

Topics and News from First & Last Ministries

## UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

**Christians take over Kingdom Hall as Jehovah's Witnesses leave town.**

**A GROUP of Christians from Wales, who have been searching for a place to worship, are this month praising God for a miracle after they moved into a disused Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses.**

Members of the New Testament Church, which is in the small town of Cwngwrach, have spent the last six months searching for a suitable building for their fellowship which started out as a house church.

After looking at a number of buildings, which included an abandoned colliery office and a disused bacon factory, nothing suitable could be found, until, that is, someone mentioned the empty Kingdom Hall.

Within weeks of the church approaching the Jehovah's Witnesses a contract had been signed and the deal finalised.

The church's Pastor Gerald Cousins, described the events of the past month as nothing short of a miracle.

He told Concern "The Jehovah's Witnesses had just moved to another village, and

by  
**Paul Bacon**

the building was just lying empty.

"We approached them and explained that we were interested in buying the Kingdom Hall and to our amazement they agreed."

Now Pastor Cousins and his members are preparing to spread the real Gospel to the local community after 20 years of Watch Tower deception.

"Obviously the Witnesses have had things all their own way for some time so now the 'new management' will seek to win Cwngwrach for the real Kingdom of God," said Pastor Cousins.

The church was due to be consecrated on October 22nd



### **WATCH TOWER ON THE BOX**

**THE Watch Tower Society is to be the subject of a television and radio programme in November.**

The programme, which is called Close-Up, is planned to be screened in the south-west of England.

In it former members tell of their experiences in the Watch Tower Society.

Concern reader Philip Mawson, who served for 10 years as a Jehovah's Witness in the Truro congregation, has been asked by the BBC to take part in the programme, which will then be followed by an hour-long radio phone-in.

Full details will be in the next issue of Concern.



Dear Reader,

IT is almost a year now since the Watch Tower brought out its "new light" on what a "generation" is REALLY supposed to mean

It doesn't take much brain-power to figure out that things were getting pretty desperate at Brooklyn, there being not much sand left in the Watchtower hour-glass

As expected, most JW's accepted uncritically the nonsense fed to them, made the usual necessary mental re-adjustment, and paddled on regardless

We know that if the Watch Tower Society said the moon was made of cheese, then the JW's would have to agree. The only alternative being that they would be "shown the door"

How apt is the Bible's description of men placing heavy burdens on others' backs (Matt 23:4)

This brings us to the added problem faced by the relatives of witnesses who feel so helpless, as they see their son, daughter, husband or wife under the control of the Watchtower

This has been highlighted in recent days, we have had cries for help from those who are desperate for support or advice. They often feel they are on their own, in a bleak situation

We confess we seem so powerless at times to be able to offer any real help BUT WE CAN PRAY

This is essential as we bring families, affected by loved ones ensnared in a cult, to the God who can work the impossible

We would also like to take the opportunity to say "thanks" to those who willingly responded to our plea to get in touch with those whose family members are JW's. Your help to these people is so very much appreciated (Prov 27:9)

**Les Kerr & Bill Bacon,  
First & Last Ministries.**

## Readers' Needs

A CHRISTIAN postcard ministry is inviting readers to send in their ideas for reaching out to cult members

The Christian Postcard Ministry Fellowship require messages for Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons and other groups

If you have an idea for a new postcard advertising campaign then contact CPMF at

**Grey Gables  
Great Wenham  
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MARTIN Barrow has written in to tell us of a new tract that he has produced

*Jehovah's Witnesses and the Generation of 1914* deals with the recent shifts and changes in the Watch Tower Society's end-time theory

If you would like to order copies or find out more information about the new tract then call

**Stoke - 01782 208284  
or  
Nuneaton - 01203 341243**

### ARE YOU MOVING?

*Make sure you send your new address to us as soon as possible if you don't want to miss future issues of Concern*



## TO THE EDITOR

I WOULD just like to share this thought with you

I have realised that Satan tempts Jehovahs Witnesses the same way that he tempted the Lord Jesus

Jesus was approached by the Devil and was offered the world Isn't that the same offer that he gives JW's through the Watch Tower Society?

They are offered a new earth where there will be righteousness, freedom from death, sickness, pain and sorrow and everything in the garden will be a bed of roses.

And the craftiness of it all is that Satan uses the Word of God to accomplish things

The JW's are told that they must be submissive, for "Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth".

They don't have to be meek to the Lord Jesus, they don't have to be meek to the Holy Spirit, they are forced to be meek to the "Watchtower Society".

The apostle Paul is used by the Society to ram principles down your throat so much that, in the end, I grew to dislike him when I was a Witness.

Satan uses him to make the woman feel inferior She has absolutely no right to speak to the congregation about something that is very precious to her. No wonder that many become victims to mental health problems.

The result of Satan getting into their minds is that the husband and wife become estranged from each other and their children.

If it were known, I believe that there are more divorces with JW's than with anyone else, it follows that there must be if the elders are allowed to come into houses and dictate to all the family Who dictates to the elders?

I have sent a letter to Bethel, a letter of love and concern for them, and I thought I should tell someone

I told them that Jesus is love and

## Letters

disfellowshipping is not love. That is stating it briefly. If only someone could see that point It is so obvious I cannot understand why they don't see it.

The Lord died for everyone and I have pointed out in the letter that he died for mankind. He loved the world and give His only begotten Son. How can they not see that point?

**Christian love**

**Betty Foot,  
Stevenage, Herts.**



## TO THE EDITOR

DO you, or any of your readers, have available a copy of a large format New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures for my studies into JW doctrines

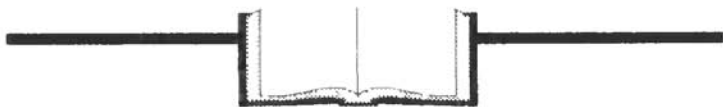
I would be very pleased to pay postage should anyone be able to supply me with one

**God bless you in your ministry,  
Duncan Johns,  
Brentwood, Essex.**

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# DOES THE WATCHTOWER BOOK KNOWLEDGE ~~THAT~~ LEAD\$ TO EVERLASTING LIFE?



A SERIES OF ARTICLES  
BY  
PASTOR GARY HALL

RELEASED by the Watch Tower Society last year the "Knowledge" book contains a number of new teachings among its usual contents of old chestnuts.

Pastor Gary Hall, of Liverpool, this month continues to share his thoughts on this latest publication which claims to contain the Knowledge that leads to everlasting life.

I may be wrong, but there may be some "new light" in the future regarding the Jesus/Michael doctrine. Knowledge does not mention this once.

The unusual statement for Jehovah's Witnesses, on page 153, may be some indication of some new doctrine in the near future. It reads, "*He is the only channel through whom we can approach Jehovah God.*"

## Cautious

While we agree with these words we have to be cautious to why they were written.

The usual illustration of Jesus hanging on a stake is shown on page 67. It shows a single nail through the wrists of Jesus, despite the fact that even the

NWT says that Jesus had scars from the "nails" in both His hands (see John 20.25).

So, to say the least, His hands had to be separated

## Questions

Universalism, the belief that all will be saved or given a chance to repent and follow God after death is evident on page 88.

*"They will have an opportunity to demonstrate by their deeds whether they will serve God."*

Two questions will suffice here.

1. Where does the Bible even hint at this?
2. If all will be saved, why did Jesus bother dying for us on the Cross?

PART THREE

This idea is a further attack upon the sacrificial death of our Saviour. Because the Watch Tower hates the cross they must get rid of it and what it really means. To believe in universalism is to reject God's way of salvation.

### Problem

The 1914 issue is bound up with the fall of Jerusalem in 607 BC. They refer to this date as "very significant" (page 96).

By adding 2,520 years to 607 BC they arrive at 1914. The main problem here is that Jerusalem fell to the Babylonians in 587 BC, which automatically nullifies the 1914 theory.

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## **"You will look in vain in chapter 11 to find any Scriptural reasons for dating Jesus' Heavenly rule at 1914."**

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Wouldn't we like to see the verse where the Bible teaches that Jesus was "enthroned in the Heavenly Kingdom in 1914 CE" (page 94)?

Page 97 promises, "Did Jesus begin to reign in Heaven at that time? Scriptural reasons for saying he did will be discussed in the next chapter."

You will look in vain in chapter 11 to find any Scriptural reasons for dating Jesus' Heavenly rule at 1914.

It would be a step in the right direction if the Watch Tower believed its own writings without going on to disqualify what is written in a later chapter

### Void

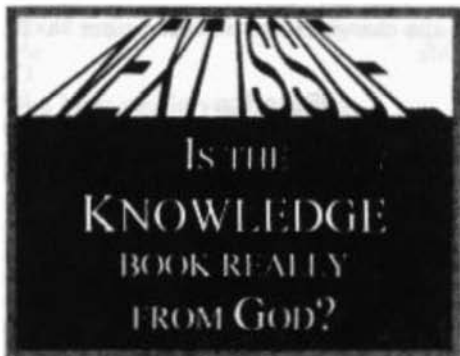
The statement found on page 153, which we accept as Biblically correct, "*He (Jesus) is the only channel through whom we can approach Jehovah*" is made void by further statements on pages 160-161 which refer to the "*faithful and discreet slave*" as being "*God's channel*"

Again we find either Jesus, or the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society must fall. It is no surprise to us that Jesus is disregarded once more

If Jehovah's Witnesses really did study their Bibles, instead of books on the Bible, as advised on page 178, they might come nearer the fundamental truths of God's Word

Of course the "*faithful and discreet slave*", in Brooklyn, USA, would never allow this.

If only they were allowed to put into practice the words found on page 182, "*Moreover, we do not earn life by serving Jehovah. Everlasting life is a gift of God*"



# Journey from the Watch Tower

*The testimony of Susan Pickering - Part Two*



After many years searching for the true religion Susan Pickering, from Bethnal Green in east London, joined Jehovah's Witnesses. That was until a work colleague questioned her beliefs and told her Jesus was God. Her story continues.....

DURING the weeks that followed, I picked up and read many books about the Trinity and started to compare bibles. Slowly the pieces started to fit together.

As well as excitement I was apprehensive too, my world had moved, I was on rocky ground and didn't quite know what to do, who to talk to or where to go next.

My husband had never been interested in religion, so I couldn't talk to him about it. The Lord was working in my heart and it was Him whom I had to trust and lead the way for me.

My good friend and fellow Jehovah's Witness, Pauline, had to cope with the death of both her parents within two days of each other. It was so sad, tragic and Pauline was devastated. When I went to visit her I had no words of comfort for her, so I talked about God and the changes that had taken place in my life.

## Surprise

To my surprise, and delight, she had also had a change of heart towards Jehovah's Witnesses. We talked at great length that night encouraging and confirming our faith with each other. For me it was great to share my anxieties and fears with a dear friend.

Together we went to church, studied

God's word with open eyes and a new heart and grew as Christians. My friend at work gave me many books to read now that he knew I had experienced a change of heart, he was a tremendous help to me.

## Alive

I cannot speak for Pauline but, for myself, something fresh and new had entered my life. The uncertainties, the pains and the many years of searching were over.

A weight had been lifted, I felt lighter and alive and I knew I had found my God, not a distant God, but a loving, caring, faithful God and Father. And by His grace I know I am adopted into his family. Thank you Lord.



*Life After  
the  
Witnesses*

It's almost five years since I became a Christian. At first I was bitter towards Jehovah's Witnesses. Bitter that I had been misled all those years. I felt I had wasted so many years of my life. I felt my children had missed going to church and Sunday school, celebrating birthdays and Christmas, yes, I was bitter.

But thank the Lord, they were not wasted years, now I can tell others all that I've learnt nothing is ever wasted, both my children are believers, thank the Lord.



Many Jehovah's Witnesses are good sincere people, lost souls being misguided by an organisation that is badly at fault

These people are not to be attacked and frowned on like I once did, but need love, compassion and a lot of patience just as Jesus has for us

I am very concerned for Jehovah's Witnesses, I have a deep burden for them

They need to know who Jesus is, who He really is, and I want them to know, so they like me can say Jesus is God

*Susan Pickering*

#### Next Issue

Susan Pickering's best friend, Pauline Causton, tells of her conversion to Christ

## **KINGDOM CAPERS**



"Mum! Mum! I think there's one of those Je-Hoover Witnesses who wants to speak to you."

# COULD YOU WRITE FOR *Concern?*

COULD you write an article for a future issue of *Concern*?

We are currently seeking articles on various Watchtower subjects including news on the activities of local congregations in your area

It doesn't matter how small or insignificant you think the news is, we would like to hear about it.

Perhaps you are yourself witnessing to members of the organisation and have prayer requests to share with us.

Or, if you run a ministry in your local area, you could give other readers the help and encouragement to start their own.

No writing experience is necessary, as we can advise and help you put an article together.

There is no limit to the length of the article but longer ones may have to be used in two or more editions

To help us, articles should be written or typed out and be double spaced between lines

If you would like to submit anything for publication, then please phone or write to the address on the back page, just in case somebody else is preparing a similar article

To readers who have already sent in articles, still to appear in *Concern*, please be patient - they will be printed

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**THE restoration of the Divine Name to the Christian Greek scriptures (the New Testament) is a noble intention pursued in the Kingdom Interlinear Translation.**

Whether it was ever in those documents is another matter. Let us concede that where Old Testament passages are quoted by Christ and the apostles, which contain God's name, that these quotations given in the New Testament also contained that name.

Why then is Psalm 102:25, 26 attributed to "You, oh LORD".... in Hebrews 1:10 and not to Jehovah, as in the Hebrew? Because such a rendition would make it obvious that the Son, Jesus Christ, was Jehovah.

The textual sources appealed to for the inclusion of the name Jehovah in the New Testament are translations of such into Hebrew by medieval and later scholars, the important one being Hutter's Polyglot New Testament of 1599.

There are about fifty occasions where Hutter uses Jehovah where the New World Translation does not, using instead "Lord", "God", etc. or where Hutter adds reference to Jehovah for clarification.

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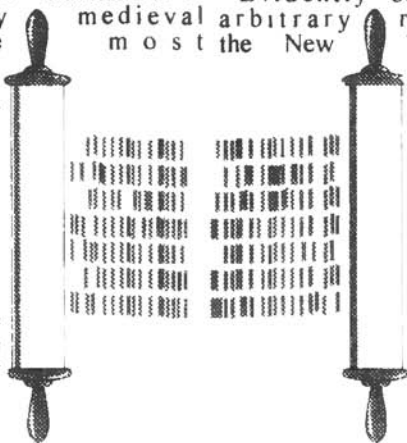
In most of these cases, though it seems likely that reference is being made to Christ, either the Father or the Son may be referred to.

However, Hutter and later translators of the New Testament into Hebrew, at Romans 10:17, Colossians 3:15 and Peter 3:15 use God's name Jehovah where the New World Translation uses Christ.

In these three instances it could be either God or Christ being referred to.

Evidently both are referred to. The arbitrary rendition of the text of the New Testament by the New World Translation can be seen as a trick of the Devil subtle enough to fool these very translators.

It is reminiscent of how anti-Christian "wise men" (Romans 1:18-25, 1 Corinthians 1:19-25, 3:19) select facts, and ignore others, to support pre-conceived ideas, like evolution.



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