

The Simple Truth about the Original Word

William Branham taught that God creates, and Satan perverts. This applied to creation and doctrine.

“And it's very strange to think that how that all the things that the devil has, he stole the copyright from God to make it. Satan cannot create. Satan is no creator; he's a perverter of something God created.” (March 26, 1958)

William Branham also restricted the distribution of his sermons to the people who held the copyright (or franchise) on the tapes. He said this because he wanted his work preserved in its original form.

No one else can make tapes unless it be permitted by the person that has the franchise. (December 26, 1963)

In the Message, the doctrines that William Branham taught are called the “Original Word” – restored after years of Catholic teachings. Yet William Branham routinely redistributed and taught the works of other popular contemporary preachers as his own. Here are some examples:

Clarence Larkin copyrighted a book called “Dispensational Truth” in **1918**, in which he outlines the dates of all of the church ages. **Charles Taze Russell** also named messengers to each church age before his death in **1916**, and is named as the Laodicean Church Age Messenger on his gravestone.

	Wm. Branham	Clarence Larkin	Wm. Branham	Charles Russell
Ephesus	53 - 170 AD	70 - 170 AD	Paul	Paul
Smyrna	170 - 312 AD	170 - 312 AD	Irenaeus	John
Pergamos	312 - 606 AD	312 - 606 AD	Martin	Arius
Thyatira	606 - 1520 AD	606 - 1520 AD	Columba	Waldo
Sardis	1520 - 1750 AD	1520 - 1750 AD	Martin Luther	Wycliffe
Philadelphia	1750 - 1906 AD	1750 - 1900 AD	John Wesley	Martin Luther
Laodicea	1906 AD - ...	1906 AD - ...	Wm. Branham	Charles Russell

William Branham also copied heavily from the works of Clarence Larkin when he preached the Church Ages and the Seven Seals, yet claimed to have received these revelations from an angel.

C.L. Franklin was the father of singer Aretha Franklin. His most famous sermon was called “The Eagles Stirreth Her Nest” which he recorded in **1953** that included a story about an eagle in a chicken coop.

William Branham retold this same story in a sermon “The Eagle in Her Nest” in **1957**. On December 5, **1965** he asked the audience if they had heard “my little story of a little eagle”.

Billy Granham preached a Radio sermon in which he talked about a “wise man's filter, and the smoking man's cigarette”. William Branham mentions this sermon and topic on December 4, **1960**. Then in **1965** William Branham preached “A Thinking Man’s Filter” and said that the Holy Spirit inspired him with that idea while walking through the woods.

Therefore,” says the LORD, “I am against these prophets who steal messages from each other and claim they are from me. (Jeremiah 23:30 NLT)