# THE WATCHTOWER HERESY VERSUS THE BIBLE

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# **CHAPTER SEVEN**

# WATCHTOWER ACCUSATIONS AGAINST THE CHURCH

A BOOKLET called *Memorandum in Reference to the Classification of Jehovah's Witnesses Under the Acts and Regulations* (*Selective Service System*), from which we quote extensively in chapter 9, says on page four: "Since the beginning of their modern-day organization Jehovah's Witnesses have been called various names. Their enemies and uninformed persons have falsely called them a 'sect', naming them Russellites . . . ."

Quoting now from *Golden Age* magazine of March 17, 920, page 409, headline: "RUSSELLISM WILL NOT DOWN. For many Years It has Thrived on Persecution and Is No Stranger Before the Courts of the Land. Russellites—What and Who They Are." Then an editor's note reads: "This article, including an interview with Judge Rutherford, PRESIDENT OF THE RUSSELLITE ORGANIZATIONS, was at our solicitation kindly contributed . . ."

So, according to the Selective Service booklet, "Judge" Rutherford was an "uninformed enemy" of Jehovah's Witnesses! Otherwise he would never have permitted them (and himself) to be known as "Russellites!" But Jehovah's Witnesses are Russellites whether they like it or not. They still parrot the old Russellite heresy.

The Watchtower Society frequently quotes men of their own religious kind (unsaved) as representative voices of the Christian church. For instance, *The Watchtower* magazine of February 15, 1954 quotes "the pastor of New York's Riverside Church, Robert J. McCracken, as reported in the New York Times of July 13, 1953 . . . ." However, we must note that this man can only speak for the LIBERAL portion of the Church.

Now in the February 1st issue, page 79, we read:

"Of course I do not believe in the Virgin Birth, or in that old fashioned substitutionary doctrine of the Atonement; and I do not know any intelligent Christian minister who does. The trouble with these fundamentalists is that they suppose that unless one agrees with them in their doctrinal set-up, he cannot believe in the profound, substantial, everlasting truths of the Christian gospel that transform men's lives. . . ." *Christian Beacon*, May 9, 1946, Vol. XI, No. 13 (Harry Emerson Fosdick).

The above-quoted men are liberals. The Protestant Church is divided mainly into these two camps—Liberal and Conservative. The "fundamentalists" mentioned in the article above are included in the Conservative category, but Jehovah's Witnesses are not. Notice how they quote Dr. Fosdick as if he were speaking against them. The Witnesses do not believe in substitutionary Atonement any more than Dr. Fosdick does! But the "fundamentalists" do! The Witnesses are as far from being fundamentalists as it is possible to get. If you should doubt this, it is suggested that you contact the Independent Fundamentalist Churches of America office in Chicago. No one who denies the Deity of Jesus Christ can be classified as fundamental, conservative or evangelical.

Neither the Liberals nor Jehovah's Witnesses are saved. The conservatives preach the redemptive gospel, the liberals preach a non-redemptive religion. *The Watchtower* "gospel" is non-redemptive. The difference between the Watchtower organization and the liberal churches is that the churches have freedom of thought and speech, whereas the Witnesses do not. It must be noted that the liberals do not speak for the conservatives (or evangelicals), whose message is radically different from theirs.

It is therefore most unfair for *The Watchtower* magazine to quote liberals as representative spokesmen for the entire Protestant Church. Even more unfair is it for *The Watchtower Society* to classify themselves as Fundamentalists! They are in no wise conservative in their theology. The Witnesses make an appearance as if they do believe in the fundamental foundation-truths of the Gospel. Any who fall for this are making a big mistake. Search out their doctrine, and you will find it to be non-redemptive.

As mentioned in the last chapter, Jehovah's Witnesses believe that Christianity fell after the apostles were gone and did not recover until Pastor Russell came along. In *Awake!* magazine of February 8, 1960, we read from page four:

This (apostasy) should not surprise us, as both Jesus and his apostles foretold it. The facts of history, particularly from the time of Constantine on and up to modern times, leave no doubt that such an apostasy took place. . . . Recovery from apostasy waited until the latter part of the nineteenth century. It was at that time that a group of sincere and dedicated Christians (Russellites) gathered themselves for the study of God's Word, at the same time divesting themselves of the creedal and sectarian chains of Christendom.

What do the Witnesses think of the Jews? Well, they think that they themselves are the real Jews! Why so? They spiritualize all texts applying to Israel, and call themselves the "spiritual Israelites." They argue that the word Jew means "worshipper of God." Naturally, they believe that they are the only worshippers of God! Therefore, they believe that they are Jews! They spiritualize all the promises made to Israel and apply them to themselves.

We can see exactly where Jehovah's Witnesses fit into the religious scene. It is not a position to be envied! In the course of the past six chapters we have seen basically what the original, historic Christian faith is. We have defended the abiding "faith of our fathers," i.e., the faith of the Church in contrast to the faith of individual persons. But The Watchtower changes to suit the times, to please their readers.

Let us quote *The Watchtower* magazine of May 15, 1950:

The clergy of Christendom and millions of their religious followers claim to be Christians. They are not living up to the name. By claiming to be Christians, they assume the obligation to witness to Jehovah's name through Christ Jesus. They take the name Christian, but do they measure up to it? No! They decline to be witnesses of Jehovah.

### This same issue further states:

The clergy of the various sects and cults of organized religion in Christendom call themselves by high-sounding titles. They assume these grandiose titles so as to distinguish themselves from and place themselves above the common people. . . . The clergy of Christendom have falsely assumed the name Christian. Therefore they are guilty of impersonating the first witness of Jehovah, the Lord Christ Jesus, in violation of the law of Almighty God.

Here they say that a person taking the name Christian is impersonating Christ Jesus! Jehovah's Witnesses think they are being like Jesus when they teach their heresy.

# Further we read:

The clergy of Christendom and their supporters deny the second presence of Christ (see chapter six). . . . Furthermore, they teach the people that when man dies he goes to an eternal torment of hell if wicked. . . . The clergy, moreover, fail to live up to the name unlawfully assumed by them by falsely telling the people that man has a soul distinct and separate from the body. . . . Roman Catholic clergy instruct the people that man goes to "purgatory" upon death and remains in that transitory state until, by the payment of an adequate sum of money made to the priests by the relatives or friends, he is prayed out of "purgatory" into heaven.

# They go on to state:

The clergy and their followers have rebelliously declined to be disciplined.... The actions and doctrines of the clergy of Christendom find no support in the Bible.... They have lied and uttered false words concerning the purposes of God.

In *Golden Age* magazine of May 20, 1925, page 524, an item appeared entitled "Scriptural Names for Apostate Clergymen." Here are some of the names contained in the list that follows:

Overthrowers of Kings; Unauthorized Ambassadors of God; Wolves in Sheep's Clothing; Vomit-Eating Dogs; Den of Serpents; Men Full of Ravening and Wickedness; Fruitless Fig Trees; Vineyards of Sour Grapes; Seed of the Devil's Sowing; Trees twice Dead; Fools; Extortioners; False Proclaimers of Peace; Justifiers of Themselves Before Men; Blind Guides; Children of the Devil, etc.

Let us look at a typical Watchtower contradiction.

In the booklet on the Selective Service System (Memorandum) quoted previously, we note the following on page 13:

A prominent factor of the Reformation was a violent reaction against the dogmas and abuses of the Roman Catholic system of ordination. Without exception Protestants rejected the "five sacraments" of the Roman Catholic Church as fictitious. Almost all such churches forsook those ordination ceremonies during the Reformation and fell back on the Scriptural precedent as their sole guide for modes of appointing and ordaining ministers.

But that is not the story the book *What Has Religion Done For Mankind?* tells. On page 296 this book states: "This was no true reformation. This was not a return to the primitive Christianity of the apostles and the early Christian congregation." You see the Government is supposed to believe one thing, and the common people another!

The Watchtower also leads the people to think that no one ever heard about "Jehovah" except from Jehovah's Witnesses. The Witnesses are told that it is their assignment to tell everyone about it. They think their Society is the fountainhead of truth, and outside of their fold there is nothing but darkness.

In their meetings they repeat these things one to another, and thus continually "brainwash" each other into the "party line" of the moment.

Most people are disgusted with the Witnesses and refuse to talk to them when they come to their doors. Thus, their arguments go unchallenged many times. This encourages them and leads them to believe that there is no answer to their message. They conclude therefore that they speak the truth. They feel encouraged and strengthened in their misled faith.

We now answer them on the name "Jehovah," and from a quite unexpected source. They think knowledge of the name "Jehovah" makes them special people. This was not even God's name at all. It is from the Latin translation of the tetragrammaton YHWH. The Witnesses think it great enlightenment to have come upon that name.

In the foreword to their *New World Translation of the Christian Greek Scriptures*, page 25, they state: "While inclining to view the pronunciation 'YAHWEH' as the MORE CORRECT WAY, we have retained the form 'Jehovah' because of the people's familiarity with it since the 14th century" (Emphasis mine).

With that in mind, we quote from *A Catholic Commentary on Holy Scripture* (1953), on Exodus 3:14, 15:

THE DIVINE NAME YAHWEH. The name has two forms: Ehyeh "I am" used by God or an envoy speaking in his name, and Yahweh "He is" used by his worshippers. . . . The name therefore expresses essential existence or aseity, the radical attribute of God by which he is most adequately distinguished from created beings. . . . In the post-exilic period Adonai "Lord," or less frequently Elohim "God," was substituted through reverence for Yahweh, which was retained in the text but not read. Hence the LXX Kurios, the Vg "Dominus" and the hybrid form Jehovah, an erroneous combination of the consonants of one word and the vowels of another.

Further, we quote from page 549, which brings to mind the discussion of Messiah as "mighty God":

Names in the Bible often express nature or attributes; cf. of the divine name, Yahweh, Exodus 3:14... The sense is practically the same whether we render "a counsellor of wonderful things" or "a wonder of a counsellor." Mighty God appears always in the OT and even in Isaiah 10:21 as a name of Yahweh expressing his omnipotence. The divine attribute predicated of the Messiah implies his divinity.

As to when this name was first revealed, page 165 states:

There is still discussion whether God then revealed his sacred name Yahweh for the first time (at the Burning Bush), Exodus 3:15. The text strongly suggests that Moses knew or suspected that God was known among his countrymen by a name that was unknown to him. He had lived all his life away from them, at the court of Pharaoh's daughter and in Midian. He seems to have foreseen the incredulity if he could not tell his people the name of God who had sent him.

Jehovah's Witnesses are familiar with the expression "Jehovah God" (or Yahweh God) and believe that they are the only persons under the sun familiar with it! Keeping in mind that the *Watchtower Society* recognizes the superiority of YAHWEH over the Latin JEHOVAH, we quote again the Catholic Commentary on Holy Scripture, now on page 170:

Sometimes we find Yahweh, the personal name by which God was known to the Israelites, and sometimes Elohim, the general name for God, used also of false gods. . . . The combination of the two names, Yahweh Elohim, is found exclusively in Genesis 2 and 3 except for Exodus 9:30, where the equivalent of Elohim is not in LXX and is probably not original in HT. . . . If it is true that the name Yahweh was previously unknown, then it follows that its earlier occurrences in the text of the Pent, were not original in the stories of Genesis as handed down to the time of Moses. And this would be true also of the proper names, such as Jochabed, that of Moses' mother, in which the Tetragrammaton forms an element. . . .

It is impossible to explain the choice of one name rather than the other in all cases, just as it is impossible always to assign a reason why we sometimes speak of Jesus, sometimes of Christ, sometimes of Jesus Christ, sometimes of our Lord. To some extent the matter is fixed by usage, as we speak of "the blood royal" but never "the throne royal." So the Hebrews spoke of "a man of God" (Elohim), not of "a man of Yahweh." On the other hand "Blessed be Yahweh" is the regular expression (25 times), "Blessed be Elohim" occurring twice only, Psalm 65 (66) 20 and Psalm 67 (68) 26 both in the Elohistic section of the Psalter. . . . With the non-Israelites the name Yahweh is as a rule avoided.

As to why the name was eventually dropped from usage, the Commentary states page 736:

The proper name of the God of the Hebrews as Yahweh. . . . It is uncertain when its use was abandoned; it seems to have occurred between the 5th and 3rd cent. B.C. Nor is it easy to assign a reason for this avoidance of the traditional name. The opinion that it was due to an exaggerated fear or reverence is not accepted by many modern scholars. Some believe it was to protect the name from profanation by use in magical formulae; others, that it was abandoned from a monotheistic scruple.

The deities of heathendom were distinguished from one another by their personal names (Zeus, Apollo, Aphrodite, etc.); in order that the God of the Hebrews might not be esteemed one

of the many, his distinctive personal name was suppressed by the more universal "God" or "Lord." Yet even these designations were used with restrictions. "God" (elohim) is not used outside the Bible. "Lord" (adonai, Gk kyrios) is used only in the Bible and in prayer.

As to Jesus Christ and His superiority over the angels, particularly as found in Hebrews 1, the Commentary says, page 1160:

It is to the elevation of Christ "in the glory which was his before the world was" that his superiority above the Angel ministers of Mosaic revelation is attached. Hence the participle genemenos: "having been made." The distance of his superiority is seen in "the better name" which he "has inherited," for he is now established in possession of the glory of his Sonship, cf. Philippians 2:11, where "the name" is not Son but Kyrios, that is, Yahweh—with no real difference of sense, however.

Yet more on this: We note the following found on page 1027:

The Messias is the cornerstone of the New House of Israel. Salvation comes through the Person of our Lord, all mention of the law being conspicuously absent, and it is perhaps implied that the saving name of Yahweh has been superseded by the Holy Name.

Commenting specifically on Philippians 2:10, 11, page 1129 states:

There is a reference to Isaiah 45:23: "to me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear," where we should say in English, "by me every tongue shall swear." Absolute Godhead is asserted in Isaias and is here ascribed to Christ. But for "swear" Paul substitutes "confess," and goes on to give what is to be the subject of that confession. As Christ has suffered in his sacred humanity, so he is to be glorified for ever in that humanity, which is to receive divine adoration in virtue of the Divine Person who has assumed it.

Every tongue is to "confess that Jesus is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Possibly we should translate with Vg "in the glory," for it seems to make rather better sense of the special allusion to God the Father, and there is no doubt that the preposition eis with the accusative (as in the Greek here) could at this period bear this sense. . .

Every tongue is to confess that "Jesus Christ is Lord," which is the confession of Christ's Godhead, since the Jews did not use the proper name of God, Yahweh, but spoke and read "the Lord" in its place, a practice followed by Vg and all except some modern versions.

On page 564 the Commentary observes:

YAHWEH ALONE IS GOD, IDOLS ARE VAIN. Idolaters have no profit from their idols. Their witnesses, as contrasted with Yahweh's, are confounded, seeing no exploit, knowing no prediction of their gods.

The Watchtower Society is critical of the Catholic Church for claiming infallible interpretation of the Bible. The Watchtower states that no Catholic may accept a Biblical text apart from the interpretation the Church puts upon it. According to the Commentary quoted above, the Catholic Church claims infallible interpretation of only some twenty texts of Scripture.

Compare this with *The Watchtower Society*'s hold on the Bible of complete interpretation, from Genesis to Revelation!

The reason for their "right" of infallible interpretation is obvious: If a Jehovah's Witness accepts some other interpretation aside from the Watchtower, it could upset the entire Watchtower organization.

The Witness is led to think he is in "God's organization" and that his overlords alone possess the right of Bible interpretation. The Witness may read the Bible, but only through the interpretation of the Watchtower publications! To him the Bible is a closed book apart from the Watchtower Society's printed material!

As for the Watchtower's claim that Protestant denominations are unfamiliar with the divine name of Jehovah: If the Witnesses would tune in Protestant broadcasts, or go to church, they would find out how well-known the name is. But the Witnesses have blinded themselves to the facts. They have withdrawn from Protestant churches which they now only criticize and condemn. As Watchtower addicts, they are certainly not Christians! They are prey of a Society that has deceived them, and they are apparently content to be deceived. Being blind they are willfully led by others as blind as they themselves are.

Note that *The Watchtower* organization did not get the name JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES until 1931. Up until then the thousands who were part of the organization lived and died without knowing they were supposed to be Jehovah's Witnesses!

Later, in 1935, strict control called "theocratic organization" was exercised over every congregation throughout the world. The Society became authoritarian and the Witnesses became Watchtower slaves. They were kept within the organization by means of false promises which never materialized! It is the same today.

Above all else it is the misconception that *The Watchtower Society* is the "servant" of Matthew 24:45, 46 that keeps the Witnesses in fear of the organization. Once this fear is broken, the Witness may begin to think and to pray for himself as an individual to his heavenly (not organizational) Father.

Jehovah's Witnesses make much of the fact that Paul the apostle taught from house to house in Ephesus (Acts 20:20), ignoring the fact that the apostles used other methods as well. They conclude therefrom (wrongly) that all Christians must go from house to house or be condemned. They believe that no one is a Christian unless he goes with the message from door to door.

This type of activity is necessary for them, as it is the main thing that keeps their organization going. Without it, the whole thing would stop. In the absence of the Holy Spirit they substitute organizational spirit. They cannot possibly be guided as individuals by the Holy Spirit, for in order to be Witnesses they must reject His ministry. Thus they are regimented, for regimentation is necessary in lieu of the guiding hand of the heavenly Father. The Witnesses must be kept on the organizational treadmill, and may not be allowed to stop and think for themselves. Otherwise they might begin to reason: "What is the purpose of all this door-to-door drudgery?" Then they could lose interest in their worthless cause, and the Watchtower treadmill would come to a stop!

The true Church does not depend as heavily upon door to door work as Jehovah's Witnesses do, because God is director of the true Church. The true Church does not depend upon its own ability to argue in order to get converts. According to Watchtower reasoning, a prospect will be eternally lost (out of existence, to them) if some Witness does not have the ability to argue him into the Watchtower organization! Therefore their entire program depends totally on the Witness!

Would God call men to freedom through these slaves? The Jehovah's Witnesses are not allowed to accept the Bible as it reads, not allowed to go to church, not allowed to enter the Armed Forces, not allowed to take or give blood transfusions, not allowed to salute the flag, not allowed to worship the Saviour Jesus, not allowed to become born again—and they think they are free! To them it is as if the Bible reads, "The truth shall bind you hand and foot!"

They accuse Christians generally of being hypocrites. They say Christians go to church on Sunday and then live sinfully during the week. Well, I have never known a Jehovah's Witness to live otherwise! Their accusation is age-old and does not prove a thing. If we point out the hypocrisy of Witnesses, they will say that they are not real Witnesses, that's all! If a Christian is not living as a Christian should, then we could say he is not a real Christian, that's all! What does the whole argument prove? Nothing.

But there is a difference between the two. The Christian may lose some of his reward because of his failures, but his sins are covered by the blood of Jesus Christ. He will plead no works of his own to merit his own self-justification, but will plead the work of Christ for him as a sinner saved by grace. He comes not before a judgment of condemnation (KRISIS), but before a judgment (BEMA) of rewards for the justified.

Where will the Jehovah's Witness stand? He never received the blood of Jesus Christ as an atonement for his sins. He comes as an unsaved sinner pleading works done in the organization as price for his salvation. He expects these works to pile up a "treasure" that will at least count as part payment toward his salvation (The other part he believes was paid by Jesus). Not only is the Jehovah's Witness unsaved, but he thinks he will never even have to face God's judgment. He thinks he can go on and on and sin, sin, sin and then go to sleep and never answer or pay for a single sin. He brings himself to think this because he knows what final judgment is coming if he is wrong! Deep down in his heart he knows that if he has to stand before Jesus someday in judgment, he will be condemned.

At that final judgment he will find that he had set himself in opposition to Christ who died for him. What an awakening that will be! He who scoffed at eternal punishment will find little at which to mock. Suddenly eternal fire will no longer be the subject of his scoffing, as he finds himself in it, crying out for mercy!

Jehovah's Witnesses delight in comparing the Church of Jesus Christ with everything abominable. To what kind of people do the Witnesses compare? Consider the following resemblance:

In *The Reader's Digest* of March 1960, we read of a cult posing the biggest problem to the race situation in America, headed by a man whom his followers call "The Messenger of Allah." The article carried the title, Mr. Muhammad Speaks. It describes this Muslim-like cult which thrives on hate; hatred of the white man and of Christianity. Their centers of learning are patterned after Islam. Note carefully what the author of the article writes as to his experiences:

I went to Harlem's Temple of Islam No. 7, the next Sunday afternoon. Facing us there was a blackboard; painted on it was an American Flag, captioned "Slavery, Suffering, Death;" opposite it was an Islamic Star and Crescent, captioned "Freedom Justice, Equality." Printed between the two was, "Which One Will Survive the War of Armageddon?"

To Jehovah's Witnesses also a nation's flag represents slavery, suffering and death. To the Jehovah's Witness the Watchtower organization represents freedom, justice, equality. And he believes his organization will survive the war of Armageddon.

Jehovah's Witnesses everywhere accuse the churches and pastors of being money-mongers. They object to the passing of the collection plate. But the Watchtower itself goes tax free as a CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION. YET, THEY HAVE NEVER GIVEN ONE CENT TO CHARITY! Why the authorities let them get away with this is beyond comprehension.

Occasionally they pretend to be charitable. They will get the Witnesses to contribute clothing to be sent to other Witnesses in foreign countries. *The Watchtower Society* acts as expediter, paying shipping charges only! The Society never has contributed a penny to charity and never will.

Jehovah's Witnesses will insist that their method of placing literature with the public is not selling. All pioneers and other full-time workers get the bound books for about \$1.00 each which in turn are sold for about 50¢ each! All other workers pay about 45¢ and sell them for about 50¢ each. Is this not a legal sale?

The Witnesses plead that they give some literature away free. Granted—they do. But that does not prove that their stated "contribution" is not the "price" of the book. The size of the "contribution" is not left to the one accepting the literature; it is determined by the Witness himself.

When they approach a person at his door, they tell him that he should be broadminded enough to read their literature. Yet, the Witnesses themselves will very seldom accept literature free from anyone else! They refuse to read anything except their own propaganda! When Christians or others try to get them to read Christian literature, the Witnesses reply that they have something better to read! They try to force their propaganda on others while refusing to listen to anyone or anything else. Is this as broadminded as they expect others to be?

Jehovah's Witnesses will not take blood transfusions or permit their children (infants or otherwise) to receive blood. At times they stand by idly while their children die. Thus they sacrifice their own children on the Watchtower altar of sacrifice. But they in turn refuse the sacrifice of His Son which was given for them at Calvary! They would rather do their own sacrificing than accept the sacrifice presented on their behalf.

Jehovah's Witnesses criticize churches for keeping membership rolls. Yet every congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses not only has a roll, but a complete file on each member; in the case of servants, a dossier, which is kept in New York for use if and when necessary. Each person who is a servant (equal to a board member in a church, subject only to the New York authority) comes under personal scrutiny of a traveling "circuit servant." He makes a report on the Witness, and the Witness never sees this report!

A record is kept on the pioneers on how they dress, speak, present the message, how they cooperate, how capable they are of presenting the message, what their general attitude is, how much literature they place, how many repeat visits they make, how many book studies they conduct, how many hours they spend in doing so, etc. The same goes for part-time workers except that the report is kept locally, and does not go to New York.

The Witnesses are spied upon by their own members in their conversation in the Kingdom Halls and other places where they assemble. Any suspected of being deviationists are closely watched.

Each Jehovah's Witness has seven overlords in his congregation, and seven overlords in succession within the organization, up the ladder of authority. Here are the steps up the organizational ladder: Area study conductor (area studies are known as service centers); Congregation servant; City servant; Circuit servant; District servant; Branch servant; Zone servant; Watchtower committee of seven, headed by the President. The office of City servant exists only in places where there is more than one congregation in the same town or city.

Each Witness is watched very carefully, and if anyone is suspected of deviation, he is either put on probation (limited activity and privileges) or disfellowshiped (excommunicated). If he is disfellowshiped, he is considered cast off by God! No other Jehovah's Witness in the world is supposed to talk to that person. If one does, he himself may be disfellowshiped. Some Witnesses believe that this excommunication is to be applied universally; that is, no person in the world (whether a Jehovah's Witness or not) should speak to an excommunicated Witness.

The Witnesses are led to believe that the Society cannot err when writing material for the publications. If and when the Society later decides such-and-such was an error, only then but not in the past can it be recognized as error. The Society decides for the Witnesses what is error. As to the argument that the Witnesses were deceived when they received such material later declared to be in error, the Society says that it was truth for the time (present truth), that is, it was "truth in due season," and was truth then but it is not truth now!

No Witness may ever point out an error in the Watchtower publications. They fight vehemently for what they believe. To them Watchtower doctrines are truth in spite of whatever you may show them to the contrary.

Regardless of how hard you may try to show them their error, it is usually in vain, for they are told that at the moment (as long as they are using current publications) no errors can possibly exist!

The reader may wonder just what kind of system it takes to hold people so tightly in its grip.

The following chapter will give details on the various steps taken by Jehovah's Witnesses to win converts.

You will follow a complete conversion, from beginning to end, and see the whole thing unfold before you. You will see how people are brainwashed before they even realize what is happening to them. Once they are convinced of this kind of thinking, only the power of Almighty God can free them from its ever-tightening chain.

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