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CHALLENGING NEWS FOR EVERY JEHOVAH'S WITNESS

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Can Jehovah's Witnesses Really Believe The Watchtower?

QUESTION: How can Jehovah's Witnesses know that what they are reading in current Watch Tower literature regarding doctrine and important future events is reliable and trustworthy?

ANSWER: They can't.

To illustrate this important point let us drop in on an imaginary conversation between David (a Christian) and Thomas (a Jehovah's Witness)

THOMAS: "Hello, David. I have the latest edition of the Watchtower magazine, I'm sure you'll find it interesting in what it has to say about God's wonderful plan for the future which He is about to bring to pass."

DAVID: "Thanks, Thomas. Yes I do have a keen interest in what lies ahead for us, and I have read many passages in my Bible that are both a warning to unbelievers and a comfort to God's people."

THOMAS: "It's great to hear you say you read your Bible, but along with that you really need some means of explanation as to what you read in Scripture or you won't be sure you are gaining accurate knowledge. Jehovah has provided a Prophet to do just that, so when you read Watch Tower Society literature provided by Jehovah's prophet you know you are getting an accurate explanation of Bible truth."

DAVID: "That's an interesting statement you are making about Jehovah's Witnesses. I have read for myself that they say that they are God's prophet and that we should pay attention to what they teach, But I have a problem regarding this."

THOMAS: "Oh, I don't see how there could be, but tell me what's on your mind."

DAVID: "Okay, Here goes. I'm very much aware that you are firmly convinced that the Watch Tower Society would never mislead you, and that you trust it to be truthful, right?"

THOMAS: "Of course, The Society speaks with authority, and I expect it to reflect its title as the Faithful and Discreet Slave."

DAVID: "That's what causes me so much concern, Thomas, You see, I've been doing some research into what the Society is saying TODAY, and comparing it with what it USED TO SAY on the same subject."

THOMAS: "What do you mean? Jehovah's organization would never do something like that."

DAVID: "Well, Thomas, as well as changing its mind on the meaning of who the governing authorities [superior authorities, NWT] are (Rom,13: 1), or what constitutes the Lord's body in

The Watchtower Society has also had problems in deciding

- Whether Adam was included in the atonement
- Whether the inhabitants of Sodom and Gomorrah will be resurrected
- Whether organ transplants should be allowed

Does this sound like God's organization to you?

Bear in mind that **WHATEVER** the Watch Tower teaches, if you are a Witness **YOU WILL HAVE TO ACCEPT IT.**

the Lord's supper, it used to teach that Christ should be worshipped! In fact, on the subject of Christ, as you know, Witnesses are constantly told that the Bible doesn't teach the divinity of Christ, yet the Watch Tower Society published a Bible that very clearly says that in Christ "all the fullness of deity is resident in bodily form." But one of the most disturbing things I found in my researching of former Watch Tower publications, was that the Society had actually altered its literature to cover up the false prophecies it had made."

THOMAS: "Hey, I can't believe that, David! That would be deliberate deception. It's one thing to make a genuine mistake, but quite another to knowingly rewrite stuff after something was supposed to have happened."

DAVID: "Maybe you should check things out for yourself, and not just take my word for it. I'll let you see the Watch

Tower articles if you want to, but in the interest of truth I really do feel you should find out. For if it's been happening in the past how can you know for sure it's not happening now?"

A QUESTION TO PONDER IN THE KINGDOM HALL



In 1995 Awake! magazine altered its statement that regularly appears on page 4 so that there is now no longer any reference to the generation that saw the events of 1914. *WHY DO YOU THINK IT WAS ALTERED?*

IF THE WATCH TOWER SOCIETY CAN'T BE TRUSTED ON THE SMALL ISSUES, HOW CAN IT BE TRUSTED ON VITAL DOCTRINE, SUCH AS THE WAY OF SALVATION? REMEMBER: SALVATION COMES BY TRUSTING CHRIST'S BLOOD ALONE (NOT BY TRYING TO CONTRIBUTE BY YOUR EFFORTS OR GOOD STANDING AS A WITNESS). JESUS PAID THE DEBT FOR ALL SIN. THE MOMENT YOU TRUST HIM YOU WILL BE JUSTIFIED.

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household" ACTS 16:31.

".....by Him everyone who believes is justified from all things" ACTS 13:39.

Photocopies of Watch Tower literature dealing with all the subjects mentioned in this tract can be obtained free from First & Last Ministries.

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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