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CHALLENGING NEWS FOR EVERY JEHOVAH'S WITNESS

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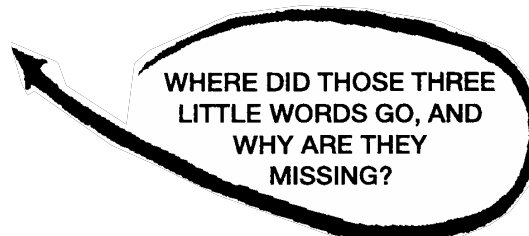
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Yearbook ↗



What are the purposes of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society? In the 1969 Yearbook (page 50) the Society gives a lengthy quote from its own Charter as to the purposes of the Organization. But what the statement in the Yearbook attempts to do is to hide the fact the Watch Tower Society is on record as having said that one of the reasons for its existence is "for public Christian worship of Almighty God **and Christ Jesus**".

The omission of those three little words aptly sums up the Watch Tower Society's attitude to the Prince of Life. The Society cannot bring itself to now say that it will give equal honour to the Son as to the Father [see JOHN 5:23].

This presents a serious problem for the Society, and puts you as one of Jehovah's Witnesses in a dilemma. For according to the same Charter*, its bye-laws clearly state that "**a member may be suspended or expelled for cause upon wilfully violating any of the bye-laws, reasonable rules, or ordinances of the Society, or upon becoming out of harmony with any of the Society's purposes...**" [Article nine, page 173].

As a Witness, your choice is: Worship Jesus Christ, as in accordance with the Watch Tower's Charter. Incidentally, according to Watch Tower theology this will make you an IDOLATER, for you will need no reminding that the Society teaches that Jesus is a god. The Watch Tower's first president Charles Taze Russell was in this very same predicament while he was in leadership. He openly advocated the worship of Jesus while at the same time denying Jesus was Almighty God, so he would not have lasted long had he today been a Witness.

Your only other alternative is to obey the Organization and refuse to worship Jesus Christ, **thus violating the Watch Tower Charter.**

Notice that whatever choice you make you will be doing what the Organization says. So whichever you choose, you are still being controlled by the Society!

* A photocopy of the Charter, or any other Watch Tower publication referred to in this tract is available, free, upon request.

Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.
MAT. 10 : 32, 33.

WHY CHRISTIANS ARE NOT JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Perhaps you've been used to reading "anti-Watch Tower" material that may have carried a title more likely to read "Why Jehovah's Witnesses are Not Christians". Witnesses, of course have been told by the Society that they themselves are the only kind of Christians that exist. And you may be the kind of person who is still utterly convinced by what the Watch Tower Society says regarding this matter. If that is the case, then what you are reading in this tract will have no relevance for you. It will be meaningless. On the other hand, you may be for the first time starting to admit in your heart that something is wrong. For **HOW CAN YOU HAVE "PUBLIC CHRISTIAN WORSHIP" WITHOUT WORSHIPPING CHRIST?**

At JOHN 5:17,18 the Jews understood perfectly what Jesus meant. They would know all about passages such as ISA. 40:18,25; 46:5. Their problem was they didn't believe him. Do you?

Remember, despite what the Watch Tower says, God's Word shows that whatever honour is given to the Father must equally be given to the Son.

QUESTIONS TO PONDER IN THE KINGDOM HALL



1. By reading the Kingdom Interlinear Translation can we easily get the sense of the original language of the Christian Greek Scriptures? [See page 1661 of New World Translation].
2. At COL. 2:9 does the Kingdom Interlinear Translation teach the fullness of the divinity of Christ?
3. Does the Bible teach the divinity of Christ?

IS MOTHER PULLING YOUR STRINGS?

As an example of the control the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society has over you as a Jehovah's Witness, try this simple exercise;

1. Look up PROV. 6:20.
2. Write down what you think the verse means.
3. The references given in your New World Translation will very helpfully point you to DEUT. 21:18 and EPH. 6:1. This helps establish what Scripture is saying back at PROV. 6:20, namely, giving due respect to our parents.
4. We can re-enforce this point by turning to the marginal references given at EPH. 6:1. As well as directing our attention back to our original starting point (PROV. 6:20) another helpful verse appears; PROV. 23:22. This last mentioned passage is very clear and its teaching is again unmistakable. Yes, it emphasises respect and obedience to our parents.
5. By now you may be wondering what all this has to do with the charge that the Organization is controlling how you interpret Scripture. But the Society has discouraged you from thinking for yourself hasn't it? It says you are to avoid independent thinking. (Watchtower, 15 January 1983, page 22).
6. According to the Watch Tower Society your "independent thinking" has led you to a completely wrong answer! The Watch Tower's explanation of PROV. 6:20 is that it has NOTHING to do with Mum and Dad at all!
7. In case you haven't guessed it yet, the Watch Tower informs us that "Father" is Jehovah and "Mother" is the Organization! (Watchtower, 1st May 1957, pages 274, 284).
8. The Society has now got you exactly where it wants you. You must give as much loyalty and allegiance to Mother as you do to Father. **AND WE KNOW WHO MOTHER IS, DON'T WE?**

WHY AWARE! IS PUBLISHED

AWARE! is for the enlightenment of the entire family of Jehovah's Witnesses, it shows how to cope with today's problems that man-made religion engenders. It reports the good news of the gospel, examines the Watch Tower religion and preaches Christ crucified. But it does more. It probes beneath the surface and points to the real need of justification by faith. Most importantly for every Jehovah's Witness this publication shows that confidence in the Watch Tower's promise of a peaceful and secure new world before the generation that saw the events of 1914 passes away is certain to end in disappointment.

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