





*Who Are the Jehovah's Witnesses?*

*The governing body claims to be God's "faithful and discreet [wise] slave" in Mt. 25; each one being a member of the 144,000 of the "anointed class" of Rev. 7:4; 14:1, 3.*

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**DID YOU GET THE POINT?**

- **"The faithful and discreet slave":** A small group of anointed brothers who are directly involved in preparing and dispensing spiritual food during Christ's presence. Today, these anointed brothers make up the Governing Body

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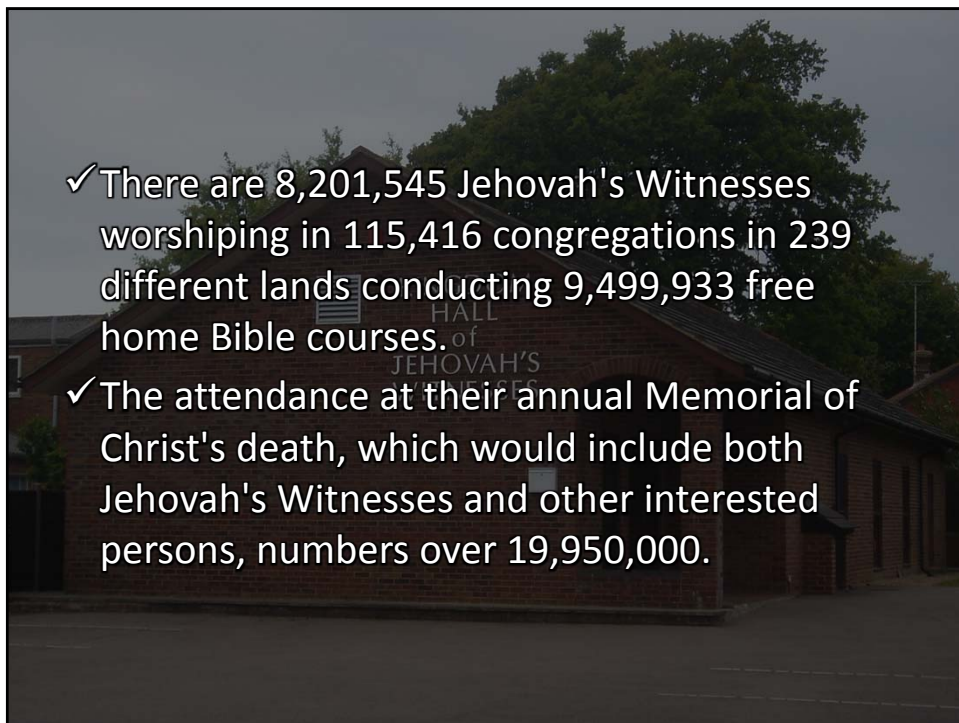


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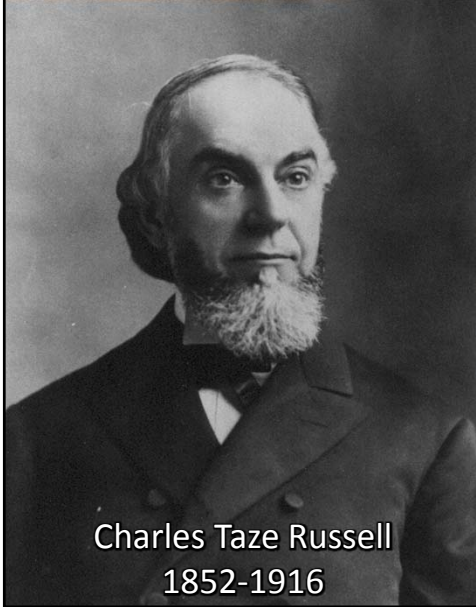
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The local congregation, called the "Kingdom Hall" is guided by unpaid male elders who arrange meetings, teaching times, speakers, and more.





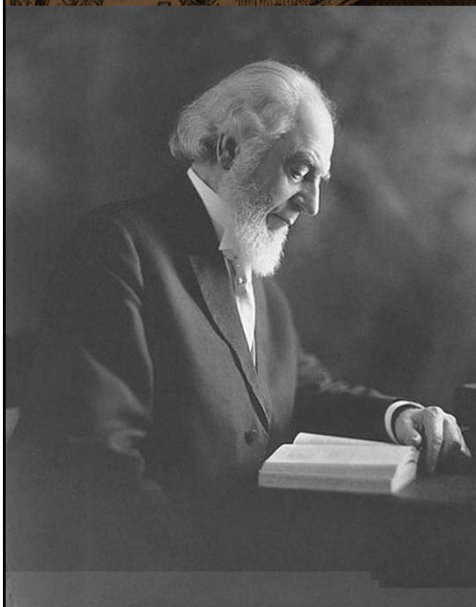
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Charles Taze Russell  
1852-1916

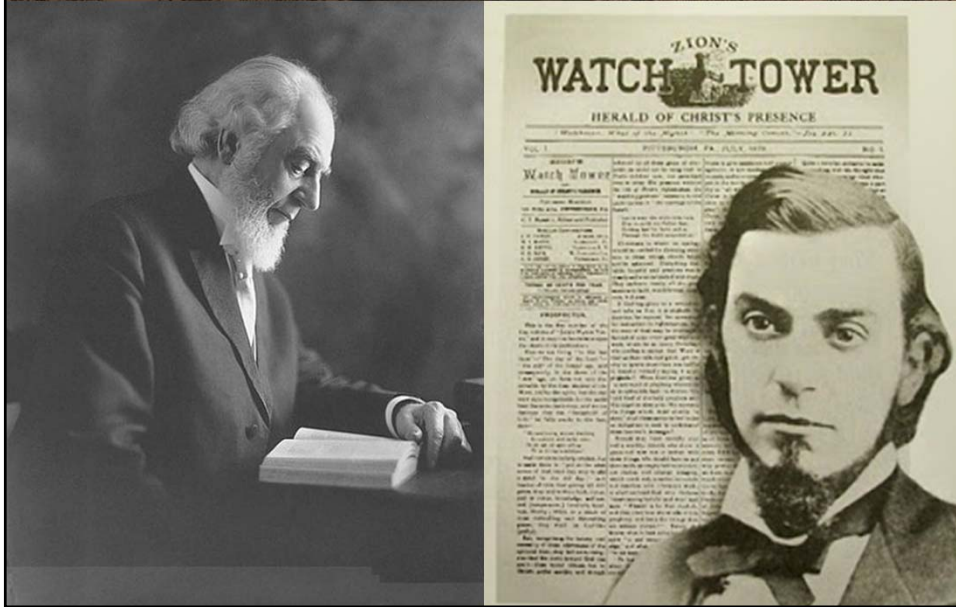
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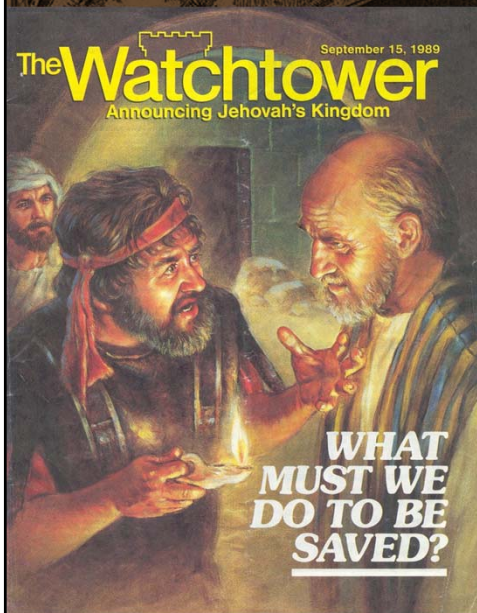


- Russell was born in 1852.
- At an early age he rejected the notion of eternal torment (hell).
- Became concerned with the end times
- Russell founded the *The Herald of the Morning* in 1879 which has developed into today's *The Watchtower Announcing Jehovah's Kingdom*.

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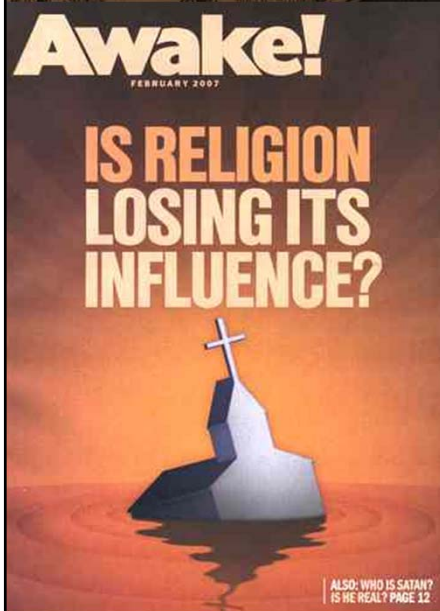
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- It has a circulation of over 42 million in more than 190 languages.



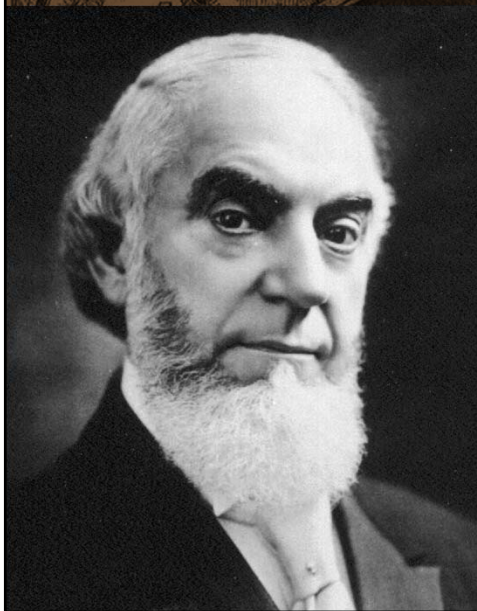
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- A close second is *Awake!* with a circulation of 41 million in more than 80 languages.

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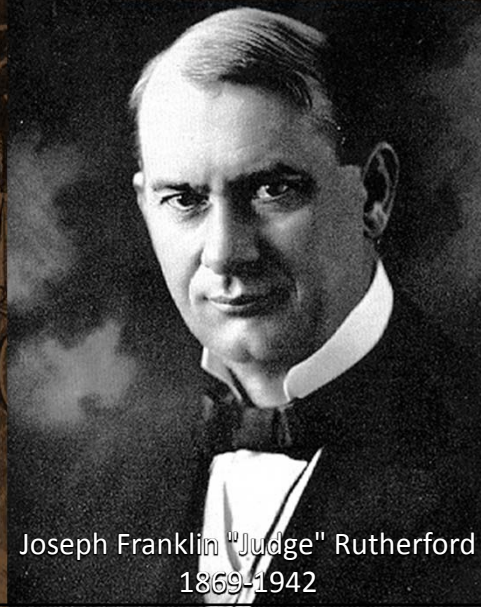


- In 1880 Russell predicted that Armageddon would occur in 1914.
- He died in 1918.

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- In 1917, Joseph Franklin Rutherford became the second President of the Watchtower Society.



Joseph Franklin "Judge" Rutherford  
1869-1942

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- In 1975, Nathan Knorr became the third President of the Watchtower Society.



Nathan Knorr  
1905-1977



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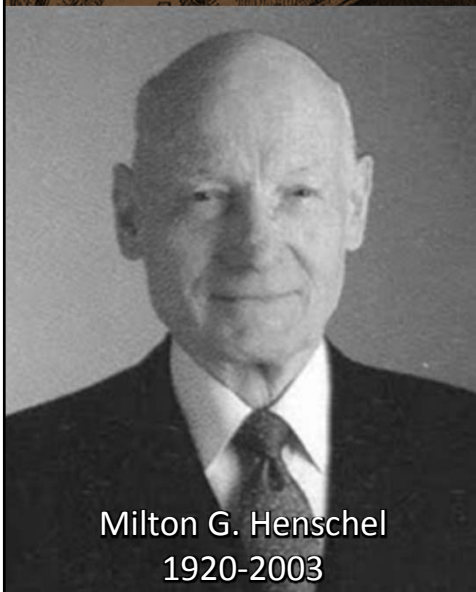
- In 1977 Frederick W. Franz took over the presidency upon the death of Nathan Knorr.



Frederick W. Franz  
1893-1992

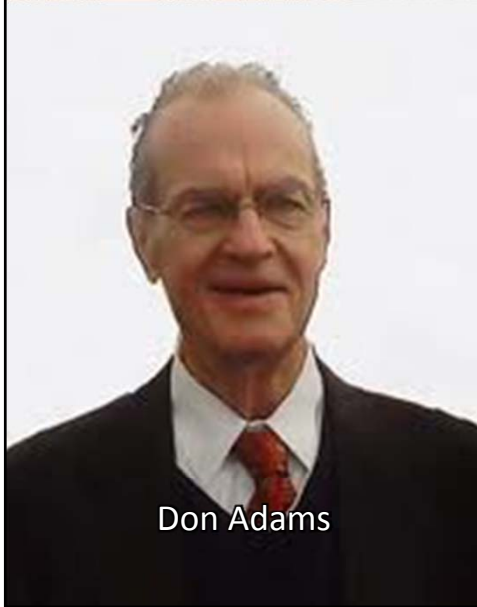
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- In 1992 Milton G. Henschel took over the presidency upon the death of Frederic W. Franz.



Milton G. Henschel  
1920-2003

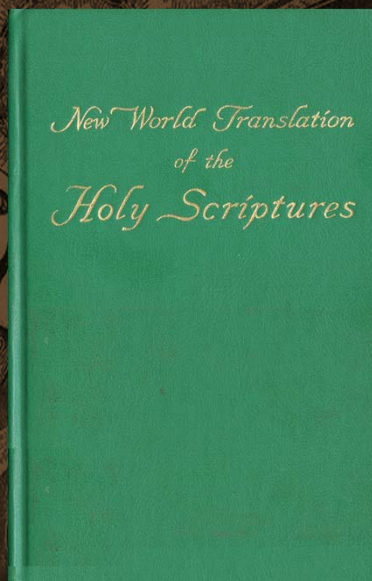
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Don Adams

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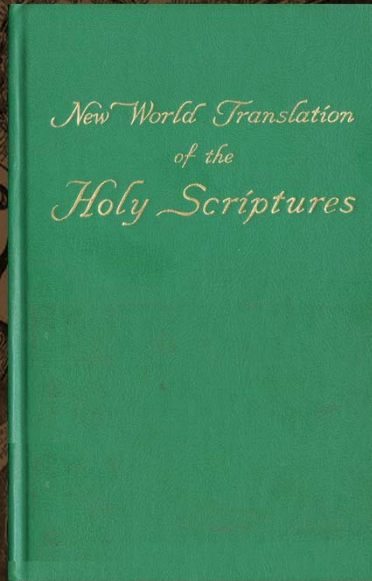
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- The *New World Translation*, published in 1961, is the Watchtower's own proprietary translation of the Bible.
- There were no Greek or Hebrew scholars involved in the translation.



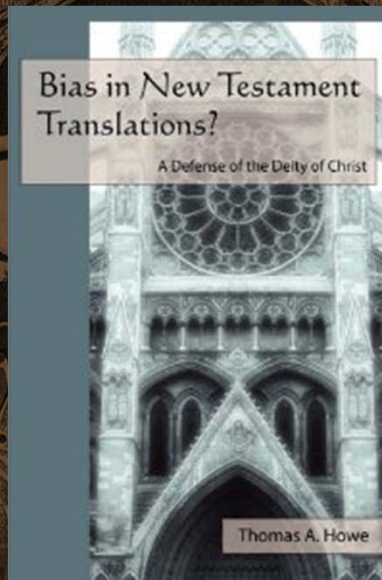
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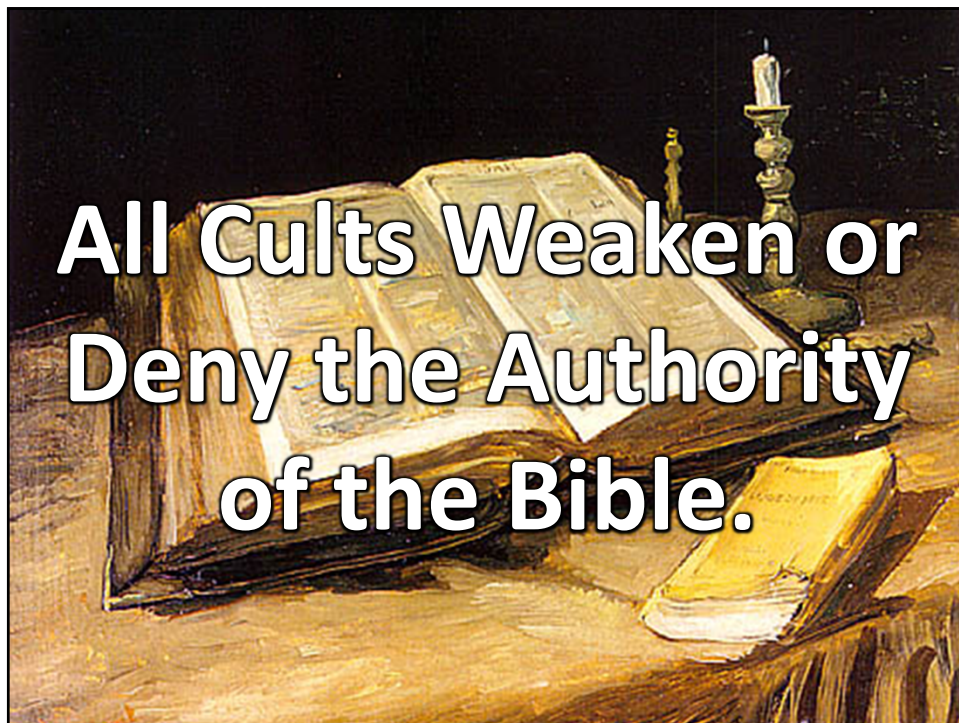
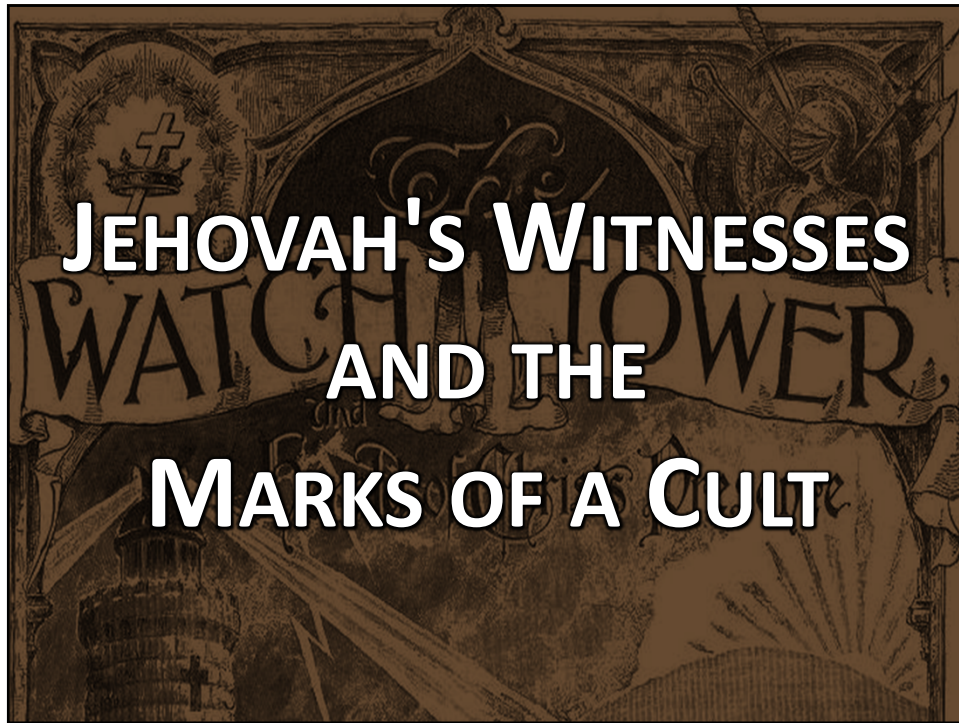


Examples of specious translating

- John 1:1 [a god]
- Colossians 1:16 ff. [other] added
- Acts 2:36 "Jesus . . . both Lord and Christ" Kurios (κύριος) not translated Jehovah (as most everywhere else)
- Holy Spirit without capital letters

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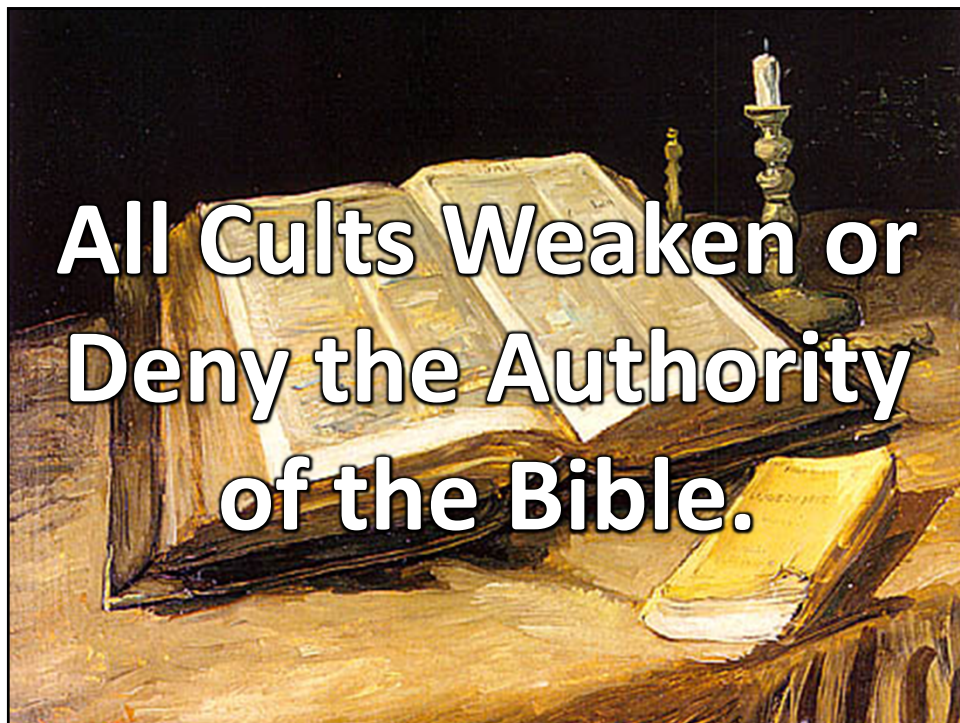
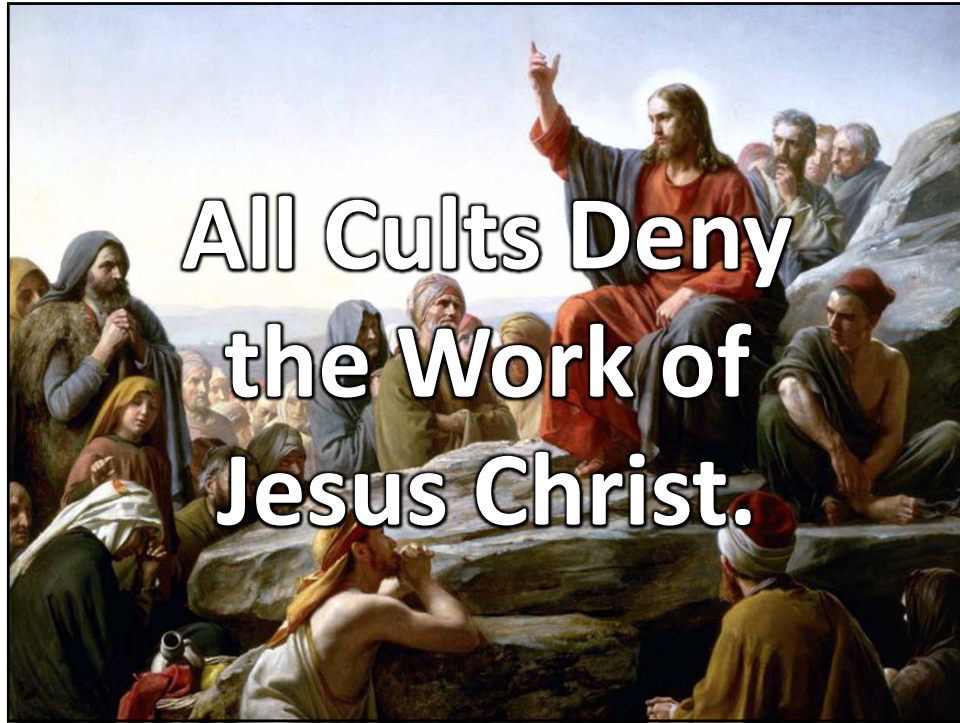




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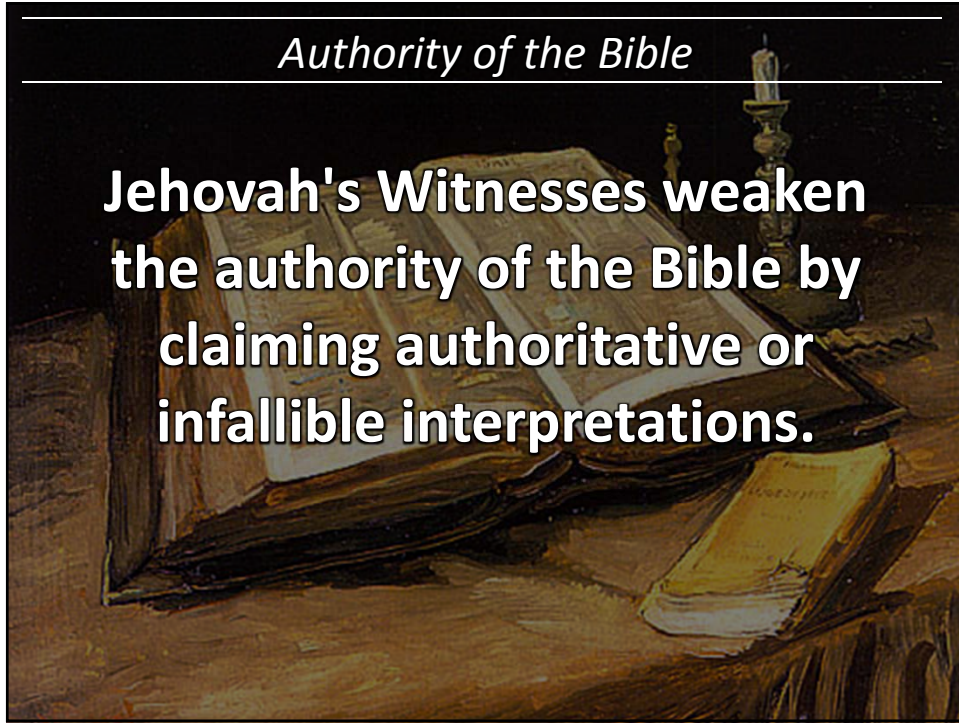
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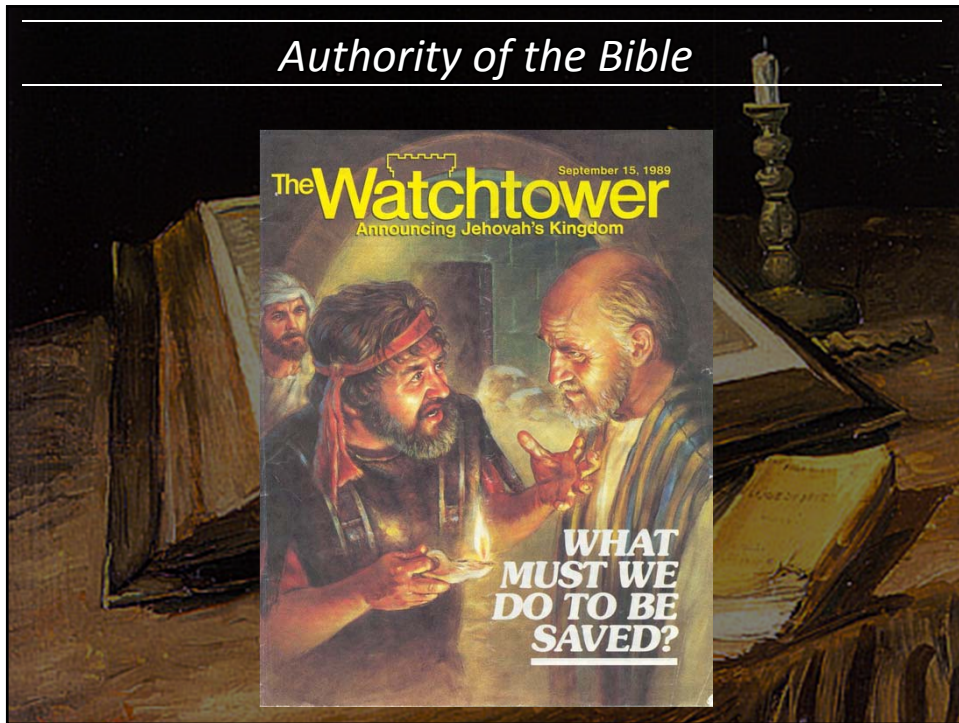
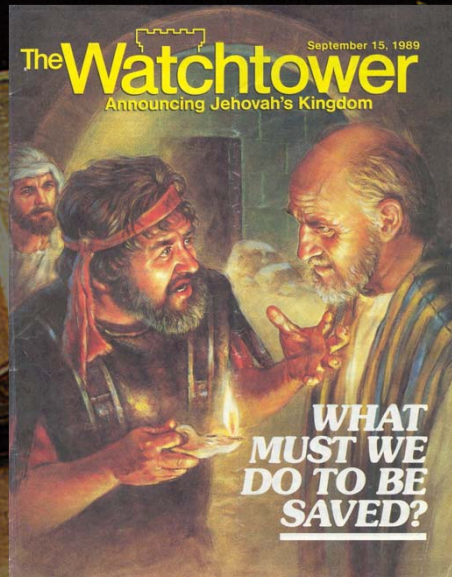


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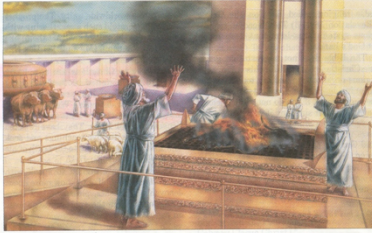
**Jehovah's Witnesses weaken the authority of the Bible by claiming authoritative or infallible interpretations.**



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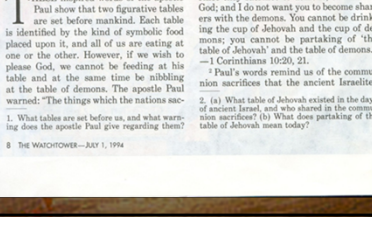
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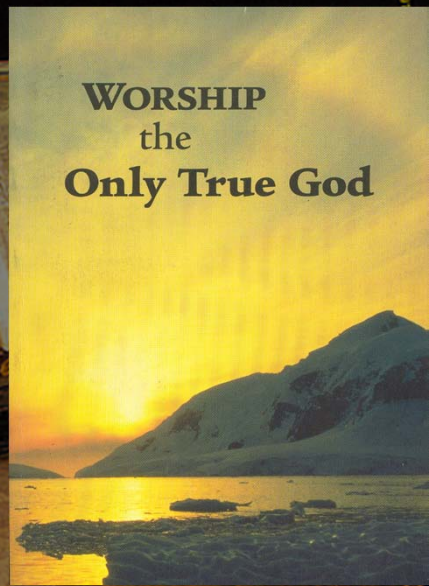
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4. What question do all of us face, and why would we not knowingly want to partake of the table of demons?

5. How can we avoid taking in demonic teachings today?

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### Our Bible Reading

7 In addition to helping others believe the Bible, we ourselves need to take time to read it regularly. Are you doing that? Of all the books ever produced, this one is the most important. Of course, this does not mean that if we read it on our own, we need nothing else. The Scriptures warn against isolating ourselves.

Similarly today, no one arrives at a correct understanding of Jehovah's purposes on his own. We all need the aid that Jehovah lovingly provides through his visible organization.

How have you personally gained an understanding of Jehovah's purposes?

Why is it important to read the Bible, and why is it regularly important?

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10 In our day the Governing Body of Jehovah's visible organization is made up of spirit-anointed brothers from various lands and is located at the world headquarters of Jehovah's Witnesses. Under the leadership of Jesus Christ, the Governing Body furthers pure worship in every land, coordinating the preaching activities of Jehovah's Witnesses in their tens of thou-

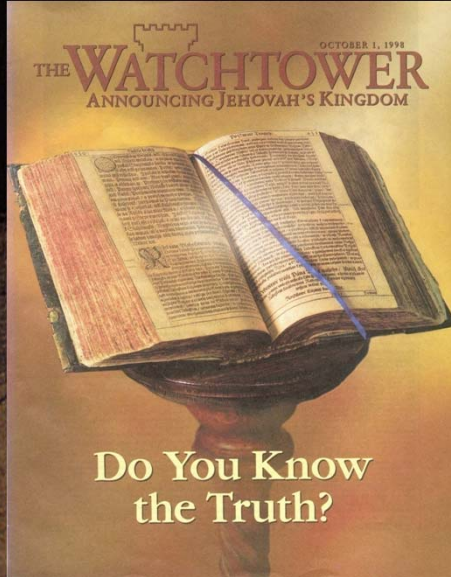
15 Jehovah is guiding us today by means of his visible organization under Christ.

By being loyal to Jehovah's organization, we show that Jehovah is our God and that we are united in worship of him.—1 Corinthians 15:58.

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"Many hesitate to listen to Jehovah's Witnesses because of the negative information that circulates against them. But honest-hearted people are invited to decide for themselves whether what the Witnesses preach is the truth or not. Such a vital decision should not be based on hearsay. Many who have conducted their own personal investigation of the teachings of Jehovah's Witnesses have benefited greatly."

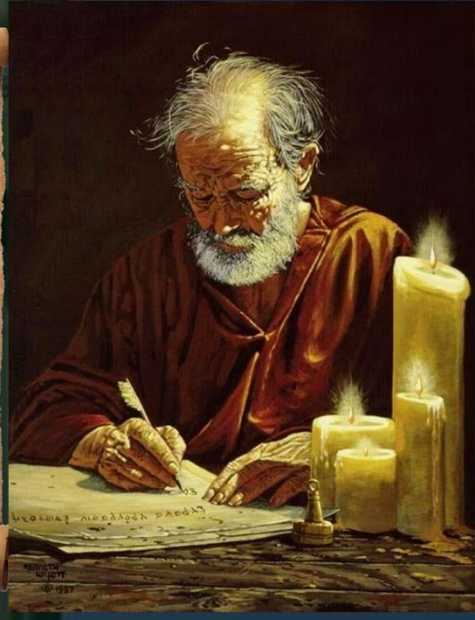
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## Salvation by Grace through Faith

*For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.*

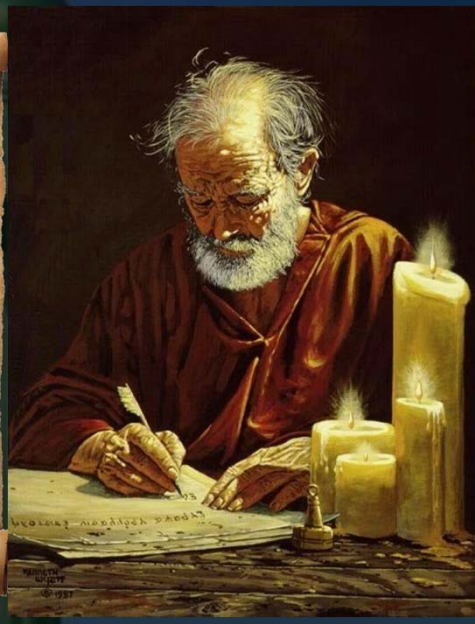
*Ephesians 2:8-9*



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*Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt. But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness,*

*Romans 4:4-5*

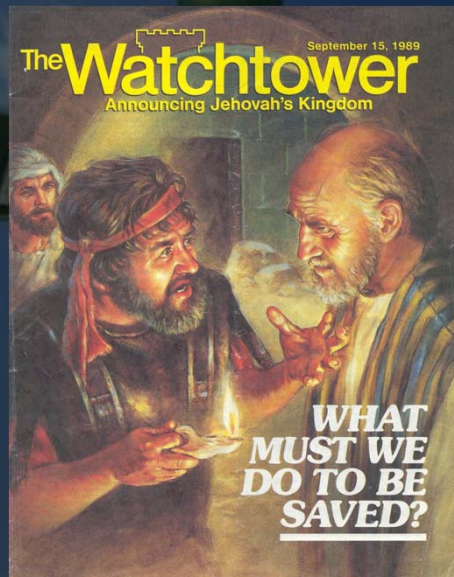




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**Jehovah's Witnesses deny  
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by adding works as necessary.**

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The Philippian jailer did not 'shut off his anyone else, for there is not another name

Some suggest that belief in Jesus is the end of the matter.

However, to concentrate on only one essential requirement for salvation to the exclusion of the others is like reading one crucial clause in a contract and ignoring the rest.

Yes, believing in Jesus is crucial to our salvation, but more is needed.

### must do to be saved

**W**HY do we need to be saved? Because all of us suffer the disastrous consequences of sin: imperfection, pain, sickness, grief, and finally death. The apostle Paul explained that this is so because our forefather Adam rebelled against God's law. Paul wrote: "Through one man [Adam] sin en-

terred upon all men, for all have sinned and are under the law, and death in accord with divine law. This was both just and necessary. It was just for life is not a right but a gift from God. By sinning deliberately, Adam forfeited all claim to that gift. (Romans 6:23) Adam's condemnation to death was necessary because nothing imperfect can be permitted to survive and pollute the universe indefinitely. Thus, when Adam sinned, he began to die and no longer possessed perfect, sinless life to hand on to his children as an inheritance. He could only give them life tainted with imperfection and sin.—Romans 8:18-21.

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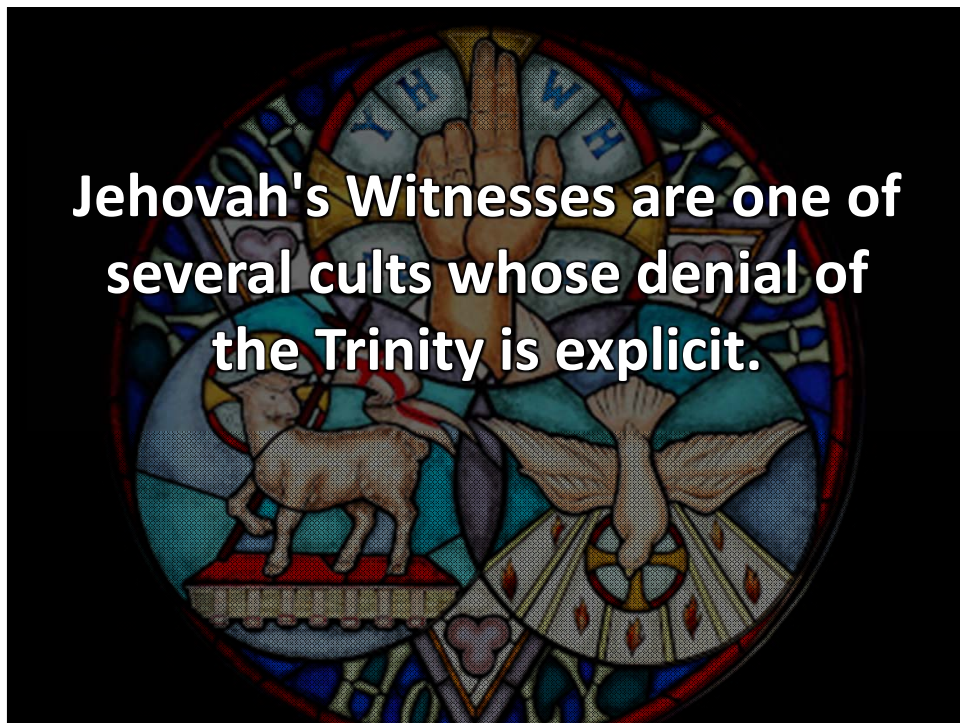
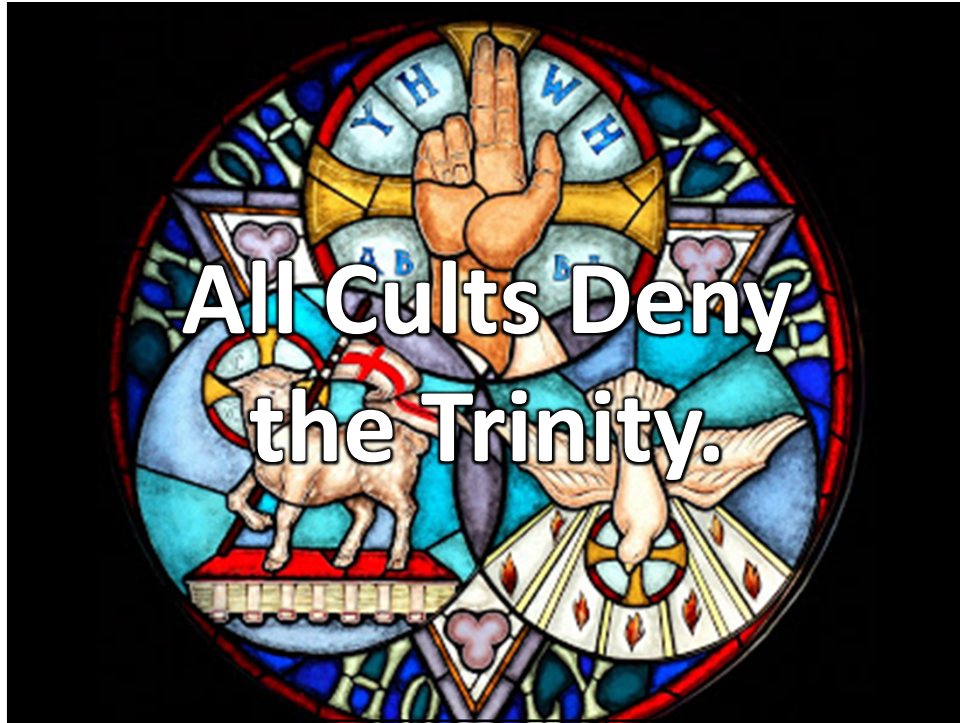
## Salvation by Grace through Faith

### "He That Has Endured . . . Will Be Saved"

Yes, there are various things involved in getting saved. We must take in accurate knowledge of God's purposes and his way of salvation. Then we must exercise faith in the Chief Agent of salvation, Jesus Christ, and do God's will the rest of our lives. (John 3:16; Titus 2:14) Salvation is sure for those who follow this course.

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## The Trinity

# Should You Believe in the Trinity?

*Is Jesus Christ the Almighty God?*

## The Trinity

# What Does the Bible Say About God and Jesus?

**I**F PEOPLE were to read the Bible from cover to cover without any preconceived idea of a Trinity, would they arrive at such a concept on their own? Not at all.

What comes through very clearly to an impartial reader is that **God alone is the Almighty**, the Creator, separate and distinct from anyone else, and that Jesus, even in his prehuman existence, is also separate and distinct, a created being, subordinate to God.

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#### God Is One, Not Three

THE Bible teaching that God is one is called monotheism. And L. L. Paine, professor of ecclesiastical history, indicates that monothe-

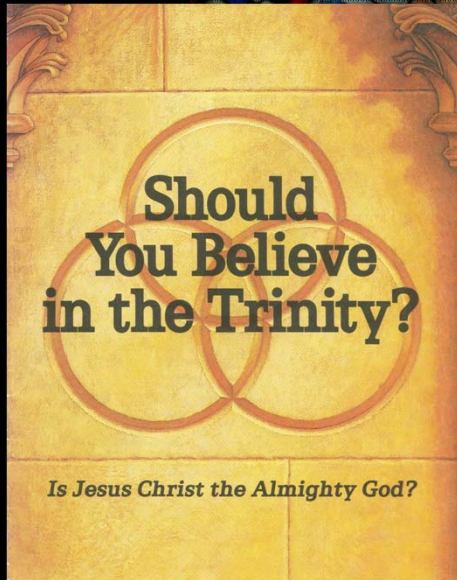
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ter Jesus came to the earth? Paine answers: "On this point there is no break between the Old Testament and the New. The monotheistic tradition is continued. Jesus was a Jew, trained by Jewish parents in the Old Testament scriptures. His teaching was Jewish to the core; a new gospel indeed, but not a new theology. . . . And he accepted as his own belief the great text of Jewish monotheism:

SHOULD YOU BELIEVE IN THE TRINITY?



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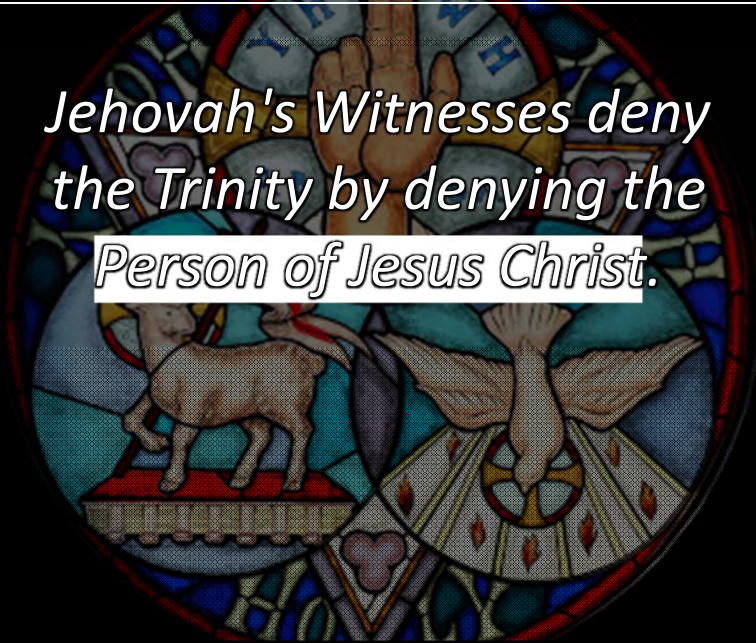
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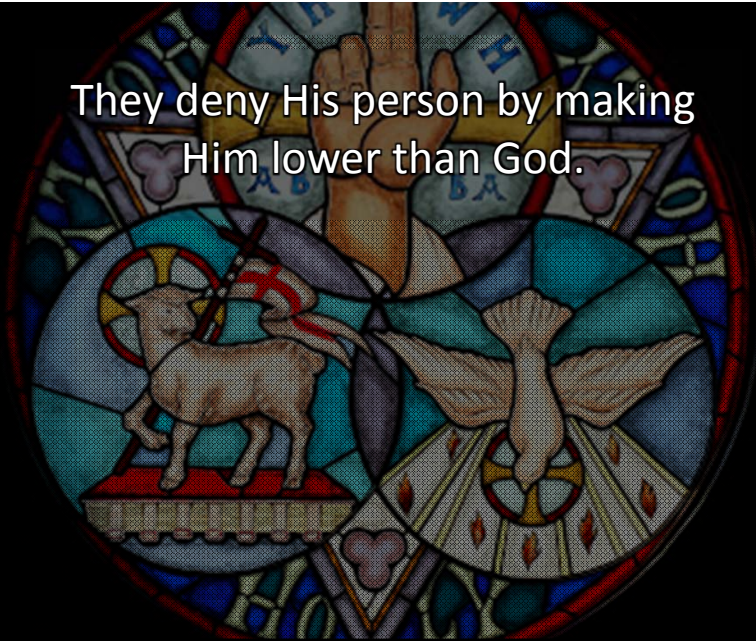
In the beginning  
was the Word, and  
the Word was with  
God, and the Word  
was God.

John 1:1



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They deny His person by making  
Him lower than God.





## The Trinity

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1. Son of Isiah and a prophet of Jehovah to the northern kingdom of Israel during King Ahab's reign. (1K 22:8) While King Jehoshaphat of Judah was visiting Ahab, the Israelite king invited him to join in a military campaign against the Syrians to gain possession of Ramoth-gilead. Before ac-

with them as they taught the people in all the cities of Judah.—2Ch 17:9-6  
4. Father of the Achbor (Abdon) who was sent, along with others, by King Josiah to acquire of Jehovah concerning the words of the newly found book of the Law. He is also called Micah.—2K

Scriptural evidence indicates that the name Michael applied to God's Son before he left heaven to become Jesus Christ and also after his return.

Micah said: "I certainly see all the heritages scattered on the mountains, like sheep that have no shepherd."—1K 22:17; 2Ch 18:1-16  
Micah then proceeded to relate his vision of Jehovah sitting on His heavenly throne and asking astonished spirit creatures: "Who will fool Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead? One of the spirits volunteered to go and become 'a deceptive spirit' in the mouth of all of Ahab's prophets. Jehovah replied: 'You will fool him, and, what is more, you will come off the winner. Go out and do that way.' Micah then told Ahab that God had put a deceptive spirit into the mouth of all his prophets. 'But Jehovah himself has spoken plainly concerning you.' With that the false prophet Zedekiah struck Micah upon the cheek and asked mockingly: 'Just which way did the spirit of Jehovah pass along from me to speak with you?' Micah boldly replied: 'Look! You are seeing which way on that day when you will enter the innermost chamber to hide yourself.' Ahab then commanded that Micah be put in the house of detention, where the prophet would be fed with reduced allowances of bread and water until the king returned in peace. However, Ahab never returned, because during the battle at Ramoth-gilead, "there was a man that bent the bow in his innocence," the arrow struck the Israelite king, and he gradually died. Micah's final words to Ahab had been: "If you return at all in peace, Jehovah has not spoken with me." The king's death proved that Micah was indeed Jehovah's prophet.—1K 22:18-37; 2Ch 18:17-36  
3. One of the princes King Jehoshaphat sent throughout Judah as teachers, along with Levites and priests. They had "the book of Jehovah's law"

called Micah.—Ne 11:22; 12:31, 35  
7. A priest among those with trumpets who played in one of the two "thanksgiving choirs" participating in the inaugural march for Jerusalem's rebuilt wall in Nehemiah's day.—Ne 12:40, 41  
**MICHAEL** (Micha'el) [Who Is Like God?]  
1. The only holy angel other than Gabriel named in the Bible, and the only one called "archangel" (Jude 9) The first occurrence of the name is in the tenth chapter of Daniel, where Michael is described as "one of the foremost princes"; he came to the aid of a lesser angel who was opposed by "the prince of the royal realm of Persia." Michael was called "the prince of [Daniel's] people," "the great prince who is standing in behalf of the sons of [Daniel's] people." (Da 10:13, 20, 21; 12:1) This points to Michael as the angel who led the Israelites through the wilderness. (Ex 23:20, 21, 23; 32:34; 33:2) Lending support to this conclusion is the fact that "Michael the archangel had a difference with the Devil and was disputing about Moses' body"—Jude 9.  
Scriptural evidence indicates that the name Michael applied to God's Son before he left heaven to become Jesus Christ and also after his return. Michael is the only one said to be "the archangel," meaning "chief angel" or "principal angel." The term occurs in the Bible only in the singular. This seems to imply that there is but one whom God has designated chief, or head, of the angelic host. At 1 Thessalonians 4:16 the voice of the resurrected Lord Jesus Christ is described as being that of an archangel, suggesting that he is, in fact, himself the archangel. This text depicts him as descending from heaven with "a commanding call."

## The Trinity

Jehovah's Witnesses deny the Trinity by denying the Personality of the Holy Spirit.

## The Trinity

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<sup>18</sup> Holding in view that *ru'ahh* means an in-

THE SUPERHUMAN SOURCE OF HOLY SPIRIT

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the watery deep, for an unstated length of time,

Thus this translation as well as *An American Translation* makes it clear that no person called "the Spirit" was moving invisibly over the waters that covered the entire globe. Rather, it was the impersonal active force of God that was moving to and fro over the unlighted surface of the waters.

though, that God's active force was not moving to and fro for nothing, without positive effects. Possibly it served to remove any cosmic dust cloud in which earth may have found itself and which prevented the light from our sun from reaching the surface of the watery deep all about the earthly globe.\*

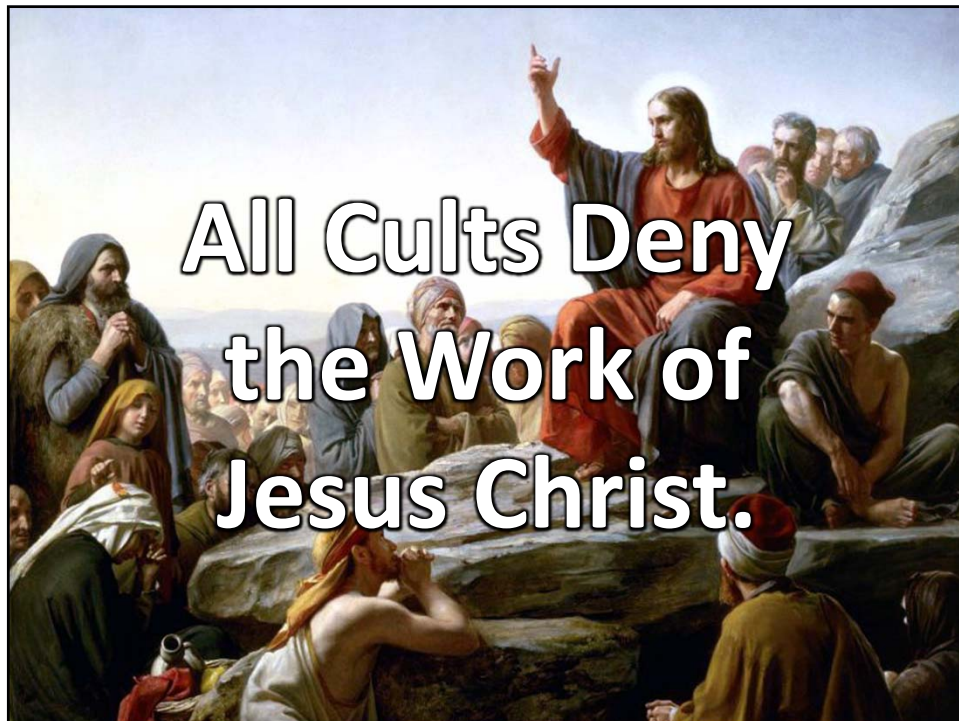
<sup>19</sup> At any rate, after such movement of God's active force back and forth over the surface of

\* See Genesis 8:1, where the Hebrew word *ru'ahh* is translated, not "spirit," but "wind."

18. How does the *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures* show that no person called "the Spirit" moved over the waters?  
19. What shall we say as to whether God's spirit or active force was moving over the waters for nothing?  
20. How did God move forward with his purpose for our earthly parents to see by the light of Day?

Source of holy spirit. The Biblical record of its operation over many thousands of years reveals that God has always employed it in a holy way. It has served God's righteous purpose. Never should we want to be in opposition to that invisible active force of God Almighty. We should feel like the Bible writer who said to him: "Teach me to do your will, for you are my God. Your spirit is good; may it lead me in the land of uprightness."—Psalm 143:10.

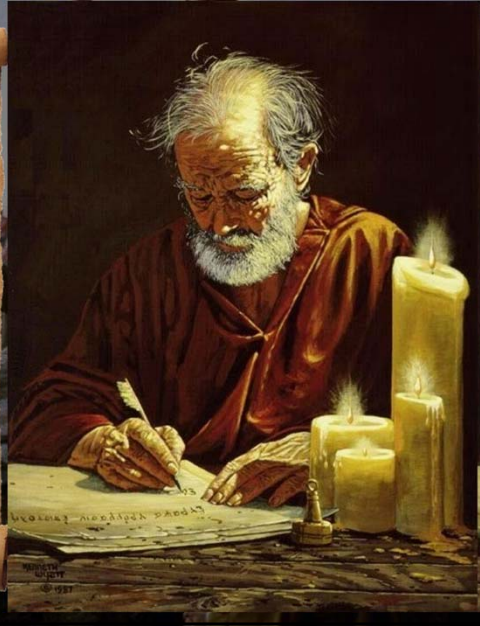
21. In view of how God has operated his holy spirit, why are we moved to feel like the writer of Psalm 143:10?





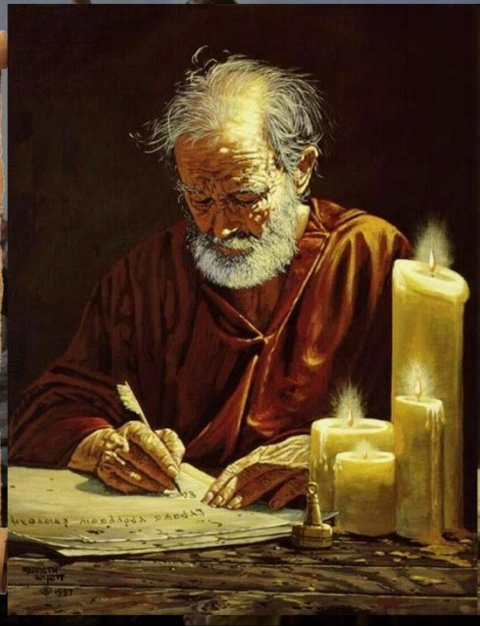
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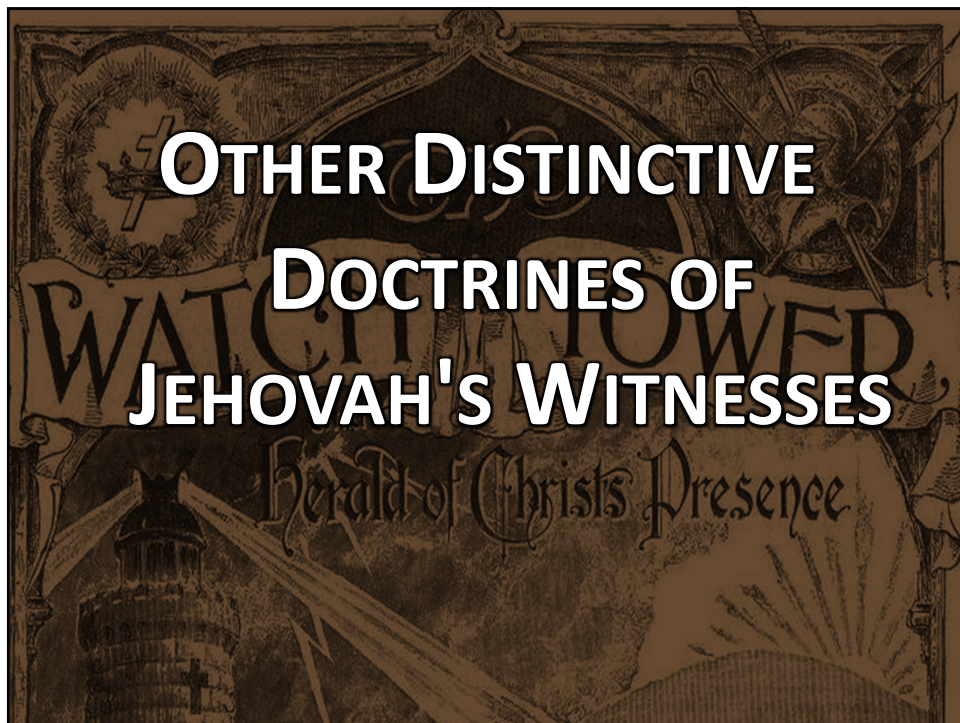
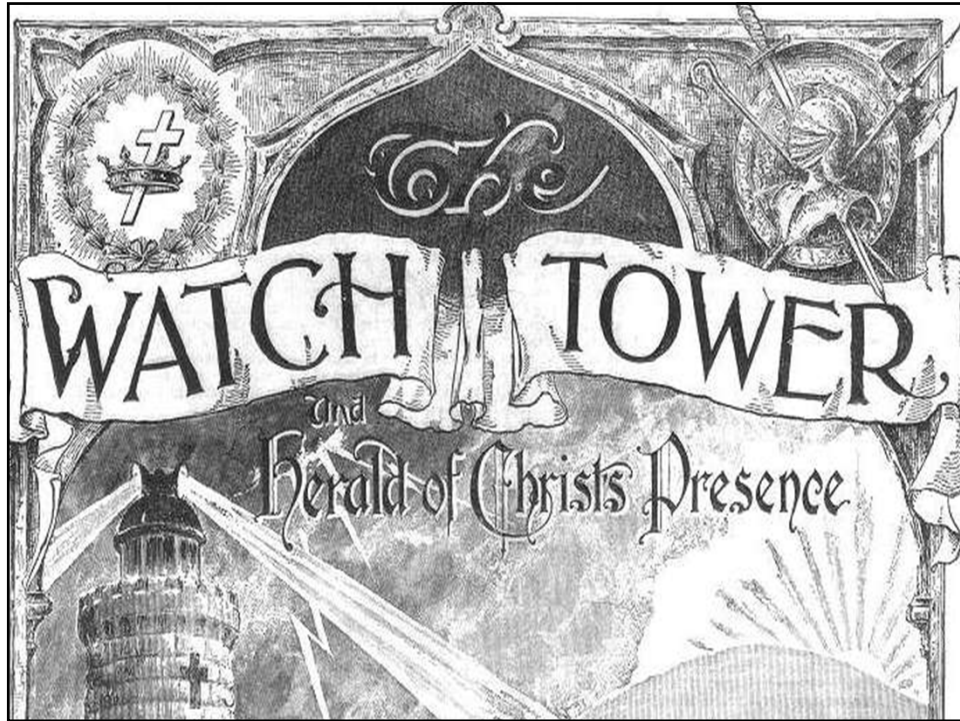
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that we might become the  
righteousness of God in Him.  
2 Corinthians 5:21*



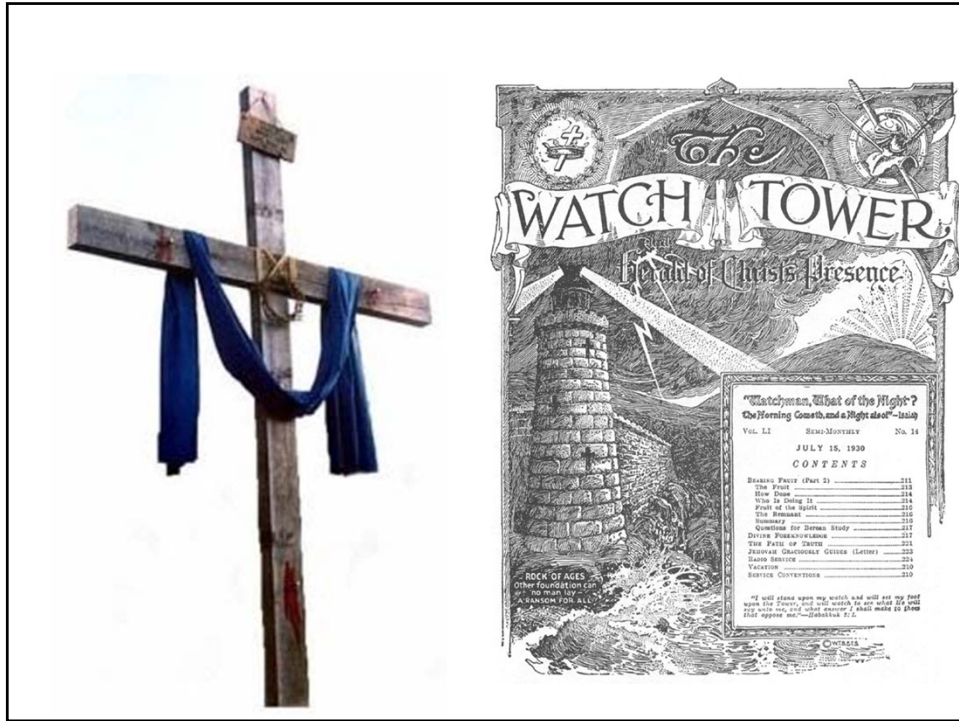
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*Not with the blood of goats  
and calves, but with His own  
blood He entered the Most  
Holy Place once for all,  
having obtained eternal  
redemption.  
Hebrews 9:12*









## Christianity

### Attributes of God

God is omnipresent

Psalm 139:7-10 "Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? {8} If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. {9} If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, {10} Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me.

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God is not omnipresent

"The true God is not omnipresent, for he is spoken of as having a location. (1Ki 8:49; Joh 16:28; Heb 9:24) His throne is in heaven. (Isa 66:1) [n.a., *Insight on the Scriptures* (Brooklyn: Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, 1938), s.v., "God: His Attributes"]

"God being an individual, a Person with a spirit body, has a place where he resides, and so he could not be at any other place at the same time." [*Watchtower* 2/15/81, p., 6]

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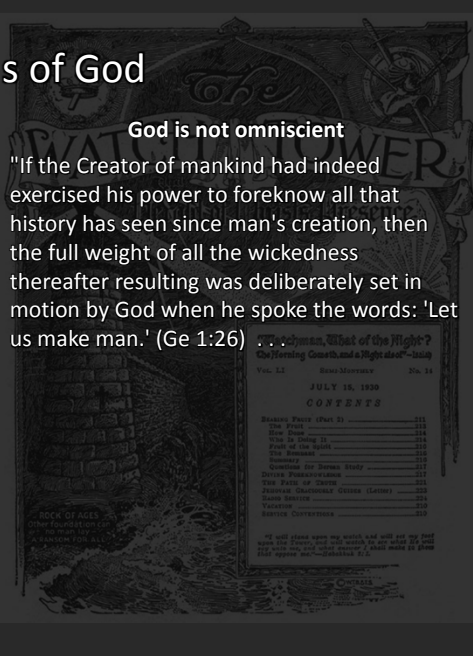
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Heb. 4:13 "And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account. "

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"If the Creator of mankind had indeed exercised his power to foreknow all that history has seen since man's creation, then the full weight of all the wickedness thereafter resulting was deliberately set in motion by God when he spoke the words: 'Let us make man.' (Ge 1:26)



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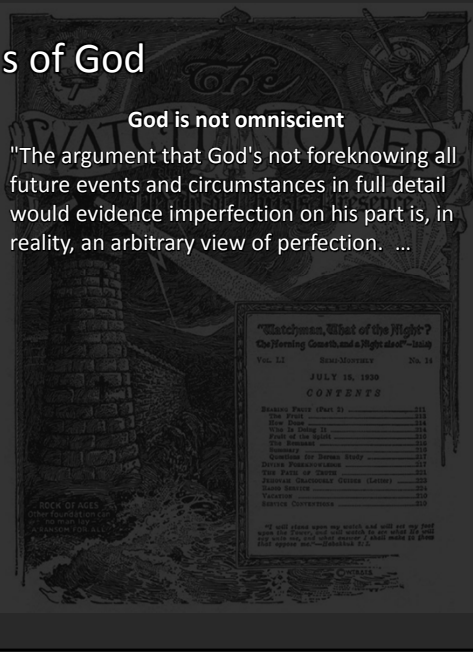
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"Selective foreknowledge means that God could choose not to foreknow indiscriminately all the future acts of his creatures. This would mean that, rather than all history from creation onward being a mere rerun of what had already been foreseen and foreordained, God could with all sincerity set before the first human pair the prospect of everlasting life in an earth free from wickedness.

[n.a. *Insight on the Scriptures* (Brooklyn: Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, 1988), s.v., "Foreknowledge, Foreordination"

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### Immortality

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Man does not have an eternal, immortal soul.

Man does not have an immortal soul that continues in conscious existence after the death of the body. The soul is not separate from the body. The soul and spirit are distinct, but the spirit is not the conscious part of man, but rather is a "life force."

"As stated, man 'came to be a living soul'; [sic] hence man was a soul, he did not have a soul as something immaterial, invisible, and intangible residing inside of him."

[n.a., *Insight on the Scriptures*, Vol 2 (Brooklyn: Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, 1988): s.v. "Soul," emphasis in original.)

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[n.a., *Is This Life All There Is?* (Brooklyn: Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, 1974): 45-46.]

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"... the 'spirit' evidently is an invisible life-force, active in every living cell of a man's body. ... In a sense, the spirit, or life-force active both in animals and man might be compared to a flow of electrons or electricity through a machine or an appliance."

[*Is This Life All There Is?*, pp. 49, 50.]



## Christianity

### Resurrection of Mankind

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All will be raised from the dead, both  
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John 5:28-29

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"... in the resurrection there is no joining again of  
soul and body. However, whether spiritual or  
earthly, the individual must have a body or  
organism, for all persons, heavenly or earthly,  
possess bodies. To be again a person, one who  
has died would have to have a body, either a  
physical or a spiritual body."

[*Insight*, Vol. 2, s.v. "Resurrection."]

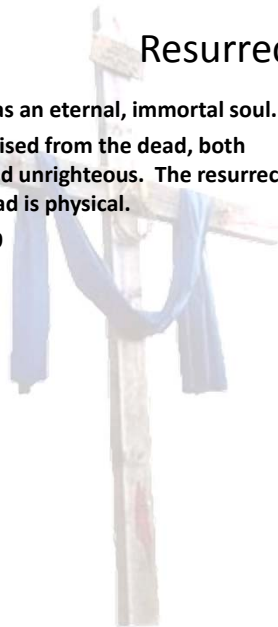
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## Christianity

### Resurrection of Jesus

Jesus rose from the dead physically.

Jesus rose from the dead in the same physical body in which He died. Though there were some significant changes in the body of Jesus, these changes do not lessen its physical nature.

Luke 24:39



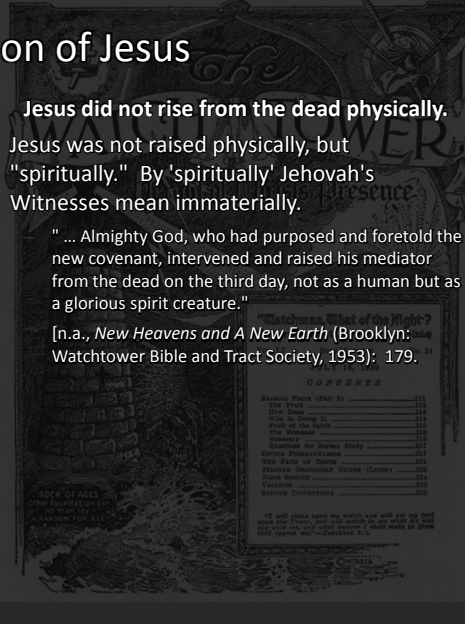
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Jesus did not rise from the dead physically.

Jesus was not raised physically, but "spiritually." By 'spiritually' Jehovah's Witnesses mean immaterially.

"... Almighty God, who had purposed and foretold the new covenant, intervened and raised his mediator from the dead on the third day, not as a human but as a glorious spirit creature."

[n.a., *New Heavens and A New Earth* (Brooklyn: Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, 1953): 179.]



## Christianity

### Hell

Hell is eternal punishment.

There is eternal punishment for sin for those who do not have eternal life.

Mat. 5:22

Mat. 8:11, 12

Mat. 13:42, 50

Mat. 22:13

Luke 13:24-28

2 Peter 2:17

Jude 13

Rev. 14:9-11



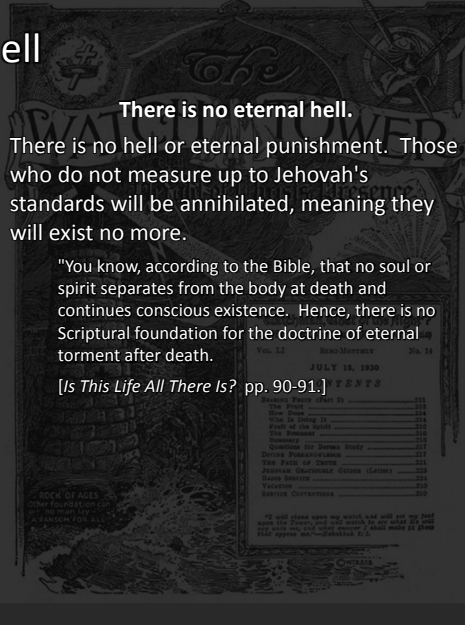
## Jehovah's Witnesses

There is no eternal hell.

There is no hell or eternal punishment. Those who do not measure up to Jehovah's standards will be annihilated, meaning they will exist no more.

"You know, according to the Bible, that no soul or spirit separates from the body at death and continues conscious existence. Hence, there is no Scriptural foundation for the doctrine of eternal torment after death.

[*Is This Life All There Is?* pp. 90-91.]







# The Biblical Doctrine of Hell

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### 1. It was prepared for the devil and his angels.

Matthew 25:41 "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels.'"

Revelation 20:10 "The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever."

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1. It was prepared for the devil and his angels.
  - a. Thus, hell is not an enemy of ours, nor is it Satan's "home base" or fortress.
  - b. Rather, it is Satan's ultimate defeat wherein he will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

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3. It is the result of God's wrath.

John 3:36 "He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."



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4. It is banishment from God's presence.

2 Thessalonians 1:9 "These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power."

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5. It is a place of punishment.

2 Peter 2:9 "then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment,."

Matthew 25:46 "And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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### 6. It is black and dark.

Jude 1:13 "raging waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame; wandering stars for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever."

2 Peter 2:4 "For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment."

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### 7. It is fire.

Revelation 21:8 "But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

Matthew 13:42 "and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth."



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8. There is weeping and gnashing of teeth there, indicating intense pain and suffering.

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9. There is no rest there.

Revelation 14:9-11 "Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, {10} "he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. {11} "And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name."

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10. It is everlasting. There remains no longer any hope for relief.

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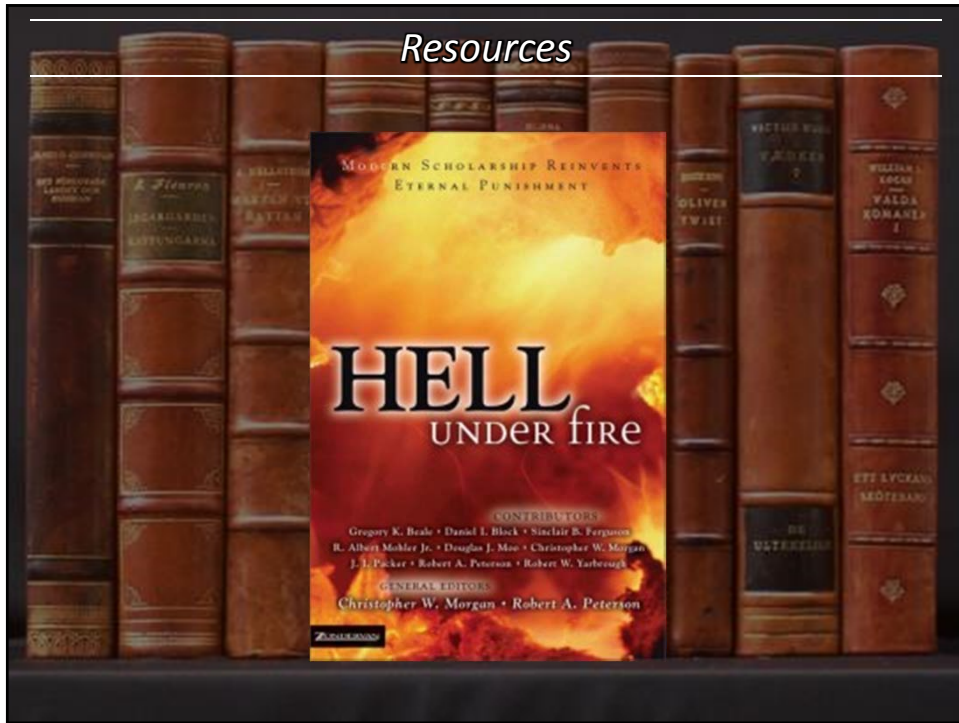
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11. It is avoided only by trusting in Jesus Christ.

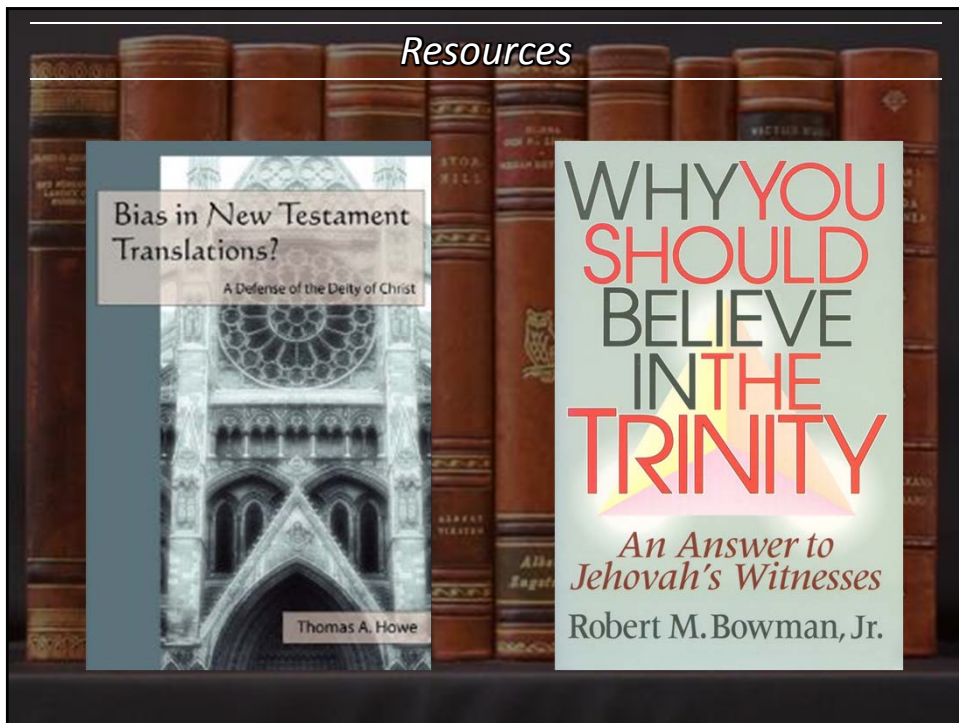
John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."



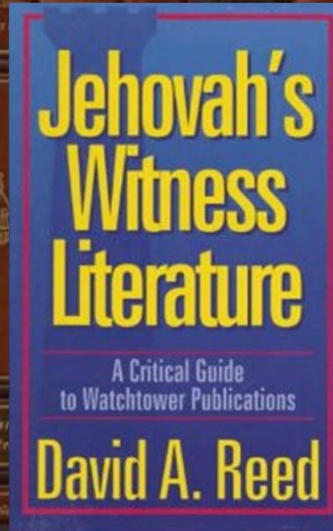
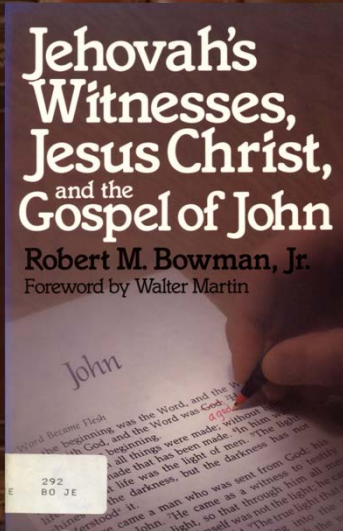
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