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John 3:16.

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THE MYSTERIOUS STAR



Wm Branham baptizing in the Ohio River, June 11, 1933¹

It was on Sunday June 11, 1933, that a most amazing and documented phenomenon occurred. William Branham was 24 years of age, and had just completed his first tent campaign in Jeffersonville. This had run for two weeks and about 130 candidates were awaiting baptism in the Ohio River at the foot of Spring Street. Jeffersonville, Indiana before a crowd of about 3,000 that had gathered on the river bank to watch.

It had not rained for some three weeks and the day was hot and the sky clear.

At about 2.00 pm, as William Branham prepared to baptize Edward Colvin, the 17th candidate for baptism, he heard a still small Voice that spoke to him and said, "Look up!". It repeated this twice more and when he gazed upwards, high above him in the clear sky, an area about fifteen feet square could be seen churning as though waves were rolling across it. Immediately, a bright, pulsating Star appeared from within the disturbance and lowered itself with a 'Woosh!' to hang just above the young minister's head.

It was a few seconds before Brother Branham could cry out in alarm, causing the bystanders to look up and also notice the Star. Some screamed, while others fainted or ran in fear.

Brother Branham had seen the Star many times before but had seldom spoken to others about it because he found that very few believed his testimony. A Voice thundered and spoke to Brother Branham saying that,

" As John the Baptist was sent to forerun the first coming of Christ, your Message will forerun the second coming."

When this was through, the Star was received up into a small white cloud that had formed in the area of churning sky high above the river. The sequence of events occupied only a minute but would lead to the most dynamic and extensive Divine Healing revival ever experienced by mankind.

Brother Branham reported that the event was featured in a local newspaper and Brother Lee Vayle stated that news organizations picked up the story and circulated it around the U.S. and on into

¹ This date was established by Sister Meda Branham when discussing the subject with Brother Peary Green. She recalled that the Visitation had coincided with the birthday of someone known to her.

Canada. One headline read, "Mysterious Light Appears over Baptist Minister While Baptizing in the Ohio River."

Just as the Lord Jesus had presented Himself to John the Baptist in the River Jordan in order that He could be baptised before beginning His public Ministry², so in 1933, He publicly commissioned His forerunner of our day while he was baptizing in the Ohio River to begin a ministry that would deliver a Message to forerun Christ's Second Coming.



Brother Branham baptizing Nanny Lou Simms in the Ohio River, June 11, 1933



Bro Branham in the Ohio River, June 11, 1933

² As the Lamb of God, the Old Testament law required that Christ be first washed before being offered on the Cross as a propitiation for our sins.



Ohio River, Spring Street, Jeffersonville, Indiana

When the Pillar of Fire descended over William Branham's head, he was standing near the post that appears in the right foreground in the river.



Ohio River, Spring Street, Jeffersonville, Indiana



Ohio River, Springs Street, Jeffersonville Indiana

The site as it appears today.

Businessmen in the city questioned, "What does this mean?"

Brother Branham replied, "That wasn't for me; that was for you; I believe. That was for your sake that God did that to let you know that I'm telling you the Truth."

Amongst the witnesses was a young lady by the name of Hope Brumbach who was later to marry Brother Branham. She had been taking photographs from the river bank but unlike most of the others present, she heard the Voice but did not see the Light.

When Rev. Ewald Frank of Krefeld, Germany, attended the Easter meetings at Branham Tabernacle in 1966, he found approximately 12 people who had witnessed the visitation in June 1933. Though many may debate the full meaning of the event, its authenticity is not disputed.

BACKGROUND

The Acts Of The Prophet - Chapter 6 - 1933

Saul, not yet called Paul, stood and held the coats of those who stoned to death the valiant Steven. This was one of many atrocious acts by the zealot Saul which were to result in the scattering of the early Christians to other lands, thus fulfilling God's commandment to preach the message abroad. Then one day, Saul saw a Light which so completely shocked him that it reversed the entire purpose of his life. So it is recorded in Acts 9:1-7:

And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,

And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.

And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:

And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man.

Saul was not alone when this incident occurred. As 'Paul', he relates the incident two other times in the book of Acts. In Acts 22:9 (*And they that were with me saw indeed the light, and were afraid; but they heard not the voice of him that spake to me*) and in Acts 26:13-15. Is there conflict here? Did those with Saul hear the voice or not? Let us read Paul's other account, in Acts 26:13-15, before the king:

At midday, O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me.

And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? It is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest.

Now we see that there was no conflict in the accounts, for the voice was in the Hebrew tongue and he alone of the group was able to *understand* what was said. But to the carnal mind which really has no desire to believe the Scriptures, this might seem a contradiction. I relate this seeming conflict in the accounts of Paul's experience so that those who read the following account of a Light in Brother Branham's life will realize that there is no more discrepancy between this and other accounts they may have heard than that recorded by Paul's own writings of his experience.

It was on June 11, 1933, as Brother Branham was baptizing in the Ohio River at the foot of Spring Street in Jeffersonville, that a strange Light, like a star, suddenly came whirling down and hung over his head. There were about four thousand people sitting on the bank watching, many of whom were witnesses of this unexplainable phenomenon. Some ran for fear; others fell in worship. Many pondered the meaning of this remarkable occurrence. Just as with Saul, a Voice spoke from the Light. These were the words, "*As John the Baptist was sent to forerun the first coming of the Lord, your Message will forerun His second coming ...*"

If people can believe that God revealed Himself to Paul in a pillar of fire, what hinders them from having faith to believe that God could, and did, do it again in the twentieth century? Yet even among those who were used of God to confirm the message given at the foot of Spring Street, through tongues and interpretation, there are those who will deny that Brother Branham was the forerunner with a Message before the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. I know of people in San Antonio, Texas, whom God used to repeat those words, "*As John the Baptist was sent ...*," but they deny him today. They either have no confidence in what God told them in 1946, or they have advanced so far in their theology that they feel they can change the original prophecy. Either way they are wrong. If God sent this man with the spirit of Elijah to forerun His second coming and to correct those things that had gone off into tradition and strayed from the Word of God and if God kept His Word to this man every time he said, "*Thus saith the Lord.*" then we should also listen to his doctrine.

The Acts Of The Prophet - Chapter 3 – The Voice of the Sign

After a few minutes Brother Branham and Brother Billy Paul drove up. We greeted each other, and I told them about taking them to see the place. Brother Borders and Billy Paul went in to tell their wives that they were leaving. It was just as they came back out that I said to Brother Branham, "*I'll see you tonight.*" I started to pass him to follow the other two and had just taken a couple of steps when he said, "*You'd better hurry if you are going to get that haircut!*"

I was walking fast enough that I got two more steps in before I stopped in my tracks. I turned around to face him and said, "*How did you know I was going to get a haircut?*" He proceeded to describe the front door of my house.

"*Brother Branham,*" I said, "*Have you been by my house and talked to my wife?*"

"*No,*" he said, "*Brother Pearry, when I was out in the woods awhile ago, the Lord gave me a vision of you standing there, telling your wife that you were going to take some boys to get a haircut.*"

When Brother Branham spoke these words, the revelation broke completely in my heart. Any last resistance was broken down. I cried out, "*Sir, I perceive you to be a prophet, with the spirit of Elijah! You love the wilderness! You cry out against the Jezebel spirit! You call the religious leaders of the world hypocrites and you have no desire for money and fame.*"

He held up his hand as if for me to say no more. "*Brother Pearry,*" he said, "*whatever you do, keep your balance in the Scriptures; but I will not deny what that Voice said on the Ohio River in 1933!*" He continued, "*Brother Pearry, I don't say anything about it in public. People don't understand what a prophet is. But when that Light came whirling down out of Heaven, and those people sitting on that bank saw it, there was a Voice that spoke from it, just as it did to Paul on the Road to Damascus. The Voice said, 'As John the Baptist was sent to forerun the First Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, your Message will forerun His Second Coming.'*"

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**BROTHER BRANHAM REFERS TO THE 'MYSTERIOUS STAR'
VISITATION IN VARIOUS SERMONS;**

DO.YOU.NOW.BELIEVE?_ BATTLE.CREEK.MI SUNDAY_ 52-0817

14 Recently when I was baptizing on the river at Jeffersonville, when all the local newspapers packed It, two o'clock in the afternoon when I was praying, here It come right down out of the heavens, right at two o'clock in the evening, June, or in the afternoon, rather, in June, about the middle of June, hung right over where I was, and a Voice from It, saying, "As John the Baptist was sent to warn the people of the first coming of Christ, so is this Message to warn the people of the second coming."

Right back up into the heavens, when people screamed, fainted. What is it? God, getting the Church ready. You don't need no new doctrine. You don't need no new theories. You need real true hearts to Almighty God, to believe on God, and His Son, Christ Jesus. Have fellowship with everybody, all the Christians, by the Holy Spirit. Amen.

QA.IMAGE.OF.THE.BEAST_ JEFF.IN SATURDAY_ 54-0515

16-107 Just the same thing He said when I baptized right down here on the Ohio River, many of you was standing there, twenty-three years ago, right on the Ohio River that Light, Angel, come right down to where we was at, and said, "As John the Baptist was sent for a forerunner of the first coming of Jesus Christ, your Message will bring the second coming of Jesus Christ." And it's done it. It's... He hasn't come yet, but look what it's done; it's swept the world around. See? And today now, just thinking, the--the effort that's went forth, there's been literally millions...

HOW.THE.ANGEL.CAME.TO.ME CHICAGO.IL MONDAY_ 55-0117

71-1 So then, I--then I was getting too critical on speaking with tongues. You see? But one day then, how God a--vindicated that to me... I was baptizing down on the river, my first converts, at the Ohio River, and the seventeenth person I was baptizing, as I started to baptize, then I said, "Father, as I baptize him with water, You baptize him with the Holy Spirit." I started to--to put him under the water.

And just then a whirl come from the heavens above, and here come that Light, shining down. Hundreds and hundreds of people on the bank, right at two o'clock in the afternoon, in June. And It hung right over where I was at. A Voice spoke from there, and said, "As John the Baptist was sent for the forerunner of the first coming of Christ, you've got a--have a Message that will bring forth the forerunning of the second coming of Christ." And it liked to scared me to death.

71-4 And I went back, and all the people there, the--the foundry men and all them, the druggist, and all of them on the bank. I'd baptized about two or three hundred that afternoon. And when they taken me out, pulled me out of the water, the deacons and so forth went up; they asked me, said, "What did that Light mean?"

A big group of colored people from the--the Gilead Age Baptist church and the Lone Star church down there, and many of those was down there, they begin screaming when they saw that happen; people fainted.

71-7 A girl I tried to get out of a boat there, setting there with a swimming suit on, a Sunday school teacher in a church, and I said, "Won't you get out, Margie?" She said, "Billy, I don't have to get out."

I said, "That's right, you don't have to, but I'd have enough respects for the Gospel to get out where I'm baptizing."

She said, "I don't have to."

And when that--she set there snickering and laughing at me baptizing, 'cause she didn't believe in baptizing, so then when the Angel of the Lord come down she pitched forward in the boat. Today the girl's in the insane institution. So you just can't play with God. See? Now, later on... A beautiful girl, went to drinking later on, was hit with a bottle of--of beer bottle, cut all of her face down. Oh, a horrible-looking person. And there that happened.

TESTIMONY.WILLIAM.BRANHAM_ SAN.JUAN.PR WEDNESDAY_ 60-0210

8 Then two--about two weeks from then, I was playing marbles with my brother, and Something come upon me, and I looked down at the river. And I saw a great bridge span the river, and I watched sixteen men drop off of it and lose their lives. When It left me, I ran in to my mother and I told her. "Oh," she said, "honey, you was dreaming." But I wasn't. But she wrote it down. And twenty-two years from that day, the Municipal Bridge spanned the river at the same place, and sixteen men lost their life on it.

It just kept coming all the time, like that. Later, I become converted. What all that He had did--all the--the Holy Spirit has done would make many, many books. So I'll just have to touch the spots now, that you'd under--so that you'll understand.

Then when I was converted, I joined the Baptist church, started preaching the Gospel, right away. The Lord blessed greatly, and I had my first revival, a two weeks revival, five hundred came to the Lord. I taken them down at the river to baptize them. And while they was around ten thousand on the bank, watching... It was real dry, no rain for two or three weeks. People were praying for rain. And when I was baptizing the seventeenth convert, I heard a voice, said, "Look up." It scared me. I was just a young boy.

The girl that I later married, was taking pictures on the bank. I heard It again; said, "Look up." And I was afraid to look up. Everyone on the bank was wondering what I was hesitating about. All--many peoples up and down the banks of the river... Newspaper photographers... And then It said again, "Look up." And I looked up, and as I looked up, here come that Light coming down. People begin fainting, falling, and a Voice came that shook all around the place there, said, "As John, the Baptist, was sent to forerun the first coming of Christ, the message that is given you will be a forerunning of the second coming of Christ." Not that I would be a forerunner, but the message was the forerunning. I know no more than anyone else. It's the Christ we're speaking of. Then I--them visions started coming to me more than ever.

9 Now, that newspaper went on to Associated Press. It went all the way into Canada, and all through... We have the clippings of it yet. Said, "A mystic Light appears over a local Baptist minister while..."

WATCHMAN.WHAT.OF.THE.NIGHT_ LAKEPORT.CA FRIDAY_ 60-0722

21 I can remember 1933, August the 16th at two o'clock in the afternoon--I mean June the 16th at two o'clock in the afternoon. I'd just recently been ordained a Missionary Baptist minister, and holding my first revival where three thousand something people attended. And then, that afternoon, I was baptizing five hundred converts at the--the river's bank at the foot of Spring Street at Jeffersonville, Indiana, where I lived. And the newspaper photographers was out, and many of the church people; there was around seven or eight thousand people on the bank.

And I walked out into the water, and they... The choir was singing that great old song of the church:

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye,
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possession lie.

22 About the seventeenth or eighteenth person... The deacons and trustees that leading out into the water, was a young fellow by the name of Colvin. All the skies were brassy. The corn was all withered up; we hadn't had rain for three weeks or more. Oh, it was suffering, the crops was. And the sky was like brass.

And I took this young fellow, and I said to him, "Do you believe on the Lord Jesus, and have you accepted Him as your personal Saviour?"

He said, "I have, Brother Branham."

I said, "I seen you at the altar the other night. Now, are you sure of this, young man?"

He said, "I am sure."

So then, I took him by the hand, and turned his face to the bank, and announced his name, and asked God that He would bless his life. And I was just ready to baptize him, when I heard something say, "Look up!" Well, I got scared. I thought somebody on the bank was saying... I was just a boy preacher. I'd never been married yet; my to-be wife was taking pictures on the bank, which is my son Billy's mother.

23 And I heard it again. And up to the third time, said, "Look up!" And when I looked up towards the heaven, a place about ten feet square, looked like water in the blue skies moving around. And out of that blue water like, came a Light coming down from heaven. The people begin to scream, and many fainted.

And the voice said, "As John the Baptist was sent forth to warn the people of the first coming of Christ, your ministry will warn them of the second coming around the world."

And immediately after that, of course that article went on the Associated Press, into Canada and everywhere. And it's come to pass. From that revived up come Oral Roberts and all the rest. And a revival has swept around the world and still moving.

AS.I.WAS.WITH.MOSES_ JEFF.IN SUNDAY_ 60-0911M

141 Now, when God gave me my commission... I've based all this back for this one purpose. "Gifts and callings are without repentance." No man can make himself anything. God makes you

what you are by His grace. We have no way of making ourself. Jesus said, "Who taking thought can add one cubit to his statue?" Who can make himself bigger or littler by taking thought? You can't do it.

When God gave the commission, I questioned it. I said, "I'm insufficient--or insufficient. I have no education. I cannot do these things."

Many of you people here this morning are still living here today, when He appeared down here on the river in that form of a Pillar of Fire, and stood there, and spoke back, and said, "As John the Baptist was sent forth for a forerunner of the first coming of Christ, so will your message be the forerunning of the second coming."

144 Look what it's done. That Light hanging over there, it entered the paper; it went all the way across the United States and into other nations. Doctor Lee Vayle there, was in Canada at the time. He remembers when it appeared in the Canadian paper; I believe it was, wasn't it, Lee? In the Canadian paper, "Mystic Light appears over local minister's head while baptizing." Many people said, "It's psychology."

But one day God decided to stop the mouth of the unbelievers, 'cause it stayed with the Word. That same Pillar of Fire that led the children of Israel is just the same today, leading church spiritual just the same as it led it natural. He appeared again, and they took the pictures before the critics and before the examiners. Here It hangs now infallibly the truth, doing the same works, leading the people spiritually, as It led them naturally back there, staying with the Word. Now, He said what was the commission. Now, remember, God will never depart from His commission. If...

147 I'd like to draw it for you, or in a way. We'll take it like this here. Here's a little sign; that is the commission; now here's a little cross in one corner and a Bible in the other corner, but the writing is in between here. That's the commission.

I charge you before God, and the elect Angels, and Jesus Christ; the commission was, "Pray for the sick." The question was insufficient to do it.

"For this cause you were born; this is the means of your peculiar birth and life, that you are to pray for the sick. If you'll get them to believe you, and be sincere when you pray, nothing shall stand before your prayer, not even to cancer." How many has read that through the years? It's all over the world.

IS.THIS.THE.SIGN.OF.THE.END.SIR_ JEFF.IN SUNDAY_ 62-1230E

10-9 Do you see what I mean? If you'll tell the truth... You may be laughed at for a while; you may be misunderstood for a while; but God will vindicate that, that it is the truth, if you'll just stay with it. Just hold on. Might take years, but like in Abraham and others, but He will always make it the truth.

When that Angel there... And I suppose, besides my wife, there's people here tonight from thirty years ago that was standing close when that come down... Is there anybody in the audience now that was there when the Angel of the Lord, that come down on the river the first time, before the people, raise up your hands. Yes, there they are. See? Now, I see Mrs. Wilson raised up her hand. She was standing there. My wife there, she was there. And I don't know who some of the rest of them is that was standing on the bank here, before many, many people, when I was baptizing at two o'clock in the afternoon, and right out of the brassy skies, where there hadn't been

rain for weeks, here He come with a roar. He said, "As John the Baptist was sent forth to forerun the first coming of Christ, you're sent forth with a message to forerun the second coming of Christ."

11-2 Many men, from businessmen of the city was standing on the bank, asked me what it meant. I said, "That wasn't for me; it's for you, I believe." On it went. And when that Angel left, if you'll remember, he went westward as He went up, right out, up over the top of the bridge, and went westward.

ABSOLUTE.AN_ PHOENIX.AZ SUNDAY_ 63-0127

83 Now, if I've got the wrong thing, then God will never confirm it. But if you have got the right thing, God is obligated to confirm it. There you are. And that's the proof of it. See? If it's right, God's obligated to prove it's right. If it's wrong, He'll have nothing to do with it.

So I remember after my first revival; I was down on the river baptizing. And I took the seventeenth person out. My wife, a little girl, standing on the bank at that time... I had never been married to my first wife that's dead. And there she was on the bank. And they was all standing there, hundreds and hundreds of people. Yes, four or five thousand, maybe more, up and down the river bank: a real hot afternoon in June.

84 And I walked out in the water, and I took a candidate, about the seventeenth person, to baptize him. I had around five hundred after my revival to be baptized. And I walked out in the water with this person. I started to raise my hand. I said, "Heavenly Father," as I...

And about that time something shook me. I thought, "Where is it?" I looked around. Everybody had their heads bowed; oh, as far as I could see. Way back up on the banks there was, oh, cars and people piled all over the walls, and things. I looked again, and I heard a voice say, "Look up." And I was afraid to look up. I was just a kid. We got the picture of it. I said, "Father..." Something said, "Look up." I put my hand down.

This young fellow I was to baptize looked at me in the face. He said, "Well, Brother Bill?"

I said, "Did you hear that?"

He said, "No."

I said, "Heavenly Father..."

He said, "Look up."

I looked up like this, and coming down from the skies come a Pillar of Light whirling around, a voice coming from it, roaring, coming down, said, "As John the Baptist was sent to forerun the first coming of Jesus Christ, so are you sent..." O God. I watched that Light. I'd seen it since a little boy.

85 I tried to tell people. They said, "You're out of your mind." But the scientific research, the late George J. Lacy, when he examined... When they took the picture of it, there it was just the same. It showed in the picture. Scientific proof proves that it's right. To me, it's never told me one thing but is exactly on this Scripture.

When I seen that fire, and heard it, and seen everybody screaming, fainting, and falling, looking there, and pointing to that light... The paper, the Louisville paper, packed a great article, and it went on Associated Press, all through Canada and everywhere. "Mystic Light appears over a local Baptist minister while baptizing." "Mystic," hard to understand... How many times have they took it? Practically every person in here, I guess, got it in your home. It's there in Washington, D.C., copyrighted, as the only supernatural Being was ever photographed, scientifically photographed.

86 What was it? That same Light, that same voice spoke and said, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." It's the same voice to me. It's the same Pillar of Fire was back yonder, because It's doing the same works. Jesus said, "I come from God and I go to God. A little while and the world sees Me no more." He came... He said, when He was here on earth at the feast, He said, "I AM the I AM."

You say, "Well, you're not over fifty years old, but you said, and you say you saw Abraham?" He said, "Before Abraham was I AM."

There He was. What was it? That Light, that Fire, that God, that Spirit is... God is a burning Fire. He is a Light. And there It was in manifested in Jesus Christ. It returned when Jesus rose up from the grave. But on the day He met Paul, coming down to Damascus, He'd turned back to God again, for He said, "I'm Jesus, Who you persecute." Brethren, don't be asleep. Don't you see that that same God's among us right now, proving Himself that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever? That's my Absolute.

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50 Now, it's getting late. I... Just let me have one more witness. Can we? I got a dozen wrote down here. We could call a hundred or two, but let me just call one more. If you'll pardon me, may I be that witness? I'd like to take the stand for Him. That days was back there. This is here now. I know that would be their testimony, but let me take the witness stand once.

Oh, my. I remember down there when I was a little boy. You've read my life story. You know the story. I 'member on the river down there, when I was a young Baptist preacher and was baptizing, near about ten thousand people standing on the bank. And one afternoon, my first great revival, somewhere around a thousand converts, and I was baptizing them out there in the water. The seventeenth person I was leading out into the water, I heard a noise, and I looked around. It was hot. It was on June, 1933, at the foot of Spring Street, at Jeffersonville, Indiana.

51 I was leading them out there, and the banks all up and down were just crowded with people. I walked out with this little boy. I'd seen him at the altar. I said, "Son, have you accepted Jesus Christ to be your personal Saviour?"

He said, "I have." His name was Edward Colvin.

And I said, "Edward, do you know what I'm doing now?"

He said, "I do, Brother Branham."

I said, "I am baptizing you, showing to this audience out here that you've accepted Christ as your personal Saviour. When I baptize you in the Name of Jesus Christ, you take on His Name. You rise for a new life. And when you leave here you're to walk a new life. Do you understand that, Edward?"

He said, "I do."

I said, "Bow your head." I said, "Heavenly Father, as this young man has confessed his faith in You, and as I was commissioned just to go into all the world and preach the Gospel, baptizing them into the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, commissioning them to believe all things which You have taught, I therefore baptize thee, my beloved brother, in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ."

And as I laid him into the water, I come up; I heard something going, "whoosh." I looked at the crowd, and I heard a voice saying, "Look up."

I thought, "What is that?"

Billy, here, his Mother, two or three years 'fore we was married; she was standing there. I seen her face white. She had a camera in her hand.

52 "Look up." I heard it the second time. I was scared. I looked around, the people standing there just looking just dumbfounded. I heard it say again, "Look up." And when I looked here come that same Pillar of Fire that led Israel through the wilderness, thousands of eyes looking at it. Come right down to over where I was standing and said, "As John the Baptist was sent forth to forerun the first coming of Christ, your Message shall cover the earth and forerun the second coming of Christ."

That went into the newspaper on the Associated Press. Dr. Lee Vayle, here this afternoon, picked it up plumb in Canada and around. "Local Baptist preacher, while baptizing, a mystic light appears over him."