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Report of Debate Between Reverand Best and F.F.Bosworth and William Branham

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ON THE NIGHT OF JANUARY 24, 1950, one of the most amazing photographs in the history of all-time was taken in Houston, Texas. It occurred in the Branham meetings then being held in that city. From night to night God's power was revealed, and in the case of practically every person dealt with, Brother Branham was able to discern not only the affliction but anything that was interfering spiritually with the person seeking healing. Unconfessed sin was promptly called out. This action of the Spirit revealed to the audience how important it was for people seeking healing to surrender their lives completely to God.

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Scenes from the meeting in Houston where the amazing photograph at left was taken. The lower photograph was the audience that attended in the Sam Houston Auditorium.

During the campaign a hostile clergyman by the name of W. E. B... raised a great hue and cry against the meetings, claiming that the days of miracles were passed. He said that those who prayed for the sick were fakers and challenged the evangelist to a debate, on the subject of Divine healing. Brother Branham refused the offer to debate, but the late F. F. Bos worth, who was with the party, accepted the challenge. So it was that on the night of January 24, some 8,000 people were in the Sam Houston auditorium to witness the proceedings. There never was any doubt that night as to whom the sympathies of the vast crowd were for. Dr. B... had nothing to offer the people. He told the audience that God no longer was interested in healing the sick.

Nevertheless, Dr. B,... thought to capitalize on the meeting by having his picture taken as one of the speakers. Never be fore had he had an opportunity to speak before so large an audience. He hired a Mr. Ayres, a professional photographer, who worked with the Ted Kipperman Studios to take pictures of him.

Although Brother Branham refused to take part in the debate, he was however, prevailed upon, at the close of the service, to say a few words to the audience. Mr. Ayres although told not to take any pictures of Rev. Branham, nevertheless, slipped forward to get the shot. We could have stopped him, but decided to let him go ahead.

Back at the studios that night, Mr. Ayres tried to develop the photographs taken of Dr. B,... For some mysterious reason

the negatives alt turned out blank! Rather surprised at this result since his camera was in perfect working condition, Mr. Ayers now tried to develop the shot taken of Rev. Branham, though naturally he expected it to be blank also. Imagine his 'surprise when he found that the film was not only good, but there appeared on the negative over the head of Brother Branham, a flame of fire in the form of a halo!

In the morning the astonished photographer came down to our hotel where we were staying to report on the strange result of the negative that had been taken on the night before. There could not be any doubt that the photograph was genuine, but to anticipate skepticism we had the negative taken to Mr. George Lacy, a professional examiner of questioned docu ments, who made a scientific examination of the film.

After giving it a careful analysis over a period of two days, Mr. Lacy gave a signed statement that in his opinion the photo graph was absolutely genuine.

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THE EXPERT'S REPORT OF THE NEGATIVE A part of Mr. Lacy's written report was as follows: "Rev. Lindsay requested that I make a scientific examination of the aforesaid negative. He requested that I determine, if possible, whether or not in my opinion the negative had been retouched or 'doctored' in any way, subsequent to the developing of the film, that would cause a streak of light to appear in the position of a halo above the head of Rev. Branham." (Then followed his scientific analysis and concluding he said, " , , Based upon the above described examination and study I am of the definite opinion that the negative submitted for examination was not retouched, nor was it a composite or double exposed negative Further I am of the definite opinion that the light streak appearing above the head in a halo position was caused by the light striking the negative."

The appearance of this remarkable phenomenon on the negative was, of course, a startling confirmation of the authenticity of Brother Branham's ministry. The fact that the shots taken of Dr. B..., turned out blank could only be interpreted that

God was rebuking and discrediting this presumptions minister.

The incident had a powerful effect upon everybody including the photographers. Mr. Kipperman, convinced that the photograph indicated God's hand upon Rev. Branham, travelled with the party for a season. We believe that it was God's call to Mr. and Mrs. Ayers and her ten year old son Douglas Ash-ley. However, the family were Jews, and as we all know it is a very difficult thing for a Jew to suddenly accept Christ.

Alas, if they had only known what they know now they would surely have given themselves to God at that time.

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