

**The Message of the hour terminologies – Pt 1**  
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If there was ever a time of denominational zeal it was at this tragic time. The words of Comenius describe much of this era. Comenius wrote the “ONE THING NEEDFUL.” He compares the world to the labyrinth, and shows that the way out is by leaving what is needless, and choosing the one thing needful — Christ. The great number of teachers, he says is the reason of the multitudes of sects, for which we shall soon have no names left. Each church reckons itself as the true one, or at least as the purest, truest part of it, while among themselves they persecute each other with the bitterest hatred. No reconciliation is to be hoped for between them; they meet enmity with irreconcilable enmity. Out of the Bible they forge their different creeds; these are their fortresses and bulwarks behind which they entrench themselves and resist all attacks. I will not say that these confessions of faith — for we can admit in most cases that they are so — are bad in themselves. They become so, however, in that they feed the fire of enmity; only by putting them away altogether would it be possible to set to work on

healing the wounds of the Church. “To this labyrinth of sects and various confessions another belongs; the love of disputation.” ... “What is attained by it? Has a single learned strife ever been settled? Never. Their number has only been increased. Satan is the greatest sophist; he has never been overcome in a strife of words.” ... “In Divine service the words of men are usually heard more than the Word of God. Each one chatters as he pleases, or kills time by learned disquisitions and disproving the views of others. Of the new birth and how a man must be changed into the likeness of Christ to become partaker of the Divine Nature (II Peter 1:4), scarcely anything is said. Of the power of the keys, the Church has almost lost the power of binding, only the power of loosing remains.” ... “The sacraments, given as symbols of unity, of love, and of our life in Christ, have been made the occasion of bitterest conflict, a cause of mutual hatred, a centre of sectarianism.” ... “In short, Christendom has become a labyrinth. The faith has been split into a thousand little parts and you are made a heretic if there is one of them you do not accept.” ... “What can help? Only the one thing needful, return to Christ, looking to Christ as the only Leader, and walking in His footsteps, setting aside all other ways until we all reach the goal, and have come to the unity of the faith (Ephesians 4:13). As the heavenly Master built

everything on the ground of the Scriptures so should we leave all particularities of our special confessions and be satisfied with the revealed Word of God which belongs to us all. With the Bible in our hand we should cry: I believe what God has revealed in this Book; I will obediently keep His commands; I hope for that which He has promised. Christians, give ear! There is only one life, but Death comes to us in a thousand forms. There is only one Christ, but a thousand Antichrists.” ... “So thou knowest, O Christendom, what is the one thing needful. Either thou turnest back to Christ or thou goest to destruction like the Antichrist. If thou art wise and wilt live, follow the Leader of Life.

“But you, Christians, rejoice in your being caught up.” ... “Hear the words of your Heavenly Leader, ‘Come unto Me.’” ... “Answer with one voice, ‘Even so, we come.’”

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### A SOPHIST

(a person who reasons with clever but [fallacious](#) arguments.

A sophist is someone who makes good points about an issue — until you realize those points aren't entirely true, like a political candidate who twists an opponent's words or gives misleading facts during a speech

Even back there in the Pergamean Age, just prior to the Nicene Council of 325 there were two great students, Arius and Athanasius who became locked in doctrinal combat over a Greek word. So intense and so world wide did their debate become that historians said the world was divided over a diphthong (the sound of two vowels in a single syllable).

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98 Now we're going to hurt, just a minute. They do it about their Eternal destination. A man will go down here at this—at this...to eat. And if you'd find a spider in your bowl of soup, you'd want to sue that company or that restaurant. Why, you wouldn't eat that soup, it'd be poisoned. You—you—you—you

wouldn't take it at all, a big roach or something boiled up in a bowl of soup. Why, you wouldn't have it at all. It would make you sick to think about it. But yet, you'll let some bunch of theologians push something down your throat that'll send you a million miles from God, and gulp over it. When, "Man shall live by every Word that proceeds out of the mouth of God." It's a chain that your soul is hanging over hell with. And as I've said before, "A chain is its best at its weakest point." One link to break...that's all you have to do is break one of them; that's all. The rest of them lets loose with it. It's only as strong as its weakest link.

64-1227 - "Who Do You Say This Is?"  
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1 Corinthians 9:16 KJV

[16] For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!

Luke 2:48-49 KJV

[48] And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing. [49] And he said unto them,

How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?

31 And that night my brother said, "Now, you're not going down."

I said, "I know it. I don't want to go down there." So, Sire Ramsar was leading the singing. But when it come time to go, Something just told me to go down there anyhow. So I took my coat and pulled it up over my shoulders like this, over my head; went down, wife and I, and we went way up. I went up in balcony thirty, if you've ever been in the San Houston coliseum. I was way up like this. Nobody knowed I was up there but the two police that took me up, my wife and my—my brother. And we were sitting up there.

40 So just then, when the meeting was fixing to end, he said, "Now, look." He said, "I know this." He said that Brother Branham is in the building. He said, "If he wants to come and dismiss the audience, all right. But I won't expose him if he doesn't."

And my brother said, "Now, you set still." I said, "I'm sitting still, ain't I?" So I just sitting there.

And he said, “Now, if he doesn’t want to,” said, “I know he’s in the building, but if he wants to come...”

And I was setting there. I thought, “Well, I’m setting still.” And the police looked over to me, setting. I just set there and I heard something going whirr, whirr, whirr. [Brother Branham makes a blowing sound—Ed.] I—I knowed I couldn’t set still. Something just said, “Stand up.” It said again, “Stand up.” I stood up.

Howard said, “Set down.”

My wife said, “Don’t Howard. Look.” It changes my expression. Said, “Don’t.”

41 And the people looked up that way, begin screaming and crying. About three or four hundred ushers threwed their hands together to make a line, for the poor people that was trying to touch my clothes. Coming down along that banister, down through this way, walked up to the platform.

I said, “I’m sorry that these things has to happen. And don’t no one feel hard at Mr. Best.” I said, “Truly he’s got a right to his ideas the same as I have mine. That’s why the boys are fighting in Korea.” I said, “For the American freedom of speech.” I said, “I

don't believe he's sincere as he said he was, 'cause he told these people he felt sorry for them, and there sits some of their kind and these...The doctors has done all they can do for these people; they're going to die in a few days; and there they are, some of them setting here last week is back there well today. And now he's trying to rob them from the only hope that they have of ever being well, and then saying, he'd be sincere. I just can't believe that."

53-0509 - "The Pillar Of Fire"  
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60 Few years ago, I was in Louisville, Kentucky, they—they had a whale on...the bones of one, upon a—upon a flatcar. And this little Ricky standing there, with his glasses over his nose, and seemed to have more education than he had intelligence to control, he was trying to explain about this whale. He said, "You know, the old legend of the Bible, that a whale swallowed Jonah." He said, "That's just a legend." Said, "Because, you see, you could hardly throw a ball through his swallow, it was so small, and he could not have swallowed up a man."



61 That was just too much for me to stand. I—I said to him, I said, “Sir, I—I want to correct that.”

He said, “What’s that?”

62 And I said, “You see, he might... That whale might not have been able to swallow him, but the Bible said, that, ‘God prepared a fish.’ It was a special built. God made him big enough to swallow him.” See? I—I just felt I’d been a traitor to the Bible if I hadn’t give my testimony, show the colors, ’cause people stand there laughing. I tell you, it was a different thing when that was said, see, it wasn’t so funny, when I said, “You don’t know the Scriptures. The Scripture said, ‘God prepared a fish.’ He made this one special.”

63 Like a little girl one time, going from church, said she was happy. Her little hair combed back, and she was having a great time, singing the praises of God. The infidel on the corner said, “What you so happy about, little lady?”

She said, “I just got saved, going to Heaven.”

64 He said, “What’s that you got under your arm, that thing they call the Bible?”

She said, “Yes, sir, it is.”

Said, “You don’t believe that?”

Said, “Every Word of it.”

65 Said, “Well, I guess you believe that story about the whale swallowing up Jonah?”

66 She said, “Yes, sir, I believe it. If the Bible said that Jonah swallowed the whale, I would believe it.”

67 And he said, “Now how are you going to prove that—that the whale swallowed Jonah, any other way but by faith?”

She said, “When I get to Heaven, I’ll ask Jonah.”

He said, “Then what if Jonah isn’t there?”

68 Said, “Then you’ll have to ask him.” So it just went to show what was going to happen, he went the other way. And that about expresses it.

69 But I believe that the whale swallowed Jonah. Now, with the hands tied, in the belly of the whale, way out upon the sea, about forty fathoms deep.

63-0628E - "A Greater Than Solomon Is Here"  
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126 I just couldn't stand and let that infidel say such things as that. I said, "I beg your pardon, sir. Did you ever read the Bible?"

He said, "Certainly."

127 "Well," I said, "then you make a statement like that? God never said it was a whale. God said it was a 'fish.'"

He said, "Well, that would be a whale."

128 I said, "If it, let it be a whale. It was a special prepared, for God prepared a fish for him." This one was special. He could make one that the whole boxcar could run into. He is God, see, so that is true. We, we don't want to believe that, those things, or Bible stories. God prepared this fish for Jonah. He was a special fish, so he—he swallowed Jonah.

63-1113 - "The Sign Of This Time"  
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89 We're going to get to that after a while, "the spirit of his mouth." Watch what that is.

...and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan...

90 Him, "him," a man whose working is after the working of Satan.

...with all power and signs and lying wonders,

And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness, deceiving people by unrighteousness, in them that perish (not this Bride), in them that's looking for such a thing; because they received not the love of the truth,...

91 And Christ is the Truth, and Christ is the Word; but they would rather have a creed. Huh! See?

...that they might be saved.

And for this cause God has sent them strong delusions, that they should believe a—a lie:

92 It should be translated there, as I looked in the lexicon, “the lie,” not “a lie.” “The lie,” same one he told Eve.

That they...might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

93 What a statement! My! After the Bride is taken away, then this man of sin will reveal himself.

63-0318 - "The First Seal"  
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2 Thessalonians 2:11 KJV  
[11] And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

131 The Bible said. Did you notice? Last Sunday night, something I forgot to put in, Genesis the 6th chapter and the 4th verse. “Those men who taken to them women, for wives, were men of old, renown.” Renown men, predicted to come again. “Like it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the Coming of the Son of man.” “Renown men taking women,” not wives, “women; going after strange flesh.”

63-0630E - "Is Your Life Worthy Of The Gospel?"  
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Genesis 6:2 KJV

[2] That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.