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WITNESSES IN H.O. SETBACK

Residents & Council oppose development

JEHOVAH'S witnesses are developing a 'monstrous city' in the heart of Barnet, fear local residents campaigning to stop them.

The International Bible Students Association, otherwise known as the Jehovah's Witnesses, has submitted plans to Barnet council to develop its premises in The Ridgeway, Mill Hill.

They want to build accommodation for 100 followers in a growing religious printing and administrative complex.

It is the 19th extension in the past 35 years, referred to by a telephonist at the association as "stage

three of our construction programme".

More than 150 residents in the area have signed a petition condemning the development. Organiser Myriam Harris is afraid the association wants to take over the whole area.

"We do not want a Jehovah's Witness city in the middle of Mill Hill," she said.

The complex was already too obtrusive, she felt.

"It's such a huge place already," she said.

Mrs Harris said she also feared that the extra traffic generated would be too much for the area's narrow roads to bear.

John Gorst MP, representing Hendon North, also condemned the development. "It is

"Shall I count pure those with the wicked balances, and with the bag of deceitful weights?"

Micah 6:11.

becoming a monstrosity," he said. He has tabled a question in the House of Commons to be asked on January 20. "I will be asking the secretary of state if he will give an assurance that he has no plans to alter government policy in a way that would facilitate further development on this site."

A spokesman for the association denied the development was out of character with Mill Hill.

"It would enhance the area," he told us. "It's a very, very nice development."

The association did not currently have plans for further expansion, he said.

Planning permission for the expansion have so far been denied. Further developments will be reported upon.

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WELCOME

Dear Reader,

Welcome to the first issue of Concern. Over the last few years we have sensed that the Lord's people are beginning to take up the challenge of the cults more and more.

Since First & Last Ministries began five years ago, Christians (many of them ex-Witnesses) have been using our tracts to reach J.W.'s with the real Gospel.

We are greatly encouraged by this, and are thankful to God for keeping this work going.

We have pledged to keep all our publications free. May we extend our thanks to those who have sent in free-will offerings to help meet costs.

Perhaps you would like to say something through our columns: maybe an item of news of things in your own area or maybe just to let us know how the Lord is blessing you.

Send us in your items of interest, and we will see what we can do.

Les Kerr,
First & Last Ministries

Coming Soon

Inspector Berean Investigates:



The Case of the Murdered Archangel.

LETTERS

TO THE EDITOR:

I had been in the Watchtower web for around 12 years, and though I had known no happiness there life outside was so miserable that I yearned to go back (Proverbs 27:7). Still, I knew this would be a risky thing to do, so I prayed about it, shortly afterwards your unsolicited package dated October 1st arrived at the address I had recently vacated.

This suggested one thing to me...



I did pass a couple of the tracts on to another ex J.W., but she stubbornly believes black is white if the faithful and discreet slave says so. I hope, though they will bear fruit.

I do not know any witnesses weak in faith, but if I did I doubt if I could get anywhere with them as they will have been warned about me.

I would appreciate being sent regular copies of Aware! leaflet and any other sheets concerning J.W. faith and practice, only one of each at present. I hope sometime to be able to use the information to help free former brothers and sisters.

Yours in His service
D.Adams,
Newcastle Upon Tyne.

TO THE EDITOR:

I am an ex Jehovah's Witness, now a Born Again Christian and anxious to try to reach other J.W.'s and bring them out of the W.T. Society and show them the way of Salvation through Jesus.

A friend of mine recently sent me a copy of a leaflet, on the front of which are the words "There is a way that seems right"

I was very impressed with this leaflet, it has been well thought out and cleverly written and is one of the best leaflets aimed at J.W.'s which I have ever seen.

I would like to have more of these leaflets so that I can give them to Christian friends in order that they should have something to give the J.W.'s who call at their doors. Could you let me know the price of the leaflets and please also of the one entitled "The Watch Tower Society's Grave Dilemma".

With every blessing in our Lord Jesus
Carol Barker,
Chesterfield.

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your letters to:-**

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TO THE EDITOR:

LETTERS

Last July, I was contacted, by a man, who we will name Bernard. He was an atheist, and was 'ready to murder' someone, as his wife Jennie, his 16 year old daughter and 12 year old son John had all become JW's and nothing he did would bring them out. Since their involvement his marriage had suffered and their whole lives changed and contacting me was the last resort.

I chatted with him on the phone, making it clear to him that my job was not just to get JW's to leave, but to bring them to Christ. I gave him the gospel and he said he was not into 'that kind of thing', he just 'wanted his family back'.

I said, I would be willing to go and talk with his wife, if she would agree. So I told him that I would get our church to pray and wait to hear what her answer would be. God answered our prayers as she agreed to us going.

We had a good time together talking and we showed them the video 'Witnesses of Jehovah'. As most of you should be aware, when spending time with JW's, one can never tell, only by discernment if you have had any impression on them and so we came home and continued in prayer.

Bernard kept in touch by phone and let us know how things were going. It seemed Jennie had been very disturbed by our visit, but God was doing something, not in Jennie, as we were praying, but in Bernard and we discovered that he had committed his life to Jesus. No longer was he ready to murder his wife, he was now 'loving her to bits'.

He now vowed that he would do all he possibly could to prevent other people going through the same heartache. He

wanted 'everyone' to be warned about the JW's and he would pay £1,000 for his town to receive warning tracts about the W.T.S. I said, I would get it organised, but God had another idea and he showed it to me one night while I lay in bed. Why just warn his town, why not the whole country? What about a full page advert in a national paper? I prayed that if the idea was from God, that Bernard would agree to it. He thought it was a brilliant idea.

Before I wrote to the newspapers, I continued to pray about it and 2 days after Bernard had agreed to the idea, I received a letter from a brother I write to. In my last letter to him I had told him about Bernard offering £1,000 to tract his town and in this brothers letter to me he wrote, 'Don't you think it would be better to have a BIG ADVERT (he wrote it in capitals!) in a paper instead? That was my confirmation from God.

I was sad to learn that a full page advert in a national newspaper would cost thousands, so we settled for Bernard's local paper which was well under the £1,000. From it I had 13 replies, from a mixture of people and I know the advert had caused quite a stir.

Bernard continues to grow in the Lord, and is continuing to learn all he can about the W.T.S. and he is doing all he can to win his wife and children. So far they haven't budged, but he never gives up and much prayer is going up for them. Another advert in the same paper, this time half a page didn't get any letters but I had a response on my JW helpline.

Only God knows the effect of these adverts and we leave Him to bring out Jennie and the children, in His time.

Dorothy Banks,
Rotherham.

THEY PROPHESED THE END OF THE WORLD

IN 1914 — 1918 — 1941 — 1975

ALL THESE DATES FAILED — BUT THEY ARE STILL DOING IT!

Who are these people? — They are the governing body of the Watchtower Society — over a quarter of a million Jehovah's Witnesses left this organisation after the failure of their 1975 prophecy . . . Why?

Because they had had enough of this non-prophet organisation

WE WISH TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THIS IS NOT AN ATTACK ON JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES AS INDIVIDUALS BUT AN EXPOSÉ OF THE TEACHINGS OF THE WATCHTOWER BIBLE AND TRACT SOCIETY

Was he around recently?



BLAME OF FALSE PROPHETS AT YOUR DOOR!

Their offer two magazines 'The Watchtower' and 'The Awake'. This literature spreads fear and uncertainty through a false gospel message presenting 'doctrines of the Watchtower' as 'truth' . . . ' . . . follow us or perish as Antichristians!'

' . . . Beware of such . . . in the morning of the Lord Jesus Christ: "Take care that you are not misled. Many will come saying, "The day is upon us! Do not follow them . . ."' Luke 21:8



Who are these people?

They call themselves 'Jehovah's Witnesses'

The cult runs its members from Brooklyn, USA. The members buy shares. It offers a free 'Bible study', but also conducts a book trade of indoctrinating Watchtower writings. These cause the book after book 'True Meaning' is the 'Kingdom Hall' yet never mentioning the truth (1 Tim 3:7; Ex 12:12). Watchtower leaders give millions of books a key to power.

THEY NEED YOU! . . . as if from door to door preaching and selling 'another gospel', a 'New Covenant' . . . their malicious hearts . . . you have been warned!

DID YOU KNOW? That by just having an innocent chat at your door and by accepting literature from them you will be registered for a back call.

DID YOU KNOW? That Jehovah's Witnesses will offer you a free Bible study but are taught to get you on to one of their books as soon as possible.

DID YOU KNOW? That if you join their organisation they will turn you into an unpaid book seller on the pretence that you are letting people know the 'Good News of the Kingdom'.

DID YOU KNOW? That these unpaid book sellers are making millions of pounds each year for the Watchtower Society. In one year alone their income from their magazines and books amounted to over £3,000,000!

DID YOU KNOW? That as a young person you may even be discouraged from pursuing a career, even from getting married and having children, so that you can give more time to making converts.

DID YOU KNOW? That as a Jehovah's Witness you will not be allowed any 'independent thinking', you will be expected to believe everything you are taught, as 'coming from God?'

DID YOU KNOW? That The Watchtower's Bible and Tract Society believe they are the ONLY religious body on earth today being used by God. All others are part of 'Babylon the Great', world empire of false religion.

YOU NEED TO INVESTIGATE THESE THINGS BEFORE COMMITTING YOURSELF TO A LIFE OF SLAVERY

WRITE TO US NOW, SENDING A STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE, AND WE SHALL BE PLEASED TO SEND YOU, FREE OF CHARGE, THE LEAFLET ABOVE AND ALSO ONE THAT WILL HELP YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT REAL CHRISTIANITY IS ALL ABOUT.

YOUR CONFIDENCE WILL BE RESPECTED.
NO ONE WILL CALL UPON YOU UNLESS REQUESTED

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In this our first issue, final words go to John Shearer, Rector at Nuffield Church, Oxford.

Dear Reader,

I am pleased to be able to welcome the launch of this new venture, for it promises to mark an important step forward in the work of confronting "Jehovah's Witnesses" with the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Truth is important. Divinely given truth is all-important. Divinely given truth about the way of salvation for sinners, is above anything else in it's need for the clearest possible proclamation. For instance, if I act on the basis of sincerely given but mistaken information, I may miss the bus I was intending to catch, and I may well be annoyed, to say the least! How much more serious therefore is sincerely given, but mistaken information, about the salvation of my soul.

Today in our land, false doctrine abounds, false religions are on the march and counterfeit forms of Christianity are now ready, so far as it is possible, to corrupt the very church of God. We live in a post-Christian spiritual vacuum which the Enemy of Truth is always ready to enter. How tragic it is therefore, when those of us who are the custodians of the truth of the Word of God by the illumination of his Holy Spirit, do not labour in it's propagation as we could and should. "Earnestly contend for the faith" (Jude 3) is what that word would say to us!

None are more beguiled than the zealous souls caught up in the Watchtower Society; they stand in the forefront of the enemies of truth. By the grace of God, many such have been rescued and stand today as testimonies of His saving power. Let us pray, let us labour, that the Lord will be pleased to draw out yet more precious souls.

The launch of this magazine may well be a token to us that He intends to do just that!

Your brother and fellow worker,
In the Kingdom of His Son.

Rev. John Shearer,
Rector of Nuffield Church.

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