

WHOM CAN YOU TRUST?



An advertisement of the back of a recent religious publication asks its readers a vitally important question: "Whom can you trust?". This inquiry is well worth an honest answer. The ad further states that: "Dishonesty has penetrated every walk of life. Certainly we need a voice we can trust." The position is brought forth that we can indeed place our trust in the publications of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, particularly the periodicals known as *Awake* and *Watchtower*. These magazines claim that their organization is the "sole collective channel for the flow of Biblical truth to men on earth" (*Watchtower* 7/15/60 p. 439). If this claim is proven to be true, then we should fervently place our trust in it. However, the Bible instructs believers to "examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good" (1 Thessalonians 5:21). Further, the Word of God commends the believers at Berea for testing by the Scriptures the things the Apostle Paul preached (Acts 17:11). On the basis of Scripture, therefore, it is essential to check out earnestly the statements we are told to trust, which are printed in the Watchtower publications. On the back of this leaflet is a brief questionnaire designed to help you in your examination of such Watchtower statements. We ask you to take a few moments and check the simple "True or False" answers.

It is a serious matter whom we trust concerning our spiritual life, for if our faith is in error it can mean eternal separation from Jehovah (Yahweh). Would you trust your eternal destiny to an anonymous author who told you Jesus Christ returned in 1874', when we can clearly see that this event has not taken place? Is it wise to have

faith in statements that claimed World War I would end with the glorious outcome of Messiah's Kingdom² —or—Abraham, Isaac and Jacob would be resurrected and living on earth by 1925³ and then insisting this 1925 date was definitely marked by Scripture⁴? Even these few examples make it abundantly clear that we should not place our spiritual trust in those who proclaim such obvious errors. Jesus Christ warns us to "take heed that you be not misled; for many will come in My name, saying 'I am He' and, 'The time is at hand'; do not go after them" (Luke 21:8). These prophetic words of our Savior are being fulfilled today by the adherents of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society. We challenge you to examine the covers of the *Watchtower* magazines for January 15, 1979 and October 15, 1979; you will see that each proclaim that the time is at hand. In fact, the founder of the organization known as "Jehovah's Witnesses", Charles T. Russell specifically published a book entitled *The Time Is At Hand*—the very words our Lord told us to beware of!

Many of the false prophecies proclaimed by the Watchtower publications are dismissed by them as mere mistakes in order to avoid the charge of being a false prophet. We cite the recently published *1980 Yearbook of Jehovah's Witnesses* as proof. On page 63, we find the authors attempting to pass off the 1925 failure (Abraham, Isaac and Jacob to be resurrected and living on earth) as only a mistake! Keep in mind that many so sincerely believed in this prophecy that homes and other possessions were sold to further the Society's work. The Watchtower organization's effort to diminish their "mistakes" does not take away or change what God has said concerning false prophets. Deuteronomy 18: 21, 22 gives us divine instruction not to follow or give attention to prophets whose predictions do not come to pass. We invite you prayerfully to read these verses in your Bible.

Adherents of Watchtower teachings will sometimes endeavor to explain that they are not really prophets. However, an examination of their April 1, 1972 *Watchtower* magazine dispels all doubt concerning their claim of being a prophet of God. The title of an article contained therein announces that "They shall know that a prophet was among them." That prophet, they assert, is the group known as Jehovah's Witnesses. Furthermore, they also claim that they are the "only organization on earth that understands the deep things of God" (*Watchtower* 7/1/73 p. 402). When this "prophet" organization again and again predicts events that do not come to pass, they demonstrate beyond question that they are false prophets and

that the publications promoted by the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society cannot be trusted.

It is our sincere hope that you will place your trust not in books or magazines or in a religious organization, but in the living Savior Jesus Christ. Jesus loves you and created you to have fellowship with Him. The loving relationship man once had with God has been broken by sin. Man has turned away from God in rebellion, the Bible calls this rebellion sin. For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). God still loved man and so He sent His Son Jesus to provide a way to be forgiven and restore this fellowship. God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8). For you to receive this restored fellowship (thus receiving the gift of eternal life) you must do two things: Repent of sinful, selfish ways, turning to God for forgiveness (Acts 3:19), and personally receive Jesus Christ as your own Savior and Lord (John 1:12). You can right now receive the gift of eternal life and come into a loving relationship with the living Savior. Remember, eternal life is God's gift to you (Ephesians 2: 8, 9), not something you have to earn. We ask you sincerely to pray to Jehovah, acknowledging you are a sinner and that you cannot by any means save yourself. Then proclaim your trust in Jesus, that He died and rose again to save you from eternal death. Thank the Lord for His forgiveness and His gift of eternal life. Ask Him to take control of your life and then turn your life over to Him. Keep in mind that after you have sincerely prayed this prayer you have eternal life—the Bible gives us assurance of this (1 John 5: 11, 12).

Please take the time to write us, sharing with us this important decision. We would like to send you additional information dealing with your new life in Jesus Christ! Write today

—MKG

1. *The Time Is At Hand* p. 170
2. *Watchtower Reprints* 9/1/16 p. 5951
3. *Millions Now Living Will Never Die* pp. 89, 90
4. *Watchtower* 9/1/22, p. 262

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The Watchtower Society and Prophetic Speculation

A Quiz for Jehovah's Witnesses

The following questions are based on quotations which have appeared in Watchtower publications over the years. References have been cited to give easy access for verification.

(✓) Please check TRUE or FALSE to the following:

1. The battle of the great day of God Almighty ended in 1914 A.D. with the complete overthrow of earth's present rulership. (*The Time Is At Hand* p. 101).
() TRUE () FALSE
2. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and other faithful prophets of old have been resurrected and living on earth since 1925. (*Millions Now Living Will Never Die* pp. 89, 90).
() TRUE () FALSE
3. 1940 showed that the end of religion had come and with its end the complete downfall of Satan's entire organization. (*Religion* p. 336).
() TRUE () FALSE
4. The 1941 Watchtower publication entitled *Children* was an effective tool used in the remaining months before Armageddon. (*Watchtower* 9/15/41, p. 288).
() TRUE () FALSE
5. Six thousand years of human history ended in the Fall of 1975 and the 1000 year reign of Jesus Christ (the Millennium) started. (*Life Everlasting In The Freedom Of The Sons Of God* pp. 29ff).
() TRUE () FALSE
6. May 1974—Selling your home and property was a fine way to spend the short time remaining before the wicked world's end. (*Kingdom Ministry* May 1974 p. 3).
() TRUE () FALSE
7. 1874 was the exact date of our Lord's return. (*The Time Is At Hand* p. 170).
() TRUE () FALSE
8. Jehovah will put all false prophets to shame by not fulfilling the false predictions of such self-assuming prophets. (*Paradise Restored to Mankind—By Theocracy* pp. 353, 354).
() TRUE () FALSE

The information presented here is only a small sampling of the many false prophecies of the Watchtower Society. We invite you to examine God's Word dealing with false prophets: Deuteronomy 18: 21, 22 and Matthew 7: 15, 16. Please write us today and let us share with you Jesus, in whom you can place all trust!

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