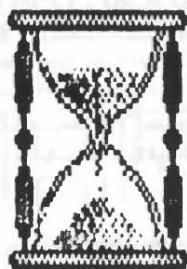


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**HOW LONG
CAN A GENERATION LAST?**

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WHAT KIND OF A PERSON BECOMES A JEHOVAH'S WITNESS?

In short, anyone.

If that answer seems too simplistic we should remember that we are all born with a "carnal mind", and an in-built hostility to the gospel of grace. That means we have nothing within us "by nature" that responds to the word of Truth. So it follows that every one of us is vulnerable to what the devil can make "seem right".

It will explain why all walks of life, rich, poor, educated, uneducated can fall for the Watchtower's line.

Many unbelievers who can see right through the Watchtower's phoney gospel end up following some other cult.

Many of us who are reading these lines have known what it is to have been taken in by "another gospel" (Galatians 1:6-9).

Appreciating these things can help us understand the need for patience, persistence, and above all love for JW's. Let us resolve to warn them, AND WIN THEM for our Lord Jesus Christ.

L.H. Kerr

LETTERS

TO THE EDITOR:

Sorry I haven't been in touch recently but I went through a phase of bad health for about four months.

I am still in touch with witnesses and even though I went through a bad spell of health, God still gave me strength to talk to the ones he put in my way.

About four weeks ago we had visits from our J.W. relatives. Two visits and a phone call. This may not seem too important, but to me it was, as the last visit to our home was over eight years ago.

Our brother-in-law and our niece came twice in three days followed by a phone call from our nephew the day after the visits. Our nephew had been suffering from depressions for the past year. Also I had a visit from a J.W. girl last week. I have been praying for her for two years. She hadn't been back to my house for about nine months. Somebody else we have been praying for Paul a son of a J.W. elder I studied with 21 years ago came up to me in town and we had a good conversation. We have spoken to him many times. I feel he stays in the organisation because of his parents. He tried to leave about three years ago.

Our son, Paul, in Holland deals with the J.W.s there. I send him your leaflets which he can translate into Dutch.

I praise God for your ministry and I praise God that even when ill he can use me in my weakness. Every blessing to you in his service, Judi & Roy Allen, Peterborough.

TO THE EDITOR:

There is much happening here in Scotland to praise God for. Sometimes the work is very hard and thankless but every now and then someone responds in a very special way.

We attended the JW convention in Perth recently. What an experience! It was the first one I had personally been to since 1975 (Twickenham) and it brought back many memories.

I saw my twin brother and his family, but they did not see me. I did make myself known to my niece, just by a nod and a smile as I did not wish to put her in an awkward position, me being distellowshipped. For the last couple of weeks, I have missed them dreadfully and it made me realise how much I have, over the years, shut out emotionally.

Nevertheless, the Lord was with us and we met a man from Inverness who wants to come out. We also managed to buy a good few books. The only disappointment was I wanted the new NWT reference Bible, but had already spent too much by the time it was on display.

Should anyone know of any way of getting one I would be very, very grateful and would be more than happy to pay any postage for sending it up.

Thank you for all your help and encouragement, Richard and Jeanette Fyfe, Charis.

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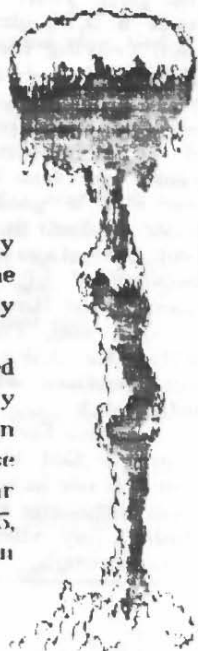
THE WATCHTOWER'S GENERATION GAME

SPECULATION has begun among Jehovah's Witnesses, concerning the end of the world. Following a conversation with two members of a local congregation in north London a few weeks ago, they were asked how long they felt the world would continue, in the light of their 1914 doctrine. The reply was quite surprising when they both agreed that 1994 would see the end of the world. Although this is not an official Watchtower teaching, it should be understood that Jehovah's Witnesses do indeed talk amongst themselves and it would appear they are reasoning that people of 20 years of age in 1914 will be 100 years old in 1994.

It is very sad to hear these people talk the way they do, bearing in mind the 100 per cent failure of the Watch Tower Society's prophecies. But it is good for those of us who are anxious and ready to help these deceived people. May we just remind you of some of the utterances of the Watchtower Society relating to 'end of the world' eschatology. In 1969 the Watchtower of March 15, 1969 on page 171

stated, "Do not pursue higher education. There is very little time left! Make pioneer service, the full time ministry with the possibility of Bethel or missionary service, your goal."

Here the Watch Tower were relating to their failed end time prophecy of 1975. They stated there is very little time left. That was 23 years ago. This generation (1914) of which they speak of is indeed going to cause the Watch Tower Society great problems in the near future. Take note of the Watch Tower of May 1, 1985, page 4 in which they state, "Before the 1914 generation completely dies out, God's judgement must be executed."



In 1984 we are told the 1914 generation refers to babies, but in the Watchtower October 15, four years previous we are told that these people are possibly 10 years of age. Going back even further to the year 1978 in the Watchtower of October 1 it says, "Thus, when it comes to the application in our time, the 'generation' logically would not apply to babies born during World War I."

Just reflecting on these Watchtower statements we see logically, in 1978, this 'generation' would not apply to babies. In 1980 the Watchtower assumes they are 10 years old and in 1984 the Watchtower announces the 'generation' were babies.

You can see quite easily that the Watch Tower Society is rapidly running out of time and it is quite understandable that these poor deluded Watch Tower slaves are now considering for themselves that 1994 could be the year. They are totally unaware that the year 1914 is but a useless date. We would advise Jehovah's Witnesses to read about this in the book, "Crisis of Conscience" by Raymond Franz, which is widely available at their local Christian bookshop.

The sands of time are rapidly running out, and in the very near future the Society will endeavour, by hook or by crook to stretch this already aged 'generation' once more, in order to keep their book sellers happy. But, this is a good time to prepare and to take the battle to the innocent Witness. Now is the time for Christians to continue to attack this weak spot in the Watch Tower's stronghold.

The Witness on your door is now looking for the end of the World. We pray that the people they speak to will point them to Christ.

The tragedy of it all, is that should the Lord return, the Watchtower slave will be lost forever. It has sometimes been said the Jehovah's Witnesses can be likened to turkeys looking forward to Christmas. May we be ready to guide and help these lost souls.

Please remember the words of our Lord,

"The harvest truly is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest"

Matthew 9:37-38.

Generation Game

1978

Not Babies

1980

10 years

1984

Babies

The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and He knoweth them that trust in him.

Nahum 1 : 7

From the Watchtower to Christ

I would like to tell of some of my experiences in my search to find my true saviour, Jesus Christ.

When a Jehovah's Witness knocked on my door in 1967, I started studying with them. I really thought that this was the true religion but my life did not change and my prayers were never answered. As a J.W. I denied that Jesus and the Holy Spirit were God. Jehovah's Witnesses say Jesus and God are two different people, but in Philippians 2:1-11 it says God humbled himself and took the form of a servant and even went to the cross.

If you think about it, it was no use sending someone else, God had to come Himself as a man. After all if you want help with a problem it is far better to have someone who has actually been through the same experiences to help you.

After 17 years service as a J.W., my husband who was not a witness but sometimes studied with them, discovered that what the J.W.s taught was wrong. My husband and I split up for nine months, but after a struggle I came back home. It was when I gave my heart and life to the Lord that He then changed me.

Since then my family have had so many prayers answered. We still have trials but we have Jesus Christ to help us and know we will someday be with Him in heaven.

Pam Bacon

Should Jehovah's Witnesses eat cornflakes?

A STRANGE question to ask you may say. But when looked at using the same reasoning as their decision not to celebrate Christmas, it may become clearer.

Jehovah's Witnesses repeatedly tell us how Christmas is pagan from beginning to end. Basically their message is Christians should not participate in a pagan practice.

But pagans also drive cars, take holidays, and even eat cornflakes for breakfast.

Using this strange Watchtower logic, we ask the question should Jehovah's Witnesses eat cornflakes?

We would simply bring your attention to the Word of God (Romans 14:5-7) and wish all of our readers and their families joy, peace and blessing in the Lord.

Watch Tower Appeal To DoE For HQ Extension

A PUBLIC enquiry is to be held following Barnet council's refusal to grant permission for a planned extension to printing works at Watch Tower headquarters at The Ridgeway, Mill Hill.

The Watch Tower Society has appealed to the Department of the Environment in a bid to reverse the council's decision and the enquiry will take place on November 18, 19 and 20 at Hendon Town Hall.

Local residents who fear the extension will increase traffic in the area and involve loss of trees and shrubs, plan to voice their concern at the meeting. Further details will be reported on when available.

URGENTLY REQUIRED

For Christians Studying the theology of the Watch Tower Society:

We urgently need copies of the Kingdom Interlinear Translation,
Emphatic Diaglott and any other Watch Tower books.

If any reader can help, then send your unwanted Watch Tower Books
to:-

246 Chester Road, Loughton, Essex IG10 2LR
or 6 Chertsey Mount, Carlisle CA1 2PH.

EX-JW HELPS JW TO FIND CHRIST

Part Two - by Dorothy Banks

AFTER nearly three years a JW, Dorothy Banks found Christ as her Saviour. Her Story continues...

I started placing a small notice in our local paper advertising the literature I had been supplied with which showed JWs errors. I received about 30 letters from people locally of whom five left JWs and came to Christ.

In 1983 I transferred my advert to the 'New Life' Christian newspaper, which had a far greater distribution. From then on my ministry really 'snowballed' as I started to get letters from all over. Since 1983 I have received hundreds of requests for literature and help.

I was a very nervous and timid person before my conversion and was on nerve tablets, but after receiving Christ as Saviour I never took any more. With Gods help I have spoken at many meetings; even on the radio! God has worked through me to arrange five seminars at our church (The New Life Christian Centre) where many ex-JWs have given their testimonies.

I praise my wonderful Saviour for strengthening me to do all these things, I could never do before. I never once spoke on the platform at the Kingdom Hall, as I was so introvert. Now

with Christ in me, He does all the ministry through me.

When I first left JWs I thought it was just an episode in my life which I could put behind me and that I could get on with serving Christ and winning souls for Him. Then I realised that nothing happens in our life but that God can use. My time with JWs has helped me to understand how they feel, what their hopes are and why they do the things they do. Most JWs are devoted to the organisation, which they believe is the only religion being used and guided by God. (Watchtower, Feb 15, 1979 p.30). They put their hearts and souls into the organisation because they they have no assurance of salvation and believe they have to work for it (Watchtower, August 15, 1972 pp. 491-492). They hope when Armageddon comes God will preserve them while He destroys all the wicked and they will gain everlasting life in a paradise earth.

As christians we need to love JWs and see them as souls needing to be won for Jesus. We need to pray that God will open their eyes. Although many seem to be joining the organisation, many hundreds leave every year. During the 14 years of work this ministry I have observed so many more people God has raised up to win JWs for Jesus.

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