



WHEN IS IT "REALLY" THE TRUTH?

If you were a JW in 1910, you were in the truth if you believed:

The beginning of the end started 1799.

Daniel's prophecy of the 2335 days point to 1874, when Christ was enthroned in heaven, as King.

Fleshly Israel is returning to Palestine – an outward sign in fulfillment of prophecy pointing to the earthly kingdom to begin, 1914

6,000 years from Adam ended, 1872.

The dead in Christ were resurrected, 1878.

The "abomination of desolation" (the Papacy) began 539.

The King of the South is Egypt; the king of the North is Rome.

The "woman" in Rev. 12:1 is the earthly church.

The "generation" that saw these things began 1870.

(Notes from *Studies in the Scriptures*, volume 4, 1897)

If you were a JW in 1927, you were in the truth if you believed:

Adam is still going to be resurrected, along with billions, including the people who were destroyed in Sodom and Gomorrah.

The Lord's second coming was in four parts – day of preparation, the end of the world, the coming to his temple and Armageddon.

The clergy cannot understand these prophecies for they are a part of Satan's organization.

To understand the events concerning the Lord's second presence from 1874-1914 requires one to be spiritually minded, and the clergy are not spiritually minded.

The wicked are those who claim to represent the Lord, but who are part of the devil's organization.

The "time of the end" means a specific period at the end of the Gentile dominion.

The King of the North (Daniel's prophecy) is Great Britain, the King of the South is Egypt.

Campaign marks the beginning of time of the end, 1799.

The beginning of Papacy was 539 – add 1260 days and this brings us to the date, 1799. (days=years)

The year 1874, the time of the Presence marked many prophecies being fulfilled, like all new inventions, such as the explosion of inventions and new ideas evident in the Industrial Revolution and succeeding years.

The 1335 days after 539 brings us to the date, 1874.

Christ comes to the temple to test the faithful ones. He prepares for the Great Battle of Armageddon.

From 1874 –1914 is the gathering of people announcing the "kingdom is at hand," and millions now living will never die.

Many, instead of rejoicing have scoffed at those who have taught the second presence of the Lord, and have resorted to all manner of slander and persecution of the meek and humble. The Lord knew this would be so.

"Time" in the Bible is both literal and symbolic.

In regard to the 2520 days – facts show that it was here meant symbolically, because Gentiles ruled long after the end of 2520 years – the time of Gentile rule and for "him" to take over the affairs of the world. Jerusalem shall be trodden down by the Gentiles, until fulfilled.

The Lord's presence began 1874 and the Lord's favor started turning to the Jews – they began returning. (The 2520 days, Rev 12)

True followers of Christ would have a clearer vision of the truth after the Lord's coming to the temple, 1918.

(Notes from *Creation*, 1929)

In 1929, you were in the truth, if you believed:

The truth has now come for fulfillment of Bible prophecy for those who see and understand, rejoice.

The time has come for the regathering of Israel – for salvation of the world.

The Gentile Times began 606 BC – ended in 1914 – Jerusalem has been trodden down during that time, but now more, for the Jews have been returning.

God's favor turned to the Jews in 1914. The war of 1914 was fought exactly on time – God's purpose was to free the Jews from other countries so they could return.

1878 – Return of Christ – 40 years later – 1918 corresponds with date of complete fall of Palestine and beginning of official reestablishment of Jews in Palestine.

Note the physical facts! "Valley of dry bones" – applies to Zionism.

All will be brought back in the resurrection and judged during the millennium.

Other are wrong – WE HAVE THE TRUTH!

(Notes from *Life*, 1929)

In 1931, you were in the truth, if you believed:

Some have rebelled against the light and began to fall away – they are the evil servants.

The time is near! – the Jews returning to Israel does not necessarily mean natural Jews – the time is now for the anointed to give a warning to all Christendom – that we have the TRUTH!

In the resurrection, all will be brought from the graves – except the evil slave class.

The other sheep must be warned.

The "time of trouble" is near.

Everyone is false but this organization.

(Notes from *Vindication*, 1931)

In 1936, you were in the truth, if you believed:

The faithful work of God done on earth from 1878-1918.

The Lord came to the temple – 1918.

We have a new name – Jehovah's Witnesses. The new name applies ONLY to the anointed, the 144,000.

The other sheep – called Jonadabs, are the great multitude who associate with the anointed, rendering them aid and if faithful they will live through Armageddon which is very near.

All others will be destroyed at Armageddon.

The ransom sacrifice now over only those that render themselves in full obedience to God's law.

The so-called doctrine of universal salvation is entirely wrong and completely out of harmony.

It therefore follows that any man, men or organization that has kept you in ignorance of the Bible, and induced you to refrain from **READING THE BOOKS THAT EXPLAIN THE BIBLE**, had been instrumental in keeping you in **IGNORANCE** of God's means of bestowing his blessings upon you.

The entire period time from Pentecost until the second coming of Christ and His Kingdom is occupied in the selection of those who will be associated with Christ Jesus in his kingdom.

These 144,000 must die to inherit heaven (they used to think they would be changed instantly).

They must render house-to-house service.

The end of the world has come and now this gospel must be preached for the sake of the great multitude to be spared.

For 1900 years now the Royal family of 144,000 is now about completed. The Jonadabs are those who are in sympathy with Jehovah's Witnesses, the Wise Servant Class.

If these Witnesses fail to tell the **TRUTH** they will be **DESTROYED!**

Now is the time just before the battle.

The "high powers" in Romans 13:1-3, refer to Jehovah and Christ Jesus – **ALL THOSE WHO DENY THIS ARE OF THE DEVIL!** (The Society denied this later).

When the Lord cleansed the temple (1918) he brought all his people into unity.

From that time on – the faithful message of God is to declare a message against all Christendom.

The combined hypocritical and wicked religionists shall be destroyed; and this information is now given for the benefit of the remnant and Jonadabs, or great multitude.

The end is at hand, and behold the great multitude appears – they are not foot-step-followers as the remnant.

If the tribulation mentioned is the ‘great tribulation’ such as never was (Matt.24:21) and which comes at the end of the world, then the great multitude could not be a class developed through-out the years past.

All others are false – this is the only true organization

(Notes from *Riches*, 1936)

In 1941, you were in the truth, if you believed:

Christ was enthroned as King, in 1914.

Only those who accept "the truth" will be spared – all others will be destroyed.

Those living in the past who never heard the "truth" will be brought back.

The willful wicked will not be resurrected.

1914 marks the end of uninterrupted rule of Satan; Armageddon is very near.

Those living in the new world will bear children.

The three sons of Noah and wives did not begin to have children for two years after the flood – a prophetic picture.

That would appear to indicate it would be proper that those who will form the "great multitude" should wait until after Armageddon to bring children into the world.

(Notes from *Children*, 1941)

In 1942, you were in the truth, if you believed:

King of the North – the religious, totalitarian world power who claim the right to rule the earth in an absolute way.

King of the South – one ruling in the name of democracy.

The princes (prophets of the Old Testament) are expected to be raised any day now.

The Scriptures give good reason to believe that it shall be shortly before Armageddon begins.

A house was built in California for them, which has been much publicized with malicious intent by the religious enemy, scoffing.

The most recent facts show that the religionists of the doomed world are gnashing their teeth because of the testimony which the "House of Princes" bears to the new world.

"There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth when ye shall see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out."

The remnant shall live out Armageddon by divine protection.

All religions are false but this one.

(Notes from *The New World*, 1942)

"NEW TRUTHS" OF THE '90's

Since the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society has continually made doctrinal additions and subtractions, I have permission to quote excerpts from David Reed's booklet, *NEW TRUTHS OF THE '90's*. I encourage you to order it:

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The Watchtower's Newest Way To Punish Dissidents:

Until recently there were two ways a Jehovah's Witness could leave the Watchtower organization: voluntarily, by 'disassociating' himself; or involuntarily by being 'disfellowshipped.' But now JW elders are taking a new approach in cases involving dissident Witnesses who do not voluntarily disassociate themselves: the

elders are taking it upon themselves and announcing to the congregation that the individual 'is no longer associated' with Jehovah's Witnesses.

Still, regardless of the method used, the end result is the same. The individual must be shunned by friends and relatives remaining in the organization, even close family members being advised to limit their contacts to 'necessary' family business such as settling an estate. In effect, the shunned individual becomes a non-person who is neither welcomed into the home nor greeted if encountered on the street.

The new policy just instituted caught its first victims unawares. Not charged with any disfellowshipping offense, all were shocked to learn that the elders were going to declare them 'no longer associated' - requiring other Witnesses to shun them. One observer compared it to being sentenced to death without a trial and without even being accused of a capital offense.

The Watchtower Reverses Policy To Avoid Tax:

The Spring 1990 issue of *Comments from the Friends* reported that the Watchtower Society had filed a 'friend of the court' brief in Jimmy Swaggart Ministries' tax case and the U.S. Supreme Court had ruled against Swaggart.....On February 25th a letter from Brooklyn headquarters, dated the 9th, was read at Kingdom Halls throughout the United States, announcing a major switch in Watchtower policy. Reversing the practice of the past 110 years, prices would no longer be set for books, magazines or subscriptions. In a subsequent letter dated February 21st, the Society explained the new policy this way:

By adopting a method of literature distribution based completely on donation, Jehovah's people are able to greatly simplify our Bible education work and separate ourselves from those who commercialize religion.

Losing his appeal before the U.S. Supreme Court, Jimmy Swaggart ended up paying \$183,000 in sales taxes on some \$2 million worth of sales. Those figures look large until placed alongside the Watchtower Society's. According to the January 1, 1990, Watchtower, page 24, the Society's New York factories alone produced 35,811,000 Bibles, books, and brochures during the previous year. Assuming an average price of \$2.00, those publications would account for an annual sales volume of over \$71 million. Taxed at the rate Swaggart had to pay, that would give the Society a sales tax liability of some \$6 1/2-million-for the New York factories alone!

Whether the new "complete donation arrangement" will actually free the Watchtower organization from paying sales tax in all jurisdictions remains to be seen.

The Watchtower Society Modifies Its Position On Education:

Many children raised as Jehovah's Witnesses have grown up to regret being deprived of the opportunity to receive a college education. Their organization's official position has been this:

"Often the very best and most beneficial studying you do is that done when you read a new Watchtower or Awake! Or a new book with the joy of getting the new truths and a fresh view." WT, 6/1/67 p 338

And therefore, higher education was viewed as unnecessary:

"Many schools now have student counselors who encourage one to pursue higher education after high school, to pursue a career with a future in this system of things. Do not be influenced by them. Do not let them 'brainwash' you with the Devil's propaganda to get ahead, to make something of yourself in this world." WT, 3/15/69, p. 171

Recently, however, the Watchtower Society has announced a change in policy allowing higher education:

"...the general trend in many lands is that the level of schooling required to earn decent wages is now higher than it was a few years ago. ...So no hard-and-fast rules should be made either for or against extra educationIf Christian parents responsibly decide to provide their children with further education after high school, that is their prerogative." WT, 11/1/92, pp. 18-20

But, as in the case of Witnesses who went blind or died during the years (1967-1980) when the Society prohibited cornea and organ transplants, those who prematurely ended their education and now find themselves working long hours sweeping floors will gain little comfort from the latest change in Watchtower policy on education.

Watchtower Society Drops "1914 Generation" Prophecy:

Suddenly Jehovah's Witnesses no longer believe in 'the Creator's promise of a peaceful and secure new world before the generation that saw the events of 1914 passes away.' Why this major change in teaching? What happened?

This new interpretation drops the thought that the world will end during the lifetime of the people who were alive to see the events of 1914. Instead, it has Jesus speaking of the 'wicked generation' – people who see the sign of his invisible presence but fail to become JWs – with no time period attached.

Watchtower Reverses Itself On Policy That Sent JWS To Prison For Years:

A 'NEW TRUTH' in the May 1, 1996 *Watchtower* now allows Jehovah's Witnesses to perform civilian 'alternative service' as conscientious objectors to

the military draft.

Prior to this draftees who reported to civilian hospitals for such noncombatant work faced the punishment of being shunned by family and friends as "disassociated persons." In order to be accepted as faithful JW's, young men had to insist on total exemption as "ministers" – or, if this exemption was not granted, they had to go to prison as draft refusers. This policy resulted in the imprisonment of thousands of 'faith' Witness boys in recent decades, and in the enforced shunning of many others.

Ironically, a majority of the JW Governing Body at Brooklyn headquarters had been opposed to the policy ever since 1978, but kept falling short of the two-thirds majority required to enact such a 'new truth.' (See pages 101-102 of the book CRISIS OF CONSCIENCE by former Governing Body member Raymond Franz.")

The death of longtime leaders Frederick Franz in 1992 and George Gangas in 1994, the appointment of new Governing Body member Gerrit Losch in 1994, and the incapacity of certain older members since then must now have made possible the required two-thirds majority vote, allowing the May 1, 1996 issue of *the Watchtower* to announce its "new truth."

In the meantime, for nearly 18 years, JW young men kept going to prison to comply with a new policy that even most of the sect's Governing Body members did not believe in and that has finally been discarded.

The Great Crowd "Are Not Declared Righteous...Are Declared Righteous..."

Clarifications" or "adjustments" in Watchtower teaching on 'the great crowd' continue to take place: *"The great crowd to not serve God in the condition pictured by the inner priestly courtyard. They are not declared righteous for the purpose of being God's adopted, spiritual sons. (Ro 8:1, 15) Nevertheless, by exercising faith in Jesus' ransom, they have a clean standing before Jehovah. They are declared righteous with the purpose of being his friends. WT 7/1/96, p. 20.*

The new point is that the great crowd "are declared righteous" but not in the New Testament sense.

Ever since second Watchtower Society president J.F. Rutherford introduced the idea that the "great crowd" of Rev. 7:9 designated an earthly class excluded from the new covenant, new JW converts have been taught that they do not receive justification as believers in Christ:

"The 'great crowd'...will not be justified or declared righteous either now or then as the 144,000 heavenly joint heirs have been justified while still in the flesh." Life Everlasting –in Freedom of the Sons of God (1966, p. 391).

But in recent years Christian Ex-Witnesses have been exposing the JW leadership's presumptuousness in telling millions of followers the New Testament promises do not apply.

Can JWS Now Join the Army? No. However, many JWs are confused about the recent change allowing young men to accept a draft board's assignment to civilian alternative service work without their being viewed as "disassociated" persons. One Witness told his son that there has been no change in the doctrine but that the Watchtower Society 're-worded' its instructions to draft-age young men this way because if they put it 'in black and white' that their followers could not join the military they could face prosecution in some lands.

Although The *Watchtower* said a JW would have to make a 'personal decision' about submitting to a draft into the army, the surrounding language and verses cited show exactly what that decision must be in order to avoid punishment by a judicial committee.

The real change in the May 1, 1996 *Watchtower* is that a JW who accepts civilian alternative service now 'remains in good standing' whereas previously a judicial committee would have declared that he disassociated himself."