

A Remarkable Vindication

In early 1961, John Wildrienne went to the USA with Fred Squire, Pentecostal pioneer and founder of the International Bible Training Institute (IBTI) in Burgess Hill, Sussex.

While there, he had two unusual supernatural experiences.

He wrote of them in the March 1961 Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship magazine "Voice" (Vol IX, No 2). A facsimile of the complete article (courtesy of http://www.rainbowanchorstone.de/NL5_engl.pdf) is found on the following two pages.

John Wildrienne

Jean-Paul (John) Wildrienne was born in Belgium in 1932. He moved to England and later became Principal of the IBTI, which has trained students from all over the world, especially Eastern Europe and Africa. He had a big influence on many missionaries and countries.

Wildrienne was well-known in the English Pentecostal movement and a leader in international relief, missions and education in Europe for many years. He was a member of the Pentecostal European Fellowship, co-founder of the European Pentecostal Relief Organisation and served on the Pentecostal European Missions committee from its birth in 1991.

He died in 2009 aged 77.

The first of these unusual experiences took place at a FGBMFI Convention in Phoenix, Arizona, at a Monday morning Breakfast meeting. This takes up most of the article.

The second was more briefly mentioned at the end of the article. It occurred a few days after the first, on Saturday February 11 in Los Angeles, California, at another FGBMFI breakfast meeting. On this occasion it was addressed by the renowned healing evangelist, William Branham.

John Wildrienne describes how after the meeting, as he came forward to pray for Brother Branham, someone gave a message for him in an unknown language. Three native French-speakers, including Wildrienne himself, all confirmed they understood the message and that it was in French.

Even more remarkable, when they sat down and wrote out the translation of the message, all three were identical, even to the punctuation.

In this part of the FGBMFI article, as in the earlier part, John Wildrienne's main purpose was to testify of how he personally had been blessed by experiencing firsthand a remarkable repetition of the miracle of Acts 2 in the divine message given to Brother Branham.

Equally interesting, however, is the background to this supernaturally vindicated message.

A summary of that background is given after the FGBMFI article. This summary is substantially based on an edited excerpt from the relevant part of chapter 83 of Vol 3 of "Supernatural: The Life of William Branham", supplemented from other sources.

By 1961, the year of this incident, much controversy had arisen about the ministry of Brother Branham, despite its continuing, unquestionable divine vindication.

The circumstances and content of the message so remarkably spoken to him in this meeting are certainly a confirmation and vindication that the path he had chosen was the right one.

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Today,

and Forever.

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The Early Days of the FGBMFI

...*"In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established."* (2.Cor.13:1 / Deut.5:19)

Dear Friends, Sisters and Brothers!

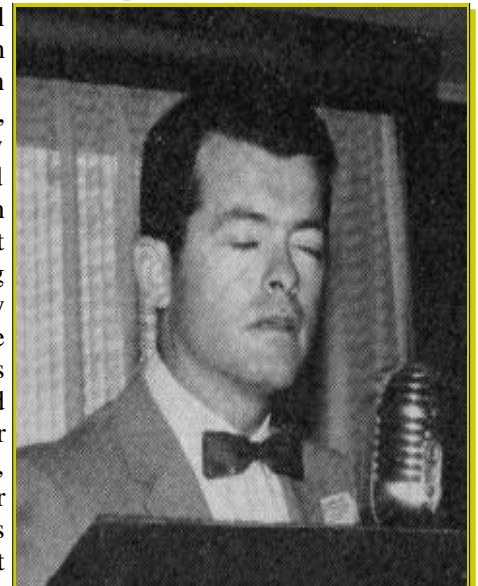
GOD SPOKE TO ME IN FRENCH! By John P. Wildrianne



Pastor F. H. Squire

WHEN THE LORD poured out the Holy Spirit on the waiting disciples at the first Pentecost, people, attracted, spoke their wonder and amazement at this great manifestation of the Supernatural Power of God in these words: "Are not all these which speak Galileans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? Cretes and Arabians we do hear them speak in our own tongues the wonderful works of God." (Acts : 2:7,8,11). Our God is the same; His power is the same; I experienced this personally when He revealed

Himself to me in the same way, during the recent Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship Convention in Phoenix, Arizona. Rev. F.H.Squire, of England, in whose Revival Party I have the privilege of working, knowing by experience the blessings invariably received in these FGBMFI Conventions, had determined to get us there to share in God's portion for these meetings. After travelling through the night to reach Phoenix, I came to the Monday morning Breakfast meeting feeling pretty disgruntled and very



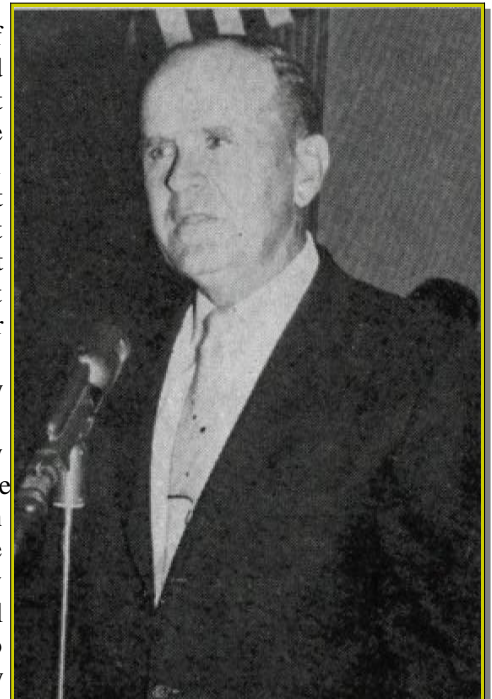
Danny Henry

skeptical. How real were the manifestations of the Spirit I had heard about in these meetings? What about emotionalism? As the meeting went on, little by little God's blessing was filling my heart, as I heard testimonies of men of all walks of life and saw how God's power and Spirit was working in their experiences, not only in their spiritual life but in every part of it, day by day, in their business, testimonies, church life-the constant presence of the Holy Spirit's supernatural power was their driving force! As they spoke and testified, my heart was growing hungry. This was the experience I needed! I was Pentecostal, had been filled with the Spirit, but what did it mean now in my experience? This was the power that I had seen enabling men to do exploits for God, the power that had enabled Brother Squire, for instance, in impossible circumstances, to bring into being the remarkable missionary work that brought me into God's work. This same power that used him and other great men in marvellous evangelistic work. But more than ever before I realized then that the fullness of that power was at the disposal of every minister, every businessman, and every Christian. I wanted it in its fullness in my life. The meeting went on, God's blessing was filling my soul, already making this a red-letter day in my experience, when a young man I had hardly noticed before came to the microphone, spoke a few words of testimony, then suddenly the Spirit of God came upon him and he gave a message in a supernatural tongue and a lady in the audience gave the interpretation. A wonderful message! But immediately people were whispering to each other, "That young man was speaking French, yet in the natural he does not know a word of it." Then an announcement was made, "This was not a message in a supernatural tongue and the gift of interpretation in operation, but God made this young man, Danny Henry, speak French and the lady who knows French, Annette Long, just translated in an ordinary way." A shock of great disappointment came over me. You see, French is my mother-tongue and although I heard that supernatural message, I did not understand a word. All my old doubts and fears were coming back and the Devil was using this to make me lose all the blessings I had received that morning. Thoughts like these were going through my mind: "It is false"; "It was pre arranged"; "There is nothing in it": "It is just a big show to excite the emotions of gullible people." Yet one thing I could not understand the leader of the meeting made an appeal on the strength of the interpretation of that message and there was a great response. Hundreds of people came forward seeking God's blessing, the infilling of the Holy Ghost, and I could see them kneeling around me. Many of them, I had to admit, were definitely receiving from God! I made up my mind I was going to find out the truth about that message and show it up if necessary. I said to myself, "Possibly the lady who gave that translation does not know French herself, and I will go and speak to her in French and show her how wrong she was." But God knew my heart and knew that I really was searching for a blessing and that I was sincerely seeking a solution to the things that were now between me and the blessing. So in His wonderful grace, God took time to work out a wonderful demonstration of His supernatural power to convince me



Anette Long

and wipe all my doubts away. First of all, instead of my going to this clear lady, she came to me and immediately started talking to me in French. That was a blow to the spirit of criticism that was in me which had made me condemn this person even before I knew her. She asked me if I understood that French message given. She mentioned again that it was under the power of God by a man who did not know one word of French. I said that I had not understood but possibly there could be a reason for that. As we were discussing this subject, God wonderfully continued to work on my behalf, by sending to us the very man who had given the message. He did not know me, nor the fact that my mother tongue was French, or even that we were discussing him. He joined us, commented a little on



Evangelist William M. Branham

the blessing that was resting on the service, then the Spirit of God came upon him and, first of all, he started to pray for me in English. I was already wondering at this when, suddenly, his prayer changed into a supernatural message from God. I understood every word! IT WAS FRENCH! I turned to Brother Squire, who was standing next to me, and said to him, "it is really French." Then I could not bear it any more. God had done such a tremendous thing for me; I broke down and cried in the arms of this brother that God had used to bless me so very much. God had spoken to me in French! Thank God for His personal concern in every individual, for His love and grace, and for His GREAT SUPERNATURAL POWER that He wants to give daily to every believer to make their everyday life a demonstration and witness to His EVERLASTING ALLMIGHTINESS. Some people may ask me: "What was said? What kind of French was it?" To the first question I shall answer that the experience and the sense of the presence of God so overwhelmed me that I could not tell you exactly what was said except for the fact that it was a promise of God to bless, keep and use me if I would trust Him fully and cast all my doubts away. The language spoken was very definitely French, not as spoken in France or French-speaking Europe but more of a French dialect, something like that spoken in some parts of French Canada or maybe the French-speaking islands. But it was French enough for me to understand it perfectly and the fact that it was a dialect made it more wonderful to me as such a way of speaking French could not be learned in any school It was God-given! A few days after the Phoenix Convention, I went to Los Angeles, California, and attended an FGBMFI Chapter Breakfast meeting. There I heard Evangelist William Branham say that he felt led to allow the operation of his Supernatural gifts of God in the Miami Beach International Convention the coming July. Almost immediately, Danny Henry came forward and prayed for Brother Branham and then a message came forth from his lips in French. Annette Long translated the message, and at the same time that I stepped forward to confirm the translation a man came from the audience to confirm the message. So far as is known, he had never been to the meeting before nor has he been since. He was Victor E. Le



Marianne Buess

Doux, born a Frenchman at Bordeaux, France, a former French interpreter at the United Nations. Together, we sat down and wrote out the translation of the message that was given to William Branham by Danny Henry and translated by



Victor E. Le Doux - John P. Wildrienne

Annette Long: **"Because thou hast chosen the narrow path, the harder way, which thou hast walked of thy own choosing, thou hast picked the correct and precise decision and it is MY WAY. Because of this momentous decision, a huge portion of Heaven awaits thee. What a glorious decision thou hast made. This, in itself, is that which will give, and make come to pass, the tremendous victory in the Love Divine!"** A few weeks before, in the same place, Danny Henry had given a message in French, which Annette Long had translate, and Miss Marianne Buess, a French Mademoiselle from the Southern part of Switzerland where French is the language, was present and declared that the message was in unusually clear and beautiful French. God has not changed! He is still a God of Miracles! I will never doubt His supernatural manifestations again, for, when I was most skeptical, He spoke to me in French!

God bless you! Your Bro. Paul Maler and C. Bornholdt, FGBMFI-Hamburg/Germany

Background to the events at the Los Angeles FGBMFI breakfast meeting 11 February 1961

On Saturday morning, February 11, 1961, Brother Branham spoke to several hundred people at a FGBMFI breakfast at Clifton's Cafeteria in Los Angeles. The meeting was also recorded for broadcasting.

He spoke strongly against organisations and the difference between denominations and real Christianity, showing how Satan has tried to defeat Christ by joining the church and deceiving it from within.

Speaking from John 15:4-5, abiding in Christ, the Vine, Brother Branham applied this to the relationship with Christ not of the individual Christian but of Christian churches through the ages. As individuals gather into groups and choose whom they will follow, these groups produce fruits that reflect the ideas of their leaders.

To illustrate, he described an unusual tree he had seen. Each branch bore a different kind of citrus fruit. He was told it was an orange tree, but many other citrus branches were grafted into the trunk, and each bore fruit according to the tree from which it came. Next year, even though the trunk was an orange tree, each grafted branch would bear its own distinct citrus fruit, whether oranges, tangerines, grapefruits, lemons or limes. Whatever the branch was in the beginning, that determined the fruit it would produce. But if the trunk of the tree grew a new branch, that branch would produce oranges.

Brother Branham likened this to developments in church history:

Jesus Christ is the Tree of Life. When this Tree started out in the book of Acts, the branches all bore the same fruit - that is, they bore Holy Ghost filled, Bible-believing Christians. Then Satan infiltrated the church and used his influence to graft other branches into the trunk. Eventually these branches assumed names like Catholic, Lutheran, Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian and others. They bore lemons, grapefruits and whatever. You see, it uses the name of Christianity and it thrives off of the life in the parent Tree, but it bears its own denominational fruit. But if that orange tree ever puts out another limb, it will bear oranges like it did at the beginning.

Finishing, he stepped away from the microphone from the upper platform to the lower to shake hands with those near him. A General Overseer of the Assemblies of God, standing near the microphone, said in a loud voice, "I don't think Brother Branham really meant that. After all, didn't Paul say we are all grafted into the tree?"

Brother Branham replied,

I have to mean it, sir. It is 'Thus saith the Lord.' Paul did say we are wild olive branches grafted into a domestic olive tree. But an olive is an olive, so that's not what I'm talking about. God still wants oranges growing on an orange tree, not lemons, limes or grapefruits. I'm speaking in a parable.

At that moment a young man walked up and shook his hand. "Brother Branham," he said, "my name is Danny Henry, and I just want to tell you I agree with you." Putting an arm over his shoulder, he asked, "Can I pray for you, Brother Branham?" "Certainly, my brother," replied Brother Branham.

Danny prayed only a few words in English before an unknown language flowed from his tongue. He was close enough to the microphone for everyone in the room to hear. Whatever it was, it was not English. Thirty seconds later, Danny Henry stopped and stared around as though disoriented.

(Danny Henry was the cousin of the film star, Jane Russell.)

Someone asked, "What language was that?" "I don't know," Danny answered. Someone else said, "He spoke in an unknown tongue."

A woman at a nearby table knew the meaning. She said, "That wasn't an unknown tongue; it was French. I know because I was born in Lucerne, Switzerland, and French is my native language. My name is Annette Long and I now live in Louisiana. Young man, how did you learn such a peculiar French dialect?"

"I don't know any French," said Danny Henry, "but this same thing happened to me last week at the businessmen's convention in Phoenix. They didn't teach us about things like this in the Baptist church."

At another table a man stood and said, "She's right; that young man spoke in a French dialect. My name is John Wildrienne and I was born in Liege, Belgium, so French is also my native language."

At the same time, from the far side of the dining room, another man walked forward and introduced himself as Victor Le Doux, a Frenchman who had worked as a French interpreter at the United Nations building in New York. He said he also had understood the young man's words.

"Wait," said Brother Branham. "Before anyone says anything more, I want you people who know French to write out this prophecy. Then we'll compare what everyone wrote." The three wrote what they had understood. All three matched, even down to the punctuation.

Victor Le Doux signed a copy of the prophecy with the following words:

I, Victor Le Doux, am a full-blooded Frenchman; born-again Christian, filled with the Holy Spirit. My address is 809 North King Road, Los Angeles 46. I attend the Bethel Temple, Pastor Arne Vick, pastor. A true translation that I proclaim, of prophecy said over Brother Branham, given by Danny Henry in French, February the 11th, 1961, at the Full Gospel Business Men's breakfast. A true translation of the prophecy.

The prophecy said:

Because thou hast chosen the narrow path, the harder way, which thou hast walked of thy own choosing, thou hast picked the correct and precise decision, and it is My way. Because of this momentous decision, a huge portion of heaven awaits thee. What a glorious decision thou hast made. This in itself is that which will give, and make come to pass, the tremendous victory in love divine.

What a glorious decision indeed!

*And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: **But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.** (Luke 10.41-42)*