

Is The Church Age Book Authentic?

This book was personally edited for nearly 5 years by Brother Branham himself. It was distributed Dec 4, 1965.

REV.OF.JESUS.CHRIST JEFF.IN 60-1204M

...**from the magnetic tape**, we're going to **write** a commentary on **the Seven Church Ages** to send into all the world, if we can, because we are in the last days. We are at the end time. **It never dawned upon my heart so much until the--the last election, and THEN I seen where we were at ****. And the Holy Spirit begin to reveal to me to--to warn the people and to place this. And I cannot do it in a--a church like this, sufficiently. And then if I set down and just wrote the book... **I feel that if I got to the pulpit, and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit amongst the Christians came upon me to help me, then I would be more sufficient to write the book then, after I took it off the tape, because there we'd get the inspiration of it.** The books, of course, will be kind of straightened up a little, because in here we put things in that we could not put in the book. And then we... And we'd take too much time on repeating ourselves, or I do, and then **in the book it'll all be straightened out**. But we're going to try to get it all, as much as we can, on tape.

LAODICEAN.CHURCH.AGE JEFF.IN 60-1211E

Then I said, **"I must go to Jeffersonville and write this book**, 'cause I don't know how much longer I've got to be here. **But if I express this and it goes on writing, after I'm gone the Words will live on."** I've got the history **wrote down which will go in the book**. And I come here to bring it before the church to find the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, 'cause I didn't know these things myself. That's true. That's in the Name of the Lord, that's true, "I did not know them."

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...talking on our church Ages (which we have **the books now that's coming out**). The... Why did I... **about MY WRITING of the church Ages**. And how that we see the church, how It's matured, come up just exactly like all nature does.

**** Note: see study concerning fulfillment of the 6th Vision...
"Control of a Woman in the United States"**

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Now, does anyone in here know Doctor Lee Vayle? I don't think... Maybe not. He was a Baptist preacher, Doctor of Divinity, and he's got his degrees. He was a high school teacher to begin with, and he's a very fine, scholarly man. And **my tapes of "The Seven Church Ages," I sent them to him to grammarize them.** Because my old Kentucky "hit, hain't, and tote, and carry, and fetch," that don't go good for people who reads the books, so he was going to grammarize it for me. And then, after he got through, sent it back a couple times for more statements. Which **the book is going to press now after about three or four years.**

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In the Book of Revelations, that **I'm writing**, one man who is translating or grammarizing... My grammar's so poor; I've got a--a good scholar to grammarize it, put the right nouns and pronouns together. Which I don't know which is the difference between a noun and a pronoun. But--but he does, and he's putting them on... I know... The only thing I know, God gives It to me and I just write It down. See? And they--they have to put it so if it goes into schools and things, they--they know what can read it more in their way of understanding.

TRYING.TO.DO.GOD.A.SERVICE SHP.LA 65-1127B

You all seen in **my book**, it'll all be drawn out in **the "Seven Church Ages"** [Distributed by the William Branham Evangelistic Association--Ed.] which He told me; **which I stand by as a witness to God to be judged at the day of Judgment for it. It come from God, not from my thinking.** Notice, here. I thought--I thought different from that, if I was going to have my own thought.

One of the most controversial portions of the Church Age Book is the following quotation:

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Now this messenger of Malachi 4 and Revelation 10:7 is going to do two things.

One: According to Malachi 4 he will turn the hearts of the children to the fathers.

Two: He will reveal the mysteries of the seven thunders in Revelation 10 which are the revelations contained in the seven seals. It will be these

Divinely revealed 'mystery-truths' that literally turn the hearts of the children to the Pentecostal fathers. Exactly so.

Remember the Church Age Book was a continuing process of editing UNTIL December of 1965. The same context can be found several times in other sermons of Brother Branham's.

TRIAL.THE TAMPA.FL 64-0419

To the Jews He was the Son of David. To the Greeks He was Lord, to us He's Lord, to the Gentiles. And now, in the last days He would return back again as Son of man, because Malachi promised us that there would be **a prophet rise up in the last days that would return the hearts of the people back to (away from them organizations)--back to the original Word**, the faith of the fathers, the original Pentecost. And when He did it, St. John 14:12, the works that He did would be done also. **Revelations 10 promised the whole mystery. How you going to reveal the mysteries?** See what Luther left off, see what Wesley left off, see what Pentecost left off, and then reveal the secret of the heart to make it the same God through every age, which is nothing but **God's Word being made manifest back to the Son of man again. We don't look for nail scars; we look for the Word made manifest.** Notice, **God promised these things now, and He does it just as he said.** I could say more, but we'll leave the subject; it's getting late.

TRYING.TO.DO.GOD.A.SERVICE JEFF.IN 65-0718M

Now, He promised in the last days that what He would do. And He sent them--us a Message, and this Message would have the same identification as Elijah had, as Elisha had, as John the Baptist had. And **It would turn the hearts of the people**, not to the denomination, but back to the original, apostolic fathers, back to the Word. And how these things have been a-vindicated. How that in the sounding of the last angel, Revelations 10: In the days of the seventh angel these mysteries that's all been... Why did the Methodists do this, and the Baptists, and the Church of Christ, and the Jehovah Witness, all do that? Them mysteries will be revealed in the last days when the seven angels--seventh angel's Message, when he, not when he starts out doing this, but when he begins to sound his Message. See? Not the years in preparation, but the--**when he begins to sound the Message, these mysteries then will be revealed. And here they are, not knowing them, and you people are a witness of that.**

SPIRITUAL.FOOD.IN.DUE.SEASON JEFF.IN 65-0718E

Now, mark that with what the last prophet said, "Behold I send to you Elijah the prophet, and **he will restore the--the hearts of the children back to the fathers,**" (See?) a Message to bring them back to the Bible. And the Son of man will be revealing Himself in that day. And at that day of the sounding of the last church age, the seventh angel, **the mysteries of God should be made known in that day. The Seven Seals would be broken; the mysteries** of all these churches and things, how they happened and what take--how, what taken place.

I.HAVE.HEARD.BUT.NOW.I.SEE SHREVEPORT.LA 65-1127E

Now, we're promised a church age through reformers, and we've had them. But He promised in Malachi 4, He'd keep His pattern in the last days, what would take place, "To **turn the hearts of the children back to the faith** of the apostolic father." For that very purpose... And the church is so broke up in denominations and isms; it's so tore to pieces till it's dead; it's been a carrier. And then He promised in the hour of **the seventh angel's Message, the Seven Seals would be revealed; and the mysteries of God would be declared (Revelations 10)** when the seventh angel begins to sound his Message, not the healing service, the Message that follows the healing service.

The following pages contain copies of two letters I personally sent and received from Brother Billy Paul Branham and his sister Rebekah, regarding the authenticity of the Church Age Book.

September 12, 2000 (excerpt)

Dear Brother Billy Paul,

...A question was raised concerning the authenticity of the church Age Book. Many from overseas are not well informed or have diverse understandings concerning the prophet and his Message. From this perspective I hope you would indulge me a few questions regarding the editing process of Brother Branham's Church Age Book. The following questions are meant to be honest and sincere without bias or an ulterior motive.

- Is it true the Church Age Book was read, in its entirety, to Brother Branham during the editing process?
- Was Brother Branham fully involved and in control of the contents of the Church Age Book?
- Was Brother Branham at liberty to make any and all changes he desired to the book?
- Were all the changes he felt necessary to be made, indeed made during the editing process?
- To the best of your recollection, do you believe the contents of the final proof Church Age Book were exactly as Brother Branham believed and taught?

Any information you are willing to share regarding these questions would be very much appreciated. Both my dad and I have been greatly blessed by this booklet...

May God Bless you,
Sincerely

Daniel Fussell

The above letter was returned back to me with the word "yes" hand written over each bulleted point question. Enclosed was his personal letter to me with this excerpt:

Dear Bro. Fussell,

“I thank you for your sincere letter to me about the church age book, and I have answered this for you to the best of my knowledge, and I know there has been questions raised on this, but Daddy did say the Church Age book was correct. Bro. Vayle helped write it, but it was all done as Dad told him the information etc.”

Yours For Him,
Bro. Billy Paul Branham

*The same letter was emailed September 12, 2000, to Sister Rebekah Smith.
(Daughter of Brother Branham)*

Her response:

Brother Fussell,

“I was one of several people who read the Church Age book to dad. Some of the words are not exactly in keeping with his normal vocabulary, however, he ok'd every part of the book. As we read, if there were any changes to be made, they were written in long hand, on the reverse side of the manuscript. If he was not in agreement with the final proof, the Church Age Book would not have been printed...”

Your sister in Christ,
Rebekah Smith