

Loss of church members to JWs

It is unlikely that a disciple who had a good grasp of Scripture would convert from a Christian denomination to the Jehovah's Witnesses. That is not to say that it could not happen, but it would seem to be highly unlikely. Charles Taze Russell seems to recognize that. In a 1910 watchtower article he recognizes that without the constant reinforcement of watchtower literature a person who just read the Bible would soon abandon watchtower doctrine and return to their Christian beliefs. -----

“But we see, also, that if anyone lays the Scripture Studies aside, even after he has used them, after he has become familiar with them, after he has read them for ten years—if he then lays them aside and ignores them and goes to the Bible alone, though he has understood his Bible for ten years, our experience shows that within two years he goes into darkness. On the other hand, if he had merely read the Scripture Studies with their references, and had not read a page of the Bible, as such, he would be in the light at the end of the two years, because he would have the light of the Scriptures.” Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, “Is the Reading of ‘Scripture Studies’ Bible Study?”, Watchtower, September 15, 1910, 298, accessed June 4, 2018, <http://www.watchtowerwayback.org/jw-wb/English/Magazines/The%20Watchtower/1910%20The%20Watchtower.pdf>.

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