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Posted by djerving on Tue, 24 Mar 2009 05:57:28 GMT
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In Christ,

Doug Jerving

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Posted by GWB on Wed, 25 Mar 2009 02:22:48 GMT
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I have always found the Godhead SO very hard to understand. I think I am in good company, though.

I find it awesome and amazing that He would have the compassion to reveal Himself to us about Who and What He is, and what He did for us, as well.

Branham's church is in Jeffersonville, Indiana. It is a hop, skip, and a jump from me (about 10 minutes).

The woman stick out like a sore thumb when you see them; kind of the way we did at one point.

I have one of Branham's books. I bought it from Hank at the Barn. It is in storage right now. I think I will have to find it now and see what it says.

Blessings,

GWB

Be still and know that I am God

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Posted by djerving on Wed, 25 Mar 2009 03:56:46 GMT
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I do understand what you mean and I will be careful about all of this. Thank you so much for stearing me to the Word in your posts.

I have really enjoyed reading what you think about the different topics. Your posts are edifying and make me want to be closer to Him. You can't ask for anymore than that!

Blessings,

GWB

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Posted by djerving on Thu, 26 Mar 2009 02:46:16 GMT
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GWB,

There were other problems in Branham's ministry that prevent me from advocating him. I know he was a believer and was saved, and I am sure he is now in the presence of the Lord. I can only say that as a man like all of us, he was capable of zeal that leads to error. One for instance: he believed in a doctrine known by many as "serpent seed", i.e., that Cain was not conceived thru Adam's seed, but was actually the seed of a fallen angel. There is nothing in scripture to this effect.

DJ

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Doug,
Don't know if you still read this board but I understand what you are saying. We cannot fully understand the Lord in this life He is too Amazing, anyway ran across this article here.

Hope you guys are doing well we enjoyed your painting.

In Him,
Gary