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THREE MAIN ERRORS OF THE JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

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One brother here has handed me a booklet entitled, "The Watchtower - Announcing Jehovah's Kingdom", May 15, 2006, asking help in forming a reply. The feature article is "What is God's purpose for the earth?" The Jehovah's Witnesses are ever zealous to promote the love for an earthly paradise. In this, they express at least 3 main errors that need to be addressed.

Before addressing those 3 things though, we must make a note about their "New World Translation". This is not truly a translation, but a perversion of Truth. It is produced by those only in the JW movement. Their scholarship is undocumented. No JW can give you the names of who these translators were. Nor will any honest Greek scholar attest to the validity of the "New World Translation". If you have ever picked up one of these "Bibles" - then you will quickly raise your eyebrows and see the JW's for the heretics they are. When men fear not to alter God's word (practically every page of the NT!) in order to "support" their views - then they are indeed "anathema" (Gal. 1:6-9). All who follow this path of perversion are in desperate need of the light of Truth.

GOD'S ETERNAL PURPOSE: This article, as is typical for JW literature, focuses on an earthly paradise. It speaks in great detail of perfect health, perfect families, perfect earthly conditions, etc. They state, "We were made to live in Paradise! That is where our first parents, Adam & Eve, began their life." (p. 3). Did God make the earth to be man's eternal dwelling place? Consider what Ephesians 3:10-11 says, "To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the **church** the manifold wisdom of God, **According to the eternal purpose** which he purposed **in Christ Jesus** our Lord:".

Note what God's eternal purpose involves. Paradise on earth? No. The church, which is according to God's eternal purpose in Christ. Christ is the Savior who died for the sins of mankind

(John 3:16; 1 John 2:2). The church is what Jesus built with His blood (Acts 20:28; Rev. 5:9-10) and is made up of those whom He saves (Eph. 5:23). If this is God's eternal purpose, then God EXPECTED sin to come into the world. God PLANNED for how to deal with sin before it ever came. And God's ETERNAL PURPOSE therefore NOT paradise on earth!

FAILED PROPHECIES: Also, the booklet says in one section header, "God's purpose for the Earth *Soon to Be Fulfilled*" (p. 4). Ever the JW's have been zealous to predict the end of this world. The founder, Charles T. Russell (1852-1916) and his successor, J.F. Rutherford (1869-1942) both predicted the end of the world on several occasions. Russell predicted 1874, then 1878, then 1914, then 1918. Russell claimed to be inspired like an apostle & that he was the only one to be able to interpret the Bible. In other words, people would have to depend upon him for all spiritual guidance. Rutherford predicted that the world would end in 1925 and that Middle Tennessee would be the center of Heaven. In a book titled, "Millions Now Living Will Never Die" he predicted the dead would be raised, all churches, governments and other organizations would lose their charters, all the old would find the fountain of youth, and missing legs, teeth & bald heads would be fixed. Needless to say, 1925 passed as did the previous dates. And while I enjoy Middle Tennessee (I am currently living here!); it is not the center of Heaven.

After these two men, the power behind the JW's was vested in the Watchtower Society itself. And to this day it is seen, as was Russell, as the only means by which a proper understanding of the Bible can be obtained. This society, among other dates, made its last specific prediction of 1975 being the end of the world. Obviously this failed as did the others. But from all this we see how utterly miserable and fallible the leaders & the Watchtower Society is.

It is written, "But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die. And if thou say in thine heart, **How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken?** When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, **if the thing follow not, nor come to pass**, that is the thing which the LORD hath **not** spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him." Thus we have nothing to fear from the Jehovah's Witnesses, nor their doctrines & claims. But they have reason to fear Jehovah, since they have proven themselves to be **false witnesses** of Him.

In their booklet they do not set a specific date, but they urge: "A New World Soon! We are

now on the threshold of a new world promised by Jehovah God" (p. 5). How arrogant and presumptuous! Jesus said no one knows the time of the end except the Father (Mt. 24:35-36), and they still present themselves as knowing when it will happen! Oh, they know better than to give dates now. No dates do they give, just "Soon!" and "We are now on the threshold of a new world...!" It is all designed to excite and stir people emotionally. It is not based upon Truth as revealed by God.

DENIAL OF JESUS CHRIST: Also in this article they reveal one of their GREATEST perversions of Truth ever. They write & quote from their New World Translation: "Says the apostle John: 'I saw an angel [the archangel Michal, or Jesus Christ] coming down out of heaven with the key of the abyss and a great chain... (Revelation 20:1-3; 12:12)" (p. 5). The JW's, who claim to be witnesses of Jehovah, say that Jesus is NOT equal to Jehovah. In fact, they believe him to be merely the first of God's creation, even the archangel Michael. Their New World Translation reflects this apostate belief of Jesus being a created being. In John 1:1 their "New World Translation" says, "The Word was **a god**." The "a" and the little "g" are intentionally there. They added them in order to distinguish Christ from God.

But note what John said of Jesus in Rev. 1:5-8: "And from **Jesus Christ**, who is **the faithful witness**, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and **washed us from our sins in his own blood**, And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which **pierced him**: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, **the Almighty**." Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, whose blood cleanses Christians, who was pierced, is shown declaring Himself as "THE ALMIGHTY." Not just "mighty". Not "a god", but as God. He indeed is the faithful witness, not a false witness.

More could be addressed of their abuse of OT verses to physical Israel, which they try to use to support the "earthly paradise" idea. Their carnal concept of Paradise including marriage, contrary to Mt. 22:30. Their use of 144,000 and the 1000 year reign in a literal sense, when Rev. 1:1 says the book is written in figurative language. Their assumption that the "world" burned up in 2 Pet. 3:8-13 is figurative of governments, when nothing in the text demands this conclusion. Their absolute twisting of

the word "new" in 2 Pet. 3:13, which speaks of a new heavens and new earth. New here is "new in kind" as in different. The first world (this one) is physical & earthly, the "new" one is spiritual & heavenly (cp. Rev. 20:11; 21:1-2). Their concept of heaven for a few and earth for the rest equals TWO hopes. But God says there is "one hope" (Eph. 4:4). That hope is clearly identified as "reserved in heaven" (1 Pet. 1:4). We have not even addressed the fact that the Kingdom has already been established (Acts 20:28; Rev. 5:9-10) and that the Jehovah's Witnesses have missed it completely by looking for earthly paradise. But space has run out.

Friends, when they come by, be kind yet be clear with them. They are MUCH deceived. They need the light of Truth. They are taught to view ALL opposition as proof of their being persecuted for righteousness sake. So they can run away feeling good, even though they have refused to truly examine Truth. But our duty is to sow the seed. If it lands in honest & good hearts, God will give the increase.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- **Men's & Ladies Classes** - Every 2nd Sun. @ 5pm.
- **Door to Door** - Every Tuesday @ 6pm.
- **Home Bible Study** – Sat., Sept. 2, 16 & 30.
- **Business Meeting** – Sun. Sept. 24 @ 5pm.
- **Gospel Meeting** - Ron Roberts, Oct.15-20, 2006.
- **GM in Knoxville** - Doug Hill, Nov. 17-19, 2006.
- **GM** - Jeff Smith, April 15-20, 2007.
- **GM** - R. McPherson, Oct.14-19, 2007.
- **GM** - TBA April 2008.
- **GM** - Lanny Smith, Oct.12-17, 2008.

REJOICE!!!

We rejoice along with the angels in heaven (Lk.15:7) because Kara Streeval & Joe Smith have submitted to Christ in baptism. Let us pray for & encourage our new brethren in the Lord.

PRAY FOR

Mag Bumbalough, Thelma Cunningham, Holly Jernigan (Joyce Gardner's niece), **Mary Cox, John Ross Key** (Mary Cox's son), **Marci Miller** (Alisa Fletcher's mother), **Monie Petty, Dave Poteet, Misty Poteet, Rose Taylor, Dorris Williams, Horace Jones** (Doris William's brother), **Ocia Bell Jones** (Doris William's mother), **Ruth Williams** (Betty England's niece), **Robert England, Pauline Hickey, Nanny Wtaker, Dylan Roberts** (grandson of Marilyn's friend), **Johanna Fletcher, Ed Williams, Debbie Gibbs** (relative of Thelma Klein), **Joe Smith** (cancer).