

The Bible gives numerous warnings about false prophets and false teachers that lead people from the truth. We are admonished to be diligent and “test” all teachings to determine if they are true:

“Beloved ones, do not believe every inspired expression, but test the inspired expressions to see whether they originate with God, because many false prophets have gone forth into the world.” (1 John 4:1 NWT)

The Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society agrees:

“We need to examine, not only what we personally believe, but also what is taught by any religious organization with which we may be associated. Are its teachings in full harmony with God’s Word, or are they based on the traditions of men? If we are lovers of the truth, there is nothing to fear from such an examination.” (*The Truth that Leads to Eternal Life*, 1968, p. 13.)

This examination is especially important since the Watch Tower Society claims to be God’s sole organization on earth and only it alone can properly interpret God’s word.

“Hence, besides individually possessing God’s Word, we need a theocratic organization. Yes, besides having God’s spirit of illumination, a Christian needs Jehovah’s theocratic organization in order to understand the Bible.” (*Watchtower*; June 15, 1951; p. 375)

The Watch Tower Society has even stressed to it’s followers that any “Scriptural hope” is found only in the organization:

Only Jehovah’s Witnesses, those of the anointed remnant and the “great crowd,” as a united organization under the protection of the Supreme Organizer, have any Scriptural hope of surviving the impending end of this doomed system dominated by Satan the Devil. (*The Watchtower*; September 1, 1989, p. 19)

With such extravagant claims, is there proof that this organization is in fact NOT God’s organization and the destiny of those that follow it’s teachings is in serious jeopardy? The answer is ‘absolutely!’

Let’s examine some photographic proof from Watch Tower publications.

*They shall know that*  
**A PROPHET WAS AMONG THEM’**

JEHOVAH GOD is interested in having people know him. Though he is invisible to human eyes, he provides various ways by which they can know his personality. They can know what to expect from him and what he expects of them. One can come to understand that Jehovah is a God of surpassing wisdom by observing creation. This also reveals the loving care with which he designed things for man’s welfare and enjoyment. A second way to know God is through his Word of truth, the Bible. Herein one finds the full expression of Jehovah’s purpose toward mankind—why man is on the earth and the blessings that God has in store.

A third way of coming to know Jehovah God is through his representatives. In ancient times he sent prophets as his special messengers. While these men foretold things to come, they also served the people by telling them of God’s will for them at that time, often also warning them of dangers and calamities. People today can view the creative works. They have at hand the Bible, but it is little read or understood. So, does Jehovah have a prophet to help them, to warn them of dangers and to declare things to come?

**IDENTIFYING THE “PROPHET”**  
These questions can be answered in the affirmative. Who is this prophet? The cler-

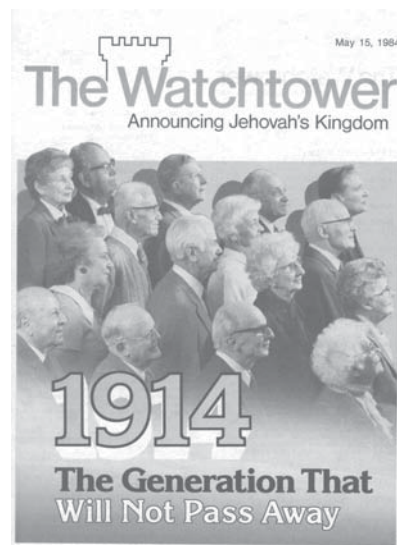
gy of the so-called “Christian” nations hold themselves before the people as being the ones commissioned to speak for God. But, as pointed out in the previous issue of this magazine, they have failed God and failed as proclaimers of his kingdom by approving a man-made political organization, the League of Nations (now the United Nations), as “the political expression of the Kingdom of God on earth.” However, Jehovah did not let the people of Christendom, as led by the clergy, go without being warned that the League was a counterfeit substitute for the real kingdom of God. He had a “prophet” to warn them. This “prophet” was not one man, but was a body of men and women. It was the 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. They are still proclaiming a warning, and have been joined and assisted in their commissioned work by hundreds of thousands of persons who have listened to their message with belief.

Of course, it is easy to say that this group acts as a “prophet” of God. It is another thing to prove it. The only way that this can be done is to review the record. What does it show?

During the World War I period this group, the International Bible Students, was very active in preaching the good news of God’s kingdom, as their Leader Jesus Christ had set this work before them in his prophecy at Matthew 24:14. They took literally Jesus’ words to the Roman governor Pontius Pilate: “My kingdom is no part of this world.” (John 18:36) They also took to heart Jesus’ words to his fol-

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Proof that the Watch Tower has claimed to be a prophet. (*Watchtower*, April 1, 1972, p. 197)



Cover of the Watchtower, May 15, 1984 emphasizing the 1914 Generation.

For over 25 years the Watch Tower predicted Armageddon and the final new order would occur before “the 1914 Generation” passed away. From 1975 to 1995, the Watch Tower would claim these were God’s words by publishing it as “the Creator’s promise”. It was placed in the statement of purpose section of practically every *Awake!*, stressing the importance of the 1914 generation. When the leadership could see that this was proving to be a false prophecy, they quietly removed reference to the 1914 generation in November 1995.

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Unbelievably, the Watch Tower condemns those who prophesy falsely about an “end to the world.” In their words, “Missing from such people were God’s truths and the evidence that he was guiding and using them.” (*Awake!*, Oct. 8, 1968, p. 23)

**A TIME TO**  
*Lift Up Your Head'*  
**in**  
**CONFIDENT HOPE**



THE evidence that we are far along in the “last days” can be either good news or bad news to you, depending on the position you take. If you long to be free from a rule that has proved both unsatisfactory and unrighteous and that is torn more and more by discord and confusion; if you really love what is right and have a sincere desire to do the will of your Creator, then this evidence should make you rejoice. Why? Because, as Jesus Christ said: “As these things start to occur, raise yourselves erect and lift your heads up, because your deliverance is getting near.”—Luke 21:28.

A perfect government, heaven-based and with heaven’s blessing and heaven’s power backing it up, will soon take complete control of this earth. In this way God will answer the prayer: “Let your kingdom come.” What better news could there be?

Still some persons may say: “How can you be sure? Maybe it is later than many people think. But maybe it is not as late as some persons claim. People have been mistaken about these prophecies before.”

**The Difference**  
True, there have been those in times past who predicted an “end to the world,”  
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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.

Take a simple illustration: Suppose on a hot day at the beginning of summer, someone told you that winter was coming within a week because he had seen some trees without leaves. But those trees could have died from disease or age. So, by itself that would not be enough evidence that winter was approaching. Especially so when none of the other trees had shed their leaves, when the heat continued day after day, and when the calendar told you it was just the beginning of summer. You



Not only has the Watch Tower proven it cannot be God's channel for truth, but trusting witnesses can never know if what is taught as truth today will be tomorrow's lie. If truth today makes yesterday's truth a lie, this certainly can NOT be described as the light getting brighter and brighter.

Although witnesses hold the Bible in high regard, a careful examination of the *New World Translation* [NWT] will prove the Watch Tower leaders have altered verses to control the thinking of it's followers even making extreme doctrinal changes.

Witnesses are taught that Jesus is a created being inferior to God. Verses that indicate otherwise are often altered in the NWT. An example is taken from current editions of the NWT from Colossians 1:16,17. These verses portray Jesus as the creator of "all things". If left untouched, one would get the impression that Jesus was not created and equal with God. The Watch Tower simply added 4 words which alter the meaning of the text completely. The NWT clearly portrays Jesus as created when the word "other" is inserted. Following is from the 1971 NWT. Jesus in this translation created all '[other]' things."

16 because by means of him all [other] things were created in the heavens and upon the earth, the things visible and the things invisible, no matter whether they are thrones or lordships or governments or authorities. All [other] things have been created through him and for him. 17 Also, he is before all [other] things and by means of him all [other] things were made to exist, 18 and he is the head of the

Current editions of the NWT have "[other]" in brackets indicating not in the original language. However, this is only after years of criticism, for the first editions did NOT have the brackets as is shown following from the 1951 version.

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The Kingdom Interlinear confirms the Watch Tower is guilty of altering scripture to fit their doctrines.

πάσης κτίσεως, 16 ὅτι ἐν αὐτῷ  
of all creation, because in him  
ἐκτίσθη τὰ πάντα ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς  
it was created the all (things) in the heavens  
καὶ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, τὰ ὁρατὰ καὶ  
and upon the earth, the (things) visible and  
τὰ ἀόρατα, εἴτε θρόνοι εἴτε  
the (things) invisible, whether thrones or  
κυριότητες εἴτε ἄρχαι εἴτε ἐξουσίαι·  
lordships or governments or authorities;  
τὰ πάντα δι' αὐτοῦ καὶ εἰς αὐτῶν  
the all (things) through him and into him  
ἐκτίσται· 17 καὶ αὐτὸς ἔστιν πρό  
it has been created; and he is before  
πάντων καὶ τὰ πάντα ἐν αὐτῷ  
all (things) and the all (things) in him  
συνέστηκεν, 18 καὶ αὐτὸς ἔστιν ἡ  
it has stood together, and he is the  
κεφαλὴ τοῦ σώματος, τῆς ἐκκλησίας  
head of the body, of the ecclesia;  
ὃς ἔστιν ἡ ἀνά πνεῦμα ἐν  
who is he through spirit in

We have provided "absolute proof" that the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society is NOT God's organization nor His 'Channel of Communication'.

The purpose of this tract is NOT simply to undermine the organization, but that "truth" is found not in an organization, but in the Word of God, the Bible alone. It is this book which directs us to God's truths and salvation by God's grace through faith alone.

Although the Watchtower organization has likewise polluted these doctrines, the truth of them still shines even in the Watchtower Bible.

"For the wages sin pays is death, but the gift God gives is everlasting life by Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23 NWT)

"And this is the witness given, that God gave us everlasting life, and this life is in his Son. He that has the Son has this life; he that does not have the Son of God does not have this life." (1 John 5:11,12 NWT)

We encourage you to become a child of God today by receiving the Jesus of the Bible as Savior and Lord.

"However, as many as did receive him, to them he gave authority to become God's children, because they were exercising faith in his name;" (John 1:12 NWT)

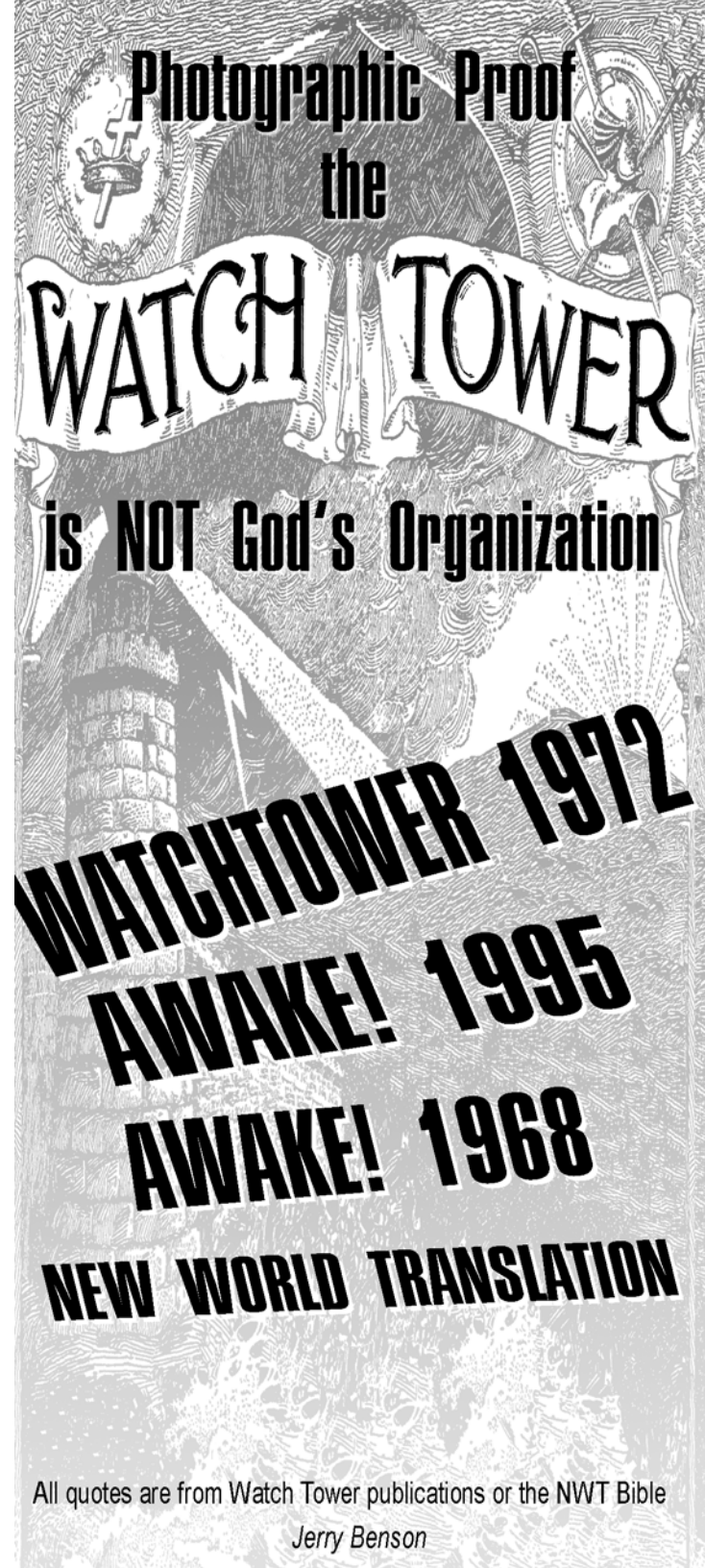
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