

"Bill, that was your voice.."—Meda Branham

Job 12:11 ASV **Doth not the ear try words**, Even as the palate tasteth its food?
NIRV Our tongues tell us what tastes good and what doesn't. And our ears tell us what's true and what isn't.

"Facts are threatening to those invested in fraud." — DaShanne Stokes

"Now, I may be mistaken in a lot of things, brethren, but I don't want to be a hypocrite. I want to be honest and straight with you."—William Branham

500 or 10,000 people?

William Branham made the statement above in Jeffersonville, Indiana while he was relating the baptismal event on the Ohio River in 1933. He said, there were **"hundreds of people standing looking at it."** A few weeks later in recounting the story to those in Port Alberni, BC he said **"around ten thousand people was standing there."**

The record shows that even before and after these accounts, he flip flopped from 500 to 10,000 from audience to audience. William Branham apparently didn't envision the advent of computers and the internet when all the information of the world would become accessible and searchable, and all of his tales from coast to coast over many years would be laid side by side for comparison. It is the responsibility of each one to exercise sound judgment in testing those they give ear to. If a man is dishonest (or at minimum not able to discern 500 from 10,000), he is shown to be an untrustworthy witness and should not be heard. When such discrepancies are brought to light, it is altogether gullible to continue to hear such a one, let alone accept as true, everything that comes out of their mouth. It is your responsibility to test all things - Thess 5:21. In reality, this is but one matter that raises red flags, there are many more problems and discrepancies involving this event as well as others that show William Branham's words are not credible.

"He appeared on the river, one time when I was baptizing before probably **ten thousand people..**" **CARLSBAD.NM** 50-0300

"It appeared and many people fainted where it was some **ten thousand people**, I guess, was present to see it." **MINNEAPOLIS.MN** 50-0711

"It appeared down there on the Ohio River before nearly **ten thousand people..**" **CLEVELAND.OH** 50-0813E

.."probably **ten thousand people** saw It as It moved down.." **LOS.ANGELES.CA** 51-0505

"I remember when about **five hundred of us** standing yonder when I was baptizing a hundred and twenty.." **JEFFERSONVILLE.IN** 55-0724

"while they was around **ten thousand** on the bank, watching..." **SAN.JUAN.PR** 60-0210M

"I was to become a minister, He vindicated down on the river before **ten thousand people."** **LAKEPORT.CA** 60-0724

"He come down the river there, and spoke those words before about **ten thousand people."** **LONG.BEACH.CA** 61-0212M

"thirty-two years ago when that Light appeared, and standing there, me looking right at It, and **hundreds of people** standing looking at It.." **JEFFERSONVILLE.IN** 62-0601

"..at the foot of Spring Street at Jeffersonville, Indiana, when around **ten thousand people** was standing there." **PORT.ALBERNI.BC** 62-0726

"..and was baptizing there. About **ten thousand people** standing on the bank.." **BIRMINGHAM.AL** 64-0412

"Big [newspaper] article" entitled "Mystic Light appears over a local Baptist minister while baptizing," "went on the Associated Press world-wide almost," photographers "took pictures of it" (the Pillar of Fire), "we have the clippings of it yet."

Despite this repeated and outstanding claim, no such article has been found out of the vast, world-wide, searchable databases of newspapers from that time period. Neither has the curator of William Branham's ministry provided the clippings that William Branham claimed to possess as late as 1964. That is because they never existed, except in the imagination and storytelling of William Branham.

"Paper carried a big article of it." CLEVELAND.OH 1950-0813E

"We have the clippings of it yet." SAN.JUAN.PR 1960-0210

"We got the clippings.." TUCSON.AZ 1964-0427

William Branham - 63-1130E GO.AWAKE.JESUS_ SHREVEPORT.LA

Here come that Pillar of Fire, circling out of the bright blue skies, at two o'clock on June the 15th, coming right down out of the skies, like that. **And a Voice roared out, all over the place there, and said**, "As John the Baptist was sent forth to forerun the first coming of Christ, you have the Message that'll now forerun the second Coming of Christ." **Photographers taking the picture. And It went, come down, and they took the pictures of It. It was on the Associated Press, went world-wide almost, up into Canada. Brother Lee Vayle has a copy of it yet**, I think, from on the Associated Press, "A mystery Light hangs over a local Baptist minister while baptizing at the foot of Spring Street in Jeffersonville, Indiana." **The Louisville Herald picked it up, took the pictures, and went off, and away it went across on the Associated Press.**

God's voice roaring out of heavens/the light or William Branham's voice?

"..hung right over where I was, and a Voice from It, saying,.."

BATTLE.CREEK.MI 52-0817E

"And It hung right over where I was at. A Voice spoke from there.."

CHICAGO.IL 55-0117

"A Voice speaking from It.."

JEFFERSONVILLE.IN 55-0724 (William Branham)

Lee Vayle - 1982-0907 WHAT IS HIS PURPOSE?

But, she [Meda Branham] said, "I heard the words that he said, "As John the Baptist was sent to (you know) precede the First Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, so your Message will go before the Second Coming." **And she said, "But you know Bro. Vayle, when I talked to Bro. Bill, I said, "Bill, I heard what was said, but, (she said) "Bill, that was your voice that said It." And she said, "he looked at me kind of crooked like, (you know) ...?... he just kind of grinned and walked on.**

100 or 10,000?

Bruce Hall recounts Graham Snelling telling him in discussing William Branham, *"Bruce, there's some things Bill should have made right before he died."* In recalling June 11, 1933 when according to William Branham, the angel of the Lord appeared before 10,000 people, Snelling said, *"Bruce, I was there that day, if we had 100 people we had a crowd."* (Bruce Hall: *"His wife said the same thing. Another brother told me the same thing."*) Video link: <https://youtu.be/ac7HFNJUjvQ?t=2295>

Psalms 5:6 You destroy those who speak falsehood; The Lord abhors the man of bloodshed and deceit.

PROVERBS 20:17 Bread of deceit [is] sweet to a man; but afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel.