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KAMWANA, ELLIOT KENAN (1872-1956)
A Tonga tribesman from Livingstonia, Nyasaland (Malawi), who introduced Russellism into the country.

European missionaries shrank from fast mass-conversion and admitted Africans to church membership after long schooling and apprenticeships. Kamwana in contrast baptized 10,000 Africans into Russellism without much preparation in open air meetings in 1908-1909

Kamwana was educated at the Bandawe Mission of the Free Church of Scotland in northern Nyasaland. He led a revival in northern Nyasaland from 1899-1903 at which time (in 1900) he met Joseph Booth, an independent Baptist missionary working toward African equality and independence from White rule. Booth baptized Kamwana in 1902. In 1904 Kamwana worked in a hospital near Johannesburg and preached to Malawians who worked in the mines.

In 1906 Booth accepted the doctrines of Charles T. Russell during a visit to America. Returning to Africa, Booth invited Kamwana into his Cape Town home and taught him and six other Malawians the new faith for six months.

Russell's prophecies foretold worldwide revolution that would overthrow all religions, governments and institutions of Christendom in 1914-1915 and replace them with God's Kingdom ruling from Jerusalem. This was near enough to African equality with Whites as sought by Booth and Kamwana to be appealing.

In 1908 Kamwana returned to Nyasaland. Capitalizing on general discontent over taxes, forced recruitment for work, and restrictions on Africans acquiring positions of responsibility in the Free Church, he preached the new age of October 1914 when Whites would leave and Africans govern themselves. Large, revival-type meetings were accompanied by "obscene dances" and sexual immorality.

British authorities became alarmed and exiled Kamwana to South Africa in 1909. The Watch Tower movement that Kamwana started lost contact with Russell's Watchtower Society and dispersed to Tanganyika, Rhodesia and the Congo.

Kamwana moved to Mozambique where he preached until 1914 when the Portuguese sent him back to Nyasaland. Kamwana believed the outbreak of war in Europe was fulfilling his predictions. Kamwana corresponded with John Chilembwe (another of Booth's converts) who asked him to join a planned uprising in 1915. Kamwana refused (as did most Watch Tower adherents) but opposed British mobilization of the Tonga into the army and predicted the Whites would leave Nyasaland in 1915. Therefore he was exiled to the Seychelles and Mauritius.

The African Watch Tower movement, called "Kitawala", flourished despite the millennium failing to eventuate in 1915. New dates for the end of European rule were set and Kitawala remained a religious means of political expression. Its members often purchased WTS literature and even claimed to represent the WTS. This led to confusion when Rutherford's "Jehovah's witnesses" arrived in the early 1930s.

The Copperbelt riots of 1935 by Kitawalans brought JWs under suspicion and the importing and sale of their literature was banned in Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland until 1946.

Kamwana returned to Nyasaland from his exile in 1937 and led a segment of the Kitawala movement until his death.

KAPLAN, W.
The author of *State and Salvation* (1989) which documents the JWs fight for civil rights in Canada and the USA during WWII.

KAZAKHSTAN
Publishers and Memorial attendance in Kazakhstan and their ratio to the population:

	Peak	Ratio	Memorial	Ratio
2000	13,280	1,126	33,400	448
2005	14,716	1,010	30,700	485
2010	17,744	911	32,700	494
2013	17,502	966	30,900	547
2015	17,797	987	31,400	559
2018	17,507	1,059	30,809	602
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2019	17,303	1,072	30,500	608
2020	17,189	1,092	29,324	640
2021	17,384	1,093	35,000	542
2022	17,124	1,122	30,300	633
2023	17,100	1,164	31,006	642

2024	17,093	1,178	29,488	683
2025	17,199	1,185	28,893	706

KEITH, BENJAMIN W
An Adventist of the Advent Christian Church and N.H. Barbour's assistant in publishing *The Herald*.

After Barbour's predictions of Christ's second coming for 1873-1875 failed, Keith noticed that Wilson's *Diaglott* (an interlinear New Testament in which the Greek alternates with the English) translates the Greek word "parousia" as "presence".

Keith's discovery resulted in the doctrine that Christ's invisible "second presence" began in 1874 which *The Watchtower* taught until 1930. In 1930 Rutherford transferred Christ's return and invisible second presence to 1914.

The predictions for 1873-1975, however, had been for the second "**coming**" of Christ. The Greek word in Bible verses about Christ's return is usually "erchomai" meaning "coming" rather than "parousia".

This still today creates confusion among JWs because their publications speak of Christ's "coming" as a future event at Armageddon but also place it in 1914. (See: *RETURN OF CHRIST*)

Keith joined Russell when Russell left Barbour's sect in 1879, but joined Paton after the Russell/Paton split in 1882.

KELLY, RICHARD E. (1943-)
A JW for 16 years including two years of service at Brooklyn Headquarters.

Kelly's parents became JWs in Los Angeles when he was 4 and insulated him from the outside world believing it would shortly be destroyed at Armageddon. After graduating from high school Kelly became a "pioneer" and in 1962 volunteered for service at Brooklyn.

He left JWs in 1965 and worked for a Michigan manufacturing company for 33 years including 17 years as its president.

After that he authored *Growing Up in Mama's Club: A Childhood Perspective of Jehovah's Witnesses* (2007) and *The Ghosts from Mama's Club* (2012). He describes his confusion growing up among JWs and his eventual triumph over indoctrination.

Kelly has a website "Watchtower Watch" — http://watchtower.com/

KENNEDY, SHARON MCDANIEL (1942-2001)
The author of an account about her life as a JW, submitted for the Internet by her cousin.

Sharon's uncle and his wife were baptized in 1950 followed by their children and others in the extended family. Sharon was baptized in 1954, and her brother in 1958.

About forty years later the process went in reverse with family-members progressively leaving JWs.

In 1961 Sharon married David Kennedy:

> Our second son, Sean, was every Witness mother's dream son. After graduating from High School in 1982, he became a regular pioneer and was used on many assembly programs, and "progressed beautifully according to Witness teachings". In 1984 he was invited to join the Bethel family at Watchtower Farm, in Wallkill, New York. He truly enjoyed the two years he spent as part of the Bethel Family…

In 1993 David began to study the history of JWs and the Bible itself to "get answers for nagging questions", but after one year of research he stopped attending meetings.

Sharon talked about the matter with her cousin who was married to an elder but also researching "the truth":

> She tells me now how she would cry and rage, and be so angry to realize how she had been so fooled for most of her life, since she was five years old. She felt she had wasted her entire life, and had raised her four children to believe something that was all a lie. It seemed a terrible waste of many lives to her.

Sharon read Raymond Franz's *Crisis of Conscience* and *The Search For Christian Freedom*, and Carl Jonnson's *The Sign of the Last Days, When?* :

> The irrefutable documentation presented in these books completely shattered my belief in the system of Jehovah's Witnesses and their entire organization…

In February 1999 the elders asked David and Sharon to come to a judicial hearing but both declined. Sharon also refused to write a letter declaring she was no longer a JW:

> Since writing a letter of that sort would label me the same as being disfellowshipped, I would not agree to that. I have daughters-in-law that have families I still wanted to be able to

fellowship with when visiting my sons, so I had no desire to be cut off…

www.towerwatch.com/Testimonies/sharon_kennedy.htm
home.earthlink.net/~herblst/sharon.htm

KENYA
Publishers and Memorial attendance in Kenya and their ratio to the population:

	Peak	Ratio 1 to	Memorial	Ratio 1 t0
1970	947	11,094		
1975	1,709	7,899		
1980	2,266	6,973	6,936	2,278
1985	3,570	5,532	10,971	2,708
1990	5,600	4,357	16,138	1,512
1995	10,037	2,640	29,924	885
2000	15,018	1,998	41,900	717
2005	20,286	1,601	52,200	623
2010	24,515	1,575	57,500	671
2013	26,060	1,698	60,200	735
2015	28,005	1,687	66,800	707
2018	29,860	1,716	73,103	701
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2019	28,681	1,833	78,300	671
2020	27,785	1,935	62,700	857
2021	27,821	1,976	78,200	703
2022	28,243	1,990	68,600	820
2023	29,572	1,863	70,200	785
2024	31,492	1,665	80,400	652
2025	33,704	1,582	80,700	661

KEYS OF HEAVEN (1932)
A booklet written by Rutherford.

KIMBANGU MOVEMENT
A millenarian movement in the Lower Congo in the 1920s which borrowed doctrines and techniques from Russellism.

KINDS
See: *SPECIES*

KING OF THE NORTH (Daniel 11:40-45)
Russell taught that Daniel 11:36-45 prophesied about three Kings:

- The "King of the North" was England;
- The "King of the South" was Egypt;
- The pronoun "he" referred to Napoleon. (Studies III, 39-48)

Russell claimed that this, "is so clearly portrayed by the prophetic statement". (p.40)

During the 1920s Rutherford continued to apply Daniel 11:40-44 to Napoleon's 1798 attack on Egypt. (Our Lord's Return 1929, 25)

This alleged fulfillment was evidence of Christ's return in 1874 which the clergy rejected because they were dumb dogs, ignorant, asleep and greedy. (pp 19, 21)

Rutherford changed the interpretation in 1941 and interpreted the King of the North (in Daniel 11:36-45) as Germany together with Germany's main allies:

> Today (1941) "the King of the north" is easily identified as being represented in the so called "Axis powers" composed of Greater Germany, Italy, at the Roman Catholic Hierarchy with their chief offices at Vatican City. (w1941 9/15 278)

> Have in mind now that "the king of the north" is that monstrosity, that is, the dictatorial, totalitarian combine, made up of Nazis, Fascists and the Roman Catholic Hierarchy… (w1941 11/1 326)

> This scripture text exactly describes "the king of the north", composed of Nazis, Fascists and the Hierarchy combine. (w1941 11/15 339)

Daniel 11:41-42, where the king of the north invades Israel, supposedly referred to the Nazi suppression of WTS publications. (Yearbook 1942 Text December 20) And Egypt (Daniel 11:42) meant "the world of religion, politics, commerce and militarism…" (w1941 12/1 360) And the "king of the south" was the British Commonwealth of Nations and other nations allied with it.

Rutherford claimed Daniel 11:40 occurred in 1939 with the Nazi invasion of Poland and assured his readers that:

> Now **the Lord reveals to his people** the meaning of Daniel's prophecy… **The Lord has revealed** to his people the identity of the two "kings" that are now contending for world domination… **The Lord now makes known** what the two "kings" will be doing as the final end approaches… (w1941 12/1 355)

Note, it was all "revealed" by "the Lord". So who would win World War II?

> Nowhere in prophecy does it appear that "the king of the north", that is, the "Axis powers", shall be victorious in the present war between the two "kings", nor does the prophecy indicate that "the king of the south" will suffer defeat at the hands of "the king of the north". "The king of the south" claims to be fighting for the survival of democracies. "The king of the south" suffers complete defeat so far as its announced purpose is concerned, and that defeat is not in battle with "the king of the north" by force of

> arms, but in this: All nations forming "the king of the south" become arbitrary and totalitarian; and the facts show that it is now practically accomplished. All these nations becoming totalitarian, the liberties of the people completely disappear, and the people are regimented and controlled in all matters. (w1941 12/15 372)

The New World (1942) similarly predicted a merging of Allied and Nazi interests, and the Allies going totalitarian:

> …all nations go totalitarian before the FINAL END, and the interests of "the kings of the north" and "the king of the south" merge together, with religion on top as the binding tie. (The New World 1942, 344)

The New World book teaches that:

- Japan is part of the king of the north. (p.273)
- Daniel 11:40 refers to Hitler's Blitzkrieg of 1939-1940. (p.286; Also *The Kingdom is at Hand* 1944, 311)
- The interests of the Nazi "king" and the British king of the South would merge into a federation of the world. (pp 290, 305, 344)

After World War II the totalitarian rulers will announce "Peace and safety" and try to wipe out "all advocates of the Theocratic Government" i.e. JWs. This brings on:

> The great and final fight … the battle of Armageddon… (w1941 12/15 375-376)

Note the repeated implication that Nazi Germany would continue until Armageddon.

All of these predictions were false prophecies although "**revealed**" by "**the Lord**".

Revised interpretation

In 1958 the WTS published a new interpretation probably authored by F.W. Franz. The king of the north of Daniel 11:40-45 was now the Communist powers and the king of the south America and Britain:

> But who are these kings in our day? The facts of history in fulfillment of this reliable prophecy show the ruling factors of totalitarianism, particularly world communism, to be the final "king of the north" and the ruling factors of democracy, particularly the Anglo-American combine, as the last "king of the south."—Dan. 11:1-35) (w1969 5/15 305)

The new story appeared in detail in *Your Will be Done on Earth* (1958) Both "kings", Franz predicted, would survive until Armageddon. The growth of JWs along with their preaching will irritate the Communist nations into attacking JWs which in turn provokes God's intervention i.e. Armageddon. (p.304)

Neither of the two kings will destroy the other:

> On the contrary, both will meet their end at Jehovah's appointed time—the battle of Armageddon. (w1969 5/15 307)

The fulfillment was in this way transferred from Nazi Germany to the Soviet Union. Again it all turned out false when Communism fell and the Soviet Union split up around 1990.

Therefore the Governing Body authored *Pay Attention to Daniel's Prophecy* (1999) which leaves open the identity of the King of the North in Daniel 11:40-45 (p.281). And w2003 6/1 discourages speculation about it.

A chart (on p.284 of the book) identifies the "King of the South" as Anglo America but gives the 20th century "King of the North" four separate identities as follows:

	King of the North	King of the South
Daniel 11:27-30a	German Empire WWI	Anglo America
Daniel 11:30b, 31	Third Reich WWII	"
Daniel 11:32-43	Post WWII Communist bloc	"
Daniel 11:44, 45	Yet to rise	"

This revisionist nonsense, which the JWs leaders have done to scores of other prophecies and doctrines, shows how easy it is for false prophets to make the Bible mean anything they want. It is why critics often compare the Bible to "a fiddle on which any tune can be played." The JWs leaders are among the chief culprits responsible for this proverb.

KING, ROBERT

Robert King lives in Michigan with his wife and was a JW for almost 30 years including years as an elder and pioneer.

He was disfellowshipped in 2005 upon publishing a 500-page book *Jehovah Himself Has Become King—Announcing Jehovah's Judgments*.

King's website in 2005 reported 15,000 copies sold. His book: "expounds upon biblical eschatology; presenting fresh insights from the unique perspective of Jehovah's Witnesses."

The book connects Bible prophecy to the "immediate future", to "the presently looming

series of potential global catastrophes", and applies Bible prophecies about Israel to JWs in a different way than the Governing Body does. He also criticizes the belief in the 1914 Kingdom and WTS's involvement with the U.N. in the 1990s.

KINGDOM

In Christianity the "kingdom of God" began with the ministry of Jesus. It was a past event, already "good **news**" when Jesus preached. (Matthew 3:2; 12:28; John 1:49; Colossians 1:15-20; I Timothy 1:17; 6:15-16; I Peter 3:22)

JWs, however, believe:

> As has often been proved Scripturally in the columns of The Watchtower, the heavenly kingdom of Christ as King was established in 1914 CE. (w1966 7/15 447)

> [19]Evidences are now conclusive that Jesus Christ was enthroned in heaven in 1914 C.E. and that he accompanied Jehovah to his temple in 1918 C.E., when judgment began with the house of God. (w1967 10/1 590)

Russell's Kingdom of God —1878

Russell taught the Kingdom of God is in two parts or phases.

An invisible phase was set up in Heaven in April 1878 at which time Jesus became king of the Earth.

The second phase would be earthly and commence at Jerusalem. Shortly before 1914 the Jews would return to Israel and the ancient biblical patriarchs, prophets and heroes would return from the dead as men of flesh and blood and form an earthly kingdom in Jerusalem. (Studies I, 275-295; II, 101, 235, 239; III, 150-153, 234-240, 278, 301; IV, 621; w1880 April p.88; w1880 May pp 115-116; w1890 July p.1233)

The words "establishment of the Kingdom" and "setting up of the Kingdom" referred to the whole process from Christ becoming king in 1878 to the re-appearance of the Old Testament heroes in Israel and all nations submitting to their new government in Jerusalem. (Studies IV, 624-629) Jerusalem would then be the capital city of the world.

Until 1904 Russell taught that all this would be accomplished by 1914.

In 1904 Russell changed the timing so that the Kingdom would be fully set up "immediately after" 1914 — which his followers understood to mean 1915. (See: *GENTILE TIMES; NINETEEN FIFTEEN*)

Although slightly delayed to 1915, the completion of the "setting up" or "establishment of" the Kingdom still referred to resurrected Israelites ruling from Jerusalem. (Convention Report 1913, 45, 215, 235, 236, 237, 238, 309, 321, etc)

In October 1914 Russell argued that the (earthly) Kingdom would be set up during the storm of Armageddon into which the Great War would merge. (w1914 10/1 5554)

When 1914 passed Russell believed that something did happen in the Middle East but wartime conditions obscured news of it.

> We believe that the time for the setting up of the Kingdom was on September 21, 1914… The due time for the 'wrath' was on September 21. (w1915 2/15 54)

Full-establishment extended to 1925

After World War I ended without any resurrected ancient "worthies" ruling the world Rutherford taught that the "full establishment of the Messianic kingdom" was yet future. (The Harp of God 1921, 254, 255) It would occur in 1925 with the resurrection of the Old Testament "worthies". During the early 1920s Rutherford's followers still preached the invisible Kingdom of 1878 and predicted the visible earthly phase for 1925:

> Lo, our king is here, and the year 1925 marks the date when all shall see His mighty power demonstrated in the resurrection of the ancient worthies, and the time when "millions now living will never die." (g1922 3/1 350)

Rutherford's Kingdom of God —1914

In 1925 Rutherford discarded the 1878 Kingdom and the word "established" now applied to a new invisible Kingdom allegedly set up in heaven in 1914:

> …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)
> [See also: *New Heavens And a New Earth* 1953, 225; w1984 2/1 23; 5/1 7]

Although the cult did not recognize or preach the 1914 Kingdom until 1925 the JWs leaders often claim or imply that the Kingdom was faithfully proclaimed during World War I! (e.g. Paradise Restored To Mankind By Theocracy 1975, 37, 278; w1972 11/1 656; Yearbook 1972 260)

w1970 115 686 for example says:

> Was it the dispersed natural Jews with their Zionist hopes of a homeland for the

> Jews in Palestine who took up preaching the good news of God's Messianic kingdom? No, but the faithful disciples of Jesus Christ did so. These disciples, anointed with God's spirit, were the ones who calculated from the Bible's timetable that the Gentile Times were to end in early autumn of 1914 C.E. The visible proof that the Gentile Times ended at that time came before the notice of all the world from 1914 onward. For them this proof meant that God's Messianic kingdom had been established in the heavens by the enthronement up there of the Messiah, Jesus.

This misinformation was started by Rutherford:

> The faithful ones ... in the autumn season of that year … at once saw...that Christ … had assumed his great office and power as King. (w1931 12/1 357)

> Prior to 1918 … Christendom had an opportunity to know about the kingdom. (Preparation 1933, 132)

> That morning [in 1922] all those in attendance went form house to house announcing the establishment of God's Kingdom. (Yearbook 1984, 46)

Was the League the Kingdom's substitute?

JWs leaders claim that Christendom and all nations should have submitted to the invisible Kingdom in 1914 or at the latest by 1919. They claim that "religion" and the nations rejected the Kingdom and colluded in a worldwide conspiracy to set up the League of Nations to substitute for the Kingdom, producing a Satanic imitation of it:

> … the clergy, representing "Christendom" … entered into a confederacy with the Devil's organization, substituting the Devil's makeshift for and in place of the kingdom of heaven under Christ Jesus… "Christendom" ignored the warning given by God's people at the end of the World War, and turned away from Christ Jesus the King and made an alliance with the Devil… (w1942 1/15 6)

> The very next month Jehovah's witnesses, as represented by the president of the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, began preaching the startling message, "The World Has Ended—Millions Now Living May Never Die." Early in the following month prominent witnesses of Jehovah began to be **arrested in America for preaching God's kingdom as the one and only hope for all mankind**, and in the course of months the sentencing of them to long imprisonment followed. The issue was then plainly before the American churches of Christendom: God's kingdom or the League of Nations—which should professing Christians choose? (w1958 10/15 630)

> The League of Nations and its successor, the United Nations, represent an international conspiracy against God's kingdom, which was born in the heavens in 1914… This international organization for peace and security is a deceptive counterfeit for God's kingdom…
> (Babylon the Great Has Fallen 1963, 594)

> ... "the times of the Gentiles" or "the appointed times of the nations" had ended in the autumn of 1914. Yes, also, that then the glorified Jesus Christ had begun to reign in the heavens as the Greater Hezekiah... But did the clergymen of Christendom come out in support of Jehovah's established kingdom by Christ? No!
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> [8] In 1919 the clergy of Christendom offered to serve as stewards of the proposed League of Nations. But that League failed completely in 1939. It has now been succeeded by the revised peace-keeping agency, the United Nations. In stark contrast with those clergymen, the remnant of spiritual Israelites continue to support the established kingdom of God by Christ. (w1981 10/1 27

The Russellites were supposedly different to the clergy because:

> Rather they gave their allegiance to the real Kingdom of God… (w1985 2/1 12-13)

How did Russellism give allegiance to "the real Kingdom" if they didn't know about it until 1925?

And how were the nations supposed to submit to the Kingdom? Neither the Russellites nor resurrected ancient "worthies" were ready to take over the functions of the world's national governments. Not in the least.

Rutherford could not even rule his own ranks — about 80% of his original followers deserted his cult in the 1920s because of his false predictions! When the JWs leaders repetitiously condemn every other religion for a hundred years for not submitting to a kingdom that no one knew about, they act like:

> False prophets ... bold and willful ... like irrational animals ... slander what they do not understand ... [and] speak bombastic nonsense ... (II Peter 2:1, 10, 12, 18 NRSV)

Furthermore, the 1914 invisible Kingdom is a fantasy, a myth like the 1878 invisible Kingdom. JWs calculate 1914 by adding 2520 years to 607 BCE when, they claim, Jerusalem and its temple were destroyed by the army of Babylon. 607 BCE, however, has no historical foundation and modern reference works give 586 BCE for Jerusalem's desolation. (See: From Jerusalem To Babylon: 586 BCE or 607 BCE? *Investigator Magazine* #186, March 2019)

Ray Franz, a Governing Body member and editor of *Aid To Bible Understanding,* wanted the error corrected i.e. 607 BCE changed to 586 BCE. (See also: *GENTILE TIMES*) Instead, in 1981, the Governing Body excommunicated him and inserted the 1914 date inside the front cover of every *AWAKE!* edition and called the prophecies built upon 1914 "the Creator's promise".

In 1995, however, they discarded the "Creator's promise" of a global, post-Armageddon paradise to come within the lifetime of the generation of 1914. JWs thus made God a promise-breaking liar! (See: *GENERATION*)

The failure of the "Creator's promise" confirmed the non-reality of the 1914 Kingdom which nevertheless remains an official JWs doctrine.

The Kingdom and the League of Nations

Not all "the clergy" described the League as "the political expression..." It occurred in the USA where the Federal Council of Churches represented many (but not all) Protestant denominations.

James L. Lancaster (1967) writes:

> American Protestant involvement in the struggle for the ratification of the Versailles Treaty was the culmination of a vigorous campaign waged during the Great War by many prominent churchmen to win general support for a league of nations. Those of liberal theological persuasion saw in Woodrow Wilson's vision for a new world order a moral issue comparable to the abolition of slavery or the prohibition of spirituous drink. ... the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America worked during 1917 and 1918 to stimulate both public and official acceptance of a world organization to ensure peace and to maintain the liberal principles advanced by the president as the basis for the American war effort.

The Watchtower in 1919 endorsed the League as positively as the Federal Council of Churches and for virtually the same reason — its goal "approximates in a small way that which God has foretold":

> We cannot but admire the high principles embodied in the League of Nations, formulated undoubtedly by those who have no knowledge of the great plan of God. This fact makes all the more wonderful the ideals which they express. For instance, it has been made plain by President Wilson and the advocates of his ideas that the proposed League of Nations is more than merely a league to enforce peace… The President's idea seems to be that the League of Nations which he proposes should stand for world service rather than mere world regulation in the military sense, and that the very smallest of nations shall be participants in its very arrangement… Truly this is idealistic, and approximates in a small way that which God has foretold that he will bring about after this great time of trouble.
> (w1919 2/15 51)

The League in the 1920s and 1930s prevented some wars, reduced slavery and poverty, and promoted health services including vaccinations. Vaccinations is probably one reason why JWs leaders hate of the League — JWs until 1952 opposed vaccinations as being against God's law whereas the League promoted vaccinations.

However, the main reason for the doctrine of a world conspiracy against "God's kingdom" is that from 1914 to the 1930s the Watchtower cult was utterly refuted in all their prophecies and date-setting, and in hundreds of points of Bible interpretation. They therefore needed an idea with which to fight back, with which to vent their rage over their humiliation, and condemn their critics. The idea of a world conspiracy against them and the 1914 Kingdom fitted their needs — it glorified themselves, took the spotlight off their failed predictions, and accused and condemned everyone else.

The League of Nations promoted many biblical principles such as opposition to war. (Isaiah 2:4) And Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers..." (Matthew 5:9) People who do what is right from conscience without knowledge of God have, it seems, God's approval. (Romans 2:13-16) The League was therefore a great and noble effort to make the world a better place. If it is right for individuals to strive to bring improvements, then it is also right for organizations.

In 1987 *The Watchtower* expressed the accusation of a world conspiracy against JWs and their 1914 Kingdom as follows:

> [11] ... The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America hailed the proposal and said: "Such a League is not a mere

political expedient; it is rather the political expression of the Kingdom of God on earth." The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America hailed the proposal and said: "Such a League is not a mere political expedient; it is rather the political expression of the Kingdom of God on earth."

[12] Like the symbolic "scarlet-colored wild beast" of Revelation chapter 17, upon which the old harlot, "Babylon the Great," has seated herself, the League of Nations went into "the abyss" at the outbreak of World War II in 1939. This obliged its harlot rider to hop off. After the close of World War II in 1945, the United Nations was set up as the successor to the ill-fated League of Nations...Thus it was in 1945 that the symbolic "scarlet-colored wild beast" ascended "out of the abyss," and the symbolic harlot, "Babylon the Great," again climbed onto its back, where she shamelessly sits to this day...

[13] The United Nations is actually a worldly confederacy against Jehovah God and his dedicated Witnesses on earth. It is really a conspiracy, with the worldly nations getting their heads together and scheming up what they may do against the visible organization of Jehovah God on earth. (w1987 9/1 20)

In all the repetitions of their anti League nonsense (hundreds of repetitions), the JWs leaders omit important points such as:

- *The Watchtower*'s endorsement of the League in 1919 was almost as positive as the Federal Council of Churches' endorsement.
- Rutherford predicted that the League of Nations would destroy "Babylon" and this would be the start of Armageddon. But the League never did that — Rutherford was a false prophet.
- The League, during its existence, prevented some wars, and reduced slavery, poverty and disease across the world, whereas JWs and their imagined 1914 Kingdom did nothing for the common good.
- The various JWs kingdoms — 1878 in Heaven, 1914/1915 in Israel, 1925 in Israel, and 1914 in Heaven — are fakes, refuted by theologians and historians.

(See also: *LEAGUE OF NATIONS; LEAGUE OF NATIONS SUCCESSES AND FAILURES*)

KINGDOM FARMS

Farms that are run in conjunction with WTS branch offices and supply them with food.

Kingdom Farm near Ithaca, New York State, supplied Brooklyn Bethel with food and was the site (from 1943 to 1961) of Gilead Missionary School.

The WTS obtained "Watchtower Farms" near Wallkill, New York State, in January 1963. By 1983 the place had seven printing factories.

KINGDOM HALL

Since 1935 the name of the venue where a JW congregation holds its meetings. (w1984 2/1 25)

A Kingdom Hall can be a rented building or rented room or a private home but is mostly a structure owned by the WTS. Larger kingdom halls seat up to 300 people.

In the 1980s the Governing Body introduced a quick-build program for building new kingdom halls in three days. This program distracted JWs from the false predictions of Armageddon for the 1970s, promoted renewed pride in "God's organization", and was described in WTS publications as "miracle", "God's hand", "God's spirit", "self-sacrificing love" and "Jehovah's blessing". (g1981 7/8 16-19)

The hall-building program was an effective way to promote the Organization!

KINGDOM INCREASE

A phrase referring to the growth in the number of people who submit to the 1914 Kingdom-rule vested in the Governing Body:

That government will rule supreme from heaven. It is the Kingdom which Jehovah's witnesses announce to all nations, and to it they declare their unqualified allegiance before all the world. His kingdom by Christ is bound to increase. The King Jesus Christ has already begun the gathering together of his earthly subjects of good will, and his mighty unseen angels are taking part with him in the gathering work. (Matt. 24:31; 25:31-33) No persecution, no base misrepresentation, no conspiracy by worldly powers can halt the increase of that kingdom and prevent a numberless multitude of devoted subjects from flocking to it as mankind's rightful ruler and only hope…

We are assured that of the Kingdom's increase there will be no end. So, as we push ahead with the work Jehovah commissions us to do in these "last days" of this world, the number of ministers of the good news of the Kingdom may be

> expected to increase in fulfillment of divine prophecy. (w1950 8/15 256)

The "increase" phrases in WTS publications on the *Watchtower Library* (2007) CD number:

- "Kingdom increase" 122
- "increase in publishers" 116
- "theocratic increase" 19

KINGDOM INTERESTS
A general term for all activities peculiar to and required of JWs such as door-to-door service, meeting attendance, and study of WTS publications.

KINGDOM INTERLINEAR, THE (1969)
The New Testament in Greek with the literal English between the lines. Prepared by the *New World Translation* committee (w1977 10/15 633) it is one of the few WTS books that other religions might find useful.

KINGDOM IS AT HAND, THE (1944)
A book reiterating major doctrines and prophecies but no longer teaching Rutherford's claim that Armageddon is only "months" away.

KINGDOM LIGHT
A phrase that refers to current interpretations:

> The years 1919 through 1931 were glorious years of shining forth of Kingdom light, with God's people casting off completely the remaining shackles of Babylonish doctrine, thinking and customs. (w1985 3/1 13)

KINGDOM MESSAGE
The content of what JWs preach door to door especially the soon-coming replacement of all governments by the 1914 Kingdom at Armageddon.

KINGDOM MINISTRY
Monthly brochure of four or eight pages with outlines for the weekly Service Meetings; various announcements; advice about door to door preaching; and the latest "Service Report".

First issued in 1917 as the *Bulletin*, renamed *Director* in 1935, *Informant* in 1936, *Kingdom Ministry* in 1957, *Our Kingdom Service* in 1976, *Our Kingdom Ministry* in 1982.

The contents of *Our Kingdom Ministry* for July 1996 (American edition) were:

p.1 **Fulfilling Our Vow Day After Day** — "Vow" here refers to preaching.
p.1 **Have You Tried Evening Witnessing?**
p.2 **Announcements**
The announcements include details about which publications to offer to the public during that month and new publications available.
p.2 **More Brothers Are Needed in the Pioneer Service.**
Encouragement to do door-to-door work fulltime.
p.2 **New Circuit Assembly Program —** Synopsis of speeches at the next Circuit Assembly.
p.3 **Service Meeting For July**
The titles of speeches to be given at the weekly Service Meeting that month, their length, and the WTS references the speakers should base them on.
p.3 **Congregation Book Study**
A list of the chapters and pages to be studied each week at the Book Study.
p.3 **April Service Report**
Statistics for the USA in April.
p.4 **Imitate Jehovah by Genuinely Caring for Others**
Advice about offering brochures to the public.
(See also: *MEETINGS*)

KINGDOM MINISTRY SCHOOL (1)
Until 2008 the Kingdom Ministry School was the first hour of the two-hour midweek meeting in JWs congregations. Publishers gave talks, five to fifteen minutes long, on topics previously assigned to them.

From January 2009 the midweek meeting incorporated the "Book Study" (renamed "Congregation Bible Study"), and the Kingdom Ministry School was reduced to 30 minutes and renamed "Theocratic Ministry School"

The Kingdom Ministry School was introduced by Knorr in 1943 so publishers could train for doorstep evangelism. The school was limited to males until 1959 because the Apostle Paul forbade women to teach men. This limitation was then overcome by having two or three "sisters" appear on the platform together. One "sister" would direct her sermon to another so that the audience is not directly addressed. The males in the audience are considered as listening without being directly taught.

The speakers in the School work on speech and presentation qualities such as fluency, loudness, clarity, introduction of Bible quotes, pausing, gestures, etc, and are counseled and graded by the "ministry school overseer" ("ministry school servant" prior to 1972).

All talks are based on WTS publications and students are told what publication and pages to consult.

KINGDOM MINISTRY SCHOOL (2)
Month-long refresher courses for overseers (Yearbook 1968, 54) — usually a few dozen attend — conducted at a branch office, kingdom hall or assembly hall. First introduced in 1958 (Yearbook 1975, 202) Later reduced to variable periods of 1 or 2 days up to a few weeks.

Bigger groups attended the Kingdom Ministry School at Kingdom Farm (New York). There, from 1961 to 1969, a total of 7,000 attended the month-long course.

The course teaches efficient running of congregations and also reiterates doctrinal material.

KINGDOM NEWS
Pamphlets of two pages until 1946 and four pages from 1973, published at various intervals to promote a special message, attract publicity, or stimulate the sect members into greater activity.

The first three, published in 1918, defended the proposition that the cult was being persecuted because they tell the truth:

- *Kingdom News No. 1 Religious Intolerance*
- *Kingdom News No. 2 The Finished Mystery And Why Suppressed*
- *Kingdom News No. 3 Two Great Battles Raging Fall Of Autocracy Certain*

In the 1930s came:
- *Kingdom News No. 4 Attempt To Wreck Garden Assembly The Facts* (1939)
- *Kingdom News No. 5. Can Religion Save The World From Disaster* (1939)

Dates of release of many *Kingdom News* pamphlets coincided with the anticipation of an immediate Armageddon — in 1918, 1940s, mid 1970s, and by 2000 CE — or with major defections of people out of the sect, apparently to help stem the outflow.

In the 1940s there were:
No. 5 Can Religion Save the World from Disaster? (1940)
No. 6 Time of Darkness (1940)

Kingdom News 16-18 and Armageddon
Kingdom News pamphlets were suspended after 1946 and restarted in 1973.

The 1973 pamphlet (No. 16) was announced as a "new work" along with the suggestion the new work would made world headlines. About 130 million copies of *Is Time Running Out For Mankind?* were circulated in about 150 countries. It emphasized that people who witnessed 1914 would live to see Armageddon.

Starting 1966 the WTS published regular statements that suggested Armageddon and the Millennium would come in the mid 1970s.

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JWs also predicted, by interpreting the "hailstones" mentioned in Revelation 16:21, that Armageddon would be preceded by a worldwide proclamation — a final "hard" message to announce that the "great tribulation" is starting. (See: *HAILSTONE STORM*)

Given the timing, it's probable that the 1973/1974 pamphlets were intended as the start of this final "hailstones" message.

No. 17, *Has Religion Betrayed God and Man* (1974) numbered about 150 million copies. Its distribution was probably the Governing Body's attempt to move the United Nations to destroy all religions — an event the sect predicted as leading into Armageddon:

> Very shortly now God will put it in the minds of the rulers of the earth to destroy completely what remains of the world empire of false religion, "Babylon the Great. (Watchtower 1969, October 1, p.584)

No. 16 and No. 17 may also have been intended as the "reports" or "tidings" (Daniel 11:44) which, according to official JWs prophecy, would issue from God through their Organization to stir the Communist world to attack JWs and ignite Armageddon. (See: *REPORTS*)

After 1975

In 1976 an imminent Armageddon looked unlikely and the world's response to the pamphlets was dismissive — there was no worldwide reaction. The Governing Body

realized the "hailstones" work was not yet, and therefore introduced a softer message into subsequent editions.

Kingdom News brochures published after 1976 functioned to stimulate enthusiasm and anticipation while the Organization recovered from membership losses. Free distribution is easier than preaching and selling publications, therefore the *Kingdom News* distributions kept many marginal JWs active and thus reduced membership loss.

What the Bible really teaches

Kingdom News No. 37 in 2007 *The End of False Religion is Near!* echoed No. 17 in 1974. The Australian distribution alone totaled 3,230,000:

> The objective of such campaigns is to help honest-hearted ones learn **what the Bible really teaches**. (Our Kingdom Ministry 2007 September, p.1)
>
> Such claims are made regularly but are ironic — if JWs know what "the Bible really teaches" why don't they tell us instead of publishing interpretations that they keep on changing!

Kingdom News list

- 1918 *Kingdom News No. 1, Religious Intolerance*
- 1918 *Kingdom News No. 2, The Finished Mystery*
- 1918 *Kingdom News No. 3, Two Great Battles Raging*
- 1939 *Kingdom News No. 4, Attempt to Wreck Garden Assembly*
- 1939 *Kingdom News No. 5, Can Religion Save the World From Disaster?*
- 1940 *Kingdom News No. 6, Time of Darkness - Isaiah 60:2*
- 1940 *Kingdom News No. 6 (London Version), Which Will Give You Freedom — Religion or Christianity?*
- 1940 *Kingdom News No. 7, Do You Condemn Or Wink at Unspeakable Crimes?*
- 1941 *Kingdom News No. 8, If the Bill Becomes Law*
- 1941 *Kingdom News No. 9, Victories in Your Defense*
- 1941 *Kingdom News No. 9 (London Version), Where Does the Church of Scotland Stand?*
- 1942 *Kingdom News No. 10, Life In the New Earth Under New Heavens*
- 1942 *Kingdom News No. 11, The People Have a Right to Good News Now*
- 1943 *Kingdom News No. 12, The Last War Wins the Peace Eternal*
- 1944 *Kingdom News No. 13, Education For Life In the New World*
- 1944 *Kingdom News No. 14, Overcoming Fear of What Is Coming on Earth*
- 1946 *Kingdom News No. 15, World Conspiracy Against the Truth*
- 1973 *Kingdom News No. 16, Is Time Running Out for Mankind?*
- 1973 *Kingdom News No. 17, Has Religion Betrayed God and Man?*
- 1974 *Kingdom News No. 18, Government By God - Are You For It Or Against It?*
- 1974 *Kingdom News No. 19, Is This All There Is to Life?*
- 1975 *Kingdom News No. 20, Would You Welcome Some Good News*
- 1975 *Kingdom News No. 21, Your future - Shaky Or Secure?*
- 1976 *Kingdom News No. 22, How Crime and Violence Will Be Stopped*
- 1976 *Kingdom News No. 23, Why So Much Suffering If God Cares?*
- 1977 *Kingdom News No. 24, The Family - Can It Survive?*
- 1978 *Kingdom News No. 25, Why Are We Here?*
- 1978 *Kingdom News No. 26, Relief From Pressure - Is It Possible?*
- 1979 *Kingdom News No. 27, What Has Happened to Love?*
- 1980 *Kingdom News No. 28, Hope For Ending Inflation, Sickness, Crime, War*
- 1981 *Kingdom News No. 29, Is a Happy Life Really Possible?*
- 1981 *Kingdom News No. 30, Is Planet Earth Near the Brink?*
- 1982 *Kingdom News No. 31, Are We Nearing Armageddon?*
- 1983 *Kingdom News No. 32, A United, Happy Family - What Is the Key?*
- 1985 *Kingdom News No. 33, Life How Did It Get Here?*
- 1995 *Kingdom News No. 34, Why Is Life So Full of Problems?*
- 1997 *Kingdom News No. 35, Will All People Ever Love One Another?*
- 2000 *Kingdom News No. 36, The New Millennium—What Does The Future Hold for You?*
- 2007 *Kingdom News No. 37, The End of False Religion is Near!*

KINGDOM OF GOD IS NIGH, THE (1944)

Booklet about the "nighness of God's rule over the earth". (p.5) The 1914 Kingdom is a "Theocratic Government". (pp 7, 15) The end is "approaching", "nigh" and "soon". The time is "short" and "The time of the end is running out." (p.26)

Meanwhile the Witnesses must preach, but: "It is not done with any fanatical idea of converting the world." (p.26)

KINGDOM PREACHING
A phrase referring to the door-to-door work. By "kingdom" is meant the 1914 kingdom and its alleged exercise of power through the Governing Body and the WTS.

The JWs understand the prophecy of Jesus in Matthew 24 as a "composite sign that marks the time of Jesus' second…presence" starting in 1914 and lasting one generation. (g 1993 3/22 6)

One sign of that "composite sign" is, "This good news of the kingdom will be preached in all the inhabited earth." (Matthew 24:14) Regarding this the WTS says:

What good news? The good news of Christ's Kingdom ruling from heaven, for that was the question put to Jesus that produced his prophecy of the composite sign of that event. It has been preached by Jehovah's Witnesses since 1914. (g1993 3/22 8)

Actually the "good news of Christ's Kingdom ruling from heaven" is NOT the "question put to Jesus" — see Matthew 24:3. Also until 1925 JWs preached a different kingdom — one set up in heaven in 1878 and therefore the claim, "It has been preached…since 1914" is mischievous. (See: *KINGDOM*)

Furthermore Jesus spoke of "**this** good news" not "**that** good news". In other words the "good news" to be preached was the same "good news" available in Jesus' time. A different and future "good news" of a kingdom in 1878 or 1914 or 1925 would have been referred to as "**that** good news of the kingdom will be preached…"

KINGDOM SERVICE
Former name (from 1976 to 1981) of the monthly meeting guide, *Our Kingdom Ministry*.

Also any work performed for the Organization, including door to door, is called "kingdom service".

KINGDOM PROCLAIMERS REPORT
A regular item in The Watchtower which gives accounts of converts to the WTS religion. It contains frequent value judgments and repeats of standard propaganda phrases such as "light of truth" and "Bible truth":

> What a joy to see sincere, honest hearted ones turn from the darkness of false religion to the light of truth that Jehovah God provides through the Scriptures. Bible truth truly has power and changes lives. (w1984 9/1 24)

KINGDOM SCHOOLS
Schools set up by the WTS in 1935-1943 for children expelled from government schools over the flag salute issue.

KINGDOM THE HOPE OF THE WORLD, THE (1932)
Booklet by Rutherford.

KINGDOM TRUTH
Any doctrine or statement promoted by the WTS.

"Kingdom truth" is one of numerous phrases that are regularly repeated to convince JWs by means of repetition that theirs is the true religion. For example the phrase occurs ten times on four pages in w1985 7/15 26-30 and 296 times on the *Watchtower Library* (2007) CD.

KINGS
The word "kings" subject to context may refer to the nations or their governments or to the 144,000 "kings" of God's Kingdom who will rule the Earth.

KIRIBATI
Publishers and Memorial attendance on Kiribati (an island republic in the central Pacific) and their ratio to the population:

	Peak	Ratio 1 to	Memorial	Ratio 1 to
1980	9	6,222	19	2,947
1985	16	3,990	88	725
1990	39	1,805	137	514
1995	77	1,014	252	310
2000	91	860	393	199
2005	75	1,044	266	294
2010	120	880	401	263
2013	158	646	386	264
2015	150	697	418	250
2018	150	789	557	212
	Ave.			
2019	124	952	438	269
2020	117	1,017	426	279
2021	100	1,210	353	343
2022	83	1,482	441	279
2023	97	1,268	433	284
2024	137	978	430	312
2025	145	938	390	349

KITAWALA
The African Watch Tower movement begun in 1907 by Joseph Booth and Elliot Kamwana with Russell's blessing and resulting in an uprising motivated in part by Russell's apocalyptic prophecies for 1915.

The African Watch Tower movement can be considered under four categories:

- Successors of Booth and Kamwana;
- Millenarian groups that used or reinterpreted Russell's ideas of the millennium, e.g. Kimbangu movement;
- Non-millenarian groups that adopted many Russellite ideas but excluding the imminent take-over by God's supernatural Kingdom, e.g. Chilembwe;
- Jehovah's Witnesses associated with the American parent body and the WTS.

Russell cut ties with the indigenous Watch Tower movement after the 1915 uprising.

Rotberg (1965) writes:

> The Watch Tower gospel remained popular. In its name, Africans baptized and held revivals, taunted chiefs, flaunted white authority, and preached what governments considered sedition. They offered a millenarian remedy—despite frequent postponement of judgment day—for the economic and political ills of which Africans were only too conscious… Variously called Kitawala in Northern Rhodesia and the Congo, and Choonadi ("truth") or Mpatuka ("those apart") in Nyasaland, the African Watch Tower movement had its own prophets—of whom Kamwana was pre-eminent—its own distinctive means of expression, its own forms of ritual, and its own peculiar interpretations of scriptural revelation. Confusingly, however, it members often purchased Watch Tower tracts distributed from Cape Town. (p.139)

Many Kitawalans were active preachers who gave their message a political emphasis. In 1929 Jeremiah Gondwe of Nyasaland proclaimed that the Whites had not delivered the prosperity they promised and would soon depart. In 1932 Joseph Sibakwe declared the government of Northern Rhodesia would be replaced the following year by a new government from America. In Barotseland Mulemwa declared he came to abolish taxation, police-arrests, menial work, and death.

Rutherford, from around 1930 onwards, sent representatives to recapture the Kitawala movement. This failed but many converts came from it. The 1935 Copperbelt riots involving Kitawala members with unclear WTS connections led to a ban on WTS publications until 1946.

The long independence of Kitawala gave JWs a grass-roots appeal that mainstream and Fundamentalist churches lacked.

(See also: *BOOTH; CHILEMBWE; DOMINGO; KAMWANA; NYIRENDA; WATCHTOWER HEALING MISSION*)

KLEIN, KARL F. (1906 - 2001)

Governing Body member, born in southern Germany, appointed to the Governing Body on November 28, 1974.

The Klein family migrated to Chicago, USA, in 1910. Karl Klein found a Russellite handbill in 1917, attended meetings in Chicago with his younger brother, and became a child tract distributor.

He was baptized in 1925, quit employment in 1930 and pioneered, operated a "sound car" in 1934-1935, and was a zone servant (now called "circuit overseer") in Louisiana in 1938-1941.

Klein attended the first Gilead class in 1943 and was a missionary in the Virgin Islands in 1947, and later in Puerto Rico. In 1950 he began work in the Writing Department at New York Bethel. He married "Gretel" in 1963.

KNORR, N.H. (April 1905-June 1977)

The third president of the WTS from 1942 to 1977.

Nathan Homer Knorr was born in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. He attended the Reformed Church until aged 16 and then associated with the Russellites. After attending the Cedar Point Convention in 1922 he resigned from the Reformed Church.

Knorr became a colporteur at 18 and was baptized in July 1923 in a river following a baptismal talk by visiting "pilgrim" F.W. Franz. He was invited to Brooklyn Bethel in September 1923 and worked in the shipping department where his obedience and efficiency led to promotion to the dispatch desk. He is listed as a "pilgrim" in the first WTS Yearbook (1927).

Knorr was promoted to factory manager in 1932 and secretary/treasurer of *The Golden Age* magazine. In 1933 he became Rutherford's executive and confidante in all organizational matters. He was elected a director of the People's Pulpit Association (now Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York) in November 1934 and its vice-president in October 1935. He served also as one of Rutherford's beefy bodyguards who were armed with canes and assaulted hecklers at conventions in the 1930s.

Knorr was elected vice president of the Pennsylvania Corporation in June 1940 and president of both corporations on January 13, 1942 after Rutherford's death.

His rapid advancement was due to his organizing and managerial skills plus full

conformity to Rutherford's policies such as the virtual ban on marriage and procreation. Knorr could suggest organizational improvements but would give way quickly if Rutherford disagreed. For example, when Knorr suggested establishing a missionary school and Rutherford vetoed it because Armageddon was too close for such a venture Knorr dropped the matter until Rutherford died.

Knorr contributed significantly to JWs, with a strong focus on training for ministry.

In September 1942 he suggested to the board of directors that the Society establish a missionary school. The first class of Gilead Missionary School commenced in February, 1943.

Also in 1943 the "Theocratic Ministry School" was instituted as a weekly meeting in all congregations to improve the Bible knowledge of publishers and train them in public speaking and door to door preaching.

Knorr organized the creation of new branch offices in many countries. The 25 branches in 1942 increased to 57 in 1946 and 97 in 1976.

He travelled and lectured extensively for about 40 years, supervised the WTS's editorial work, was the main compiler of the Yearbooks, and was President of Gilead Missionary School. He was a polished public speaker but not a natural orator — important speeches were practiced many times. In the 1950s he was a member of the New World Translation committee.

In 1953 Knorr changed the singleness requirement for Bethel workers and married Audrey Mock. Rutherford's "divine mandate" that marriage and having children should be postponed until after Armageddon had by that time slipped in obscurity.

The book *Aid to Bible Understanding* (1971) led to organizational adjustments such as the plural elder arrangement. Also the chairmanship of the Governing Body was rotated annually in alphabetical order. In December 1975, leadership of JWs passed from the president and vice president of the WTS to the Governing Body. In January 1976 the Governing Body was organized into committees to oversee different aspects of the organization such as publishing, teaching, ministry and personnel.

Knorr lived like a well-off businessman with a self-contained apartment, a valet and private kitchen, but also frequented the Bethel dining room. He died of a brain tumor in June, 1977 while in hospice care at Watchtower Farms in New York State.

KNOWLEDGE

Knowledge is a major theme in WTS publications with doctrines routinely being called "accurate knowledge", "Bible knowledge", "true knowledge" and even "life-giving knowledge". (w1983 2/15 13)

Watchtower Library (2007) CD gives the following numbers for the occurrence of various "knowledge" phrases in the publications available on the CD:

- accurate knowledge 2526
- Bible knowledge 920
- knowledge of the truth 553
- knowledge of truth 253
- true knowledge 153
- Biblical knowledge 22
- knowledge of salvation12
- Godly knowledge 10

Despite their supposed "accurate knowledge" virtually all JWs went along with their leaders in thousands of doctrinal revisions and prophecies that turned out false.

Russell's interpretations (of which thousands were altered during the 20th century) were "knowledge" too:

> The enemies of Truth were wholly unable to check the spread of knowledge. (The Finished Mystery 1917, 382)

Daniel 12:1, 4, 9 predicts an increase in knowledge which Russell believed is fulfilled in modern science and technology. (Studies I, 168)

Rutherford claimed Daniel referred to "true knowledge" of Daniel's prophecies as interpreted by Rutherford. (g1936 6/17 606) Much of Rutherford's "true knowledge", however, was revised in the 1950s and again in the 1990s. (See: *KING OF THE NORTH*)

KNOWLES, PETER

A British soccer star who in 1969 quit soccer and became a full-time preacher for JWs. *The Advertiser* (South Australia) reported in 1969:

> Sept. 1 — … "I cannot be a clogger (a rough, intimidating player) and a Christian," he told the "Daily Mail"…
> Knowles said: "We believe the world will end in 1975… I have saved enough money to last until then. If it runs out I suppose I can take a part-time job."

KNOWLES, RAY L.

A JW elder in San Antonio, Texas, who was sentenced to 57 months in prison in 2003 and ordered to repay $4.7 million restitution. He

had defrauded 50 people, many of them in his congregation, with a Ponzi-like investment scheme.
www.watchtowerinformationservice.org/

KNOWING GOD
JWs claim they "know" God because they know his name and Trinitarians do not know God because the "Trinity is incomprehensible". (w1984 9/1 25)

However, "knowing" someone should be distinguished from **knowing about** that person. People "know" their friends but do not know everything about them. Most people know the name Yahweh or Jehovah without knowing everything about Yahweh. To "know" God means to relate to Him personally. Individuals can do that irrespective of how often they use a particular name.

Deuteronomy 18:22 implies that using the name "Jehovah" but linking it to false prophecy (as JWs leaders do) is to misuse the name. (Deuteronomy 18:22) [See: *DATES*]

John 17:3 is mistranslated in the NWT with "their knowing you the only true God" altered to "their taking in knowledge of you the only true God". Since "knowing" implies a relationship but "knowledge" refers to a set of facts or assumed facts, it is possible to take in knowledge continually yet never "know" God.

KNOWLEDGE THAT LEADS TO EVERLASTING LIFE 1995
Book used by JWs for the six-month home-indoctrination course for potential converts.

Pages about "the last days" imply, rather than directly state, that the last days began in 1914 with World War I. (pp 97, 100) Discussion about the generation that saw 1914 and will see Armageddon is omitted but readers are assured, "the present wicked system will soon be destroyed." (p.107) The usual claim is made that, "Only those loyal to Jehovah will survive." (p.183)

KOCHAN, MARY WOODWARD
A third generation American JW of Douglasville (near Atlanta), who left JWs in 1993.

She entered the Catholic Church in 1996, authored the audio CD *Inside The Watchtower* (2002), became chief editor of *Crisis Magazine*, *Catholic Exchange*, and the online magazine *Catholic Lane*.

KOERBER, ANTON (1892-1967)
Anton Koerber's life story, written by his "close friends" appears in w1968 5/15 313.

He was born of Lutheran parents but baptized into Russellism in 1913, moved to Washington D.C. in 1916, married and had a son and a daughter. After WWI he entered full time preaching:

> For years Anton had been in the insurance business. While such issues as buying war bonds caused strained relations with his business associates, it was the slogan "Millions Now Living Will Never Die," which the Bible Students were then preaching, that caused him to sever his connections with the insurance business and enter the real estate field.

Later, apparently in the 1920s and 30s, he:

> ...served the cause of God's kingdom by making successful business contacts, serving as a liaison officer as it were. He worked out contracts with radio stations and radio networks for broadcasting the Kingdom good news. He also proved of assistance in acquiring property in Brooklyn, New York, in South Lansing, New York, for the Kingdom Farm and Gilead School there, and in Toronto, Canada, for the Bethel home and factory there....

In 1933 he was a "Regional Servant" in the eastern USA which required him to organize large groups of JWs who would swarm into towns where JWs were not wanted and attempt to visit all the houses. Koerber was also a "Bethelite" (worker at the WTS headquarters), and in 1952-1958 a "circuit servant (who visits congregations to monitor their progress and solve problems.

Koerber's life story omits the 1940s except to say:

> His very positive personality at times caused misunderstandings with his brothers, resulting in his being on the sidelines, as it were, for a time.

The JW *Yearbooks* used to list the JW "Ordained Ministers" — people who worked at the branch offices or received financial help for their preaching. Koerber is listed in the *Yearbooks* 1931-1936, then again 1954 to 1961.

What happened in between?

Around 1940 Rutherford had Koerber removed from the organization, what today is called disfellowshipping, because of a dispute over money.

Lawsuit

Anton Koerber v. Joseph F. Rutherford And Matthew A. Howlett was a 1940 New York civil

court case in which Koerber alleged that Judge Rutherford had defrauded him out of profits on the purchase and sale of a Cleveland, Ohio radio station which they secretly owned as partners.

Koerber alleged in this lawsuit that Rutherford had in 1929 proposed a partnership in the purchase of radio station *WHK*, in Cleveland, Ohio. Koerber put up the $10,000 purchase price and Rutherford promised to put up another $10,000 plus manage the radio station for the partnership.

Rutherford's Personal Assistant at WTS headquarters, Matthew Arnold Howlett, and his brothers Eric and Harry Howlett were advertised as the owners of *WHK* so Rutherford could keep his ownership of the radio station hidden from JWs.

Koerber alleged that Rutherford sold *WHK* in 1934 for more than $250,000 without saying anything to him about the sale. Koerber repeatedly approached Rutherford to demand his share of the operating profits and of the sale but was unsuccessful and in 1940 filed the lawsuit.

Koerber filed a pre-trial motion that Rutherford produced the books and records of *WHK*, but Rutherford answered with a denial that Koerber and he were partners.

The case ended when Rutherford died in January 1942 which left Koerber unable to prove the secret partnership.

Reinstated

Under Nathan Knorr, Rutherford's successor, Koerber was reinstated and, besides his biography, received other positive mentions such as: "Anton Koerber ... served as a pioneer for some time and was a circuit overseer in the 1950's." (w1993 9/15 30-31)

The official explanation for Koerber's long demotion ignores the lawsuit and says:

> During the 1930's, in the United States, a ... number of congregations were publishing their own monthly service instruction sheets... One of these, published in Baltimore, Maryland, gave enthusiastic support to the preaching activity but was also used to promote certain business ventures. Initially Brother Rutherford gave tacit approval to some of these. But when it was realized what could develop from involvement in such ventures, *The Watchtower* stated that the Society did not endorse them. This presented a severe personal test to Anton Koerber, for he had intended by these means to be of help to his brothers. In time, however, he again made full use of his abilities to further the preaching work being done by Jehovah's Witnesses. (Proclaimers 1993, 640)

KOKKINAKIS, MINOS (1909-1999)
A Greek JW who resisted the ban in Greece on proselytizing.

Born on Crete, a shopkeeper by trade, and originally of the Greek Orthodox Church, Kokkinakis joined JWs in 1936.

In 1938 he was arrested in Greece for violating the law against proselytism enacted by the government of dictator Ioannis Metaxas.

Additional short sentences followed in 1939 and 1940. During World War II Kokkinakis was incarcerated in the military prison in Athens for 1½ years. He was again sentenced in 1947 and 1949 when he was exiled to the prison island of Makronisos, one of forty JWs in a prison population of 14,000.

From the 1930s to 1980s Kokkinakis was arrested about 60 times, tried by courts 18 times, and spent in total 6½ years in prison.

In 1986 he and his wife preached to a woman on Crete whose husband was the cantor at an Orthodox church. They were arrested, charged with proselytism, and sentenced in the criminal court to four months' imprisonment. The Crete Court of Appeal reduced Kokkinakis' sentence to three months and acquitted his wife.

After the Greek Supreme Court dismissed a further appeal in 1988 Kokkinakis petitioned the European Court. The case was heard in November 1992. One of the nine judges declared Kokkinakis had been convicted "only for having shown such zeal, without any impropriety on his part."

In May 1993, the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg ruled his right to religious freedom had been violated and awarded him damages of three and a half million drachmas.

Comment and assessment

When ex JWs join another religion and attempt to proselytize JWs the elders and Governing Body are at least as indignant as the Greek Orthodox Church and try to stop it.

This is seen by the vehement tirades in *The Watchtower* against "apostates". The treatment JWs mete out to apostates, even if they don't proselytize among JWs, can be more traumatic than a prison sentence, and lasts much longer.

The difference between JWs and Greek Orthodox Church is that the Governing Body's control is so thorough that they can command

JWs to not listen, or read, respond, think or argue, and all will obey. The Greek Orthodox Church does not have such dictator-like control and therefore resorted to courts to protect its people.

Thus, both religious hierarchies act to prevent ex-members from enticing other members out. One hierarchy used prison sentences, the other is more devious!

(See: *APOSTATES*)

KOLESA, REGINA

Author of a letter sent to JWs elders in Louisiana, USA, and now on the Internet, which starts off:

> November 1995
> To the elders of the Luling Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses:
>
> This letter is to inform you that I no longer wish to maintain my affiliation with the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society. As you know, I have not attended meetings or participated in the field ministry in several years. After a prayerful and careful examination of the organization, I have determined that I cannot, in good conscience, remain a member. To do so would make me a sharer in the deeds of the Society which I have found to be at times, less than forthright. I am firm in my decision, and ask that no one contact me concerning this matter.
>
> An organization which claims to be God's only true channel on earth must remain above reproach…

Kolesa lists some major failures of the JW leadership such as:

- Violation of their neutrality principle by affirming they "stand squarely for the principles" of Germany's government (at the time the Hitler government);

- Mexican JWs were permitted to purchase a "military card which falsely stated they had fulfilled their military service obligations" at the same time when Malawian JWs were forbidden from purchasing a government identification card and suffered terrible persecution.

- Vacillating on whether JWs may accept human organ transplants — initially in 1961 a matter of personal conscience (w1961 8/1); forbidden in 1967 (w1967 11/15); back to a conscience matter in 1980 (w1980 3/15) — making the Organization responsible and "blood-guilty" for innocent deaths. (Insight on the Scriptures (1988, Volume I, p.347)

- Forbidding the infusion of whole blood, packed cells, platelets and plasma, but permitting blood fractions (immune globulins, albumin, and factors XIII and IX) extracted and concentrated from hundreds of units of donated blood.

- Numerous changes in "interpretation of Scripture" — "Is it reasonable to expect that Jehovah would continually change what He reveals to be truth?"

- Altering the length of the 1914 generation which, the Governing Body had predicted, would see Armageddon and God's new world "in our lifetime" and was proclaimed as "the Creator's promise", to making the 1914 generation without time limit (w1995 11/1).

- Claiming to be God's prophet — "This prophet … was the small group of footstep followers of Jesus Christ, known at that time as International Bible Students…" (w1972 4/1 197) — but repeatedly getting their prophecies wrong and therefore condemned in Deuteronomy 18:20-22.

Comment

The JWs leaders often receive insightful analysis from former followers but don't seem to learn from it, ignoring the Proverb:

> One who is often reproved, yet remains stubborn, will suddenly be broken beyond healing... (29:1) (NRSV)

KOREA, REPUBLIC OF

Publishers and Memorial attendance in Korea and their ratio to the population:

	Peak	Ratio 1 to	Memorial	Ratio 1 to
1970	12,267	2,586		
1975	32,693	1,045		
1980	27,548	1,364	56,600	664
1985	39,700	1,039	86,900	474
1990	62,200	688	123,700	346
1995	80,500	557	136,200	329
2000	87,500	540	135,300	349
2005	92,000	527	137,700	352
2010	98,300	495	141,900	343
2013	100,400	483	137,800	352
2015	100,500	500	134,900	373
2018	101,200	510	135,489	381
	Ave.			
2019	102,000	507	136,900	378
2020	102,600	505	125,500	413
2021	104,500	494	144,700	357
2022	105,600	488	138,700	372
2023	106,100	485	138,900	370
2024	105,900	484	137,700	373
2025	105,600	485	134,500	380

KOSOVO,
Publishers and Memorial attendance in Kosovo and their ratio to the population:

	Peak	Ratio 1 to	Memorial	Ratio 1 to
2005	137	17,153	636	3,695
2010	187	12,567	461	5,098
2013	229	10,262	714	3,291
2015	241	9,751	574	4,094
2018	262	6,865	579	3,106
	Ave.			
2019	264	6,803	594	3,024
2020	255	7,098	708	2,556
2021	244	7,418	829	2,183
2022	240	7,479	491	3,656
2023	231	7,792	440	4,091
2024	239	6,640	478	3,320
2025	263	6,030	489	3,243

KOSRAE
Publishers and Memorial attendance on Kosrae (an island in the Pacific) and their ratio to the population:

	Peak	Ratio 1 to	Memorial	Ratio 1 to
1980	20	199	84	47
1985	24	250	170	35
1990	17	437	145	51
1995	22	384	133	64
2000	18	509	161	57
2005	30	324	153	64
2010	23	431	111	89
2013	22	301	100	66
2015	24	276	118	56
2018	18	368	82	81
	Ave.			
2019	17	412	96	73
2020	12	583	40	175
2021	12	667	32	250
2022	8	1,000	56	143
2023	9	889	56	143
2024	9	889	45	178
2025	11	636	36	194

KOSTELNIUK, JAMES (1946-)
A former second-generation JW of Winnipeg, Canada, who authored *Wolves Among Sheep* (2000 Harper-Collins).

James Kostelniuk married "Kim Evans" in 1973. They divorced in 1979 after he left the JWs sect. In line with the shunning rules of JWs he was banned from visiting his wife and two children. (Campbell 1987) After the divorce Kim married another JW, Jeff Anderson, who in 1985 murdered her and the children.

A book review says in part:

> Compelled to write the book as an expression of sorrow and love for the family so cruelly taken from him, Kostelniuk also had a deep need to arrive at some understanding of why these senseless murders took place. This question led him to expose the influence of the Jehovah's Witness organization that wielded total control over Kim's life, as it had over himself…

KYRGYZSTAN
Publishers and Memorial attendance in Kyrgyzstan and their ratio to the population:

	Peak	Ratio	Memorial	Ratio
2000	3,805	1,231	8,967	522
2005	4,001	1,252	8,343	600
2010	4,826	1,130	9,947	548
2013	4,972	1,146	10,378	549
2015	5,134	1,148	10,838	544
2018	5,420	1,154	10,321	606
	Ave.			
2019	5,214	1,226	10,489	609
2020	5,182	1,259	10,161	642
2021	5,204	1,275	11,297	587
2022	5,050	1,336	10,054	671
2023	5,073	1,387	10,146	694
2024	5,138	1,394	10,211	701
2025	5,190	1,403	9,569	761

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