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INSPECTOR BEREAN AND THE CASE OF THE DISAPPEARING FALSE PROPHET



HAS the Watch Tower Society ever claimed to be God's prophet? Are writers of its publications inspired and guided by God?

Earlier this year the Society denied such facts, but what do past utterances prove?

Concern's legal-eagle investigates another Watch Tower claim and finds things aren't quite the way Brooklyn's big-wigs would want us to believe.

Earlier this year the Watch Tower Society had, what we might politely call, the cheek to issue a warning to members, beware of false prophets!

This comes from a group which must surely hold the world record in incorrectly predicting the battle of Armageddon and yet they would have members believe they

Special Investigation

were innocent.

In the Awake magazine of March 22, 1993 the Society admit that, in their eagerness for Jesus' second coming, they have suggested dates that turned out to be incorrect, but never, in these instances, have

they said they were the words of Jehovah. They also state that they do not have the gift of prophesy.

But is this true? Has the Society ever claimed to be God's prophet? We let the evidence speak for itself:

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WELCOME

Dear Reader,

WE would like to say hello to our new acquaintances who have contacted us recently for the first time. They learned of our existence through the Evangelical Tract Society. Our special thanks to E.T.S. for announcing our work in its newsletter. Together with them, and other ministries engaged in evangelising cultists, we are "fellow workers for the truth," (3 John 8).

Our heart's desire is to see those deceived by a false gospel to come to a saving knowledge of Christ. God saves men as they hear the TRUTH. Remember, the Jehovah's Witness whom you think will never listen or will never see, may be the very person whom the Lord will save next. Such is the power of our God.

Les Kerr,
First & Last Ministries.

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READERS NEEDS

WE are still searching for a copy of the Watch Tower's Kingdom Interlinear Translation. If you have a spare K.I.T. can we prise it from you? Postage will be re-imbursed by us.

READER Adrian Underwood would like the JW book "Reasoning From The Scriptures" and any other Watch Tower publications dealing with doctrine.

If you have a spare copy of the above mentioned book, Adrian would appreciate you passing it on. This will help in his in-depth study of the history and teachings of the Watch Tower Society. He will re-imburse postage costs.

Adrian's address is:

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Moss Side,
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LETTERS

TO THE EDITOR

THANK-YOU for the latest edition of Concern. I have been out of the JW's for six months now, but still have a lot of work to do as my three sisters, mother and father are all still JW's and after them I have another four million to try and bring to Jesus.

I feel it was easy for me to leave as I became born again in the JW's and realised this wasn't the truth.

Trying to show my family the truth is so frustrating because I feel it's only God's Spirit which can really make them see it.

I will never give up trying to bring them to Jesus because He has given me the Holy Spirit to go on and I love Him with all my heart.

Thank-you for the work you do.

Sandra Pitcher,
Chingford, London.

TO THE EDITOR

I RECEIVED my prayer letter today from the Evangelical Tract Society. In their news items was mention of your literature on JW's.

I have a sister and her husband caught in their web of deception and would dearly love to see them delivered from the enemy.

Hoping you can supply your material to my address and would appreciate your prayers for a breakthrough.

Brian Reade,
Bedworth, Warwick.

TO THE EDITOR

I WOULD like to say how much I enjoyed the Summer edition of Concern.

I was particularly interested in the front page article re. the discovered burial site of a disciple and would very much like to read the whole report.

I wonder if you could possibly send me a copy.

Allison Pollard,
Neasden, London.

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Watchtower

a STAIRWAY TO WHERE?

ITS all hands on deck for members of two Jehovah's Witness congregations in Carlisle, but somebody hasn't been telling journalists there the full story.

GOD'S BRICKIES

IT'S all hands on deck for members of the two Carlisle Jehovah's Witness congregations as they give up their weekends to renovate their Christus Street Church.

Up to 80 volunteers are working shifts of eight to twelve hours each Saturday and Sunday as they expect the entire building to be made a masterpiece.

Office workers have joined tradesmen and schoolchildren have teamed up with grandparents in the on going renovation programme which started when they took over the building about 15 years ago.

Building the stairway to heaven in Carlisle

Pictures by LOFTIS BROWN



EMBARRASSING

Jehovah's Witnesses will have fun trying to explain away this embarrassing headline, to members and potential new converts, which was printed in the Evening News and Echo in August.

Obviously JW's renovating their 'church' forgot to inform the reporters that the JW stairway to heaven is no longer open for today's Witnesses.

The sad fact is that JW's have no assurance of salvation and heaven and members are just building their eternal future on a foundation of sinking sand.



CROSS-TALK

HOW were Christians tortured by the Romans in the first century?

The Watchtower, November 15, 1993 gives all Jehovah's Witnesses the answer, but Watch Tower chiefs have forgotten to correct the scholar they quote in just one fact.

For in the article on page nine it says:

Roman historian Tacitus says: "Mockery was added to death; clad in skins of beasts, [Christians] were torn to pieces by dogs; they were nailed up to crosses; they were made inflammable, so that when day failed, they might serve as lights," human torches to illuminate the imperial gardens. Tacitus, who was no friend of the Christians, adds: "Guilty as they were, and deserving of exemplary punishment, they excited compassion, as being destroyed, not for the public welfare, but from the cruelty of one man," Nero.



Heavenbound?

JW STRIKES BACK

A JEHOVAH'S Witness gave up 'reasoning from the scriptures' and let his fists do the talking when he let fly with a right hook in the street last month.

While most people would expect the JW's to end up on the receiving end of more than just cross words this member obviously decided to be different as he inflicted a black eye on an actor.

The scrap took place outside the home of James Purefoy, an actor from London and forced him to pull out of a Noel Coward production at the Globe Theatre.

It occurred after Purefoy was approached by the man in the street. The two struck up a friendly conversation which turned to the Bible.

"I just said that I thought it was odd the Bible doesn't mention dinosaurs and he punched me in the face," said Purefoy.

"At first I tried to laugh it off, but that just incensed him and he just kept hitting me."

Purefoy, who also suffered a slipped disc, then lifted the JW into the air and threw him to the ground shouting: "I hope Jehovah witnessed that."

Roman Historian Tacitus seems to know the right answer even if, according to JW's, God's 'new light' now says people were put to death on an upright stake.

Jehovah's Witnesses cannot quote Tacitus to support their article and then say he was wrong in saying Christians were put to death on crosses.

So let us use this Watch Tower blunder to inform JW's how the Saviour was put to death.

News credit: Les Kerr and Philip Mawson.



WHO ARE WE?

FIRST & Last Ministries is an evangelistic outreach work exclusively to those deceived by the Watch Tower Society

Can you help?

Why not send for our tracts today.

All our tracts are free, but second class stamps are welcome to offset postage costs.

Join with us in spreading the Gospel to JW's.

(Our Doctrinal Statement is available on request).

New tracts available soon.

What You've Missed

CONCERN is produced every three months to provide those working to evangelise Jehovah's Witnesses with up to date news, testimony and encouragement.

If you have any comments on past issues or ideas for articles in future editions please feel free to let us know.

Maybe this is the first issue of **Concern** you have seen or maybe you have missed past issues. If so numbers 1 to 6 are still available priced at 50p each.

To order any write to us at the address on page three, telling us what issues and the quantity required.

Please make cheques payable to First & Last Ministries.

Concern No1.- Jehovah's Witnesses seek to build at H.Q.
False prophesies of JW's concerning
Armageddon.
Letters.

Concern No2.- Riverside Conference report.
Inspector Berean - Case of the Murdered
Archangel.
References in JW's own 1984 NWT pointing
to the Trinity.
Testimony of Dorothy Banks - part one.

Concern No3.- The Watchtower's Generation game - The
shifting generation of the Watch Tower
Society.
Should JW's eat Cornflakes? - Don't do
as the Pagans do.
Testimony of Dorothy Banks - part two.

Concern No4.- Watch Tower president Fred Franz dies.
Testimony of Tom O'Donnell - From Judo
to Jesus.
The 'Creative' World of the Watch
Tower - WT views on creation.

Concern No5.- New contribution system for magazines
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From Judo to Jesus.
Tragedy of WT's blood transfusion
doctrine.
Philip Mawson - 144,000 - Or Many More.
Refutes JW's 144,000 doctrine.
Should JW's get baptised - pagan links
to baptism.

Concern No6.- Burial Site of Disciple Discovered -
crosses found in tomb.
Testimony of Tom O'Donnell -
From Judo to Jesus.
Watchtower Watch - JW's should be
disfellowshipped for not worshipping
Jesus.
JW child receives blood transfusion
after car crash battle.



Tracts available from First & Last Ministries

FIRST & Last Ministries produce a variety of tracts which have been used with success in evangelising to those trapped in the Watch Tower.

If you feel you could use these tracts in your work amongst JW's please write, sending us your order, or phone 081-508 4202 for a free sample pack and order form.

Our current tracts, which are all free*, are available and listed below along with news of two others available soon.

The Manufactured God

Shows the imagination and deception of the WTS on John 1:1.

The Watch Tower Society's Grave Dilemma

Did Jesus really rise from the dead?

There is a way that seems right...

Challenges JW's to rethink their association with WTS.

Is Time Running Out for The Watchtower

Looks at WT false prophecy.

Aware! 1

Was the Watch Tower Society's founder guided by God?

Aware! 2

Was Jesus' body disposed of after his death?

Aware! 3

Asks the JW to examine his religion.

★ ★ Coming Soon ★ ★

Aware! 4

Refutes the JW doctrine of only 144,000 in New Covenant.

Warning

Ideal tract for door-to-door work.

* Warning tract 3p each.

INSPECTOR BEREAN AND THE CASE OF THE DISAPPEARING FALSE PROPHET



Watchtower 15\1\59 - "Who will be Jehovah's prophet to the nations...Jehovah's Witnesses are deeply grateful today that the plain facts show that God has been pleased to use them."

Watchtower 1\4\72 - "Does Jehovah have a prophet...Who is this prophet? This 'prophet' was not one man, but was a body of men and women...Today they are known as Jehovah's Christian Witnesses."

Watchtower 15\3\72 - "Was there any group on whom Jehovah would be willing to bestow the commission to

speak as a 'prophet' in his name, as was done toward Ezekiel back in 613 BCE?

Watchtower 15\4\43 - "This is not giving any credit to the magazine's publishers, but is due to the great Author of the Bible...He it is that makes possible the material that is published in the columns of this magazine."

The Time is at Hand, 1889 - "In this volume we offer a chain of testimony...it is beyond the breadth and depth of human thought, and therefore cannot be of human origin."

From this information the Watch Tower Society is seen as a false prophet. Condemned by God, Deuteronomy 18:20-27.

God's message - have nothing to do with them.

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