

Were You Told the

TRUTH ABOUT 1975?

Dear Watchtower Friends,

Please be assured that this appeal is brought forth out of a motive of love and mutual respect for you as sincere seekers of truth. The following statements concerning this subject have been accumulated for your edification. Why were the expectations of over two million baptised Jehovah's Witnesses shattered with the closing of 1975? Was it because the W.T.B. & T.S. had been teaching their devoted followers that 1975 would mark the consummation of the ages and your reward would be fulfilled with the established millennial reign of Jesus Christ? Please read the following quotes carefully and prayerfully as they are documented from the Watchtower publishing house.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

"Have you read the recent issues of The Watchtower carefully? If so, you will doubtless recall these points:

". . . Why do we not know when God's 'rest day' began and when it will end;

"Although the time of Adam's creation can be determined, the beginning of God's 'rest day' cannot. This is so because there was a time lapse of unspecified length between Adam's creation and the creation of Eve. Not until after the creation of

Eve did God's 'rest day' begin. The start of that day being unknown, its end is likewise unknown." **The Watchtower**, 1/1/76, p. 30.

"Does this mean that we know exactly when God will destroy this old system and establish a new one? Franz showed that we do not, for we do not know how short was the time interval between Adam's creation and the creation of Eve, at which point God's rest day of seven thousand years began." **The Watchtower**, 5/1/75, p. 285.

"Does this mean, then, that mankind has now reached 6,000 years into the 7,000-year period that God 'blessed and made sacred' as his great 'rest day'? Does it mean that Christ's millennial Kingdom rule, as the final 1,000 years of that 'rest day,' is to be reckoned from September 1975? — Gen. 1:27, 31; 2:2, 3: Rev. 20:1-6.

"No, it does not mean that. Why not? Well, the Bible record shows that God's creations on the 'day' just preceding that 7,000-year 'rest day' did not end with Adam's creation. It shows a time lapse between the creation of Adam and that of his wife, Eve. During that time. God had Adam name the animals. Whether that period amounted to **weeks** or **months** or **years**, we do not know. So we do not know exactly when Jehovah's great 'rest day' began, nor do we know exactly when it will end." **The Watchtower**, 10/1/75, p. 579.

WHEN DID THE 7TH DAY BEGIN:

“ ‘Evening’ OF THE SEVENTH CREATIVE ‘DAY’ BEGINS, 4026 B.C.E. . . . God did make known the fulness of his purpose. It did call for a seventh creative ‘day.’ Our calling it a ‘creative’ day does not mean that God kept on creating earthly things on the seventh creative ‘day,’ but that it was inseparably connected up with the previous six creative ‘days.’ and it was of the same time length as those previous ‘days.’ ” **“GOD’S ETERNAL PURPOSE” NOW TRIUMPHING**, 1974, p. 51,52.

THE SEVENTH DAY

“According to reliable Bible chronology Adam was created in the year 4026 B.C.E., likely in the autumn of the year, at the end of the sixth day of creation. Then God brought the animals to man to name. Yet, of Adam, Genesis states these words of Jehovah: ‘It is not good for the man to continue by himself.’ (Gen. 2:18) Adam would realize this lonely condition very quickly, perhaps in just a few days or a few weeks. He would realize he needed another earthling with whom he could communicate, share his experiences, and his life. **Nor would his naming the animals take an unduly long time.** The basic animal kinds could have been relatively quickly named, for when such basic kinds were taken into the ark in Noah’s day, it did not involve millions of beasts, **but perhaps only a few hundred basic kinds.** Thus, Adam’s naming of the animals and his realizing that he needed a counterpart would have occupied only a brief time after his creation. Since it was also Jehovah’s purpose for man to multiply and fill the earth, it is logical that he would create Eve soon after Adam, perhaps just a few weeks or months later in the same year, 4026 B.C.E. After her creation, God’s rest day, the seventh period, immediately followed.

“Therefore, God’s seventh day and the time man has been on earth apparently run parallel. To calculate where man is in the stream of time relative to God’s seventh day of 7,000 years, we need to determine how long a time has elapsed from the year of Adam and Eve’s creation in 4026

B.C.E. From the autumn of that year to the autumn of 1 B.C.E., there would be 4,025 years. From the autumn of 1 B.C.E. to the autumn of 1 C.E. is one year (there was no zero year). From the autumn of 1 C.E. to the autumn of 1967 is a total of 1,966 years. Adding 4,025 and 1 and 1,966, we get 5,992 years from the autumn of 4026 B.C.E. to the autumn of 1967. **Thus, eight years remain to account for a full 6,000 years of the seventh day.** Eight years from the autumn of 1967 would bring us to the autumn of 1975, fully 6,000 years into God’s seventh day, his rest day.” *The Watchtower*, 5/1/68, p. 271.

WHEN WAS EVE CREATED?

“According to reliable Bible chronology, **Adam and Eve were created in 4026 B.C.E.**” **AWAKE!**, 10/8/68, p.14 (emphasis ours).

“ . . . Interestingly, Eve is the first one reported using God’s name, indicating that the name Jehovah was known to the very first humans. Later she gave birth to Abel as well as to other sons and daughters. At the age of 130 another son was born to her. Eve called his name Seth, . . . ” *Aid To Bible Understanding*, p. 538.

“And Adam lived on for a hundred and thirty years. Then he became father to a son in his likeness, in his image, and called his name Seth.” **Gen. 5:3, New World Translation (NWT).**

If Adam and Eve were both 130 years old when Seth was born, didn’t they have to be created in the same year?

JEHOVAH’S INFALLIBLE TEST

“However, the prophet who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded him to speak or who speaks in the name of other gods that prophet must die. And in case you should say in your heart: ‘How shall we know the word that Jehovah has not spoken?’ when the prophet speaks in the name of Jehovah and the word **does not occur or come true**, that is the word that Jehovah did not speak. With presumptuousness the prophet spoke it. You must not get frightened at him.” *Deuteronomy 18:20-22, NWT.*

WHAT IS REQUIRED OF GOD'S MESSENGER?

Therefore, when it came time for the name of Jehovah and his purposes to be declared to the people, along with God's warning that Christendom is in her "time of the end," who qualified to be commissioned? Who is willing to undertake this monumental task as Jehovah's "servant"? Was there anyone to whom Jehovah's heavenly "chariot" could roll up and whom it could confront? More accurately, 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 there in 613 B.C.E.? **The Watchtower**, 3/15/72, p. 189.

IDENTIFYING THE "PROPHET"

"These questions can be answered in the affirmative. Who is this prophet?

This prophet was not one man, but was a body of men and women. It was a small group of footstep followers of Jesus Christ, known at that time as International Bible Students. **Today they are known as Jehovah's Christian Witnesses.** **The Watchtower**, 4/1/72, p. 197.

THE DIFFERENCE

"True, there have been those in times past who predicted an 'end to the world,' even announcing a specific date. Some have gathered groups of people with them and fled to the hills or withdrawn into their houses waiting for the end. Yet, nothing happened. The 'end' did not come. They were guilty of false prophesying. Why? What was missing?

"Missing was the full measure of evidence required in fulfillment of Bible prophecy. Missing from such people were God's truths and the evidence that he was guiding and using them.

"But what about today? Today we have the evidence required, all of it. And it is overwhelming! All the many, many parts of the great sign of the 'last days' are here, together with verifying Bible chronology." **AWAKE!**, 10/8/68, p. 23.

RELIGIOUS HYPOCRISY EXPOSED

"Jehovah, the God of the true prophets, will put all false prophets to shame either by not fulfilling the false predictions of such self-assuming prophets or by having His own prophecies fulfilled in a way opposite to that predicted by the false prophets. False prophets will try to hide their reason for feeling shame by **denying who they really are.**" **Paradise Restored To Mankind - By Theocracy!**, 1972, p. 353, 354.

YOU ADD IT UP!

NOW THAT WATCHTOWER STATEMENTS OVER A TIME SPAN OF NINE YEARS ARE BEFORE US TO EXAMINE, HOW MUST WE ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS:

1. When did the Watchtower decide that we do not know when Eve was created?
2. The Watchtower does not admit that they were wrong from 1968 through 1974, as to Eve being created in 4026 B.C.E.; they just pass over it and say today, "we don't know!" . . . Remember, what kind of prophet does not admit his mistakes?
3. According to "reliable Bible chronology," what year was Eve created?
4. How much evidence did "Jehovah's prophets" have concerning chronology?
5. In what year then will we be fully 6,000 years into Jehovah's seventh creative day?
6. Were Adam and Eve created in the same year, if they were both age 130 when Seth was born?
7. When did Jehovah's seventh creative day begin, according to the Watchtower Society, in the year 1974?
8. Did the 'Anointed remnant' class identify themselves as Jehovah's prophet?
9. How will a false prophet act when he is discovered?

CONSIDER YOUR GROUP

In identifying the group that is truly commissioned as God's messenger, these are points for us to consider seriously. God does not deal with persons who ignore his Word and go according to their own independent ideas. Nor does he recognize those who make a profession of serving him and at the same time associate with religions that teach God-dishonoring doctrines. **The Watchtower**, 3/15/72, p. 189.

Dear Friend, after reading this article have you arrived at the truth? Can you dismiss any religious prejudices from heart and mind? If so, is it possible that you, as a follower of the W.T.B. & T.S. are guilty of doing what Jesus said some would do? "I have come in the name of my Father, but YOU do not receive me; if someone else arrived in his own name, YOU would receive that one. John 5:43. (Russell, Rutherford, current leadership).

FIND GOD IN CHRIST.

Give Jesus a chance. Christ is not found in the Watchtower or its publications (Matt. 24:23-25). The Bible, the word of God, says, "You shall seek me and find me when you search for me with all your heart" (Jer. 29:13). God loves sinners, search Him with the heart. He speaks deep within. We are lost sinners by nature. Fallen man is, not becomes, a liar, a cheat, a gossip. By inherited nature, we are unkind and full of impure desires. We are all of these and we can't change ourselves. That is the true us. Therefore the Bible says "All are in sin" (Rom. 3:23). This means we all live our sinful nature (inclinations). Listen within and God will point to all sin . . . why? . . . just to make us feel bad? . . . No. . . . He loves us, He wants us to be aware of our lost condition.

Dear Reader, consider your death tonight. How safe are you when the wages of unforgiven sin is eternal separation from God. Yet God Himself opened the way of escape. He had Jesus shoulder all of our sins on the cross, for He made Him to be sin for us (II Cor. 5:21). A great barrier is be-

tween you and God. But take heart, let the Lord Jesus Christ remove it! Jesus loves you so much, He went to Calvary to die in your place, the righteous for the unrighteous. Claim Him as Saviour. **Come** to Him and **ask His pardon**. If you turn to Him. He will save you from all your wrong desires. He will **cover** by His blood, all **your sins** (even future sins) and He will put you in right standing with God. Eternal Life can be **yours** by accepting Jesus, **not** by joining a religious organization. You can receive eternal life by being joined to the living Saviour, to the Lord Jesus Christ. There is Salvation in **no other name** (Acts 4:12). He and **He alone** is your only and best friend in this world and the one to come. When His spirit of **forgiveness** and **peace** enters your spirit, you will experience a new **inner life**. He says to you "Behold I stand at the door of your heart and knock. If anyone hears my voice and **opens** the door of **his heart** I will come in to him" (Rev. 3:20). Invite Him in now, praying with all your heart, "Lord Jesus, I come to you as a sinner, asking your pardon. I now open my heart to receive you as saviour and Lord of my life. Thank you for saving me. Amen!" Hold this prayer in faith, for you have **received** the gift of God, which is **eternal life** through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 6:23)

For all who receive Him (Christ), He gives the power to be born of God (Jn. 1:12, 13). Upon your prayer of **surrender** the experience of God will follow. **Watch for Him**. For "**whosoever** shall call upon the name of the Lord **shall be saved**" (Rom. 10:13).



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