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HADES.
To JWs Hades is the "common grave of all mankind" from which most of the dead will be resurrected.

Jesus told a story of Lazarus who died and went to Paradise and of a Rich Man who died and went to the fires of Hades. (Luke 16) JWs, however, don't take this literally.

Josephus, 1st-century Jewish historian, wrote:

> They [Pharisees] believe that souls have power to survive death and that there are rewards and punishments under the earth for those who have led lives of virtue or vice: eternal imprisonment is the lot of evil souls, while the good souls receive an easy passage to the new life.

JWs respond to this:

> However, Jesus flatly rejected false teachings, including those of the Pharisees. (Mt 23) Hence it would have been inconsistent for him to frame his illustration of the rich man and Lazarus according to the outlines of the false rabbinic concept of the underworld. (Insight II 1988, 226)

Yet Jesus did not suggest that the Pharisees were wrong. He paraphrased a belief of his audience and did not criticize it!
(See also: *HELL; RICH MAN AND LAZARUS*)

HAILSTONES STORM (Revelation 16:21)
In 1917 the interpretation of Revelation 16:21 was:

> Truth compacted, coming with crushing force. A concluding statement of how the seventh volume of *Scripture Studies* [*The Finished Mystery*] appears to the worshippers of the beast and his image. (The Finished Mystery 1917, 258)

Since the 1930s the hail storm has been interpreted by JWs as their final all-out proclamation of God's imminent vengeance:

> Since hailstones are congealed water, this hailstorm pictures that heaven would send down upon worldly mankind a barrage of hard Biblical truths. Jehovah's witnesses are now preaching a message of deliverance… But the hailstones picture, not a message of deliverance, but the hard, unyielding proclamation of God's vengeance against Satan's visible organization. (w1967 1/15 60)

Hailstorm before 1975?

When the preceding quote was published in 1967, Armageddon was anticipated by JWs around 1975 which meant the hailstorm proclamation had to occur before 1975.

In 1973 the WTS recommenced publishing *Kingdom News* pamphlets (suspended since 1946) and JWs distributed about 150 million of each edition in over 100 languages in about 150 countries:

- *Kingdom News No. 16, Is Time Running Out for Mankind?* (1973)
- *Kingdom News No. 17, Has Religion Betrayed God and Man?* (1973)
- *Kingdom News No. 18, Government By God - Are You For It Or Against It?* (1974)

Because of the provocative titles, vast distribution, nearness of 1975, and suggestions it would make news worldwide, JWs everywhere inferred this to be the start of the figurative "hailstones" storm (although *The Watchtower* did not directly state that it is).

The anticipation of Armageddon and easy nature of the work — merely giving away pamphlets or leaving them under doors — reactivated many lax JWs and pushed the global total past 2 million "publishers" for the first time.

However, no great public outcry or media interest resulted, and Armageddon did not occur. *Kingdom News* tracts continued to be published but the titles and content until 1981 were relatively uncontroversial.

The JWs interpretation of Revelation 16:21 remains the same, except that the fulfillment is again deferred.
(See: *INVESTIGATOR MAGAZINE* July 2022)

HAITI
Publishers and Memorial attendance in Haiti and their ratio to the population:

	Peak	Ratio 1 to	Memorial	Ratio 1 to
1970	2,049	1,952		
1975	3,589	1,393		

1980	3,150	1,587	18,613	269
1985	4,048	1,482	21,058	285
1990	6,427	934	36,600	164
1995	10,018	599	54,500	110
2000	11,860	616	51,400	142
2005	13,849	600	59,400	140
2010	16,291	514	71,400	117
2013	19,301	518	79,700	125
2015	20,516	487	86,000	116
2018	19,951	501	82,900	121
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2019	19,768	570	87,300	129
2020	19,295	591	41,600	274
2021	18,740	616	65,700	176
2022	17,774	657	64,200	182
2023	17,297	683	68,900	172
2024	16,589	715	70,473	169
2025	16,511	721	44,100	270

HALL, THE
Short for "The Kingdom Hall" where JWs hold their meetings

HALL CLEANING
Cleaning of the Kingdom Hall is usually done weekly. If the congregation is large enough, different cleaning groups take turns.

HALLIWELL, GERI (1972-)
English singer, actress, model, and former "Spice Girl".

Halliwell's mother became a JW in the 1970s and took the daughter to meetings and door-to-door but later "abandoned the faith in disillusionment." Halliwell became an agnostic but eventually "converted to Christianity." (Wikipedia)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geri_Halliwell

HANDBILLS
Printed invitations to attend JWs meetings. They are small leaflets ordered from the WTS by individual congregations in batches of 1000.

HAPPINESS, HOW TO FIND IT (1980)
Official WTS book by Brooklyn Bethel-member Gene Smalley. (Franz 1983 p.253)

HAPPINESS OF THE NEW WORLD SOCIETY, THE (c.1955)
A film about JWs and their Organization produced by the WBTS and shown in many countries in the 1950s and 1960s.

HAPPY
"What a wonderful sense of security is experienced by all loyal Witnesses as they associate with multitudes who are truly united in the happy service of the creator." (w1984 5/15 16)

JWs leaders claim that JWs are the happiest people on Earth and always have been the happiest. Even in the 1920s they were supposedly happy and every new doctrine made them happier! (Our Incoming World Government—God's Kingdom 1977 pp 139, 140, 141, 143) Yet in the late 1920s about 70% deserted the cult, which suggests pervasive despair. (See: *DEFECTION*)

Frequent repetitions of "happy" and "joyful" — sometimes dozens of times in individual magazines — is inconsistent with the high defection rates such as 500,000 after 1975, and with JWs having a mental illness rate double the general population. (See: *MENTAL ILLNESS*)

The *Watchtower Library* (2007) CD lists the word "happy" (mainly to describe JWs) and synonyms thereof the following number of times:

- Happy: 13,556
- Happiness: 8,953
- Joy: 11,372
- Joyful: 2,582
- Joyous: 501
- Joyfulness: 112
- Glad: 2,497
- Gladness: 263

Although JWs are not directly told to lie about being happy, such frequent repetition together with instructions to bring no disrepute on "Jehovah's organization" exerts strong pressure to declare their happiness.
(See: *JOY; DEFECTION; DEPRESION; MENTAL ILLNESS*)

HARLOT (Revelation 17)
JWs interpret the "great harlot" of Revelation 17 as all other religions. (See: *BABYLON THE GREAT; RELIGION*)

HARP OF GOD, THE (1921)
A book authored by Rutherford which compares the "ten fundamental doctrines" or "ten fundamental truths" to the ten strings of a harp. (pp 20-21) These are (1) Creation; (2) Justice manifested; (3) Abrahamic promise; (4) Birth of Jesus; (5) Ransom; (6) Resurrection; (7) Mystery Revealed; (8) The Lord's Presence; (9) Glorification; (10) Restoration.



Throughout the book are claims that certain things are "conclusive", "proved", "beyond a doubt" and "truth". Yet several of the "strings" have snapped and the rest have been readjusted.

For example JWs have discarded Rutherford's theology of Christ's return and "the harvest" as given in *The Harp of God*. And the book's date for "Restoration" has expired.

The "general harvest", the book says, ended in 1918 and only a "gleaning work" remained. (p.236) Following the gleaning would come worldwide "Restoration" — which referred to humanity made perfect in paradise on Earth ruled by ancient Jewish heroes raised from the dead and to occur in "a few years" and "within the next few years". (pp 333, 340)

The book *Millions Now living Will Never Die* (1920) had predicted the return of "ancient worthies" for 1925. In that context "within the next few years" meant four years.

Of the "crippled and maimed" of World War I, "many" would live to experience the restoration benefits:

> During the World War millions were maimed and disfigured in various ways, and many deprived of one or both arms or legs. Because the Lord is now present, putting his kingdom into operation, it is to be expected that **many of these crippled and maimed** ones will be among the first to receive the restoration blessings. As they come to a knowledge of the fact that the Lord is giving these blessings, and render themselves in obedience to his righteous rule, they will be thus blessed. Happy will be their portion when they begin to be restored. (p.332)

This was another false prediction since all the "crippled and maimed" of WWI are deceased.

HARPER, ROY (1941-)

Guitarist and: "one of the greatest British songwriters of all time." Harper had a devout JW stepmother who taught him to hate other religions.

HARRISON, BARBARA GRIZZUTI (1934-2002)

A JW baptized at age nine who was brought up in a religiously divided family in New York. She became a Brooklyn Bethel member in 1955, defected in 1958, became a writer, and authored the biographical work *Visions of Glory* (1978).

The book has a summary of the Russells' marriage breakup (Chapter 2), discusses JW attitudes on many topics, and describes the JW bureaucracy, and is generally quite helpful.

Unfortunately the book is overloaded with value judgments, almost thirty on just page 217. Certain words such as "guilt", "hate" and "grief" appear too often. We read of "immobilizing guilt", "spasms of guilt" and "excruciating guilt". She writes JWs "feel cheated", "smugly superior", "operate at a high level of anxiety", etc. They have "maggots of frustration"; their religion is "a shrivelling pain".

Harrison criticizes the "ridiculousness of their sexual preoccupation" and sees "unconscious and unacknowledged homosexuality". About herself she writes "I like women's breasts" and "I was a closet masturbator". A "gay" person joining JWs and giving up homosexual sex has, she says, "self hatred and self abnegation".

Harrison accepts Freudian psychology and calls dreams, "the most direct path to the believer's inner life." (p.245) Regarding JWs child rearing, "I have a feeling that it is of such stuff that axe murderers are made." (p.91) So it goes on.

Harrison's theological criticisms are sometimes uninformed. She asserts: "The Witnesses' translation … by clever manipulation of words and punctuation unsupported by unbiased scholars—furthers their own doctrine." (230-231)

Her example is: "…by a replacement of a comma the meaning of Luke 23:43 is changed to destroy the idea that Jesus was offering the malefactor who died with him immortality..." Jesus words are, "I tell you verily today you shall be with me in paradise." The position of the comma, whether placed before or after "today", affects the doctrine of immortality.

In this instance the *New World Translation* which has the comma after "today" is backed by *Rotherham's Emphasized Bible*, the *Concordant Literal New Testament*, and the

footnote to Luke 23:43 in the *Lamsa* version. The marginal note in *The Companion Bible* explains that "today" is connected with "I say" and was a Hebraism (occurring 42 times in Deuteronomy) to emphasize solemnity.

Another example Harrison gives is the JW translation of "stauros" as "torture stake" rather than "cross".

Vine 1981, 256; *The Companion Bible* Appendix 162; and Hislop 1929, 197-205, give information that supports JWs. However, new evidence indicates that the Romans often used X-shaped crosses for crucifixions.

(See the entries: *CROSS; CRUCIFIXION*)

HARVEST

In the New Testament the "harvest" refers to the people who convert and follow Christ. In Russellism this basic notion was embellished.

Russell claimed that the Biblical "harvest" does not apply to the whole world but is meant to find and gather out a "little flock". (Studies III, 121) The people "harvested" into the Russell cult would, claimed Russell, go to heaven to reign as kings at the end of the harvest.

Initially Russell taught that the harvest was 3½ years, 1874 to 1878, after which the little flock of "living saints" would ascend to heaven. When this failed he changed the harvest to seven years, ending 1881.

When the predictions for 1881 also failed Russell asserted that the harvest was in two parts the first of seven years, the second of 33 years. (Studies I, 238) The harvest, therefore, would last 40 years — 1874 to 1914:

> The harvest work will occupy forty years for its full accomplishment, ending with A.D. 1914. (Studies II, 150, 104; Studies III, 23-24, 94, 121, 135)

In 1904 Russell amended his prophecies so that "by" or "in" 1914 became "immediately after 1914". Subsequent editions of *Studies in the Scriptures* therefore had 1915 as the end of the harvest. However, 1914 was inconsistently retained in many passages. (Studies II, 222, 234; Studies III, 149, 211)

Therefore in 1913 many Russellites still believed the harvest of the saints would finish in one year rather than in two years:

> The Jewish harvest began in A.D. 29 and ended in A.D. 69, and there is a corresponding period of forty years in the end of the Gospel age. From the leisurely manner in which some are going about matters it would seem that they expect about fifty more years of harvest. We expect that **harvest will be ended in about a year from now**. (Convention Report 1913, 320)

Russell had claimed: "We find in prophecy the beginning and the ending of the harvest period clearly marked, as well as the events to occur in it." (Studies II, 16)

End of harvest changed to 1918

Although "clearly marked" in "prophecy" as due to end in 1914 the harvest's end was then changed to 1918. (Pastor Russell's Sermons 1917, 289; The Finished Mystery 1917, 58)

To keep the harvest at 40 years its starting date was changed to 1878:

> During the past forty years the harvest of the age has been in progress. That the harvest began in 1878, there is simple and convincing proof. The end of the harvest is due in the spring of 1918. (wr1918 5/1 6243)

In 1919 Rutherford continued to assert the harvest ended in 1918. (w1919 4/1 107-108; 5/1 132-135; 6/1 164) This turned out wrong too.

Therefore he argued that the "general harvest" of the little flock had ended in 1918 and that only a "gleaning work" remained to be done. (The Harp of God 1921, 236)

Following the gleaning would come "Restoration" (i.e. paradise on Earth) in "a few years" and "within the next few years". (The Harp of God 1921, 333, 340)

Millions Now living Will Never Die (1920) predicted the restoration of paradise on Earth would start in 1925. In that context "within the next few years" meant four years or 1925. When 1924/1925 arrived, the harvest was again extended by a few "months".

Despite all these revisions and prophecy failures, Rutherford presented the harvest as a "conclusive proof" of Christ's 1874 return, and also again made 1874 the start of the harvest:

> The great work of the harvest, that is to say, this proclaiming of the second presence of the Lord and the gathering together of those who truly love his appearing, has been so remarkably fulfilled since 1874 that it is one of the most striking and conclusive proofs of the Lord's second presence. (The Harp of God 1921, 241)
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> The physical facts **establish beyond all question** that since 1874 the Lord has been harvesting the saints by gathering them together from all quarters of the earth and from every denomination, and

outside of all denominations. (w1924 1/1 4)

Notice that although the harvest's termination date was repeatedly being postponed, and its starting date also had changed twice, the start in 1874 was now, "established beyond all question". At last, after 50 years, the Russellites had something definite!

However, not much of the "Bible truth" published by the WTS remains "truth" perpetually. Around 1930 the starting date was changed again — this time to 1914:

> That harvest could not begin until 1914 or thereafter, and…particularly from and after A.D. 1918. (w1932 11/1 325)

Harvest completed in 1935

In 1935 the harvest of the "saints" (i.e. the 144,000) was finally completed!

> The harvest begins with the gathering of the remaining ones of the 144,000… Evidently, the gathering of these was virtually complete by 1935. But then, John reports, he sees "a great crowd, which no man was able to number, out of all nations and tribes and peoples and tongues…" So the harvest continues as many more from "the peoples, national groups and languages" start to serve Jesus as King. (w1988 1/1 11)

Thus the end of the harvest of the little flock of saints or "remnant" of the 144,000, no longer meant what it meant until WWI — which is the end of the preaching, the ascent to heaven, and the outbreak of Armageddon. No. The end of the harvest of the saints now meant that God had shut the door to heaven because the 144,000 had all or almost all been selected and harvested!

Although completed in 1935 this harvest was not quite completed, because if any member defected he would need to be replaced to keep the final total at 144,000.

Therefore, from 1935 onwards, a JW could still join the 144,000 if another member deserted the sect and had to be replaced.

A second harvest

With harvest of the "little flock" finished another harvest began, that of the "great crowd".

It is this second harvest, the harvest of the great crowd, which would now finish at Armageddon. This harvest period was supposed to be "short" with Armageddon "imminent", "just ahead" and to occur in a "few years". Rutherford implied Armageddon would occur in the 1930s and 1940s, and several times wrote of "the remaining months".

After Rutherford's death he next leaders set the harvest's end and Armageddon for the 1970s, "this generation" of 1914, and "within our twentieth century". Every date and time-frame, however, failed and the completion of the harvest of the "great crowd" was, like the end of the harvest of the "little flock", postponed again and again. (See: *DATES*)

A finished harvest reopened

With no new members to be added to the "little flock" after 1935 except to replace a few apostates, they should by about 2005 have died out (except if some replacements for apostates were young).

Around 2005, however, the alleged "remnant of the 144,000" still numbered about 8000 which implies that there must have been a high apostasy rate among them. Then they began to increase and passed 20,700 in 2021!
(See: *MEMORIAL PARTAKERS*)

HARVEST ARTICLE

The article Harvesting in the "time of the end" (w1981 8/1 21-30) discusses Jesus parable about a farmer who sowed "good seed" which produced wheat, but which an enemy contaminated with weeds. (Matthew 13:24-29, 36-43)

Jesus said: "The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels." (13:39) The NWT says: "The harvest is a conclusion of a system of things."

The Watchtower interprets this harvest as the ingathering of the remnant of the 144,000, also called the "faithful and discreet slave", into the JWs sect starting in 1919:

> [3]…So the "harvest season" is connected with Christ's invisible presence as Harvester…
> Facts of modern history since 1914, in fulfillment of Bible prophecy, show that the present system of things is well into it "time of the end," or conclusion…
> Therefore, the "harvest" of Jesus' illustration must be on; in fact, it must be nearing its culmination. Have the events foretold in the rest of the parable been observable since 1914? (p.22)

> [8]…So the harvesting began some time after 1914, the year that marked the beginning of the "time of the end," or the "conclusion of the system of things." (p.23

> [9]…it was in 1919 that the spirit-begotten, anointed "sons of the kingdom," symbolized by the "wheat," began to be

freed from the "weeds," or false Christians, that had overrun the religious field of mankind…

[10]…Only after 1919, when the truly spirit-begotten Christians were delivered from Babylon the Great, the Devil's world empire of false religion, did a clear difference become visible between the "wheat" and the "weeds".

[11]…The binding of "weeds" in bundles means that since 1919 the separation between true and imitation Christians has become clearer…

[16]Hence, the "righteous ones" shining "as brightly as the sun in the kingdom of their Father" refers to the enlightened condition and glorious service of such anointed Christians on earth, where they "are shining as illuminators in the world."…

[18]The harvesting of the "sons of the kingdom" went on apace from 1919 up until the early 1930s. Because these faithful anointed Christians have 'let their light shine,' many others with listening ears have allowed themselves to be separated from the "weeds," or counterfeit Christians within the churches and sects of Christendom. (Matt. 5:16) This separating work was also foretold by Jesus in his prophecy on "the conclusion of the system of things." (Matt., chaps. 24, 25)…

[19]Thus, as the harvesting of the "wheat" class of anointed Christians draws to a close, the ingathering of the "sheep" continues…

[20]…The fact that he "harvest" of the "sons of the kingdom" is well advanced proves that the "conclusion [*synte'leia*] of the system of things is nearing its end (*telos*). Your attitude toward the wheatlike anointed "brothers" of Christ and the treatment you accord them will be the determining factor as to whether you go into "everlasting cutting-off" or receive "everlasting life." (Matt. 25:34-46) Prove yourself to be a loyal companion of the anointed "wheat" class, the "faithful and discreet slave," whom Christ has appointed to provide spiritual "food at the proper time." (Matt. 24:45)…

Comments

Note the lavish and repetitious adulation of the so-called "wheat" as "truly spirit begotten Christians", "shining as illuminators", etc.

In 1919 the main textbook of these "illuminators" was *The Finished Mystery* (1917) which contained about 1300 interpretations that the cult later discarded. Furthermore, in 1920 the cult embarked on a mad, frantic campaign of preaching that Moses, Daniel and other Bible "worthies" would return to life in 1925 and, based in Jerusalem, they would rule the world, and therefore "millions now living will never die."

Revisions of so-called "Bible truth" and "true prophecy" continued throughout the 20th century — probably hundreds of revisions.

Then around 2010 CE the alleged "wheat class" lost its position as "faithful and discreet slave … appointed to provide spiritual food" when the JWs Governing Body declared itself alone to be "the faithful and discreet slave".

And instead of the "harvest" of the "wheat class" going "on apace from 1919 up until the early 1930s" and "draws to a close", their numbers after 2005 began to climb. The doctrine that the judgment of the "sheep" (of Matt. 25:34-46) is based on how they treated the alleged "wheat" also now looks irrelevant.

The 20th century JWs mythology of the "wheat" — i.e. the "remnant of the 144,000" and "faithful and discreet slave" — is getting discarded like Russell's doctrine of the 40-year "harvest" (1874-1914) of the same class also got discarded. The Jehovah of the JWs, who is claimed to be behind it all, keeps on getting his "truth" wrong!

HATE

JWs claim their Organization has abolished hate:

> Yes. The international society of Jehovah's Witnesses is living proof that hatred can be abolished… It is a foreglimpse of a worldwide program to eliminate hatred and its causes. (w1995 6/15 8)

JWs hate ex-JWs

The fact is that the Governing Body of JWs promote hate. They equate rejection of their current doctrines with hating God and instruct their followers to hate so-called "apostates":

> We must hate in the truest sense, which is to regard with extreme and active aversion, to consider as loathsome, odious, filthy, to detest. Surely any haters of God are not fit to live on this beautiful earth. What do you do with anything loathsome or repugnant that you detest and abhor? The answer is simple. You get away from it or remove it from your presence. You do not want to have anything at all to do with it. This must be

exactly our attitude toward the haters of Jehovah. (w1952 10/1 599)

…in order to hate what is bad a Christian must hate the person with whom the badness is inseparably linked… Jesus did not mean for us to love the hardened enemies of Jehovah. (w1961 7/15 420)

You have seen the benefit of godly love, but do you know how to hate? ...These very strong words are an expression of godly hate, and you too must have this quality to be pleasing to God. Hate causes a feeling of disgust to well up inside you. You loathe, abhor, despise the object of your hatred. Godly hatred never has as its object our Christian brothers, no matter how imperfect. (w1974 7/15 442)

More than that, we want to hate those who willfully show themselves haters of Jehovah, haters of what is good… We hate them, not in the sense of wanting to do them harm or wishing them harm but in the sense of avoiding them as we would poison or a poisonous snake, for they can poison us spiritually. (w1980 6/15 8)

Apostasy is, in reality, a rebellion against Jehovah. Some apostates profess to know and serve God, but they reject teachings or requirements set out in his Word. Others claim to believe the Bible, but they reject Jehovah's organization and actively try to hinder its work. When they deliberately choose such badness after knowing what is right, when the bad becomes so ingrained that it is an inseparable part of their makeup then a Christian must hate (in the Biblical sense of the word) those who have inseparably attached themselves to the badness. True Christians share Jehovah's feelings toward such apostates; they are not curious about apostate ideas. On the contrary, they 'feel a loathing' toward those who have made themselves God's enemies... (w1993 10/1 19)

A JW defending the doctrine of hate writes on the Internet:

As far as hating apostates ... I pity them. They have had Jehovah's protection and now they are as lost as before knowing God. But since they rejected Jehovah they are in a worse position than before. They have accused themselves.

In a real way they are disgusting in their filth because they wish to do the things of the world and do not hold fast to the teachings of the Christ ... they have returned to their vomit and are wallowing in the mire after having been cleaned.

These people know better and do wrong anyway. Adam and Eve were completely wrong, for their willful sin has condemned them.

Why hated when leaving the sect?

An important argument that converts people is the supposed true prophecies for 1914.

Eventually many JWs find out the predictions for 1914 were false and the claims that they were true are lies. And they read in the Bible:

A tongue that is false hates the one crushed by it… (Proverbs 26:28)

There are six things that Jehovah does hate; yes, seven are things detestable to his soul: lofty eyes, **a false tongue**, and hands that are shedding innocent blood, a heart fabricating hurtful schemes, feet that are in a hurry to run to badness, **a false witness that launches forth lies**, and anyone sending forth contentions among brothers (6:16-19)

When JWs uncover the falseness of the predictions taught to them as "Bible truth", they realize that the Governing Body "launches forth lies". Feeling betrayed they may want to discuss the matter, to understand how false prophecy can be "true Christianity", but are then labeled "willful haters of Jehovah" and find themselves "loathed" and "abhorred".

The Governing Body does not want the history of the false prophecies to become general knowledge, therefore promotes hate to slow the spread of information.

JWs hate all other religions

Besides hate campaigns against "apostates" JWs promote hate of other religions in general, and the Roman Catholic Church and hierarchy in particular:

The doctrines of the Roman Catholic 'Hierarchy of Jurisdiction' and the practices in which that organization indulges show that she is the chief servant of the Devil and the arch enemy of God... From all the evidence the conclusion is irresistible that the Roman Catholic Hierarchy organization serves the Devil and is therefore the enemy of God, the enemy of man, and the very personification of unrighteousness. (Enemies 1937, 286)

WBTS books declare all Christian denominations to be enemies of God, and

worthy of slaughter and annihilation. In publications such as *What Has Religion Done for Mankind?* and *Has Religion Betrayed God and Man?* all denominations are put under the same label, that of "Babylon" or "religion" or "false religion". Crimes of the past, even crimes of centuries ago, are presented not as crimes of individuals or of the people who committed them but as crimes of "religion" or of "Babylon" and all of today's denominations thus demonized.

Despite Christianity's introduction of universities, free education, literacy campaigns, Bible translation, modern science and technology, and its charity drives and millions of ministries that elevate peoples' standard of living, JWs blame the Churches for most of the evil and misery in the world:

> And in Christendom, surprising as it may seem to some, the false religious teachings, creeds, traditions and commandments of men are both directly and indirectly responsible for the physical and spiritual misery of the poor, notwithstanding Christendom's showy display of charity.
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> It does not shift Christendom's responsibility to say that the increasing numbers of widows, orphans, cripples, and the mental, moral and physical wrecks of this age are only by-products of wars, crimes and calamities. It is Christendom herself that is largely responsible for such death-dealing conditions. Had Christendom chosen to do so she could easily have prevented World Wars I and II. If Christendom chose to be Christian her land would not be filled with crime, violence and immorality. And if the people of Christendom were taught God's laws and commandments her spiritual poverty would not exist. (w1951 12/1 731)
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> And in Christendom, surprising as it may seem to some, the false religious teachings, creeds, traditions and commandments of men are both directly and indirectly responsible for the physical and spiritual misery of the poor, notwithstanding Christendom's showy display of charity… Christendom's pretended interest in the poor is sheer hypocrisy. (ibid)

JWs ignore Christian establishment of charities, hospitals, orphanages, homes for the aged and schools. It is difficult to find any positive statement in WTS publications about any Christian denomination.

Dr. Walter Martin, author of *Jehovah of the Watchtower*, summarizes the JWs attitude:

> Jehovah-God, misrepresenting His Word, exalting His Son over Him, hating and persecuting His Witnesses, failing to care for the poor and needy, and in general rejecting "the truth" of His theocratic organization, represented by the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society. ...Christendom and her clergy have been branded "enemies of God" and "instruments of the devil" fit only for the dung heap of "everlasting destruction. We have been accused of dishonoring

Hatred of whole groups unreasonable

Despite directing hate at whole groups such as their "apostates", their break-away groups, "Christendom", and religion in general, JWs also claim that to direct hatred against a whole group is unreasonable:

> And even though it may be unreasonable, or 'crazy,' the hatred is often directed against a whole group… Many of the most intractable conflicts of the world have a strong religious element. In Northern Ireland, the Middle East, and elsewhere, people are hated because of the religion they profess. (w1995 6/15 3, 4)

See the entry *VITUPERATION* for a list of condemnatory labels and descriptions that JWs apply to Christian religion, worship, charities, ministers, and beliefs.

The New Testament teaches, "Everyone who hates his brother is a manslayer, and you know that no manslayer has everlasting life in him." (1 John 3:15 NWT)

(See also: *APOSTATES; SHUNNING*)

HAY, W.H. (?-1920)

W. Hope Hay was a Russellite pilgrim (traveling representative) from 1896 to 1906.

Hay was British born of the Episcopal faith and migrated to Canada. He converted to Russellism in 1894, donated half of a $20,000 inheritance to the cult in 1896 besides making a large loan to the WBTS "at low interest". He was thereupon appointed as a pilgrim, serving for several years in England, Scotland and Ireland.

Hay apparently squandered the rest of his inheritance and in 1906 developed a "nervous and mental disorder". wr1906 p.3818 mentions him hospitalized in England. He then entered a "Sanitarium" in Hamilton, Ontario where he stayed until his death in 1920. (w1896 7/15; 12/15; w1899 1/15; w1910 8/1; w1920 6/1)

HEAD SLAUGHTERED

Revelation 13:1-8 describes a "beast" with seven heads of which one gets "slaughtered". Rutherford claimed the beast was the Papacy and the slaughtered head symbolized a decline in the influence of the Protestant revolution in the 16th century. (The Finished Mystery 1917, 195, 209)

This interpretation he later altered. The beast now symbolized all the political powers since Noah's time, and the slaughtered head was the defeat of Germany in 1918. (w1941 1/15 20; w1941 4/15 125-126)

HEADQUARTERS
The cult's first headquarters from 1889 was Bible House in Alleghany, Pennsylvania.

Brooklyn, New York, became the headquarters in 1909. One building progressively increased to a complex of about 30 buildings with 3000 personnel by the 1990s, headed by the Governing Body and WBTS and known as the "World Headquarters of Jehovah's Witnesses".

The complex was also referred to as Brooklyn Bethel where Bethel comes from the Hebrew for "House of God". The accommodation for the workers was the "Bethel Home".

Starting in 2004 the complex was progressively sold for about $1.5 billion. Meanwhile the new headquarters composed of 8 buildings was constructed on a 253-acre site near Warwick 47 miles northwest of Brooklyn. The Warwick headquarters was opened in 2017.

(See also: *WORLD HEADQUARTERS*)

HEADSHIP
The principle whereby the husband has the leadership role in the family.

In the JWs Organization the leadership role is hierarchical with Governing Body at the top followed by the presidents and directors of the corporations, then branch office heads, zone overseers, district overseers, circuit overseers, and presiding overseers of congregations.

HEALING
Miraculous healing in force from 1874 onwards was initially a part of Russell's "Gospel Age":

> While we would be very cautious how we call everything miraculous which is uncommon, yet our expectations in this direction lead us to be cautious how we call anything a "fraud", or of the devil, which might be of God.
>
> … if the church lost some of the "gifts" of the spirit when her candlestick was removed (Rev. ii.) by leaving her first love and its simplicity, would it be unreasonable to suppose that as the little company of separated ones return to primitive simplicity and love, the candlestick may be restored, and, as a result, some of the gifts of the spirit? (wr1880 May, p.103)

In February 1881 Russell advised his followers that they can use all their money and other assets for ministry within his cult because they will "as a rule" not get sick:

> Use earthly things—Money, talents, reputation, all, as means to help you make your calling and election sure, just as man seeking earthly wealth uses every ability for the accomplishment of his ends…
>
> Does someone object that so living and not laying up treasure on earth would lead to want when sickness comes? I answer, It would bring you into a position where your trust in God's promises would have opportunity for exercise. But living thus closely to God you could claim all of the promises. "*No good thing* will He withhold from them that walk uprightly… Besides I suggest that sickness is spoken of in scripture as being largely the result of sin, and the work of "him that has the power of death; that is the devil." The whole world through sin has come under his control, but when any become disciples of Christ they are transferred out of the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of God's dear Son. These, it would appear, are no longer subject to Satan except as his power may be permitted of Jesus and overruled for our good.
>
> While our God may sometimes permit Satan to afflict his sheep for their development and perfection … yet we believe that **as a rule** if we were using our powers entirely and conscientiously in God's service we would not be so subject to sickness… (wr1881 February, p.187)

In August 1882 Russell distinguished **prayer** for healing by the elders as in James 5:14-15, from the 1st century "gifts of the spirit" by which healing was **commanded**. The former is what still applied, not the latter, but prayer should not be for oneself but for others. (wr1882 August, 378-379)

In 1883 he wrote:

> For our part we do not doubt the power, nor the will, nor the fact that He does thus

heal in answer to the prayer of those who are inspired with faith to ask for it. (wr1883 January, 436-437)

Many cures were reported:

Note the increase of special healing of diseases since 1874. Some are in answer to prayer, some in answer to anointing with oil and prayer, and some without prayer, or oil, or anything. Thus in various ways today, ye see increasingly that the lame walk, the deaf hear, the dumb speak, blind eyes are opened… (wr1885 May, 748-749)

wr1885 September, 782-784 reported a cure of spinal cord damage and "cerebro-spinal meningitis" in the one person.

In 1896 Russell again argued that the "gift of healing possessed by some members of the early church was totally different from the healings of today…" (July, p1998) The gift of healing-by-command as in Acts 3:1-11 was limited to the 1st century and could only be bestowed by an Apostle.

But divine healing directly by God was occurring since 1874. The "saints" (i.e. the Russellites), however, were not to pray for healing for each other because they had:

… pledged to God the exchange of all earthly favours and privileges for the heavenly favours and glory to come. (wr1896 7/1 1997-2001, 2004-2009)

Soon healing became unimportant compared to the value of Russell's doctrines. (wrl898 1/1 2246; wr1900 2/15 2582; wr1900 8/1 2676)

By 1904 hopes of special favor in health were: "a delusion and a snare." (Studies VI, 642-654) Russellites were permitted to visit doctors and use herbs and medicine, but hypnotists, Christian Scientists and clairvoyants were to be avoided. (Studies VI, 630-638)

Since the 1950s

During and since Knorr's presidency of the WTS, 1942-1976, JWs believed that God does not heal miraculously and therefore JWs never prayed for healing of illnesses. Reports of miraculous healing in other religions were attributed to the power of Satan or to psychosomatic effects.

HEALING OF THE NATIONS HAS DRAWN NEAR (1957)
A booklet teaching that the 144,000 are a "healed nation". The nations of the world are "healed" by people joining the Great Crowd and serving the 1914 Kingdom. These "nations" — not entire nations but people from them — will survive Armageddon "in excellent spiritual health" and "within the generation of men that has been living since 1914." (pp 26, 30)

HEALTH AND LIFE (1932)
Booklet by Rutherford to reaffirm that "Millions Now Living Will Never Die" (pp 20, 29) and that "it is possible to learn the way to perfect health and everlasting life". (p.29) Rutherford reasoned:

The peoples of this earth are now numbered by the thousands of millions. Many of these millions are in the days of their youth. The average length of human life is now about forty years. In view of these admitted facts and of the positive and indisputable truths set forth in the Bible it can now be confidently said that there are millions of these persons now on the earth who will never die. (p.20)

The facts and the Scriptural proof are that the next great act of Christ is … Armageddon. (p.23)

God says to the people through his prophet, in Zephaniah, to seek meekness and righteousness, and you may be hid in that time of trouble. It follows that those who are thus favored may be taken through the time of trouble. It is reasonable to conclude that those who are now hearing the message of truth will be such favored ones. All the facts show that Armageddon is only a short time away, and that period much less than the length of a generation. (p.24)

All these scriptures, and all the facts now well known to exist, prove that the downfall of Satan's organization and the beginning of restoration are only a few years away at most. (p.28)

The predictions in *Health and Life* (1932) have failed and join the catalogue of false predictions of the JW leaders.

HEALTH CARE, POWER OF ATTORNEY (PROXY) FORMS
Forms by which a JW assigns another JW the power to make medical decisions such as rejecting a blood transfusion on his behalf if he himself is unconscious:

- Unforeseen medical emergencies that challenge our resolve to "keep abstaining … from blood" are an example of such Satan-inspired attacks on our integrity.—Acts 15:28, 29.

- To help us in such medical situations, all congregations in the United States

received a supply of health-care power of attorney (proxy) forms from the Society's Legal Department in December 1994. Using pertinent state and federal law, these forms anticipate the type of medical emergency described above and refer to legal authority for judges and hospital lawyers who may question or challenge our refusal of blood. In addition, these forms set forth detailed medical information about minor blood fractions, alternative non-blood management, and end-of-life decisions.

- Should all publishers fill out a health-care power of attorney (proxy) form? As the December 1994 *Our Kingdom Ministry* announcement said, "publishers are not obliged to prepare these forms." Thus it is a personal decision each of us must make. However, to make an informed decision about this **provision from the Society**, we should seriously consider whether we have done all we reasonably can to keep ourselves free from a God-dishonoring blood transfusion.—Prov. 9:9. (Our Kingdom Ministry 1995 January, USA edition)

The Governing Body wants all adult JWs to fill out and sign the form as a "personal decision". However, the phrase "provision from the Society" is, to JWs, equivalent to the phrase "provision of Jehovah". Both phrases are used to describe WTS publications, and all JWs must approve of and accept the publications.

HEARD, C.
The founder of the Standfast Movement which is a continuation of Russell's cult.

HEART
In the Bible: "…the heart is used figuratively for the hidden springs of the personal life." (Vine 1981, 207) "Although the word occurs more than 900 times in Scripture, it is almost never used in a literal sense." (Tenney 1967)

JWs, in contrast, believed the literal heart thinks and has attitudes and emotions:

> The Bible does not speak of a symbolic or spiritual heart in contradistinction to the fleshly or literal heart, just as it does not speak of a symbolic mind, and thus we do not want to make the mistake of viewing the literal heart as merely a fleshly pump as does orthodox physiology today…
> Most psychiatrists and psychologists tend to overcategorize the mind and allow for little if any influence from the fleshly heart, looking upon the word "heart" merely as a figure of speech apart from its use in identifying the organ that pumps our blood…
>
> The heart is a marvelously designed muscular pump, but, more significantly, our emotional and motivating capacities are built within it. Love, hate, desire (good and bad), preference for one thing over another, ambition, fear-in effect, all that serves to motivate us in relationship to our affections and desires springs from the heart. (w1971 3/1 134)

In agreement with the above JWs believed that heart transplants also transplanted the donor's morals, personality and attitudes into the recipient:

> A peculiar factor sometimes noted is a so-called 'personality transplant.' That is, the recipient in some cases has seemed to adopt certain personality factors of the person from whom the organ came. One young promiscuous woman who received a kidney from her older, conservative, well-behaved sister, at first seemed very upset. Then she began imitating her sister in much of her conduct. Another patient claimed to receive a changed outlook on life after his kidney transplant. Following a transplant, one mild-tempered man became aggressive like the donor. The problem may be largely or wholly mental. But it is of interest, at least, that the Bible links the kidneys closely with human emotions. (w1975 9/1 519)

Decades after heart transplants and psychology proved them wrong the JWs Governing Body revised their doctrine and agreed with Christian teaching:

> However, in nearly a thousand other references to "heart" in the Bible, "heart" is obviously used in a figurative sense. (w1984 9/1 7)

HEART APPRECIATION
A phrase in use among JWs since 1952.

It refers to sincere appreciation, manifested or expressed by obedience to the leaders and their Organization, and by zealous proselytizing. Persons who obey "half heartedly" or criticize, or could preach more but don't, are said to lack "heart appreciation."

HEATH, BONNY BOYD
See: *BOYD, BONNY*

HEAVEN
Heaven may refer to:
- The sky;
- Outer space;
- The place where God dwells.

The third meaning is not a tangible place like another planet but invisible, ghostly, beyond literal words and therefore not much discussed by JWs. It is where God and Jesus dwell, as well as the angels, and the 144,000 upon their resurrection.

Heaven used be more physical, associated with the Pleiades star cluster, particularly the star Alcyone believed by JWs until the 1950s to be the place of God's throne.

(See: *PLEIADES*)

HEAVENLY CALLING

Persons who expect to go to heaven at death i.e. the 144,000 including the "remnant" have a "heavenly calling".

JWs believe that only the "remnant" have a genuine "heavenly calling" and other religions whose people anticipation going to heaven are deluded.

HEBREW SCRIPTURES

JW publications use the phrase "Hebrew Scriptures" instead of "The Old Testament". The *Watchtower Library* CD (2007) has the phrase "Hebrew Scriptures" 2,573 times, but "Old Testament" not at all.

HELDEN, STEPHAN VAN (1974-)

A former JW who grew up near Schweinfurt, Germany, whose website is exceptionally useful for people doing research on JWs.

Available for free without the distraction of needing to sign in or start an account are hundreds of publications including:

- JWs yearbooks from 1927 to 1961
- Many volumes of *The Golden Age*, *The Watchtower* and *Awake!*
- Most of Rutherford's books and booklets
- Many books authored by ex-JWs
- The *Informant*, *Kingdom News*, and *The Messenger*
- 19th century publications that influenced C.T. Russell.

Van Helden left JWs in 2007.

https://wtarchive.wordpress.com

HELL

To JWs "Hades" (the Greek word often translated "Hell") is the place of the dead or "gravedom" from which everyone (or nearly everyone) is resurrected after Armageddon.

Russell's attitude regarding eternal torment in Hell was: "This blasphemous doctrine of eternal torment no longer avails to drive men into church through fear…" (Studies IV, 164)

Russell's major discussion on hell is in wr1900 3/15 2597-2605. His basic teaching has survived but JWs have changed his interpretation of some verses on the topic.

HELL 2

JWs do not believe in a soul or conscious spirit that survives the death of the body. They therefore regard Hell as the grave or "gravedom", the common situation of all who die. Death to JWs is temporary extinction until the resurrection when God re-creates from memory the majority.

JWs teach that the dead of the 144,000 were in Hades and unconscious until 1918. In 1918 they were "recreated" in heaven as ghostlike "spirit creatures" and will live there permanently without a physical body

Members of the 144,000 who die after 1918 go immediately to heaven.

Dead people other than the 144,000 will progressively be raised i.e. re-created to physical life on this Earth after Armageddon.

Sheol and Hades

The Hebrew word "Sheol" and its Greek equivalent "Hades" are translated "hell" "grave" and "pit" in various Bible translations. (Insight I 1988, 1086) Because of theological dispute over the interpretation of these words some Bible translators retain the Hebrew and Greek words without translation.

Insight On The Scriptures I (1988) says:

> It is, in fact, because of the way that the word "hell" is understood today that it is such an unsatisfactory translation of these original Bible words. *Webster's Third New International Dictionary*, unabridged, under "Hell" says: "fr[om] ... helan to conceal." The word "hell" thus originally conveyed no thought of heat or torment but simply of a 'covered over or concealed place.' In the Old English dialect the expression "helling potatoes" meant, not to roast them, but simply to place the potatoes in the ground or in a cellar."

Despite this explanation *Webster's Dictionary* still defines the primary meaning of "Hell" in agreement with traditional Christianity — which *Insight* fails to mention!

The root idea behind "Hell" may be to "conceal" but root meanings do not always determine theological meaning — to get that we need to examine the Bible.

In the Old Testament "Sheol" is the dwelling place of the dead (Ezekiel 32:17-32) and several passages imply the dead, or some of them, are conscious at least part of the time — but JWs don't take these verses literally.

In the New Testament "Hades" is the temporary abode for "souls" who will eventually leave Hades by means of a physical, bodily resurrection. (Revelation 20:13)

In contrast to Hades, the word "Gehenna", which is also translated "Hell" in many Bibles, refers to a **permanent** situation or place and seems to be the same as the "lake of fire" in Revelation 20:14. JWs interpret the "lake of fire" as extinction with complete and eternal loss of consciousness.

Other denominations point to the "lake of fire" being a place of "**torment** day and night for ever and ever" (Revelation 20:10) and "torment" is a condition of the mind and implies consciousness.

In Luke 16 Jesus describes Hell (Hades) as a place of fiery torment for the "rich man" whereas Lazarus was in a place of blessing. This possibly agrees with Josephus who writes:

> In this region [Hades] there is a certain place set apart, as a lake of unquenchable fire, wherein we suppose no one hath hitherto been cast; but it is prepared for a day afore-determined by God, in which one righteous sentence shall deservedly be passed upon all men; when the unjust and those that have been disobedient to God … shall be adjudged to this everlasting punishment, as having been the causes of defilement; while the just obtain an incorruptible never-fading kingdom. These are now indeed confined to Hades, but not in the same place wherein the unjust are confined. (Josephus' Discourse to the Greeks Concerning Hades)

JWs regard Luke 16 as a parable and do not take it literally.

[See also: *HADES*]

HEMERY, J.
Railway signalman in Manchester, Britain, who converted to Russellism in 1889. He became an elder in 1896, pilgrim 1899, and head of the British Branch 11/1901.

Though expecting Armageddon to culminate in 1915 (wr1906 4/1 3756) Hemery trusted the new prophecies for 1918 and therefore opposed Johnson's takeover of the British Branch. He is listed as an "ordained minister" in the yearbooks from 1927 to 1951 and was president of IBSA until 1946.

HENNINGES, E.C. (1871-1939)
Ernest C. Henninges was a doctor's son who converted to Russellism in 1891. He joined the staff at Bible House as an office worker and married Russell's foster "daughter" Rose Ball (1869-1950).

Henninges became secretary/treasurer of the Pennsylvania Corporation in 1897. He opened the British Branch Office in 4/1900 and remained in charge until 11/1901. He was appointed as a pilgrim in 1901. He opened the Melbourne (Australian) Branch with his wife, Rose Ball, in 1904. They defected in 1908 taking 80 of 100 Australian converts with them (Yearbook 1983, 40) and issued an anti Russell leaflet titled *WAKE UP*.

Russell called Henninges' arguments "nocturnal hallucinations" (wr1909 7/15 4472), a phrase borrowed from clergyman who had applied it to Russell.

Henninges and wife visited Buffalo, USA, in 1909 but returned to Melbourne. They founded and edited *The New Covenant* magazine and wrote a number of books including:

- *Bible Talks For Heart and Mind* (1909)
- *The Parables of Our Lord* (1912)
- *Daniel The Prophet* (1920)

Henninges died at 67 (born July 12, died February 3) and was buried in a Melbourne cemetery.

The group he founded still holds meetings and summer camps in Victoria and publishes *The New Covenant Advocate*. (See: Investigator Magazine #131)

HENSCHEL, MILTON G. (8/1920 – 3/2003)
Governing Body member appointed in 1976. Henschel began going door to door in 1929. He moved to Brooklyn, New York, in 1934 when his father, Herman George, moved there to do construction work on WTS buildings. The son became a full-time "minister" and later worked at the JWs Headquarters.

Henschel became Knorr's secretary in 1947 and accompanied him on his travels for about 20 years. Later he became a director of the Pennsylvania Corporation of the WTS. He had a wife, Lucille, and a brother, Warren.

Henschel succeeded F.W. Franz as WTS president in December, 1992. He resigned as president in October, 2000 when the Governing Body and the WBTS directors became separate and distinct groups.

In a July 1968 interview with the *Detroit Free Press* Henschel called tissue transplants "cannibalism", a teaching the JWs discontinued in 1980. He also said that the people of Sodom and Gomorrah would be resurrected — which is a doctrine on which JWs have u-turned six times. The interviewer described Henschel as, "the tall, 6-foot-4 pleasant man who is almost a spitting image of a thinner Bob Hope."

(See: *GOVERNING BODY*)

HERD, SAMUEL F. (1935-)
A married Governing Body member added in October 1999. He is an Afro-American with dark skin but not black and physically resembles Martin Luther King.

Herd became a pioneer in 1958 and an elder in Arkansas. He was a circuit and district overseer from 1965 to1997. He then entered Brooklyn headquarters with his wife, Gloria, and worked in the Service Department and on the Service Committee. He is said to have diabetes and high blood pressure.

On October 2, 1999, Herd was appointed to the Governing Body, the first and only Afro-American member. (w2000 1/1 29)

HEREAFTER (1932)
Booklet by Rutherford.

HERO-WORSHIP
Alleged "hero-worship" or "glorifying humans" is a reason given for JWs refraining from birthday parties, competitive sports and from being a "Cheerleader and Homecoming Queen":

They also encourage the people into hero worship… Bible principles…show the impropriety of glorifying humans." (School and Jehovah's Witnesses, 1983, p24)

Assuming that "hero-worship" and "glorifying humans" are valid criticisms, note that most people get such "hero worship" on only one or a few occasions and to a very small degree. Compare this to JWs leaders who claim to speak for "the creator" and demand uncritical obedience in all situations, even ruin millions of lives with false prophecy that they mislabel "Jehovah's truth".

Apparently a little "glorifying" is bad but the unlimited glorifying of the JWs leaders is good!

HEWITT, J. (1931-)
A JW born in New Mexico who left the sect at age 14. He graduated from a Baptist seminary in 1965 and authored *I Was Raised a Jehovah's Witness* (1979).

Hewitt's personal experiences make interesting reading but his repeated accusations of "brainwashed", "verbal gymnastics", "brainwashed multitude", etc, become tedious.

Many of his anti-JWs theological points are easily answered by JWs and many would be rejected by Christians too! From Micah 5:2 Hewitt argues that Jesus has existed forever. The Hebrew word "olam" however does not necessarily mean "forever" but refers to an unspecified or undefined period. (Companion Bible 1972, Appendix 151; Young 1939, pp 310-311; Rotherham 1959, Appendix: Age-Abiding)

Hewitt argues that "elohim" meaning "God" is plural because God is Trinitarian. Most scholars, however, argue that the plural denotes "excellence", "greatness" or "importance" and is used of other Gods. (1 Samuel 5:7; I Kings 11:33; II Kings 1:2; Nehemiah 9:18)

Hewitt also claims that "us" in "Let us make man in our image" denotes Trinity. JWs, however, believe that Jesus worked with God the Father at creation and therefore "us" refers to two not three.

Possibly the plural "us", instead of the singular "me", is a point of grammar where the plural pronoun agrees with the plural noun "elohim". This is similar to the golden calf where **one** calf is described: "These are your gods..." (Exodus 32:4 NRSV)

Hewitt, therefore, is unjustified on the information he supplies, in accusing JWs of "false doctrine", "wiles of the Devil" and "dishonest misrepresentation".

HIGHER EDUCATION
Post high school education i.e. college or university is strongly discouraged among JWs since it wastes precious time that should be used to save people from destruction at Armageddon. JWs youngsters are told: "Make pioneering your career."

(See: *EDUCATION*)

HIGHER POWERS
See: *SUPERIOR AUTHORITIES*

HIMES, JOSHUA V. (1805–1895)



Joshua V. Himes (Wikipedia)

Joshua Vaughan Himes was a Christian publisher, a leader among the followers of William Miller, and later became prominent in the Advent Christian Church.

Himes was born on Rhode Island, married Mary Thompson Handy in 1825, and ordained to the ministry in 1825, and became pastor of the First Christian Church in Boston (1830), and became active in educational, temperance and abolitionist movements.

In 1840 he published and edited the first Millerite newspaper, the *Signs of the Times*. He helped organize conferences and camp meetings, published hundreds of pamphlets, and organized lecture tours for Miller and himself, and brought about the manufacture of the "great tent" for use on these tours, established a network of book depots, and reading rooms, and in 1842 started another newspaper, the *Midnight Cry*, in New York.

After the Great Disappointment when Jesus did not return on October 22, 1844 he became a leader of the Evangelical Adventists, and opposed Sabbatarian Adventism, belief in conditional immortality and the reestablishment of Israel before Christ's Second Coming.

In 1863 Himes accepted the doctrine of conditional immortality, joined the Advent Christian Church and moved his family west to Buchanan, Michigan, became a leader among Advent Christians, and started a newspaper, *The Voice of the West* (later *Advent Christian Times*).

HISTORY

The JWs leaders regularly distort history, especially when writing the history of their own religion.

A common sort of claim is:

> During the first world war, when evidence pointed to the second presence of Christ in kingdom power, the clergy of Christendom turned their back and, instead, hailed the League of Nations… (w1961 10/15 631)

JWs leaders, however, did not preach the supposed "second presence" of 1914 until 1930. During World War I they still preached the 1878 Kingdom and an earthly Kingdom to start in Palestine in 1915 or soon afterwards.

Christian clergy did not reject Christ's Kingdom in favor of the League but viewed many aims and programs of the League — such as peace, suppression of slavery and reduction of disease and poverty — as compatible with Christ's Kingdom (which in the Bible began at Jesus' baptism) and not in 1878.

Another common claim is that JWs have "warned nations of God's vengeance":

> For more than sixty years now and by the greatest publicity campaign in Christian history Jehovah's witnesses have warned nations of God's…vengeance coming at Armageddon. So there is no excuse for not having heard. The nations have simply preferred to forget Jehovah God. (w1942 5/1 136)

> Who of all on earth are showing the most concern for the continued existence of man in this nuclear, missile space age? …it must be those who…have been incessantly warning all mankind about it for more than eighty years now. (Yearbook 1960, Text June 15)

> The Watchtower … is far sighted enough to peer into the future, by use of recorded inspired prophecy. (w1950 8/15 263)

The above claims are unhistorical because every JWs prophecy for every specific date has failed. JWs, therefore, did not give "warning" but promoted false predictions, in effect cried "wolf!"

Another example is the disagreement among the directors of the WBTS in 1918. Four directors wanted to run the WBTS according to Russell's Will and Testament but were forced to leave. The winners summed up the crisis as follows:

> …an evil servant class, which followed after man worship, selfish ambitions, and self-righteousness, and which aimed after the control of the governing body. (w1944 11/1 332)

Actually it was Rutherford who had "selfish ambition" — proved by him subsequently making himself supreme in the WBTS and the sole inventor of so-called "Bible truth. (See:

ELDERS; THEOCRACY; DIRECTORS) Nor was there a governing body in 1918. Russell had wanted the seven directors of the WBTS to form a committee of oversight but four were expelled. (See: *GOVERNING BODY*)

Another example of false history is:

> As far back as 1879, the publishers of this magazine pointed to the year 1914 as a marked year in Bible prophecy as the starting period for what the Bible calls 'the time of the end. (g1972 10/8 15)

Russell, however, taught that the "time of the end" began in 1799 and would end — not start — in 1914.

JWs leaders claim the alleged 1914 Kingdom was proclaimed "from the summer of the postwar year of 1919". (w1982 12/15 25) They also write of: "...that stronghold like kingdom which they had been proclaiming since 1914 CE." (Paradise Restored To Mankind By Theocracy 1972, 278)

So, was it 1914 or 1919? Both claims are false. The supposed 1914 Kingdom was hinted at in 1922 but became doctrine in 1925:

> …in 1925, for the first time, it was seen and understood that the kingdom was actually born in 1914, that it was a fact. (w1951 7/15 435)

JWs leaders claim to have been "wide awake" before 1914 regarding what would happen in 1914. (w1960 7/15 432-433) In addition they mock other religions as not having been "awake". Yet every Russellite prophecy failed — and false prophecy is not proof of being "awake" but of lacking understanding and being wrong!

JWs leaders often claim Russell predicted a "marked date" or "year of change". Actually Russell's predictions were much more specific. (See: *MARKED DATE; GOSPEL*)

They also assert that: "He [Russell] knew that the time of uninterrupted rule of Satan's nations was due to expire in 1914." (Divine Purpose 1959, 47)

However, to present-day JWs the phrase "uninterrupted rule expired" means Jesus was enthroned in heaven in 1914 and Satan was tossed down to the Earth. But Russell did not teach those events for 1914 — to him Jesus was enthroned in heaven in 1878 and worldwide paradise would start in 1914 under the direction of biblical "worthies" such as Moses and Daniel. (See: *GENTILE TIMES*)

JWs leaders claim:

> For decades in advance by means of the WatchTower Society publications, the Christian Witnesses of Jehovah were pointing ahead ... 1914 as being the year for the close of "the times of the Gentiles. (When All Nations Collides Head On With God 1971, 21; w1983 1/1 11)

What is never or rarely pointed out is that Russell's interpretation of the phrase "Gentile Times" and their end differed to the later beliefs of JWs. If the present-day beliefs are the ones we have in mind then Russell **never** pointed to the close of the Gentile Times.

History written or endorsed by the present-day JWs leaders is often not education but propaganda and deception to glorify the liars from whom their present-day authority is derived. (See: *GENTILE TIMES*)

HIS VENGEANCE (1934)
Booklet by Rutherford arguing that Christendom corresponds to ancient Israel, and practices "Devil worship" (p.32) and is led by clergymen who are: "…hypocritical men who are wise in their own conceits and who employ religion as a shield or blind…" (pp 20-22)

World War One was the "beginning of the time of trouble". (p.56) The trouble was cut short in 1918 "in the midst of the trouble" (p.59) so that JWs might "bring the truth to the people". The "trouble" continues to its climax at Armageddon when "Satan's army perishes:

> …at Armageddon Satan's army under God will be completely destroyed, and which **will include millions of men now on the earth**. (p.54)

People who were "men" in 1934 don't now number "millions" but have almost died out — another prophecy has failed.

HIS WORKS (1934)
Booklet by Rutherford about things God made.

HOLDEN, ANDREW
Author of the 224-page book *Jehovah's Witnesses: Portrait of a Contemporary Religious Movement* (2002, Routledge)

The book is an academic and sociological study based largely on interviews with JWs and former JWs and so can be compared to *The Trumpet of Prophecy* (1975) by James Beckford.

Holden's approach is that of an anthropologist who makes no judgments about the validity of JWs practice or doctrines. He examines recent expansion of the sect and tries to answer how

various beliefs persist such as the imminent end of the world, why the sect keeps growing, and what it's like to be a member. He suggests that being a JW is a way of dealing with anxiety caused by changes and threats in the modern world.

JWs history and teachings are outlined; recruitment of new members and their integration analyzed; and interaction with non-JWs and causes of defection examined. Holden concludes there is widespread "second-generation rebellion" and that many young JWs transgress Governing Body rules against premarital sex and excessive alcohol.

Holden suggests that steady growth of JWs will continue. This has indeed been the case in Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union, Africa and South America. However, in much of Europe during the early 21st century, there is stagnation and even decline. Almost everywhere the amount of time JWs on average spend going door to door, i.e. their zeal, is declining. Many no longer actively "witness" but are nominal members. New baptisms are mainly children of JWs rather than converts from outside.

JWs are instructed to "bring no reproach" on Jehovah or the Organization. Therefore, by relying largely on interviews with people trained and obligated to repeat whatever is published by headquarters Holden has presented an overly positive image.

HOLLOWELL, JENNY (1974-)
Californian-born novelist who authored *Everything Lovely, Effortless, Safe* (2010).

Hollowell was raised as a JW in Virginia and remained active in the sect until 1998. She studied film and photography at Virginia Commonwealth University

HOLY GHOST
A phrase JWs avoid since they do not believe in the Trinity. Instead they speak of the "holy spirit" (lower case) which they define as "God's active force", an impersonal force God uses to achieve his intentions.

HOLY NATION
"God's holy nation" is a designation for the remnant of the 144,000. (w1944 11/15 339)

HOLY SPIRIT
The word "spirit" (Greek "pneuma") occurs about 380 times in the New Testament. It has several meanings but in about 245 instances refers to a gift from God to believers.

Conventional Christians regard the Spirit from God as a member of the Trinity.

Russell (Studies V, chapters 8-11) argues that the Spirit is a force from God and controlled by God. JWs now call the Spirit "God's active force":

> …they share the Biblical view of early Christians namely, that the holy spirit is God's active force. (w1984 9 /1 30)

Although it's the "Biblical view of early Christians" JWs have never cited any "Church fathers" from the 2nd century onwards who ever called the Spirit "active force". Nor does any Bible verse explain the Spirit as "active force".

Of the 245 New Testament occurrences where the Spirit is said to be of God or from God about 70 describe the Spirit in person terms. The Spirit "testifies", "teaches", "favors", "resides", "searches", "grieves", "longs", "wills", "reveals", "knows", "groans", etc. This has necessitated interpretation and many of Russell's explanations have been replaced with newer interpretations — in other words Russell's interpretations were wrong.

Acts 2:17-18 where the Spirit is poured out "in the last days", had its second fulfillment, Rutherford alleged, in 1919. (Prophecy 1929, 193-204) The fulfillment in 1919 was manifested and proved by the vigorous selling of Rutherford's books. The Bible, however, says nothing about Acts chapter 2 having a future repetition.

Rutherford claimed that the Spirit ceased to function as "advocate, helper and comforter" in 1918. (Preservation 1932, 46, 201-204; w1930 9/1 259, 257) This is why the Holy Spirit was hardly mentioned in WBTS publications in Rutherford time — because the Spirit, in his theology, had ceased to help or comfort. (p203) Compare Romans 8:9.

Current JWs theology says that the Spirit gives love, comfort, endurance, re-call of things learned, and various good qualities to JWs if they're obedient and zealous.

Insight II (1988) says:

> Not until the fourth century C.E. did the teaching that the holy spirit was a person and part of the "Godhead" become official church dogma. Early church "fathers" did not so teach; Justin Martyr of the second century C.E. taught that the holy spirit was an "influence or mode of operation of the Deity"; Hippolytus likewise ascribed no personality to the holy spirit. (p.1019)

Insight gives no reference to where Justin Martyr and Hippolytus teach such a thing.

Insight next argues that "Personification does not prove personality" and cites Proverbs 1:20-33 and 8:1-36 where wisdom is personified. Yet JWs also believe that the "wisdom" in Proverbs 8 refers to Jesus Christ who is a "personality"! So the chapter which JWs use to show that "personification **does not** prove personality" is a chapter where personification refers to personality!

Insight further (p.1019) reasons:

> ...if the "holy spirit" were a person, there should reasonably be given some means in the Scriptures to distinguish and identify such spirit *person* from all these other 'holy spirits.' It would be expected that, at the very least, the definite article would be used with it in all cases where it is not called "God's holy spirit" or is not modified by some similar expression. This would at least distinguish it as THE Holy Spirit. But, on the contrary, in a large number of cases the expression 'holy spirit' appears in the original Greek without the article, thus indicating its lack of personality.

This argument is misleading because the New Testament **does** often use the definite article — and often TWO definite articles — with the word "spirit". We find many instances which, when translated literally, refer to "the Holy Spirit" and "the Spirit the Holy". Some theologians argue that when one or two definite articles accompany the word "Spirit" then "Spirit" refers to God the Father. "Spirit" unaccompanied with a definite article refers to a gift, benefit or influence of God.

JWs believe that the Spirit does not anymore give "spiritual gifts" such as speaking in tongues or miraculous healing. Instead, the Spirit helps people display signs of being "true disciples" such as having love, being "no part of the world" and making disciples. (g1982 2/2 10-11)

The "spirit" only operates through the JWs Organization:

> A person cannot expect to be guided by God's spirit if he refuses to associate with the theocratic organization through which it operates. In the first century it operated through the organization headed by the apostles. In the twentieth century it operates through the organization headed by the remnant of Christ's spirit-begotten ones. (w1960 2/15 101)

HOLY SPIRIT CEASED IN 1918

Under Rutherford's administration JWs believed that the Holy Spirit ceased to operate on Christians as comforter or helper in 1918:

> By his spirit, the holy spirit, Jehovah God guides or leads his people up to a certain point of time, and thus he did until the time when "the comforter" was taken away, which would necessarily occur when Jesus, the Head of his organization, came to the temple and gathered unto himself those whom he found faithful when he, as the great Judge, began his judgment, in 1918. (Preservation1932, 193-194)

JWs were probably the only cult to teach that the Spirit "was taken away", and is why Rutherford's writings rarely ever mention the Spirit.

Angels Communicated

With the Holy Spirit absent, Rutherford needed to explain how God communicated all the new "truth" that was appearing in *The Watchtower*. His answer was that angels brought it and communicated it to the "remnant":

> These angels are invisible to human eyes and are there to carry out the orders of the Lord. No doubt they first hear the instruction which the Lord issues to his remnant and then these invisible messengers pass such instruction on to the remnant. The facts show that the angels of the Lord with him at his temple have been thus rendering sacred service unto the remnant since 1919. (Vindication III 1932, 250)

> Certain duties and kingdom interests have been committed by the Lord to his angels, which include the transmission of information to God's anointed people on the earth for their aid and comfort. Even though we cannot understand how the angels transmit this information, we know that they do it; and the Scriptures and the facts show that it is done. (Preparation 1933, 36-37)

> The remnant do not hear audible sounds, because such is not necessary. Jehovah has provided his own good way to convey thoughts to the minds of his anointed ones. (Preparation 1933, 64)

> If one appreciates the capital organization of Jehovah, then he must have in mind at all times that Christ Jesus is the Head of that organization and it is always the head that directs the operations of the body. He stated that when he appeared for judgment he would be accompanied by his angels, which angels carry out his orders. Without doubt these angels are

> delegated by the Lord to convey his instructions to the members of his organization on earth. Just how this is done is not necessary for us to understand. (w1933 12/1 364)
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> That does not mean that those who prepare the manuscript for *The Watchtower* are inspired, but rather it means that the Lord through his angels sees to it that the information is given to his people in due time, and he brings to pass the events in fulfillment of his prophecy and then invites those devoted to him to see the same. (Riches 1936, 316)

In the w1933 12/1 article Rutherford supports his claim that angels are delegated to bring the truth with examples of "some of the truths" they brought:

> What are some of the truths which the great Teacher has taught the temple company? Within the past few months the Lord has made clear the meaning of the cleansing of his sanctuary. He has shown his people how the time of the cleansing was specially marked out by him as 2,300 literal days from the date when two things existed together, to wit, the taking away of the continual sacrifice and the transgression that maketh desolate. The desolating abomination was first set up, and on the 25th day of May, 1926, the Lord caused his people, without their understanding at the time, to give notice, which marks the transgression of desolation. The 2,300 days began to count from that time and ended on October 15, 1932, which latter date marks the cleansing of the sanctuary. That means that it was then that the Lord showed his people that the office of '"elective elder", and therefore human teachers, have no part in his capital organization. (w1933 12/1 364)

These "truths which the great Teacher has taught" turned out false and were revised in the 1970s.

Only JWs Have Spirit

The Knorr-Franz regime that began in 1942 suppressed the doctrine of truth being conveyed by angels and brought mentions of the Holy Spirit back into WTS publications. From being the only religion that denied or rejected the "Holy Spirit" JWs now claimed to be the only religion with the Holy Spirit:

> Consider, too, the fact that Jehovah's organization alone, in all the earth, is directed by God's holy spirit or active force. (Zech. 4:6) Only this organization functions for Jehovah's purpose and to his praise. To it alone God's Sacred Word, the Bible, is not a sealed book. Many persons of the world are very intelligent, capable of understanding complex matters. They can read the Holy Scriptures, but they cannot understand their deep meaning. Yet God's people can comprehend such spiritual things. Why? Not because of special intelligence on their part, but as the apostle Paul declared: "For it is to us God has revealed them through his spirit, for the spirit searches into all things, even the deep things of God." (w1973 7/1 402)

The WTS book *HOLY SPIRIT The Force Behind the Coming New Order!* (1976), looks at New Testament mentions of the "holy spirit" and tries to prove that this "holy spirit" energized the eight members of the WBTS in jail in 1919 to start preaching "the good news of God's established kingdom." The book states:

> It was for such worldwide Kingdom preaching that "spirit of life from God" had entered into the suppressed witnesses in 1919 C.E. (p.146)

This claim is proved false by the many failed predictions the sect made after 1919. Especially alarming is the false prophecy that God's new post-Armageddon world would come within the lifetimes of the people who experienced 1914. This prophecy was for many years called "the Creator's promise" which makes JWs a religion that portrays God as a deceiver and liar which the "Holy Spirit" would not have made them do.

HOLY SPIRIT THE FORCE BEHIND THE COMING NEW ORDER (1976)

A superficial WTS book which defines the "spirit" as a "force" but which leaves much unanswered. The book, for example, ignores most of the 70 occurrences in the New Testament where terms used of persons are also used of the Spirit such as "teaches" and "wills".

The "holy spirit" supposedly guides JWs and the WTS. However, the book ignores how the WTS can publish thousands of errors including many false prophecies while guided by "the spirit of truth".

The theological relevance of the definite article, the word "the", in association with "spirit" is also ignored. The Bible speaks of "Holy Spirit", "Spirit Holy", "**the** Holy Spirit", "**the** Spirit the Holy" all of which the book fails to discuss.

Holy Spirit in 1919—Why Argue About It?

Referring to 1919 the book states:

> The announced purpose behind God's pouring out of his spirit upon all sorts of flesh was that the recipients thereof might prophesy. The facts substantiate that the remnant of Christ's anointed disciples have been doing that prophesying to all the nations for a witness in favor of God's kingdom. Logically, then, they must be the ones upon whom God's spirit has actually been poured out. That spirit is behind their worldwide preaching. Why argue about it? (p.148)

This is refuted and people **do** "argue about it" because of the hundreds of revised doctrines since 1919 and false prophecies such as:

> Revelation 16:16 calls it the "war of the great day of God the Almighty," Armageddon. This war will come in the twentieth century. (g1961 2/22 8)

HOME AND HAPPINESS (1932)
Booklet by Rutherford.

HOME BIBLE STUDY
A scheduled discussion, usually once weekly for an hour, conducted by a JW with a householder, usually in his home, with his conversion and baptism the objective. It consists of a paragraph-by-paragraph study of a WBTS book and looking up some of the cited Bible verses.

HOMOSEXUALITY
Russell and Rutherford did not discuss homosexuality in WBTS publications. In the 1950s homosexual sex became a disfellowshipping offense.

Was Russell a homosexual?

Russell and his wife lived: "…celibate lives for eighteen years." (Convention Report 1913, 113; Peoples Pulpit 1914 October 1 p.3)

This could mean 1888 (when Rose Ball, began to live with the Russells) until 1906 (when Russell's limited divorce was decreed). More likely, however, the 18 years refer to 1879-1897 from the start of the marriage until Mrs Russell left Bible House. The latter interpretation is supported by the claim that Russell "had lived a life of absolute celibacy." (Peoples Pulpit 1918, January 1, p.4)

"Brother" Bohnet wrote to Russell:

> I had for many years been a member of the Bible House family, had eaten and lived there, and even enjoyed your uncomfortable bed-lounge with you on various occasions since the year 1895… (wr1910 3/15 4590)

The non-mention of homosexuality; males sharing a bed; Russell's marriage unconsummated; are together suggestive of homosexuality but not conclusive.

Homosexual JWs

Ex JWs claim that in March 1969 sixty homosexuals were expelled from Brooklyn headquarters and that Nathan Knorr had the event covered up.

Some ex JWs report that in 1980 Governing Body member Ewart Chitty left headquarters due to a homosexual affair, and Governing Body member Leo Greenlees had to leave in 1984 for sexually molesting boys. Neither was disfellowshipped but received other assignments.

HONDURAS
Publishers and Memorial attendance in Honduras and their ratio to the population:

	Peak	Ratio 1 to	Memorial	Ratio 1 to
1970	1,341	1,925		
1975	3,062	971		
1980	3,014	1,225	14,673	252
1985	4,065	1,042	20,003	212
1990	5,983	785	25,415	185
1995	8,416	658	36,100	154
2000	12,525	515	39,300	164
2005	15,716	485	49,600	154
2010	19,009	430	60,400	135
2013	22,098	367	58,200	139
2015	23,130	379	67,600	130
2017	23,106	360	65,700	127
2018	23,430	360	63,500	133
	Ave.			
2019	22,767	428	63,700	153
2020	22,697	436	61,100	162
2021	22,465	448	71,000	142
2022	21,891	439	60,300	159
2023	21,533	452	58,900	165
2024	21,546	458	57,600	171
2025	21,665	508	55,000	200

HONEST HEARTED
Anyone who joins the JWs religion, obeys the leaders, and accepts their rule as "theocratic rule" is "honest hearted". (w1985 6/1 18; 3/1 10; w1987 1/1 14)

What a joy to see the sincere, honest-hearted ones turn from the darkness of false religion to the light of truth that Jehovah God provides through the Scriptures. (w1984 9/1 24)

HONESTY

JWs leaders advocate honesty in speech and the use of money:

> Jehovah's Witnesses 'wish to conduct themselves honestly in all things.' (Hebrews 13:18) And their adherence to honesty is one of the many ways that they differ from the world. (w1985 4/1 14)

Nevertheless the JWs leaders are dishonest whenever they praise *The Finished Mystery* or other books kept hidden due to their erroneous content, with such labels as "excellent spiritual food", "true Christianity", "Bible education" (Your Word 1958, 181) or similar commendations.

If *The Finished Mystery*, for example, is "Bible education" why did the leaders alter about 1,300 of its interpretations? Every time the leaders call the failed prophecies or other errors "truth" or as coming "from Jehovah" they are dishonest. (Deuteronomy 18:20-22; Isaiah 5:20)

Russell stimulated donations by predicting the "saints" will rise to heaven in 1881 and Armageddon will come in 1910-1914. The tactic of benefiting financially from prophecy is still used. In the 1970s many JWs sold homes and farms in order to proselytize and donate. (See: *NINETEEN SEVENTY FIVE*) In the 1980s came scores of reminders that the "last days" are almost over. This resulted in donations pouring in and in "willing workers" building halls and printeries. (See: *CONSTRUCTION*)

As each date failed there were defections of "willing workers" who realized that the leaders had:

- Uttered "swelling expressions of no profit" (I Peter 2:18);
- Forgotten that a "worker is worthy of his wages" (Luke 10:7);
- Been "greedy of dishonest gain". (I Timothy 3:8; Titus 1:7, 11; I Peter 5:2)

Raymond Franz (1983, p.41) claimed the WTS sometimes channeled money illegally to get more value for American dollars. JWs leaders, however, say they use money with "heavenly wisdom". (w1945 12/1 360)

(See also: *CRIME AND COURTS*)

HONG KONG

Publishers and Memorial attendance in Hong Kong and their ratio to the population:

	Peak	Ratio 1 to	Memorial	Ratio 1 to
1970	235	17,021		
1975	455	8,791		
1980	859	5,821	2,030	2,463
1985	1,284	4,128	2,896	1,830
1990	2,153	2,787	4,633	1,295
1995	3,643	1,702	6,859	904
2000	4,584	1,440	7,625	866
2005	4,654	1,478	8,755	786
2010	5,156	1,370	9,071	779
2013	5,575	1,289	9,605	748
2015	5,590	1,306	9,619	759
2018	5,571	1,337	9,880	754
	Ave			
2019	5,583	1,348	9,349	805
2020	5,563	1,350	9,219	815
2021	5,565	1,329	12,904	573
2022	5,477	1,331	13,484	541
2023	5,432	1,380	9,349	802
2024	5,485	1,367	9,661	776
2025	5,541	1,360	9,217	817

HOPE (1942)

A booklet about death, the soul, and resurrection.

HORNS

Daniel mentions various horns on the heads of various beasts. The three horns in chapter seven (7:7-8, 20, 24), according to Russell, represented the Western Roman Empire and its successors the Heruli and Ostrogoths. (Studies III, 77)

Frederick Franz made the three horns represent Spain, Netherlands and France. (Your Will 1958, 178)

The one special horn (7:7-8, 20, 24), according to Russell, was the Papacy. (Studies III, 76-7,95) Franz altered this to the British Empire. (Your Will 1958, 176)

Franz made these changes although Russell had "understood" the prophecies. (Studies III, 24)

HOSPITAL LIAISON COMMITTEES

Committees of Elders trained to interact with doctors, hospitals and courts to help JWs patients find alternative treatment to blood transfusions or if no alternative is adequate to "encourage" them nevertheless to say "no to blood".

In 1988 the WTS introduced *Hospital Information Services*, a department to help JWs locate surgical teams willing to perform medical operations on JWs without blood transfusions.

Hospital Information Services had oversight of the *Hospital Liaison Committees* which were introduced in 1993. (g1993 11/22) In 1999 about 1200 hospital liaison committees were active worldwide and 1500 in 2006.

Hospital Information Services researches medical journals to locate information on new

bloodless surgery methods and disseminates such information to Hospital Liaison Committees and hospitals.

Hospitals, however, are required by law to intervene in the case of children and obtain a court order to transfuse blood if deemed necessary to save the child's life.

The WTS also produces videos to help JWs patients find hospitals and doctors that specialize in procedures that reduce blood loss.

Hospital Liaison Committees are equipped with medical and legal literature and a loose-leaf handbook titled *Family Care and Medical Management for Jehovah's Witnesses* which gets updated with new information on blood substitutes, alternative treatments and information on patients' rights.

The article "Jehovah's Witnesses and the Medical Profession Cooperate" (g1993 11/22) implies transfusions are unnecessary and "informed" doctors can secure recovery using alternative treatments such as recombinant erythropoietin (EPO).

In the same year *The Guardian* (Britain) of March 12, 1993 reported Yvonne Leighton's death from blood-loss after childbirth although blood substitutes approved by the Hospital Liaison Committee were administered. Dr. Choudry stated: "I am positive her life would have been saved if she had accepted blood."

The *Morning News* (Dallas) of July 27, 1993 reported the death of Carlton Johnson, 25, who was struck by a car. Dr. Simonson *administered blood substitutes* — but blood transfusion with its clotting properties was needed. In 11 years of emergency room service Dr. Simonson had seen twenty JWs refuse blood and, "In most cases the patient died."

Liaison Committees are firmly established in many hospitals. Their influence is often blamed for unnecessary deaths and their demands for special bloodless treatment sometimes costly and ineffective.

(See also: *BLOOD TRANSFUSIONS*)

HOSPITAL LIAISON COMMITTEE MEMBERS SPEAK OUT

A group of Hospital Liaison Committee members originally numbering eight who oppose the Governing Body's stance against blood transfusions and have spoken out anonymously via the Internet.

HOURS

From 1920 to 2023 JWs reported their hours of ministry every month. The total hours in each congregation were reported to the national headquarters and from their to the World Headquarters and yearly totals per country and worldwide published in the Yearbooks.

The monthly quota for publishers was 60 hours in the 1930s and early 1940s. (w1939 7/15 216; Yearbook 1940, 55; Yearbook 1942, 37) The pioneer quota was 150 hours. (w1931 4/1 112; Yearbook 1942, 37) The special-pioneer quota was 175 hours.

JWs leaders reasonably argue that more hours produce greater results. (w1963 5/15 312) Nevertheless "quotas" became "goals" after 1960 and were reduced in stages:

	1940s	1960s	1980s	1999
Publishers	60	10	10	10
Auxiliary Pioneers		75	60	50
Pioneers	150	100	90	70
Special Pioneers	175	150	140	

Note that "auxiliary pioneers" were previously called "temporary pioneers" and before that "vacation pioneers"

Quotas stood at 10, 100 and 150 for publishers, pioneers and special pioneers in the 1960s and 1970s. In the 1980s this became 10, 90 and 140. In 1999 auxiliary pioneer hours were reduced to 50 and pioneer hours to 70. (Australian Kingdom Ministry, January 1999) Smaller pioneer goals apparently increased the total hours by attracting more JWs into pioneering.

The notion of "goals" for publishers was officially discontinued in the 1970s, but remained unofficially since to JWs their hours are a measure of their spiritual maturity.

In November 2023 JWs publishers discontinued reporting their hours of ministry (except pioneers and missionaries), possibly because the statistics are intended for encouragement but in 2022 the hours required to achieve on average each baptism were 10,300! This was discouraging not encouraging.

To be counted as "publishers" JWs used to have to report at least one hour in a month. With the Covid epidemic this was reduced to 15 minutes. Now with no hours needing to be reported a person can do virtually zero ministry and still be counted as a "publisher". The new rule may stop the decline in publishers occurring in many countries, and produce even bigger growth in countries where increases are occurring, because it's now much easier to be counted.

HOURS WORLDWIDE REPORT

Hours Reported Worldwide (millions)

1918	0.2	2006	1334
1928	2.9	2007	1432
1938	10.6	2009	1558
1940	20.7	2010	1605
1945	34.8	2011	1707
1950	54.7	2012	1749
1955	83.8	2013	1841
1960	131.7	2014	1945
1965	171.2	2015	1933
1970	267.6	2016	1984
1975	382.3	2017	2046
1980	339.4	2018	2075
1985	590.5	2019	2089
1990	895.2	2020	1670
1995	1150	2021	1423
2000	1171	2022	1502
2005	1278		

Comparing yearly hour-totals with baptism-totals shows how many hours are required on average to make one convert:

Average Hours Per Baptism

Year	Hours	Year	Hours
1951	990	2006	5370
1955	1350	2007	4800
1960	1910	2008	
1965	2660	2009	5600
1970	1630	2010	5452
1975	1300	2011	6490
1976	1820	2012	6500
1977	2590	2013	6600
1978	3230	2014	7060
1979	2800	2015	7400
1980	2980	2016	7500
1985	3110	2017	7200
1990	2970	2019	6900
1995	3400	2020	6900
2000	4050	2021	8300
2005	5160	2022	10,300

The table shows it got much harder to convert people in the 1960s; then easier probably because of the 1975 prophecy; then harder again when 1975 failed; and harder once more when the 1914-generation prophecy was revised (in 1995), and still harder after Armageddon in the 20th century failed.

HOUSE OF GOD

To JWs "house of God" refers either to the 144,000 or to the "remnant of the 144,000" i.e. those of the 144,000 still alive on Earth.

The disputes and divisions among the Russellites in 1917-1919 constituted "judgment" at the "house of God":

Judgment started with the house of God in 1918… (Revelation It's Grand Climax At Hand! 1988, 35)

HOUSE TO HOUSE

Russell made door-to-door calls optional for his followers. The majority who went door-to-door merely left tracts. Colporteurs, however, sold books.

In 1922 Rutherford urged **all** his followers to sell his books door to door. In 1927 it became mandatory; "slackers" who resisted faced increasing social pressure until they conformed or stopped attending meetings.

Phonographs with recordings of Rutherford's speeches were carried door to door from 1933-1942:

> In obedience to the Lord they must go from house to house delivering the testimony of the kingdom. (Riches 1936, 51)

Rutherford did not permit JWs to give doorstep sermons like they do today because most JWs, at that time, were ignorant — some unable to name the books of Moses.

Russell took several surveys of how his followers first heard of his doctrines. Of 549 surveyed 15% indicated public meetings, 18% free literature, 25% colporteurs, and 42% private discussion. (Convention Report 1913, 81)

In 1943 Knorr and Franz introduced "private discussion" via doorstep sermons.
(See also: *EVANGELIZER; PREACHING; PUBLIC DECLARATION; TEACHING; WITNESSING*)

HOUSE TO HOUSE 2

JWs view their house to house "witnessing" as necessary for their own salvation, unless they are physically incapacitated in which case an alternative such as writing letters is acceptable.

JWs believe that door to door preaching is mandated in the New Testament but this belief is not accepted by other religions.

The relevant verses are:

> All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as **they** spent much time in the temple, **they** broke bread at home [or *from house to house*] and ate their food with glad and generous hearts. (Acts 2:44-46)

> And every day in the temple and at home [or *from house to house*] **they** [the

> Apostles] did not cease to teach and proclaim Jesus as the Messiah. (Acts 5:42)
>
> I [Paul] did not shrink from doing anything helpful, proclaiming the message to you [the elders in Ephesus] and teaching you publicly and from house to house. (Acts 20:20)

In Acts 2:44-46 the pronoun "they" refers to all the new believers. And "broke bread" refers to meals they ate "from house to house". This suggests that they met in different houses for different meals by agreement with or invitation of the house owners, and in that way went "house to house".

In Acts 5:42 the pronoun "they" refers to the Apostles (5:27-29) who taught and proclaimed in the temple after which new believers would gather in private homes for further teaching.

In Acts 20:20 Paul the Apostle had taught the elders "publicly" and taught them further in their houses.

The general practice, as indicated in Acts, was that people who responded to the Apostles' message in public places such as the temple later gathered in private homes for further teaching. In going from one home to another to speak to new converts the Apostles went "house to house".

The New Testament has no examples of Christians going without invitation to the homes of strangers to preach to them or teach them. It is always by prior announcement or by invitation.

What about when Jesus instructed the 12 Apostles as follows:

> Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. (Matthew 10:11)

The Watchtower says:

> It should be kept in mind, however, that for the most part, the theologians of Christendom do not go from house to house, and many Bible commentators tend to interpret the Scriptures in the context of their own experience. A more objective consideration of Jesus' instruction indicates that he was speaking about his disciples' searching out people individually, either from house to house or publicly, and presenting to them the message of the Kingdom. (Matthew 10:7) Their response would indicate whether they were deserving or not. Matthew 10:12-15.
> This is seen in Jesus' words at Matthew 10:14: "Wherever anyone does not take you in or listen to your words, on going out of that house or that city shake the dust off your feet." Jesus was speaking about his disciples' making uninvited calls on people to preach to them. (w1988 1/1 23)

This passage, however, deals with lodging i.e. accommodation in villages the Apostles visited. They would lodge in one house until their preaching in the village was completed.

First-century Christian preaching to the public was done by Apostles and evangelists wherever they encountered people. This might be on the road, in the temple, at a well or river, inside a house when invited to stay there, or in a synagogue, jail, court or market place.

(See also: PREACHING; EVANGELIZE; PUBLIC DECLARATION)

HOUSE TO HOUSE RECORD

A printed form on which JWs record what happened at particular doors — who was there, level of interest shown, publications placed.

HOUSE UPON SAND (Matthew 7:24-27)

Jesus compared the doctrines of false prophets to a house on sand that gets destroyed by floods and wind.

Many JWs prophecies, doctrines, and the hopes of people who trusted in them, got destroyed every time prophecy failed. In 1918 the Russell cult itself almost disintegrated.

(See: *DEFECTION; ERROR; DATES*)

HOW, WILLIAM GLEN (1919-2008)

W. Glen How was a JW lawyer and graduate of Gilead Missionary School who headed the Legal Department of the Canadian Branch of the WTS, and founded the law firm W. Glen How & Associates located at the Watchtower Complex.

Glen How was born in Montreal, Quebec; baptized by JWs in 1941; graduated from law school and called to the Bar of Ontario in 1943; and served as an elder in congregations in Toronto and Ontario. His mother was in the JW "pioneer" ministry for 40 years.

How argued cases in defense of JWs before the Supreme Court of Canada in the 1950s-1960s which enshrined the right to freedom of speech and assembly in Canada, and influenced Canada's Bill of Rights and its Charter of Rights and Freedoms in the area of freedom of worship and conscience. W. Glen How & Associates LLP write:

> The American College of Trial Lawyers presented Mr. How with the *Award for*

> *Courageous Advocacy* on September 8, 1997 ... the first Canadian to be so honoured.
> https://wghow.ca/history.htm

He was appointed to the Order of Canada in 2000.

Not within JWs

Glen How did not, however, campaign for freedom of religion, speech and conscience within the JWs Organization. He supported the Governing Body's policy of ordering the relatives of dissenters and the congregation to shun them.

This included the excommunication and shunning of dissenters who followed all the moral rules but objected to the false predictions for 1975, the generation of 1914, Armageddon "in the twentieth century", and other dubious doctrines.

Vicky Boer

A commentator on the Internet writes:

> Of course none in the media ever asked him why his own organization would not give the same freedoms and rights to its members as Canada gives to its citizens. To me his claim to fame will be how his team would try to cover for abusers…

Another reports that he handed Glen How a card of a support group for ex JWs during the Vicky Boer trial, and the next day: "Glen walked into court with a bevy of JWs and threw my card in my face."

Vicky Boer was sexually molested from age 11 to 14. The congregation elders, following the Governing Body's policy at the time, advised her not to seek outside help but to confront the abuser so he can repent. The trauma caused her a nervous breakdown.

Boer later filed charges against the Church and the judge ruled that the WTS had been negligent in their treatment of her. Boer sued for civil damages but the judge awarded her only $5,000! In a later legal hearing the judge ruled she should pay all the legal costs for the WTS — $142,000.

Jerry Bergman explains:

> The reason the judge gave for assigning the victim legal costs was that the Watchtower offered $20,000 to settle the case, then during pretrial motions they raised their offer to $56,000 and an apology (but required her to sign an overly broad gag order). The gag order stated if Vicki (or even her family) let slip the terms of settlement, they will be liable for millions of dollars in damages! Vicki rejected the offer…

The lawsuit was handled for the WTS largely by W. Glen How and Associates.

Glen How, during his long legal career, would have heard of many instances of child abuse within the JWs sect and known about the Governing Body's policy, which it had at the time, of discouraging victims from involving the police. In Australia the Royal Commission uncovered among JWs the abuse of 1800 children by 1000 abusers which had occurred over a 65 year period with no abuser reported to the police. Because the Governing Body insists on unity to its rules among JWs in every country their child-abuse victims in Canada could be a comparable number. Apparently Glen How never challenged the Governing Body's policy but gave full support.

Blood transfusions

In Canada Glen How successfully argued cases supporting patient's rights to bodily autonomy. The *Malette v Shulman* (1990) decision confirmed an **adult's** right to have his advance decisions on what medical treatment to accept or reject respected.
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In a 1961 article "Invading The Family Circle — The Blood Transfusion Statutes" Glen How argued against Australian legislation that gave, "medical doctors power to override parental objections and to administer blood transfusion to minors…" (The Australian Quarterly, December 1961)

He ignored that millions of lives were being saved around the world by blood transfusions and cited viewpoints from four doctors.

One of the doctors referred to blood-letting which was practiced in the 18th century and killed "hundreds". However, to imply that today's science is wrong because primitive viewpoints and procedures centuries ago were wrong is nonsense because it would be an argument for rejecting **every** modern discovery not just blood transfusion.

The second doctor argued "Every blood transfusion is fraught with potential danger…" However, everything has risks, even eating food or wearing clothes since food can be choked on, and clothing might catch fire. Science, as well as common sense, considers **relative** risks. A treatment that, for example, saves 80% of patients from death, and neither saves nor hurts 19% who would survive with alternative treatment, but injures 1%, is worthwhile. This is the situation with blood

transfusions (but the percentages would differ in different countries).

The third doctor criticized blood transfusions given "for cosmetic reasons". This was a fair comment since in the early 1950s blood was sometimes given just to improve patients' complexion. But this it is not a reason to let people, decades later, including children bleed to death.

How introduces the fourth doctor A.J. Shadman as "a surgeon of wide experience". Shadman claimed that transfusions transmit poisons in the blood that produce insanity, diabetes, cancer, syphilis, impulses to commit suicide and murder, etc, and "Of all the ridiculous medical practices … this present blood transfusion craze is the worst."

Alonzo Jay Shadman, authored *Who Is Your Doctor And Why* (1958). He supported the pseudoscience of homeopathy and opposed vaccinations, even claiming "There is no such thing as a virus…" At least some of Shadman's so-called "wide experience" was medical quackery.

It is possible to find occasional quacks in many areas of knowledge, and it is the people with a dubious agenda who quote them while ignoring expert science. In his *Australian Quarterly* article Glen How "cherry picked" a few quotes which ignored mainstream medical science and did this even though some JWs children who required a blood transfusion had already died from lack of one.

Eulogy

A WTS brochure prepared for How's memorial service eulogizes him as a "man of God" who "encouraged the young to pursue a life in God's service", a "delightful man", etc.

Every organization and sect approves of members who support its party line which is what Glen How did.

In addition to the shunning, child abuse and blood transfusion issues, he supported the Governing Body's policy of persuading teenage JWs to discontinue high school at the earliest lawful age on the basis that Armageddon is imminent and their best course is therefore to preach. That in part is what's meant by "encouraged the young to pursue a life in God's service". He also turned a blind eye when the Governing Body called various false predictions of theirs "the Creator's promise", the "promise of Jesus" and "God's Word". A genuine "man of God" would have objected because such teaching misrepresented the Bible and portrayed God as a liar.

Many people have exposed the often oppressive power of the WTS and Governing Body, but Glen How apparently never did.

He had an inspiring example in fellow Canadian M. James Penton (b. 1932), a man as accomplished as himself, a JW elder, professor of history, and author of many books including *Jehovah's Witnesses in Canada* (1976) which told the history of JWs' fight for civil liberties under Canadian law. Penton left JWs because of the false prophecies, harmful policies and loss of liberty imposed by the Governing Body.

A commentator on the Internet gives this summary:

> Glenn How was a lot of things, but integrity to stand up for what is true no matter what was not one of them. He towed the Watchtower party line, whatever that called for. He was a hired man.

W. Glen How was survived by his wife, Linda J. How who also was a lawyer.

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HOWLETT, MATTHEW

Rutherford's personal nurse from 1934 to1942 except for a year as zone servant in Ohio in 1938-1939.

HUDSON, A.O.

Author of *Bible Students in Britain* (1989).

This book documents the Russellite movement or "Bible Students" in Britain from their start in 1881, their secession from the WBTS 1917-1921, and the history of the separated groups until the 1980s. It includes many historic photos of conventions, locations and prominent persons.

HUGHES, A.P. 1895-1978

A.P. Hughes was a prominent English JW, born June 12, 1895 and converted by Russellite relatives in Liverpool in 1912.

Baptized in 1913 Hughes refused war-related work and was assigned to dam-construction in Wales. He started full time work at the WTS's London Branch office in 1923, became assistant branch overseer by World War II, and was imprisoned in 1942. After his release he was branch overseer until 11/1963 and vice president of IBSA 1948-1978. He died July 19, 1978.

(See also: *LAW AND FREEDOM*)

HUMAN BIRTHS

The JWs doctrine that most of the dead will live again on Earth requires that all the people born since Adam are few enough to be accommodated.

Estimates by JWs leaders of total human births include:

- 252 billion (wr1894 7/1 1609; Studies I, 160);
- 143 billion (Studies I, 99, 104);
- 50 billion (Studies VI, 640; IV, 647);
- 21.7 billion (The Harp of God 1921, 345);
- 20 billion (Convention Report 1913, 309; w1929 9/1 269; w1929 10/1 299; Aid to Bible Understanding 1971, 1400);
- 14 billion (True Peace and Security 1973, 108)

The estimates got smaller as time passed!

Dobzhansky, a geneticist, estimated 23 billion people from 1650 BC to AD 1962, and 42 billion from 6000 BC to AD 1650.

Investigator Magazine (January 1994) calculated 56 billion from 2000 BC to AD 1990.

HUMAN GOVERNMENT
Earthly governments are distinguished from the "heavenly government" or Kingdom. (One World One Government 1944; g1983 1/8 11)

JW leaders claim to represent the "heavenly government" and predict that all of Earth's governments and their supporters will be overthrown resulting in a one-religion world — the religion of JWs.

HUMAN OPINION
A pejorative term for doctrines and opinions that are incompatible with JWs beliefs.
(See: *OPINIONS OF MAN; INFALLIBLE*)

HUMAN RIGHTS
Awake! 1998 11/22 called for Human Rights in its featured article "Will There Ever Be Human Rights For All?" This article was published after a parliamentary report in France denied that JWs are a legitimate religion.

Awake! 1999 1/8 called for "religious freedom" after French authorities imposed a $50 million tax on the sect.

The Governing Body deny human rights to JWs by their policy whereby elders hold closed judicial hearings in which the investigators are also the judges and transcripts of proceedings are prohibited.

Human rights have also been denied to thousands of JWs children who were sexually abused or molested by sect members, but no action taken, because:

- The abuse was not witnessed by two people;
- Police involvement would bring negative publicity on "Jehovah's organization";
- Gossiping and slander are disfellowshipping offenses which means abused youngsters or their parents could not even warn other members of the congregation.
- Armageddon is imminent, therefore problems within the congregation can often left to God to solve — the counsel given is "wait on Jehovah".

JWs are denied "religious freedom" in the sense that open disagreement with official doctrine results in disfellowshipping. And yet the sect has made false predictions for dozens of dates and thousands of changes to its so-called "Bible truth". This means that errors have been plentiful but freedom to expose them absent.

HUMILITY
JWs leaders often call for "humility" which implies obedience to their leadership. Followers who doubt the doctrines are told they "lack humility".

The frequency of the words "humility" and "humble" on *Watchtower Library* (2007) reveals this as an important theme:

- humility 2292
- humble 2901

Followers who ask awkward questions are described with antonyms of "humility" such as "puffed up", "disloyal", "lacking humility", "right in his own eyes", "thinks too much of himself", "conceited", "wise in his own conceits", "proud", "rebellious". If they leave the sect they become "proud apostates".

Calls for humility tend to be more frequent when prophecies fail. In claiming that all their doctrines originate from God, while endlessly getting them wrong and revising them, JWs leaders "use God's name in vain" and clearly "lack humility". (II Timothy 3:5)

HUNGARY
Publishers and Memorial attendance in Hungary and their ratio to the population:

	Peak	Ratio 1 to	Memorial	Ratio 1 to
1990	10,647	1,032	21,106	521
1995	16,907	605	37,536	273
2000	21,253	472	41,865	240
2005	22,085	457	41,375	244
2010	23,850	419	44,412	225
2013	23,017	431	39,899	249
2015	22,582	436	39,727	248
2018	21,412	452	36,677	264

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2019	21,060	464	38,000	257
2020	20,626	474	36,700	266
2021	20,793	468	43,500	223
2022	20,959	462	39,452	246
2023	21,177	453	39,000	246
2024	21,401	449	38,600	249
2025	21,308	448	37,100	257

HUNGER
To JWs the term "hunger" refers to a desire for "spiritual food" i.e. information about God and the Bible.

JWs were told in 1984 they "hunger no more". (w1984 9/15 20) Subsequent changes in many doctrines and prophecies suggest that JWs did, after all, hunger.

HUSKS
"Husks" are doctrines of conventional Christianity distinguished from JWs who have "God's message of truth":

> There are millions of persons on earth who have hungered and do hunger for something better than the **"husks"** upon which they have been fed in the Babylonish systems called "churches". Since the coming of the Lord to the temple Jehovah's witnesses have been privileged to carry to these hungry ones God's message of truth, and those who have been fed upon it have no occasion to ever hunger and thirst… (Riches 1936, 330)

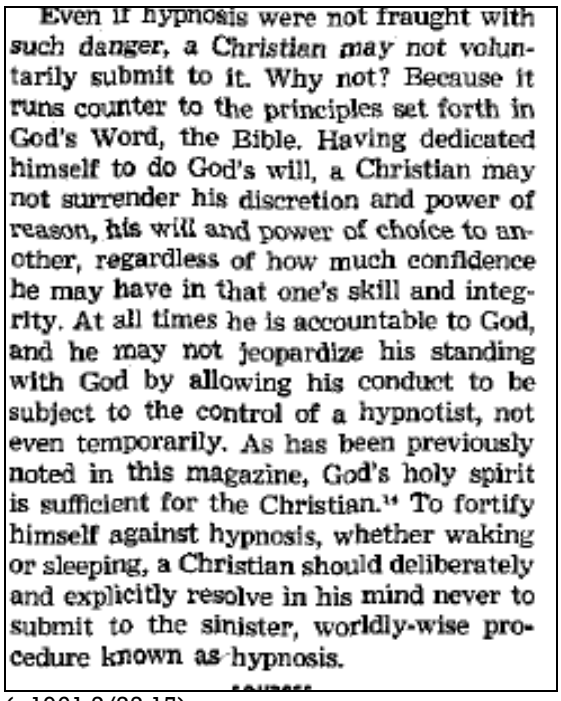
HYMN-BOOKS LIST
Hymn-books of the Russellites:
- *Songs of the Bride* (1879)
- *Poems and Hymns of the Millennial Dawn* (1890)
- *Zion's Glad Songs of the Morning* (1896)
- *Zion's Glad Songs for all Christian Gatherings* (1900)
- *Hymns of the Millennial Dawn* (1905) [published with and without music]
- *Zion's Glad Songs* (1907)
- *Zion's Glad Songs for all Christian Gatherings* (1908)
- *Hymns of the Millennial Dawn* (1909)
- *Hymns of the Millennial Dawn* (1915)
- *Angelophone Hymns* (1916)
- *Hymns of the Millennial Dawn* (1916) [published with and without music]
- *Kingdom Hymns* (1925)

HYMNS
JWs call their equivalent of hymns "songs" (or "spiritual songs") and their hymn-books "song books".

Russellites employed the standard term "hymns" and published their first hymn-book in 1879 which reproduced hymns from four other books. Subsequent Russellite hymn-books included hymns written by members of the cult. They continued, however, to also sing some of the hymns sung in churches.

JWs stopped using the term "hymns" in Rutherford's time. They reportedly also ceased to sing at meetings in the 1930s. Singing was reintroduced after Rutherford's death.
(See: *SONGBOOKS*)

HYPNOTISM
JWs oppose hypnotism because a person's mind is "our greatest possession" and therefore not "to be given up or subjected entirely to another." (wr1900 5/1 2629)


Even if hypnosis were not fraught with such danger, a Christian may not voluntarily submit to it. Why not? Because it runs counter to the principles set forth in God's Word, the Bible. Having dedicated himself to do God's will, a Christian may not surrender his discretion and power of reason, his will and power of choice to another, regardless of how much confidence he may have in that one's skill and integrity. At all times he is accountable to God, and he may not jeopardize his standing with God by allowing his conduct to be subject to the control of a hypnotist, not even temporarily. As has been previously noted in this magazine, God's holy spirit is sufficient for the Christian.[14] To fortify himself against hypnosis, whether waking or sleeping, a Christian should deliberately and explicitly resolve in his mind never to submit to the sinister, worldly-wise procedure known as hypnosis.

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HYPOCRISY
Hypocrisy occurs when a person insists on others following ethical standards that he himself disobeys. It is claiming to be in a moral sense what one is not and amounts to living by double standards.

JWs leaders imply they are free from hypocrisy. They often use the phrase "hypocrites of Christendom." (w1983 9/15 15) by which they mean the clergy and sometimes all churchgoers. (The Nations Shall Know… 1971, 264, 277)

Christian ministers who refuse to accept WTS publications because these criticize the churches are considered to be "hypocrites".

Yet JWs leaders order their own followers to reject publications from other religions.

Here are a few things JWs leaders condemn in others yet do themselves:

> They have practiced religion and used it as a means of extracting great amounts of money from poor and honest people. (Intolerance 1933, 40) [See: *DONATIONS*]

> They tell the people not to study the Bible but to hear what the priests tell them. (Intolerance 1933, 40) [See: *BIBLE*]

> In the past the people have received no light on the Scriptures from the churches… (Intolerance 1933, 51) [See: *BIBLE*]

> The leaders have frightened the sincere ones into believing that if they leave the church organizations it will be disastrous for them. (Righteous Ruler 1934, 33) [See: *DEFECTION; CONTROL*]

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