

Jehovah's Witnesses



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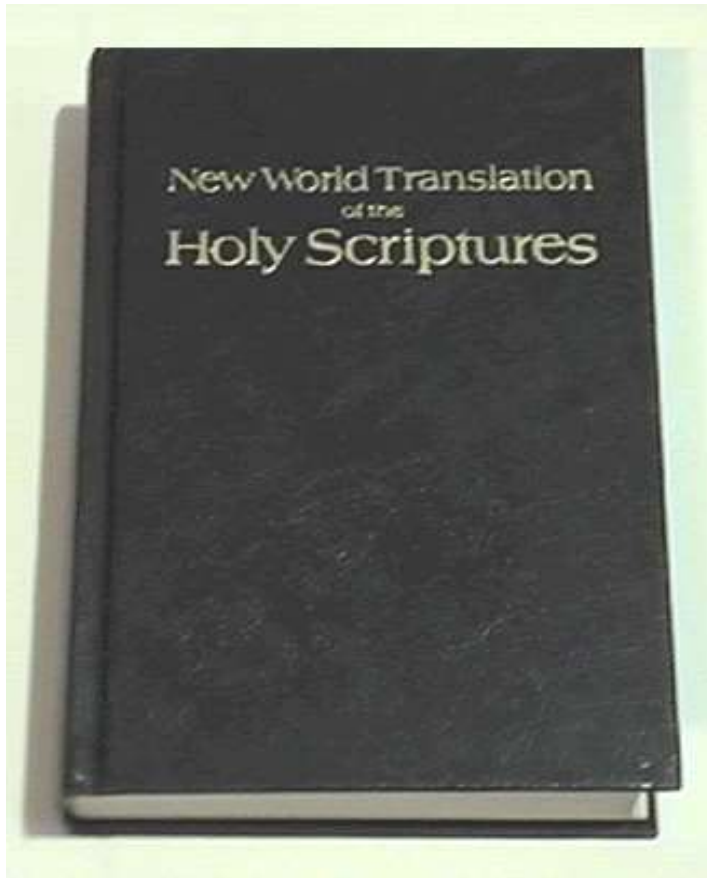
- ⌘ NAME: Watchtower Bible and Tract Society
- ⌘ FOUNDER: Charles Taze Russell, in 1884
- ⌘ PRESENT LEADER: Don Adams (b. 1925)
- ⌘ HEADQUARTERS: (Bethel) Brooklyn, New York
- ⌘ ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS: ("Publishers"),
2000 Worldwide: 6 million in 235 countries;
U.S.A.: 998,166; Canada: 11,173.

Watchtower Theology



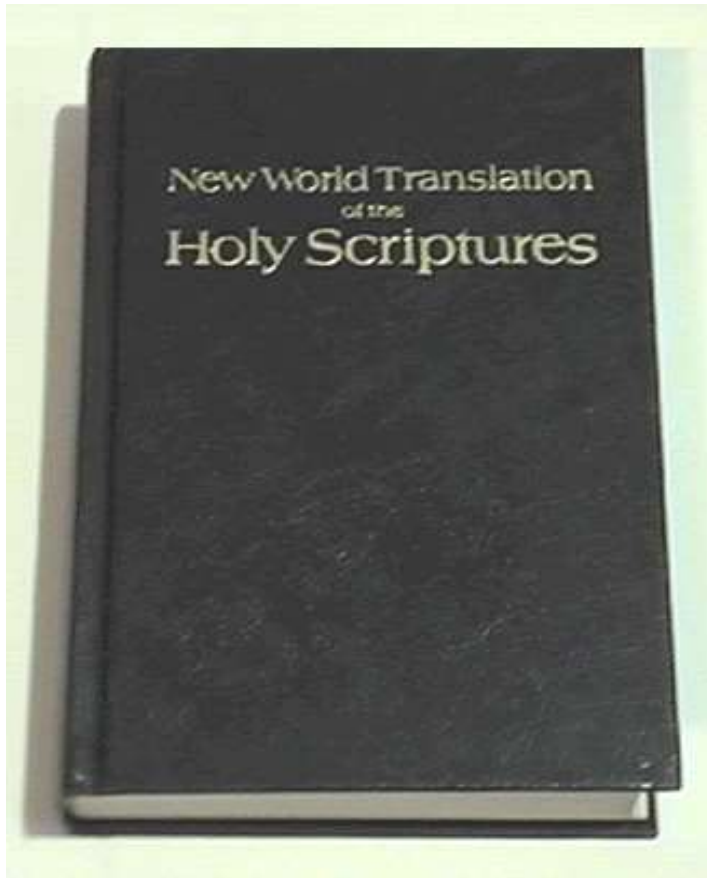
⌘ **THE BIBLE IS THE FINAL SOURCE OF AUTHORITY:** The Bible, as originally given, is the inerrant, infallible, inspired Word of God. It has been preserved by God to reveal His plan of salvation. The New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures (NWT) is the Watchtower Society's official translation.

Mistranslated Passages in the NWT



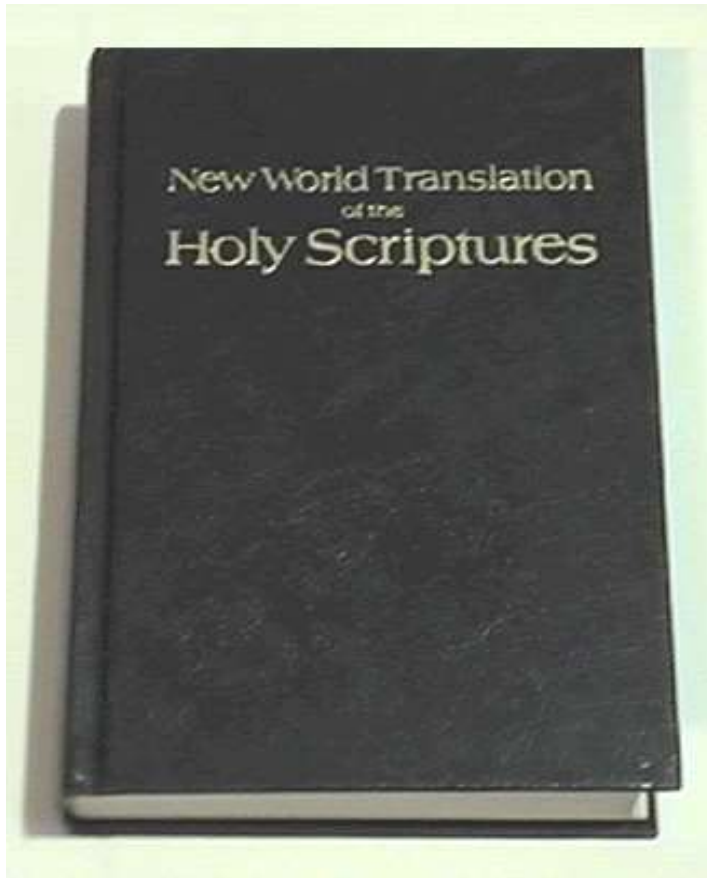
⌘ **John 1:1** *In (the) beginning the Word was, and the Word was with God, and the Word was a god. (NWT)*

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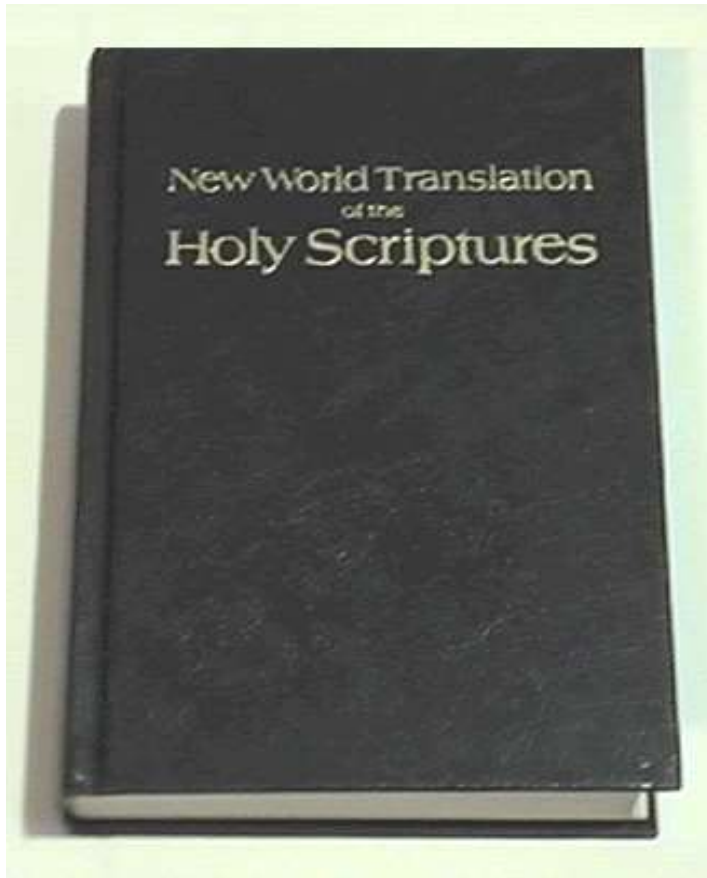
⌘ **Genesis 1:2** *"Now the earth proved to be formless and waste and there was darkness upon the surface of [the] watery deep; and God's active force was moving to and fro over the surface of the waters."* NWT

Mistranslated Passages in the NWT



⌘ **Matthew 27:40** *"If you are a son of God, come down off the torture stake!"* NWT

Mistranslated Passages in the NWT



⌘ **John 8:58** *Jesus said to them: "Most truly I say to YOU, Before Abraham came into existence, I have been."* (NWT)

Jesus' Claim In John

8:58



- ⌘ In John 8:58 Jesus Was Claiming To Be The One Who Spoke To Moses Out Of The Burning Bush!
- ⌘ Exodus 3:14 *God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"* (NIV)

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⌘ Colossians 1:16-17

⌘ *16 because by means of him all [other] things were created in the heavens and upon the earth, the things visible and the things invisible, no matter whether they are thrones or lordships or governments or authorities. All [other] things have been created through him and for him.
17 Also, he is before all [other] things and by means of him all [other] things were made to exist. NWT*

The Watchtower Society Is God's Prophet



- ⌘ The Society is God's "sole collective channel for the flow of biblical truth to men on earth."
- ⌘ The Bible cannot be understood without Watchtower literature.

Denial Of The Trinity



- ⌘ JW's claim that the Trinity is a "false, unbiblical doctrine" originated by Satan.
- ⌘ They claim God is one solitary being whose name is Jehovah.

Claim That Jesus Is A Created Being



- ⌘ Claim that Jesus, or Michael the archangel, was God's first creation.
- ⌘ Claim Jesus, a perfect man, became the Messiah at his baptism.
- ⌘ Claim He is the Son of God, but not God the Son.
- ⌘ Claim that His resurrection was spiritual with temporary physical appearances.

God Purchased The Church With His Own Blood!



⌘ Acts 20:27-28

⌘ *27 For I have not hesitated to proclaim to you the whole will of God. 28 Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of **the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.***
(NIV)

The Fullness Of God Dwells In Christ!



⌘ Colossians 2:8-9

⌘ *8 See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ. 9 **For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form.** (NIV)*

The Bible Teaches That Jesus Is Almighty God!



⌘ Revelation 1:8 *"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."*

⌘ **Almighty God Calls Himself "the Alpha and the Omega."**

The Bible Teaches That Jesus Is Almighty God!

Revelation 22:12 *"Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. 13 **I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.** 14 Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city.*

The Bible Teaches That Jesus Is Almighty God!

*15 Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. 16 "I, **Jesus**, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star."*

The Bible Teaches That Jesus Is Almighty God!



⌘ The Alpha and Omega of Rev. 22:13 is identified as Jesus in verse 16!

☑ Note: Jehovah's Witnesses will claim that there is a different speaker in these two verses.

☑ At the very least Rev. 22:13 identifies "the Alpha and Omega" as "the First and the Last."

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⌘ Revelation 1:17 *When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. **I am the First and the Last. 18 I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever!** And I hold the keys of death and Hades."*

⌘ **"The First and the Last" Identifies Himself As Jesus!**

Heaven Treats Jesus As If He Were God!

Revelation 5:11 *Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. 12 In a loud voice they sang:*
"Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"

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13 Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!" 14 The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.

(NIV)

Yet the Inhabitants of Heaven Worship Only God!

Revelation 22:8 *I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I had heard and seen them, **I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had been showing them to me. 9 But he said to me, "Do not do it! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers the prophets and of all who keep the words of this book. **Worship God!"*****

Ask This Question



⌘ You do believe that Jesus is unique don't you? John 3:16 says, "For God loved the world so much that he gave his **only-begotten Son...**" [NWT]

☑ They should answer yes.

Ask This Question



⌘ Then ask, “Is it true that the Jehovah’s Witnesses teach that Jesus is Michael the Archangel?”

☑ They should answer yes.

Ask This Question



- ⌘ Then ask, “Can you show me one verse in the Bible that clearly indicates that Jesus is Michael the Archangel?”
- ⌘ They will probably pull out their *Reasoning from the Scriptures* book. They will then turn to the index on page 442 and read “Michael, identified, 218.” They will turn to page 218 and read the following:

Is Jesus Michael



⌘ **“Is Jesus Christ the same person as Michael the archangel?”**

The name of this Michael appears only five times in the Bible. The glorious spirit person who bears the name is referred to as “one of the chief princes,” “the great prince who has charge of your [Daniel’s] people,” and as “the archangel.” (Dan. 10:13;

Is Jesus Michael



⌘ 12:1; Jude 9, RS) Michael means “Who Is Like God?” The name evidently designates Michael as the one who takes the lead in upholding Jehovah’s sovereignty and destroying God’s enemies.” [*Reasoning from the Scriptures*, p. 218]

Is Jesus Michael



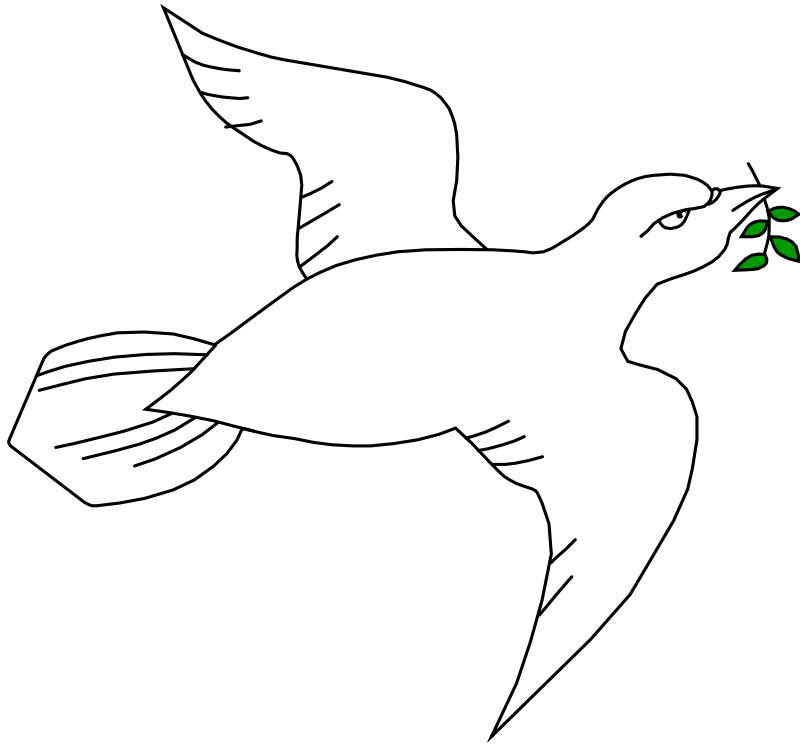
⌘ When they read this far stop them and ask, “Wait, it thought you said that Jesus was unique? (John 3:16) But, Daniel 10:13, the passage to which you just referred, indicates that Michael is not unique because it refers to him as “one of the chief princes.”

Is Jesus Michael



- ⌘ "By definition if you are one of a group you are not unique, therefore we know that Michael is not unique.
- ⌘ However, John 3:16 teaches that Jesus is unique.
- ⌘ Therefore, Jesus and Michael cannot be the same person!

Claim That The Holy Spirit Is God's Force



- ⌘ The personality and deity of the Holy Spirit is denied.
- ⌘ Rather, "it" is God's invisible, impersonal force active in the world.
- ⌘ Holy Spirit is not capitalized in the Society's official Bible translation, the NWT.

The Deity of the Holy Spirit is Affirmed



Acts 5:3 *But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart **to lie to the Holy Spirit**, and to keep back some of the price of the land? 4 "While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not under your control? Why is it that you have conceived this deed in your heart? **You have not lied to men, but to God.**" (NASB)*

NO CONSCIOUS EXISTENCE AFTER DEATH



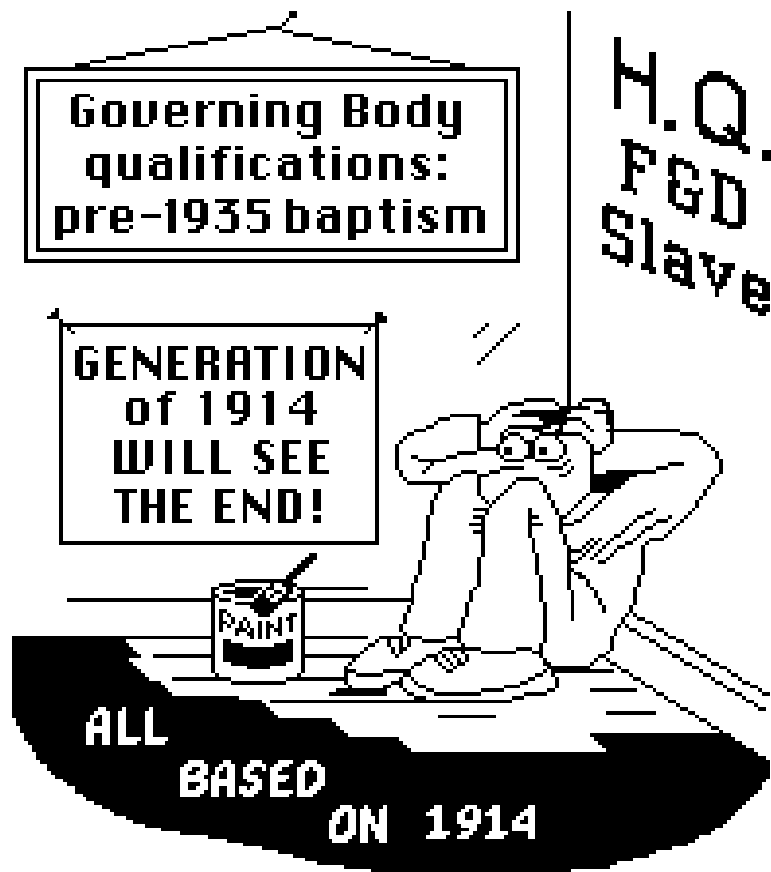
- ⌘ Claims no part of a person lives on after death; there is no conscious existence.
- ⌘ God takes back life at death.
- ⌘ He creates a new body and restores its life in the resurrection.

SALVATION ONLY THROUGH WATCH TOWER SOCIETY



- ⌘ The doctrine of salvation by grace through faith alone is rejected.
- ⌘ Salvation must be completed by baptism and active association with the Watchtower Society.
- ⌘ Assurance of salvation is not received until the resurrection.

ARMAGEDDON



- ⌘ The Society has falsely predicted several dates for Armageddon: 1914, 1925, 1941, 1975
- ⌘ "Christendom" will be destroyed during Armageddon

WHY ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO

1975?

WHAT about all this talk concerning the year 1975? Lively discussions, some based on speculation, have burst into flame during recent months among serious students of the Bible. Their interest has been kindled by the belief that 1975 will mark the end of 6,000 years of human history since Adam's creation. The nearness of such an important date indeed fires the imagination and presents unlimited possibilities for discussion.

° But wait! How do we know their calculations are correct? What basis is there for saying Adam was created nearly 5,993 years ago? Does the one Book that can be implicitly trusted for its truthful historical accuracy, namely, the Inspired Word of Jehovah, the Holy Bible, give support and credence to such a conclusion?

1, 2. (a) What has sparked special interest in the year 1975, and with what results? (b) But what questions are raised?

° In the marginal references of the Protestant *Authorized* or *King James Version*, and in the footnotes of certain editions of the Catholic *Douay* version, the date of man's creation is said to be 4004 B.C.E. This marginal date, however, is no part of the inspired text of the Holy Scriptures, since it was first suggested more than fifteen centuries after the last Bible writer died, and was not added to any edition of the Bible until 1701 C.E. It is an insertion based upon the conclusions of an Irish prelate, the Anglican Archbishop James Ussher (1581-1656). Ussher's chronology was only one of the many sincere efforts made during the past centuries to determine the time of Adam's creation. A hundred years ago when a count was taken, no less than 140 different timetables had been published by se-

3. Is the date for Adam's creation as found in many copies of the Bible part of the inspired Scriptures, and do all agree on the date?

CONCLUSION



- ⌘ Watchtower theology deviates from basic biblical theology.
- ⌘ The Christian is challenged to have a clear understanding of his faith and to share effectively the love of Christ with Jehovah's Witnesses.



“That’s All Folks!”