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Topics and News from First & Last Ministries

DRESSING UP THE FLESH OR BORN AGAIN?

No disguise
can hide
man's sin
from God.



FOR most Jehovah's Witnesses the opportunity of being born again has been ruled out by the Watch Tower Society. So what must the average witness do to get right with God and overcome sin?

The Watchtower of 15th June 1994 supplies the answer with an article entitled **Combating Sin's Grip On The Fallen Flesh.**

After giving a run down on sin's grip and man's fallen nature, the article then attempts to prescribe a remedy by saying: "Do you put forth constant effort to combat sin's grip on the fallen flesh, striving to

by
Philip Mawson

reflect as brightly as possible God's glory in all that you do?"

Now is constant effort and striving to measure up, really the answer to the big sin question?

If only JW's would read past Romans 8:6, the scripture which is used to head the discussion, which says: "Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, NOR INDEED CAN BE. So then, those who are in the flesh CANNOT please God" (NKJV).

Thus trying and striving to force the flesh to conform to God's law is an impossible task.

Jesus stressed "That which is born of flesh is flesh, and that which is born of spirit is spirit." John 3:6.

So what is the answer to sin's grip on the fallen flesh?

Firstly, and most important of all, a new nature is required.

Striving to dress up the old nature will never work.

The Watchtower requires JW's to dress up the flesh, but Jesus retorts: "YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN." John 3:7.

WELCOME

Dear Reader,

YOU will notice in this issue of **CONCERN** that we have added some extra pages. We do hope the newsletter is of help and interest to you.

We would like to thank those of you who have been very generous to us by sending in various gifts.

To those of you who have sent us letters and articles we thank you. They are very encouraging and will be used. We do need to know your views so please keep writing.

Special thanks to our dear brother Philip Mawson for his articles which he sends in on a regular basis.

Our mailing list continues to grow and here we need your help.

Could you please make sure, if possible, to send us a stamp (or why not four for the year?)

We are sad to say that there are some of you we have not heard from for well over a year. So please let us know if you still want to receive **CONCERN**.

Lee Kerr & Bill Bacon,
First & Last Ministries.

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John Orritt
3 Bosworth Drive
Eastwood
Notts NG16 3RF.

FIRST & LAST MINISTRIES LTD READERS' NEEDS

READER Robert Skynner, who is compiling a data-base of names and addresses of JW's/LDS/Oneness/Christadelphians, is planning to produce a newsletter for anyone interested in writing to people trapped in the cults.

If you would like to know more, or have any addresses, please write to him at his new address (from June 10) at: c/o Tredsuham House, 63 Rose Hill, St. Blazey, Cornwall PL24 2LQ.

NOEL and Kathleen Wombwell have a large selection of books and tapes from the U.S.A. concerning the JW's and others.

Many of these books can be extremely difficult to obtain in your local Christian bookshop.

If you would like to know what Noel has to offer then send a stamped addressed envelope to:

Noel Wombwell
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Gosport
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FIRST & Last Ministries would like to thank Mrs Lnette Bailey of Waltham Abbey for her kind donation of envelopes which we use to mail out copies of **CONCERN**.

Correction

IN our last issue we said that Dorothy Banks had been a JW for over 17 years. We would like to make it clear that Dorothy was in fact a JW for only three years and has been in the JW ministry for over 17 years.

Sorry for any confusion caused.

LETTERS

TO THE EDITOR

YOU recently sent me a batch of literature following a letter I wrote to yourselves and it came in very handy.

One family I call on are Roman Catholics, but the mother is very confused. Her daughter committed suicide about two years ago and it has affected her quite badly.

She knows I am charismatic, as RCs like to call pentecostals, and we have had a couple of chats. You have to bear in mind I only see her about every fortnight and then only for a couple of minutes, so a meaningful discussion of the gospels is difficult.

Last week, however, she said she had been seeing some JW's on a Friday evening for Bible study.

In the few minutes I had I gave her the truth about Jesus and also what the JW's say.

This is where your literature came in handy as it arrived at about the same time.

I gave her all the leaflets and asked her to read them and consider what they said. I now pray the Holy Spirit will impart the truth to her.

Due to a strange occurrence I came into the possession of the addresses of seven other JW's around the country.

I copied Aware number one and sent them all one a few weeks ago. Could you please send other literature, so that I can send some more?

May God bless you in all that you do to the glory of Jesus Christ.

Jeremy Smith
Birmingham.

TO THE EDITOR

I WOULD just like to thank you for the copies of CONCERN that you have sent me.

I have found them to be of great encouragement to me and I look forward to each issue.

Vincent McCann,
Birkenhead.

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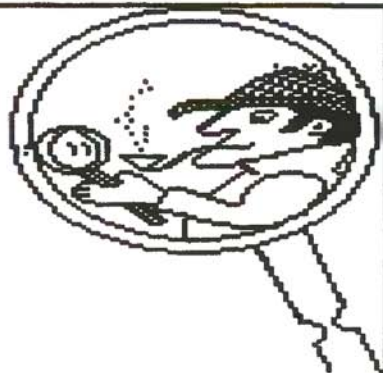
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All things or not all things? That is the question.

Another case for . . .

Inspector Berean



IF the apostles John and Paul were alive today, any Jehovah's Witness would say that they would be members of the Watch Tower Society, God's organisation.

But, if this is the case, this gives them a very big problem.

Having read the New World Translation (NWT), we come to the conclusion that one of these apostles must be disfellowshipped from the organisation at once.

But who will go, John or Paul?

You see according to the NWT in John's Gospel chapter 1 and verse 3, John says that Jesus created every thing (all things), and he means all things, but the apostle Paul says in the NWT in Colossians 1:16 that Jesus created all (other) things.

So we have two JW's disagreeing with each other (disunity), so one must go.

But it gets worse.

In Isaiah 43:10 and 44:16-8 and 24 Jehovah says He created all things. He is unique, and does not know of any other gods, nor has He created any other gods.

However, John tells Jehovah that He is wrong, and that He has created

a god (John 1:1)

So it appears that John has become an independent thinker so he must be disfellowshipped.

That means also that his writings must be ignored. We must not regard an independent thinker as reliable.

Of course when you start adding words to the Bible like "a god" in John 1:1, and "[other] things" in Colossians 1:16, and when you start altering the Bible to fit in with your own man-made ideas, then you are going to start getting into a muddle.

After all God says that He made all things, and John says that the Word (Christ) was God and He made all things.

The apostle Paul also says that Christ made all things.

The word "other" which has been put in Colossians 1:16 is not in any manuscript and has only been added in order to deceive people.

We urge all JW's to seek the Lord Jesus today by means of a reliable translation of the Scriptures.

CHRIST'S BUTTERFLY

Betty Foot's
testimony of
how she
escaped
From the
Watchtower's
cocoon.

FOLLOWING a time of Bible study with Jehovah's Witnesses, in which she was put under a great deal of pressure, Betty Foot of Stevenage, Herts, went into hospital suffering from a nervous breakdown. This is her story...

At the weekends I used to come home. One weekend I came home and found a bedroom full of Red Admiral butterflies.

There seemed no reason why my bedroom should be so full of these lovely creatures.

I recognised that it was something unusual and I prayed to the Lord. I cannot remember what my prayer was but I prayed.

After that incident I went for a walk and was led to a church where there was a social gathering and I was invited in for a cup of tea.

I was given an

invitation to a Sunday service and was at that first service that I came to know the Lord.

The Pastor gave a talk about the caterpillar and how it changes into butterfly.

He explained how we are all like caterpillar and can be changed into butterfly.

After the service the Pastor came up to me and handed me a butterfly. I had never known before how the Holy Spirit worked. That butterfly opened up the door. I had knocked and the Lord Jesus had opened it wide straight away.

I wanted to be baptised there and then, there was no doubt that the Holy Spirit had entered into my life.

What a loving merciful and gracious Father we have. What else can we do but love Him with all our heart, soul, mind and every fibre of our being.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

2 Cor 5:17



THE TESTIMONY OF BOB BOULTON-LEAR

FOR 14 years Rev Bob Boulton-Lear served with the Jehovah's Witnesses.

He has a thrilling testimony as to how God led him out of the movement and saved him through faith in Christ.

He is now concerned for others who are blinded by Satan, as he was.

The first time I ever met a Jehovah's Witness was when a lady knocked at my door. She had a small boy with her.

She asked me if I knew what God's name was.

Well I had done some reading in the Bible and I told her that from the Old Testament I could see that God's name was Jehovah.

She was amazed and said that most people did not normally know this.

QUESTION

There was a question in my mind at this stage of my life to which I had tried to have answered.

No one it seemed knew or could give me an answer to this question.

The question I wanted answered was "What was so important about Jesus dying on the cross 2000 years ago and how could it benefit my family?"

She had with her, of course, the

System of FEAR

Watchtower magazine and the main article was entitled, "The Merit of Jesus Christ."

She said she would leave this with me to read.

I was glad to have something to read on this subject that was positive.

I now know that it was positively wrong, but it was positive.

This impressed me very much.

INVOLVED

I mentioned to this lady that my wife was more religious than I was and perhaps they would like to come again, and speak with her.

They did, on the following Wednesday.

When I returned home from work, the house was full of Jehovah's Witnesses.

From then on we became more deeply involved with the movement.

My wife and I were absolutely dedicated people in the movement.

We were deeply involved in every aspect of the society's work.

We attended a congregation in a place called Handley near Stoke-on-Trent.

The congregation numbered about forty-five people which grew to around 130.

As I look back I realise that the movement exploits every national and international crisis or disaster.

What they do, is to present to people a doctrine of fear more than anything else.

For instance they always emphasize the nearness of Armageddon which they claim is the end of the world.

They did this while we were in the movement and they still do so today.

Of course when the end comes, the fully fledged members of the movement will not be destroyed, so they claim.

We always noticed when a crises came about that people who had been straying from the organisation came flocking back and attendance would reach a peak.

So it is a system of fear and this is why so many people have been caught up in the movement.



Now out of the organisation Bob is helping to bring Jehovah's Witnesses to Christ.

He said: "I want to talk with any Jehovah's Witness whether newly converted to the movement or the leaders.

"I would like to explain to them the simple truths of the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

Could You Write For

Concern

DO you feel you could write an article for a future issue of CONCERN?

We are currently seeking articles on various Watchtower subjects and also ideas on how to reach out to those caught up in the JW web.

Perhaps you run a particular ministry and have hints and advice for others who could possibly start a similar outreach service in their area.

If so we would like to hear from you.

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

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

Any article should be written or typed out and be double spaced between lines.

If you would like to submit an article please phone or write to the address on page three, just in case somebody else is preparing a similar article.



JESUS CHRIST

DEAD
OR
ALIVE?

A CONVERSATION about Jesus with any member of the Watch Tower Society will make any christian realise that the JW's Christ is a very different one from that found in the Bible

For while the Bible declares that Jesus is the eternal Son of God in verses such as Isaiah 9:6, Jehovah's Witnesses are told that Jesus was created by Jehovah and lived in heaven as Michael the archangel. (Watchtower, May 15, 1963).

They are told by the Watch Tower Society that the archangel Michael has a spirit body, and that at some point in time he was taken out of existence so that Jesus could be born.

Now, according to the Watchtower, Jesus is just a man (without a spirit) so in order for this to happen Jehovah had to exterminate Michael in order to bring along Jesus.

Contrary to the apostle John, chapter 2 verses 19-21, JWs teach that after Jesus' death his body was disposed of (Things In Which It Is Impossible For God To Lie, p354) and Michael reappeared as God's son.

This very strange teaching, of angels and men swapping places, has

no scriptural backing and poses all kinds of problems for the JWs.

Now when the JWs knock on our doors they tell us that Jesus returned in 1914, but how can he have done since the Watch Tower teaches that Jesus is dead forever (Studies in the Scriptures, Vol 5, 1899, p 454).

Another problem for JWs is that Jesus can no longer be their mediator - remember he is dead forever. Instead Michael the Archangel, who did not die for them, is their mediator.

Also they cannot say that Michael returned in 1914 because everybody's answer would be - who's Michael?

And, of course, Michael could not return because he did not come in the first place.

It is clear, when you look at the facts, the Jesus of the WT Society is not the same as the one found in the Bible.

If you are a Jehovah's Witness and the man Christ Jesus is dead forever just who is your mediator?

Don't let the Watchtower fool you into believing it is an angel but rather look to the Bible -

"For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus."

2 Timothy 2:5

Bookshelf



MANY thanks to those readers who have responded to our call for Watchtower books.

We now have a number of books which are available to our readers on a first come, first serve basis.

They are as follows:-

Happiness - How To Find It
 Life - How Did It Get Here?
 Let Your Name Be Sanctified
 Paradise Restored To Mankind By
 Theocracy
 Man's Salvation Out Of World Distress
 At Hand
 True Peace and Security
 Theocratic Ministry School Guide Book
 You May Survive Armageddon Into God's
 New World
 United In Worship Of The Only True God
 True Peace And Security - How Can You
 Find It?
 Kingdom Interlinear
 The Truth that Leads To Eternal Life
 Organised To Accomplish Our Ministry
 The Nations Shall Know That I Am
 Jehovah

If you require a book that is listed then please send your request to First & Last Ministries, 248 Chester Road, Loughton, Essex IG10 2LR.

The cost of postage would be appreciated.

If you have any Watch Tower books, pamphlets or other items of interest then please let us know.

Either phone us on our London number printed on the back page or send us a list.

CONCERN reader
 Vincent McCann
 has written
 offering to
 photocopy pages
 from his large
 collection of
 Watchtower
 literature.

Vincent's list
 includes
 Watchtower books
 which can prove
 difficult to obtain.

They include Let
 God Be True (1946),
 The Harp of God
 (1928), Creation
 (1927) and Riches
 (1936).

Also included on
 his list is a
 selection of
 Mormon books
 including Doctrine
 and Covenants and
 The Pearl Of Great
 Price.

A full list of the
 books is available
 by writing to the
 address on page
 three.

MINISTRY REPORT

Getting the message across.

MAKING contact with members of the the Jehovah's Witnesses can prove to be quite difficult.

For while they will eagerly knock on most peoples' doors, they tend to stay well clear of those of us in the ministry of bringing them to Christ.

So how do you reach out to them?

One method, which is proving successful, is of placing post cards, with a relevant message on, in the advertising spaces provided at most newsagents and shops.

Vic and Joan Horrex run the Christian Postcard Ministry Fellowship from their home in Great Wenham, Colchester.

The advantage of the postcard ministry is that it is on display all the time.

But although many people have been saved from the Watch Tower Society, the JWs still try their best to thwart their efforts.

"One of our members did find it difficult to carry on as some JWs had threatened the shopkeeper with a boycott of JW customers," said Joan.

"Meanwhile in another shop JWs told the shopkeeper they had won a court case concerning another shop, but on investigation the reason for a

card being removed was failure to renew payment.

"So it was a complete lie on the JWs part."

About six years ago at a post office where CPMF continually display, the JW window cleaner referred to us as "evil slaves" and the scared assistant took the card down.

But after two months it was put up again and they have had no trouble since.

In fact it turned out to be a very fruitful card. Praise the Lord.

One JW enquirer who made contact spoke of seeing a card in a village four years previously.

Vic and Joan say they use about eight different cards but one of the areas they need help with is in suggesting other messages on the cards.

So if you have any ideas or would like to start displaying cards in your area contact them at the address below.

Christian Postcard Ministry Fellowship
Grey Gables
Great Wenham
Colchester
Essex CO7 6PS
Tel: (0743) 311647



IF you would like to reach out to Jehovah's Witnesses by using post cards then maybe the two on this page could get you started.

Either cut them out or photo copy them and stick them onto a card.

We pray that this ministry will tell many JW's of the true Gospel of Jesus Christ.

If you use a particular form of outreach you think other christians could get involved with then maybe you could write in and tell us about it.

BEWARE OF FALSE PROPHETS 1874
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TRUTH THIS SIDE

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IN THE BEGINNING GOD
CREATED THE HEAVENS
AND THE EARTH
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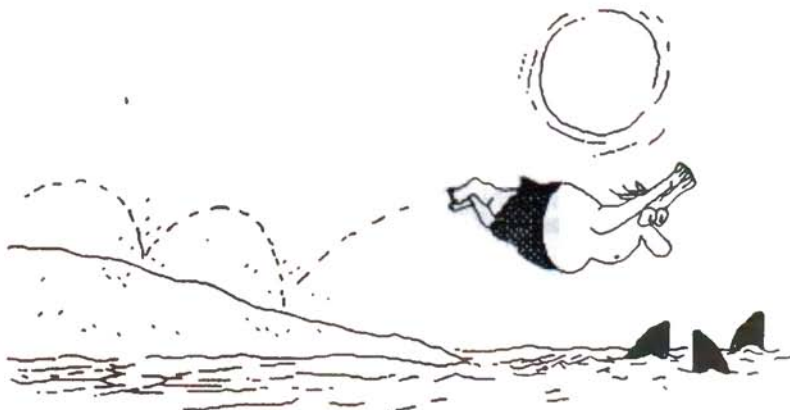
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JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
TEACH AN ANGEL
CALLED MICHAEL
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HEAVENS AND
THE EARTH
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*DON'T BE MISLED
SHOULD YOU DISAGREE OR NEED HELP WRITE TO*

Thinking of joining Jehovah's Witnesses?

They boast of better health, but hide a history of refusing vaccinations, transplants, and transfusions
They warn you Armageddon is coming, but hide their failed predictions for 1914, 1918 and 1975



Before you jump in investigate!

Was Russell an Apostate?

by
Philip
Mawson

THE Watchtower magazine of May 1, 1994, in usual fashion, heaped piles of scorn upon "Apostate christian churches" saying:

"Some who claimed to be Christian overseers began to use their congregations as a means to achieve prominence for self. They subtly ascribed to their own opinions and teachings a value equal to the Scriptures or even superior to these."

But actually this dig at the Christian church by the Watch Tower Society is a clear case of people in glass houses throwing stones.

The Watch Tower Society's founder, Charles Taze Russell placed his books above the Bible stating in the Watchtower magazine of September 15, 1910:-

"...they (his books) are not merely comments on the Bible, but they are practically the Bible itself,...On the other hand, if he had merely read the Scripture Studies with their references and had not read a page of the Bible, as such, he would be in the light at the end of two years, because he would have the light of the Scriptures."

For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

Matthew 12:37


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