

# Concern

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Topics and News from First & Last Ministries

Why are JW's constantly left scratching their heads? It's just another case of the Watch Tower Society being.....

## CONSTANTLY INCONSISTANT

**JEHOVAH'S Witnesses opening up a recent copy of the Watchtower could end up with a bad case of schizophrenia if they try to follow its "God inspired" content to the letter**

For in an article on the importance of regular Bible reading, the May 1st 1995 Watchtower states on page 13, par 2: "Jehovah's Witnesses greatly appreciate their Bible aids, including the Watchtower, and they use these regularly. But they know that none of them take the place of the Bible itself."

However in the very same study article on page 19, par 18, it declares "Of course, Bible reading should not replace your use of excellent study material that has been made available through the Faithful and Discreet

by  
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*Slave."*

So what is one to do?

On one hand Watchtower material is not to take the place of the Bible and on the other hand Bible reading should not take the place of Watchtower material.

This is yet another case in the usual Watchtower mindset, indoctrinating Watchtower slaves to hold to and believe contradictory practices simultaneously.

Actually this is the Watchtower Society's Modus Operandi (as with other cults) and this whole organisational ethos has led Dr Jerry Burgman PhD to

conclude: "*Paranoia Schizophrenia is at least four times higher among Jehovah's Witnesses as among the general population.*" - JW's And The Problem of Mental Illness p286.

More over the New World Translation reads "*An indecisive man is unsteady in all his ways.*" James 1:8.

Surely it is better to serve the Lord with a single mind, than the Watch Tower Society with a double mind. So let us continue to reach these people for Christ.

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latest Watchtower  
book reviewed  
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# WELCOME

Dear reader,

**JUST** what is it that identifies a system which claims to be of Christ in actuality to be a counterfeit?

The key to the subject is that of **AUTHORITY**. Where do we turn for our teaching? What is the source of truth?

For the Christian there can be only one answer: the Bible, the written Word of God.

God alone is **ALL** truth, and **CONSTANTLY** true. His Word is as true as Himself, and is our light.

The moment we turn elsewhere for "the truth" we turn away from the light.

In a cult system rules and traditions are brought in alongside Scripture and are deemed to be **INDISPENSABLE** as to what we are to believe and do.

The Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society controls **ALL** that the JW is to believe and do.

We are only able to detect a counterfeit by being familiar with the "genuine article".

So what about ourselves? (1 Peter 3:15). Can **WE** give a creditable explanation and meaningful reason for our stand for Jesus?

Lee Kerr & Bill Bacon,  
First & Last Ministries.

## FIRST & LAST OF MINISTRIES **READERS'** **NEEDS**

PASTOR Gary Hall, who is based in Liverpool, is looking for various Watchtower books to help him in his regular meetings with JW's.

He is especially interested in obtaining a large format New World Translation and a Kingdom Interlinear Translation as well as other "heavier" Watchtower books.

Any help you can offer him in this matter would be appreciated. Write to our Loughton address on page three if you can help him.

## HELP US TO HELP YOU

**READERS** will have noticed a questionnaire enclosed with the latest issue of **CONCERN**.

Ever since 1992, when First & Last Ministries produced its first edition of **CONCERN**, we have strived to keep you informed with the latest happenings of the Watch Tower Society.

Now we want you to tell us just what you think? Are there any subjects you would like us to cover? What articles have you enjoyed? How can we make **CONCERN** better.

Be it a comment on doctrinal matters or the print quality we want to hear about it.

So please, spend a few minutes of your time to fill out and return the questionnaire to us. The more comments we receive, the better the service we can provide.

Thank you.

# LETTERS

## TO THE EDITOR

I received CONCERN and read the testimony by Jeanette Fyfe and found that it contained facts that were very apparent to me when I was set free by the Holy Spirit.

I was concerned with how the children were not allowed freedom. Higher education was not considered necessary and the abilities that are God given were squashed.

When the children left school they were channelled into menial tasks, denying the gifts that the Lord gives to everyone.

I have found my own way of combating JW's and that is by going to the local hospital and removing any copies of the Watchtower or Awake! magazine that I find there.

The JW's dump their unwanted magazines, the ones they haven't been able to sell (and that is the correct word - not "place").

Is a hospital a good place for such material? There could be people who have to consider a blood transfusion and that is what I am concerned about because it is a very delicate matter for an individual.

Being a born again Christian I am concerned for a person's life and, as yet, even I have not made a decision on it.

My belief is that if I do need a blood transfusion the Lord's hand will be on the matter and He will tell me what I should do and not man, not even a Pastor.

The Lord has healed me of pain and grief at various times and I know He will be there at my departing.

So why should I be concerned over it.

There is a song that says "I shall seek your face oh Lord, I shall seek your face". It goes on to say "Oh how awesome is your presence, who can stand in its light?"

What could be more wonderful than to have that song in your heart established forever.

I long to sing His praises for evermore as I love singing.

God bless you all,

Betty Foot,  
Stevenage, Herts.

## TO THE EDITOR

THANK you for the CONCERN maga, they are very good and your tracts are among the best I have come across.

My reason for writing is to make available my library of Watch Tower books to other CONCERN readers.

As I only have one copy of each book I would like to hang on to them, but they are available for photo-copying if needed.

If anyone would like a complete list of the books I have then they should write to:-  
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# A REVIEW OF KNOWLEDGE That Leads to Everlasting Life

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**THIS** new book by the Watch Tower Society is an obvious proselytizing tool, dealing in Watchtower basics.

But the arguments presented within its pages seem far less detailed or analytical than its predecessors, the Live Forever book and the Truth book.

Within its 192 pages are 24 colour pictures and photographs most of which are full page, adding to the reason for its concise approach.

The book does though contain some new points and has also dropped some, which will no doubt interest Watchtower Watchers.

① With the increasing expose of the Watch Tower Society by counter cult ministries page 22 of the book cleverly primes the neophyte with a warning "Some may fear that you will become involved with a cult..." etc. This statement is obviously designed to inoculate against expose material.

② Page 40, dealing with the Watchtower Jesus, says "God transferred his life from Heaven to the womb of Mary."

Yet on page 82 it states, "This life force does not have any of the characteristics of the creature it animates, just as electricity does not take on the features of the equipment it powers."

We are forced to ask then what was it that was actually transferred to Mary's womb - a non person? A mere impersonal force? What?

Also Jesus is nowhere identified as Michael in this book of Watchtower basics.

③ Page 106 contains the new revised view that the Heavenly signs in Matthew 24:29, refer to a future tribulation period, instead of applying from 1914, as previously taught by the Watch Tower Society.

This no doubt, is preparing the ground for the "This Generation" teaching to be moved up to this future tribulation period instead of applying to 1914 and its generation seeing the world's end at Armageddon.

In fact, unlike former study books, this new book nowhere mentions the "1914 generation" that will not pass away before the final wind-up.

It is always significant when the Watch Tower Society goes silent on a matter.

④ Page 122 contains the Watchtower doctrine on marital separation on grounds of "absolute spiritual endangerment".

This is a strange thing to put in such a primary book on Watchtower basics.

This teaching was emphasized in the Watchtower magazine of 1st November, 1968, (p.22) which states that if a non-JW partner tries to influence the JW believer with Watchtower expose material, thus causing doubts, then the JW elders may recommend marital separation to safeguard spirituality.

So a marriage could break up very quickly now that this teaching is contained in a primary study book.

⑤ Page 153 wonderfully states: "He (Jesus Christ) is the only channel through whom we can approach Jehovah God. But this is soon contradicted by usual Watchtower double talk in the very next chapter (17) where another channel is quickly introduced in the form of the "Faithful and Discreet Slave" (pp160-161).

⑥ On page 176 the book says "Baptism in the name of the holy spirit signifies association with His (God's) spirit directed organization". Making the candidate an ordained minister.

⑦ On page 182 readers may be surprised to read: "Moreover, we do not earn life by serving Jehovah. Everlasting life is a gift of God".

Hallelujah! Unconditional salvation?

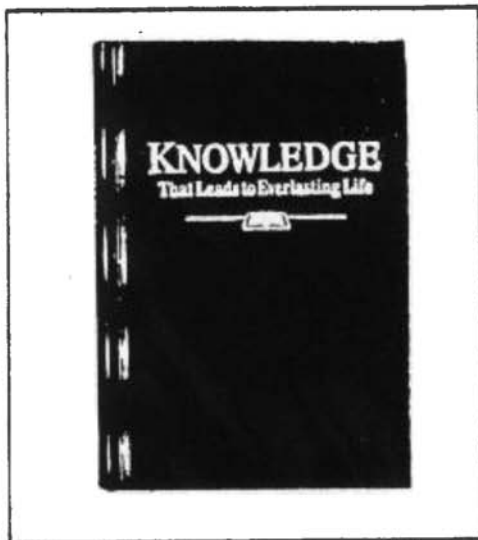
Sorry more double talk. On page 178, after stressing that baptism is not a guarantee of salvation it states - "He that has endured to the end is the one that will be saved (Matthew 24:13 misused). It then spells out what enduring means - "furthering your knowledge, attending all the meetings and answering up, preaching, (recruiting) activity etc.

Page 180 closes with the statement: "Today a "great crowd" who apply the knowledge of God in their lives and gain Jehovah's approval have the prospect of surviving the end of this wicked system of things".

Adding further to the Watchtower survival list page 191 says: "Is not a delightful future on a paradise earth worth any effort or sacrifice you make?"

This is followed by directives such as "pursue that course", "apply the knowledge", "time for you to act", "be determined", "demonstrate" etc.

Buried in these chapters of "survival requirements" is that one little emasculated sentence "We do not earn life by serving Jehovah, everlasting life is a gift of God. (p182).



All in all my only thoughts on this contradictory Gospel of the Watchtower Society are Paul's words at 1 Timothy 6:20-21 which says: "...turning away from the empty speeches that violate what is holy and from contradictions of falsely called Knowledge. For making a show of such [knowledge] some have deviated from the faith (NWT)

How great the Watchtower's deviations are from the simple gospel of grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone.

# THE TESTIMONY OF JEANETTE FYFE

## PART TWO

**BROUGHT** up as a Jehovah's Witness Jeanette Fyfe only knew the Watch Tower Society's version of the Gospel.

Disappointed that the Watch Tower Society's prediction for the end of the world did not take place in 1975 Jeanette found herself questioning the society.

**Her story continues...**

AS Witnesses, we only ever knew what others believed through reading articles about other faiths in the Watchtower magazines.

It all seemed very biased, since we were forbidden to go to any other meetings except our own, and it was my sincere desire to find out what others believed and why our faith should be so different.

However, I was forbidden to enter a church, or a "Christian" meeting, so could not objectively listen to anyone else's viewpoint.

I once described the experience as "trying to see what the weather was like without being allowed to open the curtains."

## HOMELESS

I left home at 16 years of age, went back for a while, and just after my 17th birthday, left for good.

It did not take long to find myself with no job, no money, few spare clothes and no place to live.

I was one of Britain's homeless.

One day, in complete despair, sitting beside the sea desperately searching for some peace of mind and heart, I turned my thoughts to God and hoped that

# Make Sure Of All THINGS

although I abandoned my faith, He would still be gracious enough to help me in such a desperate situation.

Just at that moment, a young woman tapped me on the shoulder and said: "Do you know Jesus loves you?"

I thought she was mad!

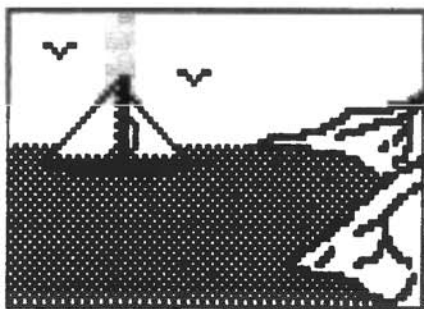
Again she asked me if I knew that Jesus loved me.

I replied that I most certainly did, because I was a Jehovah's Witness.

## MISSION

We argued for some time about the end times, the Trinity etc., but she kept on telling me that Jesus loved me and whatever my greatest need was at that moment, He could meet it.

She talked of Jesus as though He were her best friend!





I replied that if He could do anything, He should find me somewhere to live - at which I was told that there was a spare bed at the mission where she was working.

The next three weeks were spent sharing a room with some people from "Youth With A Mission".

They were so kind, just like the Bible said a Christian should be, and gave me food, clothes, shelter and the truth!

Years before, while sitting in the Kingdom Hall, I had quietly prayed that God would show me what really was the truth.

Now I began to see His answer.

## TRUST

These young people taught me so much, but the thing that impressed me most was their faith.

I had never before encountered people with such complete trust in Christ.

They depended on Him for everything, even their food and clothes.

Their prayers were not like any I had heard before. We had always prayed at the start of a meeting, but these prayers were so different. They obviously meant every word, and considered God able to do anything.

Over a period of three weeks, they showed me from Scripture how the Watchtower beliefs were wrong and although I was initially very defensive I could no longer doubt what they were saying.

They took me straight to the Bible, and even when I checked what they said in my own New World Translation, I could not find anything to disagree with.

## NO OTHER WAY

They showed me that I could be saved from God's judgement now, a teaching the Witnesses hotly deny. Yet I could see that it was true. All of Scripture backed it up.

I began to realise that I could never win God's favour by the number of hours spent knocking on doors, or any other way.

Jesus said: "I am the way, the truth and the life, no man comes to the father but by me."

It was explained to me that Jesus'

death not only paid for my sins, but I could have His Spirit living in me for evermore, enabling me to live as I should.

I began to see that Jesus had done all that was necessary to make peace with God. All I had to do was accept it as a gift. (Ephesians 2&3, 9)

## HIGH DEMANDS

"For by grace", (undeserved kindness), "you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast."

God's demands for holiness are too high for us to reach, but in Jesus everyone of those demands are fully met.

I simply asked Jesus to forgive me for all the wrong I had ever done, and to make me right with God. This He did, and I became a "new creation", born of the Spirit of God. (John 1&2, 13)

I have not had an easy time as a Christian, the road has been very difficult indeed, I have suffered years of depression and loneliness from being shunned by my brothers who are still Witnesses, yet I have my true brothers and sisters in Christ who have supported me all along the way and I have the absolute certainty that I am safe in Jesus' hands, never to lose the salvation he has given me because it does not depend on me, but on the finished work of my Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

I know that He has now called me to be available for Him to reach out to those still desperately seeking the truth of God's Word and to lead them to the healing power of the Lord Jesus Christ. Jehovah's Witnesses can be saved. I am living proof.

**Make Sure  
Of All  
THINGS  
THE END**

# Battle for Witness Retreat Goes On



**JEHOVAH'S Witnesses are standing by their plans to build a religious retreat in the middle of an Essex village.**

The Witnesses' proposals to transform the former caravan site, which is in High Road, Chigwell, into a place of worship sparked opposition from residents who say the land should be kept for local use.

A public inquiry was due to be held in July after councillors rejected the scheme in January.

Chigwell Park Residents Association have been urging people living nearby to write to the planning inspectorate in Bristol opposing the plan.

It alleges that visitors to the centre would create traffic problems and pollution.

The association is drawing up its own plans for the site to be used as a "recreation and education amenity" for the public and particularly nearby residents.

But David Judd, project chairman for the Witnesses, said the association's plans would create far greater traffic problems.

"Very few seem to be aware that we plan to provide 35 acres of open rural landscape for the public to enjoy throughout the year.

"It seems that most of the

## Report Update

opposition has come from those living well away from the site. Those near the site just want to see something happen, to see it tidied up and looked after."

Mr Judd said the plan would accommodate 1,500 people for weekend worship, with parking for 350 cars.

The outcome of the planning inquiry is still to be announced and will be published in a future issue of **CONCERN**.

  
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