger is going to be a prophet. He will have the office of a prophet. He will have the prophetic ministry. It will be based solidly on the Word because when he prophesies or has a vision, it will always be "Word oriented" and it will ALWAYS come to pass. He will be vindicated as a prophet because of his accuracy.

— An Exposition Of The Seven Church Ages - Ch. 9 - The Laodicean Church Age

God sends a prophet, a prophet speaks, God makes that truth, if it's God. That's where He said to know them. If they spoke, "and what they said come to pass, then believe them, for I'm with them." If it doesn't, then it... they're—they're not. They're false prophets. He said, "But to mark them, see whether it come to pass."

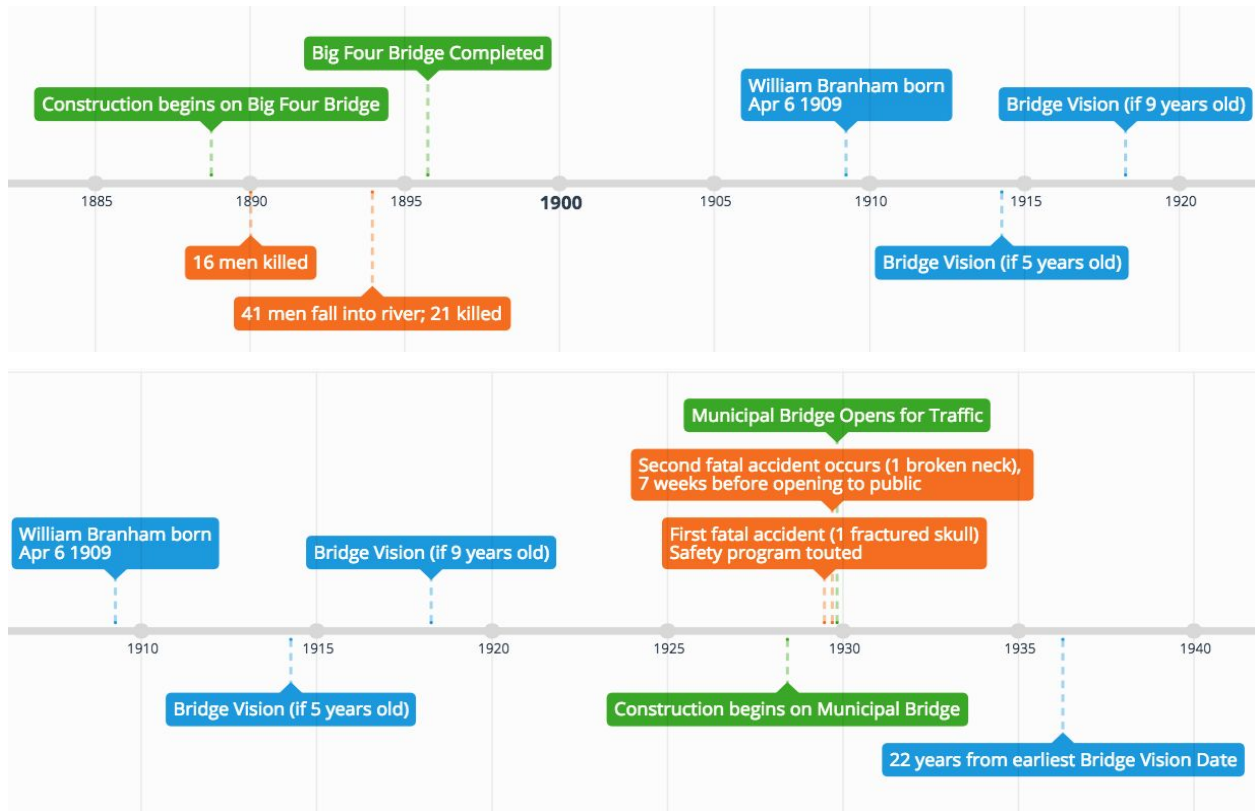
— My New Ministry, 59-1115, WMB

"I've got to leave here. You've got to leave here. And if I go as a false prophet, I'll lose my own soul and lose yours with me."

— Questions And Answers On The Holy Ghost, 59-1219, William Marrion Branham

Please take this document home to pray about.

Visual Timeline



Frequent Responses and Questions

But we love Bro. Branham!

Bro. Branham is beloved minister and storyteller. The journey of uncovering truth is extremely painful. Does that justify abandoning "prove all things" and Deuteronomy 18:22?

1 Thessalonians 5:19-22 (KJV)

19 Quench not the Spirit.
 20 Despise not prophesyings.
 21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.
 22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.

1 Thessalonians 5:19-22 (NIV)

19 Do not quench the Spirit.
 20 Do not treat prophecies with contempt
 21 but test them all; hold on to what is good,
 22 reject every kind of evil.

If you apply the same kinds of prophecy testing you apply to Bro. Branham to any other widely loved would-be prophet, wouldn't they ALL be vindicated? Doesn't that make Muhammed true, as well as Joseph Smith?

It is essential that your love for Bro. Branham doesn't override your trust in scripture.

I found Christ and healing through Bro. Branham!
That's good enough for me!

Many have found Jesus through false teachers. Many have gained faith from other faith healers.

William Branham should not be the end of your search for a closer walk with Christ. Mark his [prophecies against history](#), and his [words against scripture](#).

Give yourself some time away from the tapes, particularly if you've been spending more time on them than on the Bible. William Branham's doctrine serves to distort; study those distortions so that you can free yourself from harmful doctrines.

Listen to the Bible. Consider [Off The Shelf, a Christian podcast of Message testimonies](#).

Study this and pray.

Someone would have called him out on tape for that!

Today, you have the internet, digitized newspaper collections, careful histories, and still, don't speak up when WMB contradicts reality. Why do you think someone would have interrupted The Prophet's recorded sermons to do so? If you want to show your courage, share this with your fellow Believers so they can study this for themselves.

[insert name] has been taken over by a demon, ignore them!

For the record, John Collins is not affiliated with this document, its sources, Believe The Sign, or Searching For Vindication in ANY way. That said, this document compiles hard evidence; its authorship should be irrelevant.

Demonizing Christians who leave the Message for the Bible is not Christ-like. Nor is lying about them to others. Unfortunately, this behavior is extremely pervasive in the Message, and just one of many self-isolation strategies you find among many "high-demand groups".

Some of this can be attributed to the intense emotions faced by those who have dedicated much of their lives to The Message. Leaving the Message is *the hardest* path, but it is worth it. On that, everyone can agree. [James Rozak's testimony](#) is just one of the thousands.

The 1890 newspaper articles are faked!

Stop and think about what it would take to do that for dozens and dozens of newspapers around the country and across the globe - not just physical records in libraries, but you'd have to hack countless federal digital databases as well. Even one extra copy of any original would unravel everything. Just look [here](#) and [here](#) for a hint of how widespread coverage actually was.

But other prophecies came true, right?

Unfortunately, only one of Bro. Branham's before-the-fact "prophecies" came true. **After** doctors said Florence Shakarian would **die** from terminal, inoperable cancer, he added "THUS SAITH THE LORD", **but told them to pray, since God might change his mind.**

This "prophecy" has three huge problems.

1. It gives itself an "out" if it fails to come to pass.
2. It was made ONLY AFTER a near medical certainty (inoperable, terminal cancer).
3. Wouldn't you belly-laugh if any *other* prophet tried to vindicate themselves with this?

BelieveTheSign.com (originally dedicated to only positive testimonies of Bro. Branham) now has [balanced and fair information about his 31 prophecies for you to review.](#)

Moses smote the rock instead of speaking to it, but the children still had to drink or die.

This argument presumes that Bro. Branham was vindicated like Moses was. Moses accurately foretold ten different extreme plagues upon the land of Egypt. Bro. Branham lacked any sort of prophetic vindication.

"Believe the works"

John 10:31-39 (KJV)

31 Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him.

*32 Jesus answered them, **Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me?***

33 The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.

*34 Jesus answered them, **Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods?***

*35 **If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken;***

36 *Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?*
37 *If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not.*
38 *But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him.*
39 *Therefore they sought again to take him: but he escaped out of their hand,*

This story of Jesus reasoning with the Jews does not apply to Bro. Branham.

Jesus did not give false prophecy.

Bro. Branham's prophecies failed. This cannot be fixed by works or by his resurrection.

"Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life,"

This passage is typically used to **sow confusion** that we shouldn't "rely on our own understanding" of the Bible, but **rather on William Branham's words about himself**.

However, this situation is extremely clear. There is no ambiguity. **If we were not meant to judge prophecy, the Bible would not have kept hammering the instruction home.**

Furthermore, this argument also presumes that Bro. Branham was vindicated like Jesus.

Jesus did not give false prophecies.

I don't believe Bro. Branham was Christ, but I believe "every word"!

If Jesus came to earth and had his sermon audio recorded, wouldn't you believe "every word"? How is the real effect of your actions and beliefs any different from the "Christ Branham" crowd, if you share the belief that "every word of Bro. Branham is the Word Of God"?

The 1937 Flood destroyed all of the historical archives!

False. The relevant archives remain intact, they just don't support Bro. Branham's prophecy.

In fact, the Jeffersonville Library is digitizing the entire 1929 collection so you can check every publication for yourself! All bridge-related articles are already online [here](http://vgr.branham.life).

Absence of evidence for a doppelganger event is not evidence of absence!

1. This ignores that WMB was only 20 years old when the Municipal Bridge opened.
2. The situation is one of "negative evidence", not argument from ignorance.

Let's study some relevant concepts carefully.

Argument from Incredulity

A logical fallacy (error) that occurs when someone decides that something did not happen because they cannot personally understand how it could happen. This is a form of "argument from ignorance"

Argument from ignorance

The very lack of evidence is thus treated as evidence; the absence of smoke proves that the fire is very carefully hidden.

— C.S. Lewis

The **argument from ignorance** (or **negative proof**) is a logical fallacy that claims something is true based on the fact that it has *not* (yet) been proven false, or that something is false because it has *not* (yet) been proven true. This is often phrased as "absence of evidence is not evidence of absence".

If the only evidence for something's existence is a lack of evidence for it not existing, then the logical position is one of mild skepticism and not belief.

Argument from ignorance should not be confused with negative evidence, which is where there is **no supporting evidence** for something when there **should** be (like in this case).

This a case of negative evidence

The horrifying death of sixteen workers leaves a mark - names, obituaries, newspaper articles, coast guard records, and additional engineering reports and costs related to the bridge collapse. We can see this from the 1890 event, but the Municipal Bridge had no such costs, reports, records, articles, obituaries, or names.

That's just your opinion!

If you agree with that, you may have confused the terms "[opinion](#)" and "[fact](#)".

It is not my *opinion* that these newspaper articles exist. It is a verifiable *fact*.

FACT: Municipal Bridge construction began June 1928 and opened **Oct. 31 1929**.

FACT: On **Sept 11, 1929**, The Jeffersonville Evening News reported that "**McEwen's death marks the second to occur since the beginning of the bridge more than a year ago.**"

FACT: Detailed records were kept and can be inspected.

FACT: No victim names, obituaries, or newspaper accounts of a "doppelganger" event have been brought forward.

FACT: The Big Four Bridge construction began Oct. 1888 and was completed in Sept 1895.

FACT: **In January 1890, over a dozen newspapers around the country reported the accident of 16 bridge workers drowning including the Associated Press and The Times.**

FACT: This tragedy made international news (despite the workers being "mostly colored").

FACT: William Branham repeatedly claimed it was "twenty-two years".

And twenty-two years from that time, the Municipal Bridge span across the Ohio River, and the same sixteen men lost their live on it, just like It said. See? And it's always been that way. And Christian friends, to the best of my soul, I say this for God's glory: I have never seen one time but what it was just as perfect, just exactly the way It said it would be.

— 53-1206E - Do You Now Believe?

FACT: Math is not on his side: $1929 - 1909 = 20$ | $1929 - (1909 + 7) = 13$

FACT: WMB repeated the vision over a dozen times on tape as his prophetic vindication.

FACT: William Branham's Bridge Vision is contradicted by history and hard evidence.

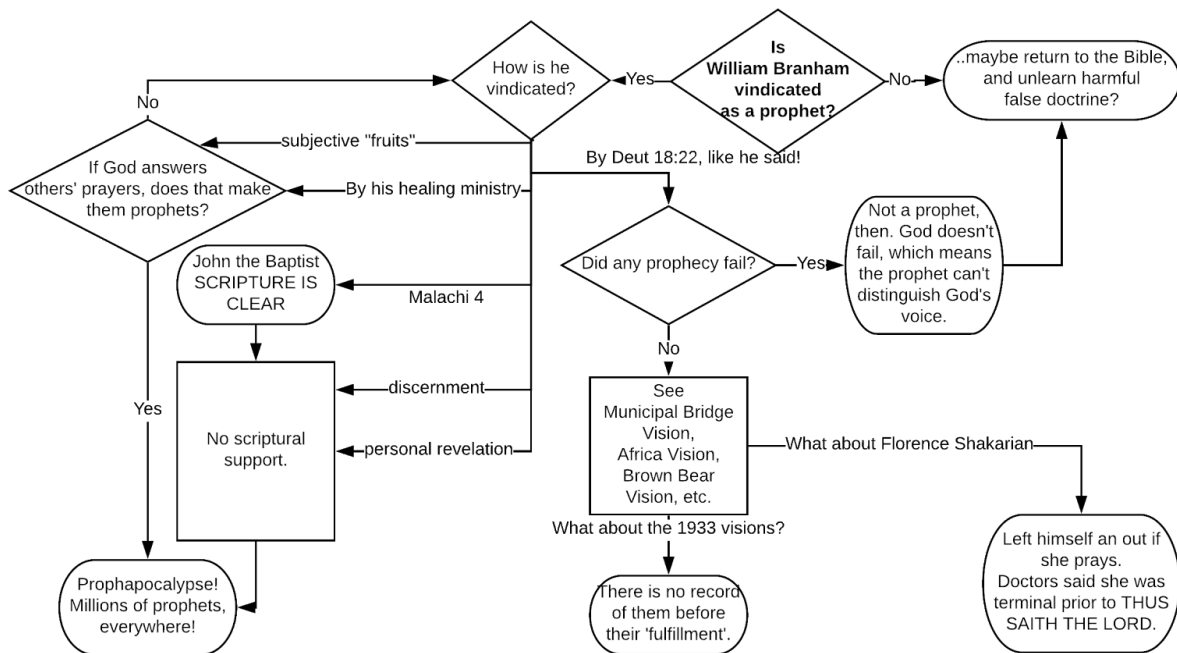
FACT: William Branham's resurrection can't fix the Bridge Vision's failure.

FACT: William Branham's prophecies failed.

FACT: William Branham stated "I've got to leave here. You've got to leave here. And if I go as a false prophet, I'll lose my own soul and lose yours with me."

FACT: William Branham fails the Biblical test of a prophet (as well as his own tests).

OPINION: Giving a false prophet's doctrine equal (in reality, greater) authority than the Bible is dangerous and can be credited for the many destructive "high-demand groups" that have sprung up under The Message.



What about recovery?

Find support from other individuals and groups who have left. You can't easily know what you don't know (or what to unlearn).

If you have PTSD, depression, or any of the other usual suspects, seek proven treatment strategies and licensed practitioners. Anti-psychology vitriol is very common. Ignore it.

Know that exit and recovery from high-demand groups has been studied intensely. *A Clinician's Guide to Working With Former Members and Families* by ICSA is very recent and up-to-date. Buy your psychologist a copy. I also love the more approachable *Take Back Your Life* by Janja Lalich.

If you're on Facebook, feel free to message me (Nathanael Jones). I'll add you to a recovery-focused group, and recommend some resources based on what you need. There are many. If you need financial aid, I will try to connect you with help.

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