

## JEHUNAH'S MITNESSES

## CULTS & CHRISTIANITY

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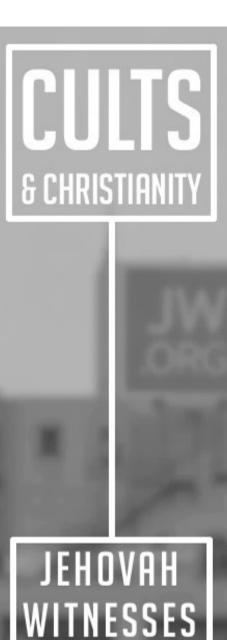


# WHO ARE JEHOVAH WITNESSES?

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#### A BRIEF HISTORY & INTRODUCTION

- 1879 : BIBLE CLASS LED BY CHARLES T RUSSELL
- 1886 : WATCHTOWER BIBLE & TRACT SOCIETY FORMED
- 1931: RENAMED JEHOVAH WITNESSES BY J.F.
   RUTHERFORD
- 2017: ACTIVE IN 240 COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD
   23 KINGDON HALLS IN N.I.



#### A BRIEF HISTORY & INTRODUCTION

- WHY ARE THEY CALLED JW'S?
- WHAT ARE THEY KNOWN FOR?
  - DOOR TO DOOR
  - WATCHTOWER MAGAZINE
  - NO BLOOD TRANSFUSIONS
  - GENUINE, SINCERE & DEDICATED
- WHAT DO THEY CLAIM?



## JW FOUNDERS

- CHARLES T RUSSELL
  - THEOLOGICAL CREDITIONALS
  - PERSONAL CREDITIONALS
  - PROPHETICAL CREDITIONALS
- 'JUDGE' JOSEPH RUTHERFORD

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?



# WHAT DO JEHOVAH WITNESSES BELIEVE?

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### **JW JESUS**

- HE WAS NOT GOD, BUT SIMPLY A GOD (JOHN 1:1)
- JESUS IS THE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL, INCARNATE
- JESUS IS THE ONLY THING THAT JEHOVAH GOD DIRECTLY ALONE CREATED
- JESUS DIED ON A STAKE, NOT A CROSS
- JESUS RESURRECTION WAS ONLY SPIRITUAL, NOT PHYSICAL
- JESUS RETURNED IN 1914 TO BEGIN 'THE LAST DAYS'



## **JW JESUS**

- QUESTIONS TO ASK
- HOW MANY GODS ARE THERE? (ONE)
  - WHAT ABOUT JOHN 1, WHERE YOU CLAIM JESUS IS ALSO A GOD?
- WHO SHOULD WE BOW DOWN AND WORSHIP?
  - WHAT ABOUT PHIL 2, EVERY KNEE WITH BOW AND CONFESS JESUS CHIRST IS LORD?



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## JW GOD

- Unitarian
- GOD'S ONLY NAME IS JEHOVAH

- JESUS IS NOT GOD
- HOLY SPIRIT IS NOT GOD



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## JW SCRIPTURE

- THE BIBLE NEW WORLD TRANSLATION
  - ONLY FAITHFUL TRANSLATION
  - FIRST EDITION IN 1961
  - GONE THROUGH VARIOUS REVISIONS
  - THEOLOGICAL FRAMEWORK SHAPES INTERPRETATION



### JW SCRIPTURE

- QUESTIONS TO ASK
- WHO TRANSLATED YOUR BIBLE?
- HOW DO YOU KNOW IT IS A RELIABLE AND HONEST TRANSLATION?
- WHY HAVE THE TRANSLATOR'S ADDED THE NAME JEHOVAH 237 TIMES IN THE CHRISTIAN GREEK SCRIPTURES, WHEN THE NAME APPEARS NOWHERE IN THE GREEK?



**JW BIBLE** 

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# WHY DO JEHOVAH WITNESSES BELIEVE THAT?





## JW GOVERNING BODY - WATCHTOWER

- EXCLUSIVE AUTHORITY TO INTERPRET SCRIPTURE
- LAST WORD ON WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS
- ANONYMOUS IN PROFILE

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?



JEHOVAH Witnesses JW GOVERNING BODY

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#### **HOW TO ENGAGE**

- PRAYERFULLY PREPARE & SPEAK THE TRUTH IN LOVE
- ASK QUESTIONS GET THEM TO THINK
- KNOW HOW TO ARTICULATE WHAT YOU BELIEVE

SPEAK OF CHRIST



## FIND OUT MORE / SOURCES USED

- THE KINGDOM OF CULTS WALTER MARTIN
- GOTQUESTIONS.ORG/JEHOVAHS-WITNESSES
- 4JEHOVAH.ORG
- CARM.ORG/JEHOVAHS-WITNESSES





#### CONCLUSION

Despite a track record of repeated false prophecies, a cultic isolation of their own people, and a flagrant mistranslation of the Bible to justify their own theology, the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society continues to gain unsuspecting converts every year.

It is the job of biblically faithful Christians to be prepared to refute these errors with sound doctrine (Titus 1:9). As Jude tells us, we must "contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints" (Jude 3). (www.gotquetions.com)





## **INTERESTING FOOTNOTES**

- AFTER 1975 FALSE PROPHECY, 1MILLION LEFT.
- 784 HOUSE CALLS FOR EVERY CONVERT

