

WITNESSING OUTLINE: WAKE UP TO FALSE PROPHETS

Using Documents from the Watchtower & Awake Magazines & Other WTBS Publications

*AKA: "Jehovah's Witnesses"

(HISTORICAL, WTBS DOCUMENT METHOD OF WITNESSING)

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*Why the “_” around “Jehovah’s Witnesses”? They are ‘so-called’ “Jehovah’s Witnesses.” They absolutely do not believe in the biblical ‘Jehovah’ and are not ‘witnessing’ about Jehovah.

DIALOGUE SUGGESTIONS WITH JW’s IN GREEN BOX

A PROBLEM OF COMMUNICATION

Why is it so difficult to speak with a “Jehovah’s Witness”? Let me explain by showing you a hypothetical encounter.

(JW): Hi. We are visiting neighbors to share good news about the world. Isn’t it sad that there are so many bad things happening today? Did you know that we are all promised Paradise here on earth?

(CHRISTIAN): Hi. Come on in

(JW): Thank you.

(CHRISTIAN): I have some questions about your Bible.

(JW): Well, I’ll be glad to answer them to the best of my ability.

(C): Great! Perhaps you can tell me why your Bible, The New World Translation, renders Jesus as “a god” at John 1:1. It reads, “In the beginning the Word was, and the Word was with God, and the Word was **a god.**”

(JW): Well, if Jesus is God here, then he is his own Father! You don’t believe he is his own Father, do you?

(C): What? I don’t see what you mean. Of course, I don’t believe that. I just asked you about Jn. 1:1, that’s all. It seems you have two gods here – God and a god!

(JW): Let me explain. You see, our Bible is based on the original Greek, while unfortunately yours is translated by trinitarians who believe Jesus is actually God, part of a three-god trinity. Right?

(C): Sir, I respect your opinion, but I can assure you that a correctly translated Bible says Jesus is God, not “a god.” And as for the Trinity, I think you misunderstand the doctrine.

(JW): No, I understand it. I used to be a Baptist! Do you claim to be “born again”?

(C): Yes, but getting back to the subject, are you saying there are two true Gods at John 1:1, or is the first God mentioned the true God and the second god, a false god? Since the Bible says there is only one true God (Jn. 17:3), then any other god must be false (Jer. 10:10, 11; Jn. 1:3)

(JW): Yes, but Jesus is called a god. 1 Cor. 8:5 says, “there are many ‘gods’ and many ‘lords.’”

(C): But that verse says they are only ‘called’ “gods”, and the next verse states that for the Christian there is only “one God” and “one Lord” (Eph. 4:5). Certainly, these so-called gods of the pagans are false gods, because there is only ‘one true God’ (1 Cor. 8:4; 1 Tim. 1:17).

(JW): Jesus is true, but he is not Jehovah. He cannot be his own Father. That would be unbiblical.

(C): You obviously don’t understand what I believe.

(JW): Nor do you understand what I believe. I have to go.

(C): Look, can’t we just discuss John 1:1? I still need an answer.

(JW): I’m sorry sir, but I don’t think you are really seeking “the truth.” I don’t see how we’re going to get anywhere.

(C): Wait! I forgot to tell you something.

(JW): What?

(C): Jesus loves you!

Wow! So many things wrong with this conversation. Let’s see why this happens all too often.

PROBLEM #1: TIME

The JW is out “in the field service,” which means he is on a schedule, going house to house for a few hours daily. He probably has a trainee with him and is part of a group working the entire neighborhood. He may not come in because he has very limited time. This is why you must politely ask him (them) to return – make an appointment (more later).

PROBLEM #2: THE WRONG ENEMY

Not meaning to, the Christian moved into a personal attack. The JW counterattacked and so on. Remember that our fight is not with the JW. It sometimes feels like that, but you must fight that temptation and pray for him – he is NOT there to deceive you. He has been deceived by his leaders who are controlled by Satan. Our battle is against the spiritual force, i.e., the authority, the Watchtower Society has over the JW, and not the person himself. (Eph. 6:17).

PROBLEM #3: MISUNDERSTANDING JEHOVAH’S WITNESSES

The problem with treating the person as the enemy is that we can’t come to grips with how in the world a person who believes his Bible can come to the wild and twisted conclusions he does about Jesus and the Gospel. Remember: He is a student of the Watchtower Society’s interpretation of God’s Word. His is NOT a Bible student – he is a Watchtower student and see’s the world through that lens which has been transmitted from ‘Jehovah’ to the Governing Body and then into their publications. The following questions will help you see how deep this goes:

1. Is the Bible the final authority that the JW accepts for doctrine? No. No one can understand the Bible without the Society’s interpretation.
2. Since JW’s are people, not robots, don’t they “think” for themselves? No. It is better to let their leader decide what is true or not. Personal opinions on spiritual truth is considered “apostasy”!
3. Is a JW interested in the religious opinions of others? Emphatic “NO!” JW’s are warned not to watch, read, or listen to the religious media.
4. Does a JW believe he can be saved by reading only the Bible with the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit? No. He MUST depend on the benefits of the organization:
 - “We need his spirit and we need his Word, but we also need the benefits of his organization if we are successfully to gain life in his new order.” (Watchtower, 9/15/67, p. 560)
5. How do JW’s “reason” with Christians on Bible doctrine? By using Society publications like “Reasoning from the Scriptures” (a small brown book – their ‘apologetics’ against Christendom).

PROBLEM #4: THE INVISIBLE WALL

Most Christians underestimate the extent of the JW’s commitment to the Watchtower Society’s interpretation of Scripture. We must remember that we are not dealing with someone who has ears to hear the Gospel. He is not visiting your home to hear your opinion of Bible doctrine, but to teach you. We cannot allow this – we are to be the teachers, to make disciples of them (Mt. 28:19-20) (more about this later).

In summary, we cannot argue with JW’s. There are only two types of JW’s: Honest or ornery. Most, unfortunately are the latter. They don’t care what you have to say. But this does not mean we shouldn’t attempt to share the truth with them. That is why using this presentation and others like it is a very effective method of reaching JW’s. Our goal is to break the bond of deception (a work of the Holy Spirit through us).so we can then share the Gospel. They must become an Ex-JW before they can become a true believer of Jesus Christ.

One final word: **This is a ‘seed-planting’ ministry.** About 1% or less leave the WTBS when talking to them the first time. All JW’s I helped lead from “Kingdom Hall to Kingdom Come” had been witnessed to by Christians before I came along. So, prepare for planting the seed, not ‘closing the deal.’

HISTORICAL/DOCUMENT METHOD

What is the “**historical/document**” method of witnessing to Jehovah’s Witnesses (JW’s)? It is simply this: using the Watchtower Bible & Tract Society’s (WTBS) own printed materials to reveal that since their beginning they have been:

1. Claiming to speak for God
2. Making 100’s of prophecies that failed
3. Changing, replacing, and denying previous WTBS doctrine
4. Creating silly, illogical, unbiblical, and irrational doctrines
5. Lying in their books & magazines about many subjects
6. And many more deceptions

As a result, and to keep their followers blind to the truth, they are NOT allowed to read apostate materials or any documents criticizing the WTBS. They often claim this is not true. But when many of their own writings are presented to them showing it is indeed true (that they are NOT allowed to read other materials), they admit it but try to play it down a little. But you must keep in mind that the information in all their materials is coming directly from ‘Jehovah.’

Therefore, we are using their OWN materials photocopied from the Watchtower books & magazines.

KNOCK-KNOCK AT YOUR DOOR: WHAT TO DO WHEN THEY KNOCK AT YOUR DOOR

It’s a nice Saturday morning and here they come! A pair of nicely dressed people carrying a satchel, briefcase, or other bag. What are you going to do? As a follower of Jesus Christ, you are suddenly faced with a decision: should I invite them in? Should I tell them not to bother me? Bottom line: the mission field is coming to your door. No need to travel around the world – they are coming to you!

You have 2 options: (What if you have already been meeting with JW’s? More on this later.)

1. **Option 1: Battle with them over the Trinity at the door.** This option is, of course, if you don’t want the ‘mission field’ returning to your door! It is MUCH better to do option #2.
2. **Option 2: INVITE THEM BACK.** Their time is limited – they much get in their 30, 60, or 90 hours per month in “field work/ministry” (going door-to-door, handing out literature around town, etc.). You cannot accomplish much at the door (many have found success doing this but inviting them back is usually more effective). As soon as you open the door, greet as normal but don’t let them in. They will have a standard greeting and ‘sales pitch.’ Let them finish but don’t answer their questions. Politely say something like this:
 - A. **SAY THIS:** *Well, I’d love to answer you, but I have a better idea. First, thank you for stopping by. I’m John. And you are? . . . I don’t have much time right now, but I’d love to talk further. If just one of you can come back Thursday at 7pm, I’d love to get your opinion on what I’ve been reading in the Watchtower magazine given to me.*
 - B. Nail down a day/time and try to get only **ONE** of them to come back. Why? Dealing with one is much better. Also, one of the two often changes a different person each week. This is frustrating because you must start all over to get the ‘new #2’ person up to date. When setting the appointment, let them know you’d appreciate it if just

one of them comes back. If they reply that it must be two, make sure you impress the importance that it **must** be the **same** two each week.

THE FIRST MEETING IN THE HOME

1. **PREPARATION:** You **MUST** submit this to the Holy Spirit. It is His project and He is in charge. Bathe your first meeting in prayer (and a day or meal of fasting).
2. **GIVE YOUR PERSONAL TESTIMONY emphasizing your personal relationship with a Living Savior, Jesus Christ.** If you have met with them before learning this presentation, ask if you can backtrack and admit that you failed to find out how they became a Jehovah's Witness.
 - Why your personal testimony:
 1. Because you may never see them again. If this happens, you will be thankful you did this.
 2. They do NOT have a relationship with a personal Savior. Their "personal relationship" is with an impersonal organization. As you'll see below, your testimony will focus largely on your very personal relationship with the infinite God-man and Messiah Jesus Christ.
3. **HOW TO GIVE YOUR TESTIMONY (this is VERY important).** After any idle chit-chat, before they launch into their "free Bible study" do the following. In some cases, if they catch you off-guard and begin their presentation, politely stop them and follow this dialogue as a guideline:

- **JW:** Hi. We are stopping by to share... (or other trivial chit-chat)
- **YOU:** (You may need to interrupt them politely) *Uh, Bob, I appreciate you both coming back (etc.). But before we discuss these very important issues, I'd love to find out how you became a Jehovah's Witness. Can you give me your testimony on how all that happened?*
- **JW:** Sure. (let them explain/give their testimony but don't answer questions. If they ask you a question(s) while giving their testimony, politely say "I'd love to answer that after you finish.")
- **YOU:** *Thank you. I really appreciate you sharing that. Now, would you mind if I share with you how I became a Christian? (I've never had one say, "no.")*

WHY AN EMPHASIS ON 'PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP'?

Personal Relationship – Why is the SO important? It is important that you think about this in great detail, even writing out your testimony and practicing it. You may need tweak it to emphasize (or 'over-emphasize') your **personal, daily, weekly, life-long, real relationship with a Person, Jesus**. You should certainly have it memorized or at the least, have practiced focusing on the personal relationship. We don't normally focus on this when giving our testimony. Why now? Because the JW doesn't understand it and it will accomplish 2 things:

1. Cause them to want what you have, and which they don't (they'll realize they've never experienced this relationship with the Living God/man, Jesus). I've had JW's tear up while giving my testimony because they realize how empty they've been. Their 'personal relationship' is with an 'impersonal' organization.
2. You will give the entire Gospel message (death, burial, & resurrection) over several minutes. Do NOT focus on or include Jesus being God in the flesh at this point. They will lose focus on what you are saying and won't hear the rest. I've 'lost them' at times when I made the point of "God coming in human form...", etc.

Here are a few suggestions or ideas for emphasizing the ‘relationship’ with Jesus:

- **A good testimony is:**
 1. Before salvation (what was your life like)
 2. During salvation (what led to and happened at salvation)
 3. After salvation (what has changed since)
- **Relationship ideas:**
 - I wanted nothing to do with the real Jesus. When I read the scriptures, he became a real person and I fell at His feet and He became my Savior...my Lord...
 - Jesus really convicted my heart...came into my heart...
 - I can't believe Jesus loved me so much that He died for me...
 - I speak with Jesus daily in prayer. He speaks to me daily from the Word of the, the Bible. It's the 'love-letter' from my personal Savior.
 - Now Jesus comforts me, leads me, teaches me. I was struggling one day with _____. I then spent time with Jesus in prayer and He changed my heart...

You can certainly imagine adding much more to this list. Certainly, make it personal and appropriate to you. Think of key times in your life where Christ carried you, fed you, taught you, comforted you, etc.

THIS IS THE END OF MEETING #1 IN THE HOME!

- When you are done with your testimony, you are done. It needs to end after your testimony. Why? You must begin with a very simple time together to begin to gain their trust. Chances are good you will either lose them after the next meeting and you don't want them to go away without having heard the TRUE Gospel.
 - **Say**, *“Well, Bob, you are so gracious for coming by, but I must call this a night. I'll have much more time next week. I'm really interested in your **opinion** about a few recent Watchtower articles. Can you come back at 7 next Thursday again?” (“**opinion**” is a **VERY important word to use – use it**)*
 - Ending it now is also strategic: you will be the one in control each week. But you will do so carefully, cordially, and without them really knowing.
 - If they insist and comment *“well, what is it you'd like to ask?”* **Say**, *“Bob, I really need to get my thoughts together, so we can have a wonderful conversation next week and unfortunately I'm not prepared to do so tonight.”* (another option is to have one of their books and hold it up and **say** *“oh, some things in this book. But let's discuss it next week at 7 pm...”*)

INTRODUCTION: A TWO-STEP PROCESS

Witnessing to a Jehovah's Witness is a two-step procedure. Before he can accept Jesus Christ as Lord and become a real Christian, he must:

1. Let go of his belief that the Watchtower Society is "God's Channel of Communication" and as such is the only source of biblical truth on earth today. This is accomplished by presenting evidence to the Jehovah's Witness proving conclusively that the Society is not God's spokesman or "prophet" as they claim to be.
2. When this is done, the Jehovah's Witness is then released from the bondage of Watchtower authority over his life and opens his mind up to receive the truth concerning who Jesus Christ really is and what He has done for us. Now the Christian can continue evangelizing using the Scriptures.

The **AWAKE of March 22, 1993** makes the bold claim that even though Jehovah's Witnesses have "suggested" dates that turned out to be incorrect, they are not false prophets because they have never claimed to be "God's prophet." This witnessing outline is comprised of a series of documents designed to demonstrate to the Jehovah's Witness that the Society is **in fact** covering up its history in an effort to keep him in the dark on this topic. The importance of this outline is that it is effective in showing the Jehovah's Witness that he has been deceived by a false prophet.

HOW DO I CONTROL THE CONVERSATION? USE A NOTEPAD!

"Jehovah's Witnesses" are experts at making you chase rabbits. Those "rabbits" are every doctrine a Christian holds dear that the JW will now light on fire and utterly destroy. In a short time, you will have covered several subjects that "prove" Christianity is false. Do not let them get you off subject. Here's how:

1. To aid you to keep total control of the presentation it is suggested that you make use of a large pad of paper.
2. Write down your questions and statements (by copying your hand-written notes, point by point) as you share the presentation.
3. You may want to use a piece of carbon paper (good luck finding some!) to make a copy of the presentation for the JW. Both of you will then have a written record of your conversation. In this way there will be no question as to what was discussed and proven. And what will the proof be? The proof will be abundant that the JW is in great error on the all-important subject of the resurrection.

HOW TO PRESENT THE "WITNESSING OUTLINE"

THE SECOND MEETING IN THE HOME

You should begin to use this DOCUMENT presentation AFTER the first in-home meeting, during meeting #2.

HOW TO PREPARE:

1. **PRAYER:** Once again, spend the week praying for the JW and this 2nd meeting.
2. **TWO SETS OF DOCUMENTS:** Make 2 copies of the documents. You'll be giving 1 to the JW and the other is for you to look at.
3. **ONE DOCUMENT AT A TIME!!!** This is VERY IMPORTANT. If the JW sees a stack of 30 documents, you'll lose them before you begin. Use what works for you. Here's what I always did: I took an old 3-ring binder with document pockets and in one of the pockets I'd have their stack. In another pocket I'd have my copies. I had the questions HAND WRITTEN in the notebook. Arrange the binder in such a way that they cannot see how many documents you will be using. It's ok if they see your notes. But it is best to use some system that keep them from seeing the many documents. **KEEP THEM OUT OF SIGHT AND GIVE THEM ONE AT A TIME.** (see the video training for examples)
4. **CAN YOU SPEND AT LEAST AN HOUR WITH ME TONIGHT?** Make sure that the person you are witnessing to will give you a time commitment adequate to cover the material, probably about one hour. You don't want the Jehovah's Witness to inform you part way into the presentation that he has "an appointment" and must leave.
5. Ask the following questions to make sure that the Jehovah's Witness understands the basic intent of the article and to lay the foundation for presenting the documents.

NOTE* Do not use this printed "Witnessing Outline" with the Jehovah's Witness. To do so would seem like a canned or prepared approach which would be too formal for witnessing and could quite possibly be intimidating to the Jehovah's Witness. Instead, after studying the outline and documents, **copy the questions in your own handwriting.** This will show that you have personally studied this topic. Ask the following questions:

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PRE-QUESTIONS TO BEGIN YOUR PRESENTATION:

Pre-Q1. *I'd love to have at least an hour to get your opinion tonight. Do you have plenty of time?*

Pre-Q2. *I've made copies for you and me to look FROM THE WATCHTOWER and other of your publications just so we're on the same page. I'm using only your writings. So here are the first two (no number at the top – hand them the first doc “Why So Many False Alarms?”).*

Am I correct in saying that according to this article, if someone sets a date for the end of the world which does not come true, he is not a false prophet if he did not claim he was God's prophet or that he was speaking for Jehovah?

NOTE* It may be necessary to ask the question more than once, perhaps rephrasing it until he affirms you are correct.

Pre-Q3. (referring to page 4 of Awake March 22, 1993). *According to this article, is it also true that if this person did in fact claim to be God's prophet and as such set a date, would he be a genuine false prophet?*

Pre-Q4. *Is it also true according to this article, that even though the Watchtower Society has suggested dates for Jesus' second coming that they are not false prophets because they have never claimed to be "God's prophet" or are speaking the words of Jehovah?*

Pre-Q5. *Am I correct in concluding that the Society would be a false prophet having set dates if in fact they had claimed to be God's prophet and that they were speaking the words of Jehovah?*

NOTE* It is imperative that you receive an affirmative answer to this last question before continuing. Re-ask and discuss as long as necessary in order to get the Jehovah's Witness to admit that the Society would be a false prophet if this claim had been made.

Pre-Q6. *Would you be willing to examine a few documents and give your opinion as to what they are saying? (or say “Great! Let's continue. Thanks so much for your honest opinion.”)*

(If he agrees then proceed to the rest document pack, again asking the questions that you have written down in your own handwriting; or better still, if you can learn each question to be asked without having to read it.)

NOTE* Having the JW read the paragraph is utilized because it very closely duplicates the method used by the Watchtower Society when teaching Jehovah's Witnesses. The paragraph is read, and a question is asked concerning what the Society wants you to learn. Then. the answer is taken word-for-word from the text and you then proceed to the next paragraph.

POSSIBLE OBJECTIONS: WHAT IF THEY SAY...

Sometimes a JW will get irritated and ask the following question before you even get started, or after 1 or 2 documents. The most common question at this point is:

Q-JW: Where did you obtain this information? Was it from some “apostate” group (former JWs who are speaking out against the JW organization)? If it is, I don’t want to be a partaker in their wicked ways by looking at what they have printed.

YOU: *No, as a matter of fact, these pages came from books printed by the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society. In fact, if we went to your Kingdom Hall we could probably find the publications that I have photocopies from. (ONLY IF NECESSARY, YOU CAN ADD: The man who made the photocopies is a collector of religious books and has never been a “Jehovah’s Witness.” If you want to contact him I will see what I can do to get you in touch).*

OR, you can add: *Great question. I think it is important to go right to the source rather than read stuff from angry critics, don’t you? We all have access to many different RELIGIOUS RESEARCH COMPANIES including the WTBTS. I like to respect people when I talk to them about religious issues and find answers the same way they do.*

NOTE 1: If they are still irritated, you can always point them to document #2 which encourages study from older and other WTBTS materials.

NOTE 2: It is important that you say, “I’ve numbered these documents so and, in some cases, wrote in the source if it was cut off.”

[More answers to common objections are found at the end of this document.]

NOW CONTINUE WITH #1 USING DOCS 1-A & 1-B

- The questions below are basic. Feel free to reword them.
- Remember to write these out in your handwriting.
- Go through them as quickly as possible regardless of their answer. Many times, they answer foolishly. That’s ok.
- Write their answer next to your handwritten questions and quickly move to the next question. Most likely you’ll be referring back to some of their answers to clarify their confusion later.
- Example: Ask, “*What is your opinion about this article (hand it to them, then ask the question)? Is it alright to examine the Watchtower Society?*” (for example)

QUESTIONS FOR DOCUMENT PACK

1. **Q:** *Is it alright to examine the Watchtower Society?*

1-A: AWAKE, August 22, 1984, page 28.

1-B: WATCHTOWER, November 15, 1963, page 688.

2. **Q.** *Do you agree that the Society encourages studying older and hard to locate publications?*

WATCHTOWER, June 15, 1985, page 12.

3. **Q.** *What does the term "inspired" mean?*

GOOD NEWS TO MAKE YOU HAPPY, page 14.

4. **Q.** *What two methods does God use to inspire His prophets?*

INSIGHT ON THE SCRIPTURES, page 691.

5. **Q.** *Does the Watchtower claim revelation by the Holy Spirit?*

WATCHTOWER, July 1, 1973, page 402.

6. **Q.** *Does the Watchtower claim to receive information via angelic messengers?*

VINDICATION VOL. 111, page 250.

7. **Q-A.** *Whose date is 1914?*

Q-B. *Why couldn't they change it?*

WATCHTOWER, July 15, 1894, Reprints page 1677.

8. **Q.** *Who is responsible for the interpretation of prophecy found in booklets, magazines, and books published by the Society?*

WATCHTOWER, May 1, 1938, page 143.

9. **Q.** *What constitutes giving "meat in due season" to the household of faith?*

WATCHTOWER. July 1, 1943, page 203

10. **Q-A.** *What does the Lord use to transmit His messages to the people?*

Q-B. *Whose message is being transmitted?*

1937 YEARBOOK, page 82.

11. **Q.** *What does the use of quotation marks mean here?*

WATCHTCWER, July 1, 1943, page 205.

12. **Q.** *Who is the editor of the Watchtower magazine?*

OLIN MOYLE Vs. W.T.B.T.S., section 2596.

13. **Q.** *To what extent is He the editor of the magazine?*

OLIN MOYLE Vs. W.T.B.T.S., section 4421.

- 14. Q. Whom has God actually used as His prophet?**
WATCHTOWER, January 15, 1959, page 40-41.
- 15. Q-A. The Watchtower was commissioned to speak as a "prophet" just like who?**
Q-B. Was Ezekiel an inspired prophet?
WATCHTOWER, March 15, 1972, page 189.
- 16. Q-A. Who is this prophet today?**
Q-B. What does this prophet do?
WATCHTOWER, April 1, 1972, page 197.
- 17. Q-A. How do Jehovah's Witnesses make their declaration?**
Q-B. Are their prophecies directed from heaven?
WATCHTOWER, April 1, 1972, page 200.
- 18. Q-A. What is meant by a "modern-day counterpart"?**
Q-B. They are commissioned to serve as what?
THE NATIONS SHALL KNOW THAT I AM JEHOVAH, page 58-59.
- 19. Q. What kind of prophet is the Watchtower?**
THE NATIONS SHALL KNOW THAT I AM JEHOVAH, page 292.
- 20. Q. Do Jehovah's Witnesses still declare the prophetic burden of Jehovah today?**
WATOHTCWER, March 1, 1994, page 13.
- 21. Q-A. What is someone guilty of who announces a specific date, and nothing happens?**
Q-B. Why? What was missing?
AWAKE, October 8, 1968, page 23.
- 22. Q. Why is this person a false prophet?**
WATCHTOWER, October 15, 1958, page 613.
- 23. Q-A. How does Jehovah put false prophets to shame?**
Q-B. How do false prophets try to hide their shame?
PARADISE RESTORED TO MANKIND, page 353-354.
- 24. Q. Is the Watchtower denying who it really is?**
AWAKE, March 22, 1993, page 4.
- 25. Q. Would you rather have truth covered over, or do you want to know the facts?**
WATCHTOWER, January 15, 1974, page 35.
- 26. Q. Based on this evidence, why has the Watchtower not passed the test of a true prophet?**
BEWARE OF FALSE PROPHETS. February 1, 1992, cover.

CONCLUSION QUESTIONS

COMMENT/ILLUSTRATION: How should you feel if proof is given that what you believe is wrong? For example, say that you were in a car, traveling for the first time to a certain place. You have a road map, but you have not taken time to check it carefully. Someone has told you the road to take. You trust him, sincerely believing that the way he has directed you is correct. But suppose it is not. What if someone points out the error? What if he, by referring to your own map, shows that you are on the wrong road? Would pride or stubbornness prevent you from admitting that you are on the wrong road? Therefore, if you learn that you are doing what God says is wrong, will you be willing to change?

PERSONAL NOTE: If the JW is “willing to change”, it is time to present the Gospel with the REAL resurrection of Jesus. The book FROM KINGDOM HALL TO KINGDOM COME should be used for an effective presentation of the Gospel.

ANSWERS TO OBJECTIONS

In order to escape the truth that his organization claims to speak for Jehovah, even claiming he (Jehovah) is the author, the JW may attempt to dodge the obvious facts that you have presented. Here are a few possible dodges and how to answer them.

JW: I don’t think this is a very upbuilding conversation. I don’t really see it as important.

- **ANSWER:** *Your own organization has given you the go ahead to “examine” its teachings. They stress the NECESSITY of examining our beliefs: We need to examine, not only what we personally believe, but also what is taught by any religious organization with which we may be associated. Are its teachings in full harmony with God’s Word, or are they based on the traditions of men? If we are lovers of the truth, there is nothing to fear from such an examination.*

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- **ANSWER:** *No, as a matter of fact, these pages came from books printed by the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society. In fact, if we went to your Kingdom Hall we could probably find the publications that I have photocopies from. (ONLY IF NECESSARY, YOU CAN ADD: The man who made the photocopies is a collector of religious books and has never been a “Jehovah’s Witness.” If you want to contact him I will see what I can do to get you in touch).*

JW: Anyone can make mistakes; perhaps our organization will take another look at some of these issues and make some changes in the future. You can’t fault us for simply making a mistake.

- **ANSWER:** *Your own organization says that: “The religion that is approved by God must agree in every way” with the Bible...”. Therefore, since they fail the test of a prophet, they are not “approved by God”. Also, we are looking at a very important doctrine of JWs, the supposed divine author of all their doctrine & publications. A big “mistake” on that teaching will cost you your very life!*

JW: These statements are taken out of context. It just seems from reading these few pages that this is the teaching of JWs. However, reading the entire articles that these pages are taken from would show something much different.

- **ANSWER:** *What do the “entire articles” teach that is “different” from what we have read? (The JW won’t know what to say; after all--he has probably never thought about it! If the JW is honest, have him secure the entire articles that he is talking about, in order to check the entire context. The evidence is clear, no matter how much he reads).*

JW: Why are you “attacking” “Jehovah’s Witnesses”?

- **ANSWER:** *I’m not -*

1. All the information we are reading is from your own literature. By the way, since both of us are merely reading the Society’s statements and agreeing as to the meaning of them, I am not attacking JWs any more than you are!

2. “Jehovah’s Witnesses” are told: It is not religious persecution for an informed person to expose publicly a certain religion as being false, thus allowing persons to see the difference between false religion and true religion. Watchtower, 11/15/63, p. 688.

3. Your organization has also said: If the message “Jehovah’s Witnesses” are bringing to the people is true, then it is of greatest importance to mankind. If it is false, then it is the duty of the clergymen and others who support them to come boldly forward and plainly tell the people wherein the message is false. Golden Age, 1/18/33, p. 252.

JW: I can have my personal opinion about it, a different one, and still remain a JW.

- **ANSWER:** *The Society counsels you to preach what they teach: We should eat and digest and assimilate what is set before us, without shying away from parts of the food because it may not suit the fancy of our mental taste. The truths we are to publish are the ones provided through the discreet slave organization, not some personal opinions contrary to what the slave has provided as timely food...Theocratic ones will appreciate the Lord’s visible organization and not be so foolish as to pit against Jehovah’s channel their own human reasoning and sentiment and personal feelings. Watchtower, 2/1/52, pp. 79-80.*

ADDITIONAL TRAINING FOR PRESENTING THE DOCUMENTS:

(Some of the following has already been covered above)

A. HOW DO I BEGIN THE CONVERSATION?

4. Say something like this: “I am very interested in what “Jehovah’s Witnesses” believe on the subject of their “hope”, if they die, to later be “resurrected” into Paradise earth. Will you spend a few minutes giving me your opinion about some things I have been reading from your literature?” (He will be delighted!)

B. HOW DO I MAKE MY PRESENTATION?

5. Tell him you have made a few notes from some things you have read in his literature. You have two sets of documents (one for him and one for you). Keep both sets in your possession in a file folder and **do not show any document before you come to it in your presentation – then give ONLY 1 at a time once you begin.**
6. Now begin your presentation of the documents. Start by handing him a SINGLE copy of the first document. Tell him that this is the subject you are interested in.

C. HOW DO I BEGIN WRITING MY NOTES FOR THE PRESENTATION?

- Tell him you want HIS OPINION of what the literature says for your notes. (In other words, you want to know if he AGREES with your own understanding of the documents). As you show him each document, read him your brief note of what the document means and ask him if he agrees.

D. HOW DO I RECORD HIS OPINION?

- After each question is answered, simply write down what he says (in as few words as possible). Most of his answers should be “yes” or “no”. FOR EXAMPLE: Question #1 is: “Is it wrong to examine the Watchtower?” Your answer is “no”. After he has looked at the Document which goes with the question, he will give his answer. The answer will also be “no”. In the space below Question #1 write his answer: “no”. (if he answers “yes!” – then the conversation may be over – he is not a reasonable person)
- Or you may use the notepad method

E. HOW DO I GET THE JW TO CONTINUE TO LOOK AT ALL THE DOCUMENTS IF HE BEGINS TO GET UNEASY WITH THE THINGS HE IS READING?

- Remind him that he has already obligated himself to give his opinion of what the literature says. (If he is honest, he will honor his own word).

F. HOW DO I END THE PRESENTATION?

- Ask the JW if he now understands that his religion teaches false prophecies and that his own organization says when he finds he is “on the wrong road” (in the “wrong” religion) --he should “change” --in other words--leave it to pursue TRUTH!