

God is Light.

And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 1 John 1:4,5

John, the beloved disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ, was so close a friend to Jesus that he would often place his head on Jesus' bosom. Being the closest to Him, he must have known Jesus was a man. Yet the Gospel of John, written after the crucifixion, resurrection and ascension of Jesus, begins with the words, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the word was God ... and the word was made flesh and dwelt among us and we beheld his glory." Obviously, John had experienced a revelation between the time of his personal fellowship with Jesus of Nazareth and the time when he wrote his gospel. John's revelation continued, for in his epistle, he writes: " And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full. This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light ..." First John knew him as a man, then the word, finally as light. Light in a scriptural sense is that which dispels darkness, allowing one to see with his spiritual eyes.

Let us examine the experiences of Moses with God as light. His first contact with the supernatural phenomenon of God came as God appeared in a bush that was burning, yet was not consumed. Moses turned aside to see this which defied the senses and God spoke to him, delivering to him instructions that he was to take to the children of Israel in Egypt. The next such instance occurred when Moses led the children of Israel out of bondage and they were accompanied by the Pillar of fire by night and the cloud by day. The scripture points out that God did not remove either of these guiding signs. Later when Moses ascended the mountain to seek God, the scripture says that a great cloud covered the mount, " And the sight of the glory of the Lord was like the devouring fire on the top of the mount ... And Moses went into the midst of the cloud ... and was in the mount forty days and forty nights." As elsewhere in the scriptures this is called "the glory of the Lord."

Ezekiel reported that when he was in the spirit he saw "visions of God." He also spoke of a whirlwind ... out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire in folding itself, and a brightness was about it, and out of the midst thereof as the color of amber, out of the midst of fire." (Notice the whirlwind out of the north, and recall the whirlwind that came to Brother Branham, out of the north, Chapter 12.) Ezekiel speaks in 1:26-28, of a throne and that the appearance of the one on the throne from the loins down was "the appearance of fire," but from the loins up "as the color of amber."

Moses makes mention of fire, but does not mention the color amber as does Ezekiel. But, what is the normal color of fire ? It might variously be described as reddish - yellow, or reddish - orange, or yellowish green, that is amber.

The colors of the spectrum, that is, the light of varying wavelengths comprising white light which are also the colors of the rainbow, are red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet. Red light has the longest wavelength, violet the shortest. These are the colors which appear when ordinary white is passed through a prism, or when a perfect rainbow appears. Rainbows, however, are not often found perfect; they usually contain from three to five of these colors faded together. Now the scriptures speak of the colors of jasper, sardine, amber, and emerald in connection with the appearance of God. These are the colors which are represented in a three-colored rainbow. Thus the red and yellow together produce a reddish - yellow color which is jasper; orange and yellow make a reddish - orange the color of sardine, and yellow and green (which is emerald) produce amber.

Why did John the Revelator say that God is light ? From the Isle of Patmos he writes of the experience, in Revelation 4 and 5, of being caught up to see heaven. (This types the bride being caught up. Remember that Jesus said how some would not taste death till they would see the coming of his kingdom. Jesus rebuked the disciples who tried to figure out this would be John; but we know that John was present when Moses and Elijah appeared with Jesus on Mt of Transfiguration. a type of the two prophets who will come to Israel in the last days. John saw this and sometime later, on the Isle of Patmos, was caught away as the bride is to be caught away.) After his experience on the Isle of Patmos, John was able to say that God is light because he saw him in color. He says "And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and sardine stone; there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald."

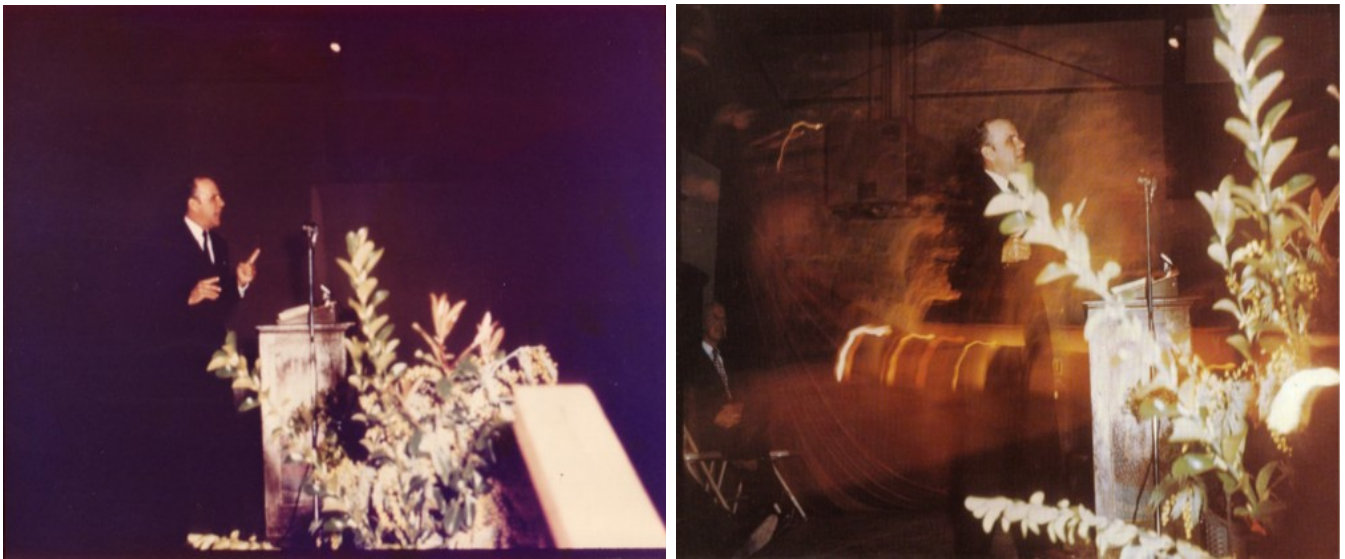
If there is a mystery about this experience of John, and the voice of the seventh angel is to finish the mysteries, then this mystery is to be made plain also for this generation. Indeed, no other generation has seen, much less had recorded on film, the Pillar of fire. From the day of his birth, through his boyhood, and into his ministry, Brother Branham became well acquainted with the appearance of this light. As a boy he reported the color as being yellowish - green. Finally he discovered that yellowish - green is called amber. The light appeared to multitudes in 1933 on the Ohio river, but was not photographed at that time. On January 24 1950, in Houston Texas, a photograph was taken that did record the light. This photograph was examined by Mr. George J. Lacy, Examiner of questioned documents, Houston Texas, and pronounced authentic.

In late 1958, God again set the stage for a photograph of his supernatural light at the Lakeport, California, Fairground. A photographer with excellent equipment took two color shots of Brother Branham while he was preaching. The first picture was normal and contained all the details of the scene: the pulpit, the microphone, Brother Branham preaching, an electrical switchboard on the wall, and a large arrangement of lilies in a vase on the floor in front of the pulpit.

The second picture, from the same location, also contained these details, but it was not a normal picture. This picture contains much additional detail that was not seen by those present. Behind Brother Branham, and looking down over him, is a perfect profile of a face that can only be described as that of Jesus Christ. A supernatural altar and seven licks of fire which are spoken of in Revelation as the "seven spirits of God" which are "before the throne" are also present in the picture. The lilies seem to have grown to a large size; they now extend

above Brother Branham's head in the picture (Christ the Lily of the Valley). The Angel of the Lord is also seen in this picture with a train of fire proceeding from him which also envelops Brother Branham. The Angel has licks of fire protruding from his fingertips.

A careful examination reveals that the angel resembles Brother Branham. (Later, when the constellation of angels appeared to Brother Branham, he commented that the angel on the lower left of the cloud picture was the one that always appeared to him, for he seemed to recognise this one. Not so unusual when you consider that these seven messengers, seven spirits, seven stars, being the seven church age messengers would naturally resemble the men to whom each was sent.) A description of this angel reveals the same appearance as Ezekiel described, for the angel is from the loins down fire, and from the loins up amber color. In the Old Testament it is called the glory of God. Now in this generation we don't have to merely take someone's word for it that they saw it for God provided color photographs for us to bear witness that God is, indeed, light. And it is the same Pillar of fire that was with God's prophet of this generation and his message as it was with Moses and his message.



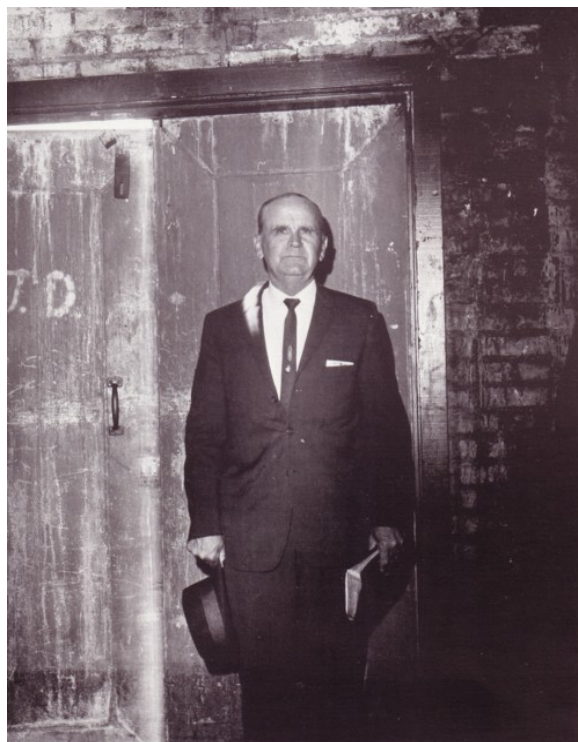
At the rear of Soul's Harbor church in Dallas, Texas, in March, 1964, another strange photograph of Brother Branham was taken which revealed a supernatural light. The light appeared in this photograph as a strange lick of fire over the prophet's right shoulder. (People who knew Brother Branham are familiar with the fact that he always carried his right shoulder lower than his left. The anointing was always on his right, where the angel of the Lord stood.)

When Brother Billy Paul showed this photo to his father, Brother Branham told him to pack it away. He said "They didn't believe the one in Houston, they won't believe this one either." For this reason, not many people ever saw this photograph, at least until after Brother Branham's death. Brother Billy Paul then hung the picture in his office, but did not provide copies because of the instructions Brother Branham had given him. Recently I obtained a negative of this picture which was included with others of Brother Branham through a photographer who wrote to me offering to sell them. It is available from Tuscon Tabernacle Office, 2555 North Stone , Tuscon, Arizona.

At the head of Alvernon Way Street, in Tuscon, there is a trail which leads upward into the massive Catalina Mountains to a peak called Finger Rock. The peak is visible from the city. In February of 1965, Brother Branham, with a burden on his heart to seek permission to preach the truth of marriage and divorce, climbed upward along this trail to a canyon under Finger Rock.

There he diligently sought God in prayer and while he was praying in that canyon, a great amber colored cloud, shaped like an umbrella, was seen to descend over the mountain top and rise again. The performance was repeated three times and was clearly seen from the city. The school children where even let out of school for forty five minutes to watch this phenomenon. It was at this time that Brother Branham received the inspiration to return to Jeffersonville and preach the truth of marriage and divorce. This mighty revelation was perhaps the greatest message of all to the bride of Christ in helping them to straighten up their lives. Once again God acted as He has throughout all history, appearing in a Pillar of fire to talk to man, proving again that God is light.

If only men could see ...



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