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QUACKENBUSH, COLIN
A former editor of *Awake!* dismissed for disagreeing with WTS president N.H. Knorr.

Joan Cetnar who served at New York Bethel 1954-1958 wrote:

> Often problems between Society leadership and those under it would be brought into the dining hall. President Knorr used his position at the head of the table (with microphone) to castigate those with whom he was having differences. One such conflict was between President Knorr and Colin Quackenbush, who was the current editor of *AWAKE!* The outcome of this conflict was a number of tirades in the dining hall and the eventual ouster of Colin from his position. He was also removed from the Bethel speakers staff, and given hard manual labor in the factory.
> (New Light Ministries, Number 41, 1999 September)

QUALIFIED TO BE MINISTERS (1955; 1967)
Official WTS book for teaching JWs public speaking, door to door preaching, study habits, and how to run JWs congregations.

QUARREL
A heated disagreement which can be private or public.

JWs are noted for quarrels/disputes over doctrine with:
- The public including other religions;
- Each other;
- So-called "apostates";
- Sects that broke away from WTS control.

A common basis for quarrels is that JWs doctrines are often revised and their prophecies repeatedly fail, and yet JWs declare all of it to be "Bible truth" and they have to — in order to get salvation — publicly expose everyone else as false. This state of affairs is contradictory and makes hypocritical nonsense of countless statements such as:

> Jehovah never makes any mistakes. (Prophecy 1929, 67)
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> …angels are delegated by the Lord to convey his instructions to the members of his organization on earth. (World Recovery 1934, 54)
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> To follow the teachings or traditions of men, therefore, leads unto destruction. (Salvation 1939, 34)
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> If we let the Bible speak for God it will prove false Christians liars. (Basis for Belief in a New World 1953, 17)
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> To make a public exposure of false religion is a public service. (w1963 11/15 688)
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> When a religious organization clings to unscriptural practices, should not any God fearing person want to leave that organization? (w1970 7/1 392)
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> Can you be true to God yet hide the facts? (w1974 1/15 35)
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> Jehovah, the Head, is our Grand Instructor, and his beloved Son, Christ Jesus, is our Great Teacher. (Yearbook1983, 257)

Fuelling their quarrels with other religions is that JWs ignore Jesus' counsel to be correct before trying to make others correct:

> "Why, then, do you look at the straw in your brother's eye, but do not consider the rafter in your own eye? … Hypocrites! First extract the rafter from your own eye, and then you will see clearly how to extract the straw from your brother's eyes." (Insight II 1988, 719; Matthew 7:1-5)

Their thousands of revisions to their doctrines and interpretations, including numerous false predictions, prove that JWs do not "see clearly" and need to obey Jesus and "extract the rafter".

(See also: *DATES; ERROR; APOSTATES*)

QUARRY, NATHAN PARKER (1972-)
A former JW who became a mixed martial arts fighter and appeared in *The Ultimate Fighter* (2005; 2007), a reality show and martial arts competition from the Ultimate Fighting Championship.

As a JW Quarry lived a sheltered life, even avoiding organized sports. At 24 he became involved with martial arts and started training. Alienation from the sect and his family followed.

Quarry's professional mixed martial arts debut occurred in 2001 in a match against Drew McFedries, which he won. An attempt at the middleweight title against Rich Franklin in 2005 saw him defeated by knockout.

Following recovery from surgery for training and fighting injuries, Quarry returned to fighting in 2007.

QUEBEC'S BURNING HATE FOR GOD AND CHRIST AND FREEDOM (1946)
Brochure published after JWs in Quebec (Canada) were arrested for breaking by-laws, disorderly conduct, and disturbing the peace. 1½ million copies published.

QUESTION BOX
A regular column in *Our Kingdom Ministry* with instructions on policy, procedure, ethics, and conduct. The information is as binding on JWs as material in WTS books and *The Watchtower* until superseded by new information.

QUESTIONS FROM READERS
A section in most issues of *The Watchtower*. It's unclear how often real readers ask the questions or whether the governing body — perhaps relying on circuit overseers' reports — write the questions themselves.

The section clarifies doctrines, matters of conduct and ethics, and sometimes introduces new truth.

QUINTANILLA, SELENA (1971-1995)
An American JW singer-songwriter who was shot by her fan club president after accusing her of embezzlement and died in hospital from blood loss.

Her family were inactive JWs who still believed in avoiding blood transfusions and birthday celebrations.

QUOTA
The number of hours per month Rutherford required publishers to sell WTS publications or otherwise advertise the JWs message. The quota for publishers in the 1940s was 60 hours, for pioneers 150, and for special pioneers 175. (Yearbook 1944, 57)

The post-Rutherford administration set quotas for hours, book sales, magazine sales, subscriptions, "Bible studies", and "back-calls" for publishers and pioneers. Congregations and countries also had quotas for making converts i.e. new "publishers" — 20% per year after World War II, reduced to 10% by 1950:

> Every company will continue to strive for the quota of a 10 per cent increase as it has in previous years, but it should not stop at that. Why not, in addition, have every company, by the Lord's grace, strive for at least a 34 per cent increase on its peak number of publishers? … If every organization, company, country or branch, can accomplish this, it will mean that by the end of 1951 we will have over a half million ministers interested in preaching this good news of the Kingdom.
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> Can we expect such things to happen as we draw nearer to the battle of Armageddon? (w1951 1/1 14)
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> When a congregation meets its quota of increasing its publishers ten per cent in number, there is no need to raise the quota, with a possibility of not attaining to that number of publishers and thus depriving the successful congregation of its elation of reaching a quota and even exceeding it. The real need is to train the ten per cent increase in the number of publishers to become capable dispensers of God's Word. (w1955 12/1 733)

The WTS used to set yearly quotas and monthly quotas for magazines as well as special quotas for "special" campaigns. For example, new-subscription quotas for a campaign in 1958:

> To help us increase praise to Jehovah by showing kindness to strangers, we have a quota for the four-month campaign. For congregation publishers it is two; pioneers 20 and special pioneers 30… (Kingdom Ministry, USA edition, 1958, January, p.1)

The same page announced "New Magazine Quotas":

> Congregation publishers, in striving for a quota of nine magazines a month, last year … reach[ed] an average of 12.4 magazines a month… Consider now the

> new quotas: For congregation publishers the quota is 12 magazines a month; for pioneers it is 100 and for special pioneers it is 150… Individually, let us all strive to meet our new quotas…

JWs also had "special" magazine quotas for "special" months:

> Since April is a special month, we have a special magazine quota. For congregation publishers it is one magazine a day, pioneers, six a day, and special pioneers, nine a day. (Kingdom Ministry, 1958, February, p.1)

In the mid 1950s "quota" and "goal" were sometimes used interchangeably but after 1960 "goal" became the preferred word. There were monthly, yearly and special-campaign "goals" for publishers and pioneers. The monthly/yearly goals have been several times reduced since the 1960s. (See: *GOALS*; *PIONEERS*)

QUOTATIONS

> "Rather, we must examine the facts, doing so as objectively as possible." (g1984 1/8 8-14)

One source of "facts" used by the JWs leaders is quotations from:

- C.T. Russell — usually to imply that the doctrines of JWs are consistent and prophecies accurate.
- News media — to back up prophetic speculation or when the news is critical of other religions.
- Secular publications in history, science, medicine, etc — to back up some point in prophecy or doctrine, or to give scientific evidence for some Bible statement.
- Theological publications — when they are in harmony with JWs doctrine.
- Religious/sectarian publications — when they either praise something about JWs or state something JWs can easily refute.
- The Bible — to suggest that all JWs doctrines and doctrinal changes are Bible-based and "Bible truth".

QUOTATIONS MISUSED

Critics sometimes accuse JWs of misusing quotations by misrepresenting what authors have written. Jonsson & Herbst (1987), for example, show that the WTS misuses earthquake data to give the impression that earthquake activity increased after 1914 when in fact it did not.

The WTS's 32-page brochure *Should You Believe in the Trinity* (1989) quotes *The Story of Civilization* (by Will and Ariel Durant):

> Christianity did not destroy paganism; it adopted it… From Egypt came the ideas of a divine trinity… (p.11)

Will Durant, however, was an agnostic. He trashed not just the Trinity doctrine but claimed pagan roots for many Christian doctrines:

> Christianity did not destroy paganism; it adopted it. The Greek mind, dying, came to a transmigrated life in the theology and liturgy of the Church; the Greek language, having reigned for centuries over philosophy, became the vehicle of Christian literature and ritual; the Greek mysteries passed down into the impressive mystery of the Mass. Other pagan cultures contributed to the syncretist result. From Egypt came the ideas of a divine trinity, the Last Judgment, and a personal immortality of reward and punishment; from Egypt the adoration of the Mother and Child, and the mystic theosophy that made Neoplatonism and Gnosticism, and obscured the Christian creed; there, too, Christian monasticism would find its exemplars and its source. From Phrygia came the worship of the Great Mother; from Syria the resurrection drama of Adonis; from Thrace, perhaps, the cult of Dionysus, the dying and saving god.
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> From Persia came millenarianism, the "ages of the world," the "final conflagration," the dualism of Satan and God, of Darkness and Light; already in the Fourth Gospel Christ is the "Light shining in the darkness, and the darkness has never put it Out." The Mithraic ritual so closely resembled the eucharistic sacrifice of the Mass that Christian fathers charged the Devil with inventing these similarities to mislead frail minds. (Volume III, 1944, p.595)

The WTS brochure quoted Durant on the alleged pagan origin of the Trinity but omitted quoting him on the alleged pagan origins of Jesus and other Bible doctrines because it would undermine his opinion on the Trinity.

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