

THE WATCHTOWER HERESY VERSUS THE BIBLE

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CHAPTER TEN

WHAT TO DO ABOUT THE WATCHTOWER MONSTROSITY

THAT THIS THING *The Watchtower* of the Russellites has spawned is a monstrosity, no honest observer can deny. As to the problem of what to do about it concerns us now.

If you are a Jehovah's Witness, you have two choices. You can remain in the organization in your lost condition and spend eternity in Hell. Or, you may seek Christ as your Saviour who will grant forgiveness for your sins and give you eternal life.

While it is true that you may find salvation apart from any local church organization, you should seek the fellowship of Bible-believing Christians in a local church assembly, as a Christian must be identified with the visible Body of Christ. By faith in the redemptive work of the Lord Jesus Christ you become a member of God's family of called-out-ones. This is called the New Birth and precedes joining a local church of believers.

Your normal reaction to this invitation will be one of fear both of the organization and of individuals. Go to no one but the Lord in prayer. Read no other book but the Bible, for the time being. After you have been redeemed you will notice a change in your life; this change will affect your mind and body. You will have become a new creature in Christ (II Corinthians 5:17).

Do not fear that opportunities of service and work for the Lord will not be available to you. Your new opportunities will keep you busier than when you were a Jehovah's Witness. But that frustrating fear of being rejected will soon be gone, for you will have been born again, having passed from death unto life (John 5:24; I John 5:11-13).

You will then begin life anew as a child of God. This means you start out as a "babe." You will need time to grow in the Lord. Your entire way of thinking must be made over anew, and your outlook on life and everything else will be changed. As long as you remain yielded to the Lord, your every problem will be solved and He will carry your burdens.

Your life will be one of a satisfied mind and a peaceful and contented heart. His grace will always prove to be sufficient for you.

Thus you will become really and truly acquainted with Jehovah the Father for the first time in your life, having come to Him through the Son. You will enter into an intimate relationship with Him—a personal relationship that you never thought possible in this life. You will feel His presence near you everywhere you go. Whenever you cry to Him in time of trouble, He will hear. He will be your constant comfort and ever guide you through life. Then, when this present life is over, He will take you Home to the dwelling-place of eternal glory to be with Him for ever and ever.

So fear not to come free, Jehovah's Witness. Your eternal Father waits with outstretched arms to welcome you. Fear no man, no matter how powerful he may seem to be to you. Shake off those shackles of bondage and slavery, and come free into the freedom of the children of God.

If you are a Christian and have an assurance of salvation, here is what you can do. When a Jehovah's Witness comes to your door and starts a sermon, wait until he gets to a passage of Scripture. Then bring your own Bible. Look up the text he is quoting. Read it within the context. Ask him why he is taking the verse out of its context. He will evade the issue and return to his sermon. When he comes to his next Scripture passage, read it within its context again, then ask him why he is using that particular Scripture. He probably will not know why. By doing this you will draw him away from the Watchtower organization for a moment, and he will be an individual again, at least for the time being.

Feeling as a lonely individual facing the Bible and your questions, he will most likely leave at this point. He cannot think for himself. He is not allowed to, even if he is capable. He does not dare to speak as an individual apart from his organization. After he leaves pray that the Lord might honor the precious seed of His Word that you have sown. Never lose faith in what you have done. You have not given your own word, but God's Word. Have faith that it will not return void, and that God will save the one to whom you have just spoken.

This same Witness may return to see you. If so, tell him you have been praying for him, and ask him if he has found Christ as his Saviour yet. Be sure to give your own testimony of what Christ has done for you and what he means to you. Jesus Christ means nothing to him yet. He must be shown exactly who Christ is and what he himself must do in order to be saved. He starts out thinking he knows all the answers, but he will readily find out that he does not. Now use the following methods which will be briefly outlined.

If he says the soul dies and is therefore out of existence after the body dies, be careful how you argue the point with him. He will want to argue in order to confuse you. If he shows you Ezekiel 18:20, show him verses 21-28. Thus, the argument is answered by the Bible itself, right in the context. The reason Witnesses never read the context is that it usually shows up their misinterpretation.

Discovering that you are saved, he will quickly point out Philippians 2:12. Just as quickly you should point out verse 13. He never goes that far in his own reading, for he thinks he has made his point.

He may try to prove to you that Jesus is inferior to the Father, in order to ridicule the Triune Godhead. He will show you John 14:28. Read on down to verse 31 where the Son gives commandment the same as the Father, showing equality. Again, the answer is in the context.

If you identify yourself before the Witness denominationally, you may miss the mark. He is always ready to argue against denominations, therefore, identify yourself as a Christian. Leave no room for an endless argument about some denomination. He will ask you what kind of a Christian you are. Tell him there is but one kind, found in many denominations and faiths.

He will then proceed to tell you what a real “Christian” is. He will end up by saying you must become a Jehovah’s Witness. You simply cannot be a Christian according to his thinking because you are not in his organization. If he insists on good works as the means of salvation, read Romans 4:1-16. Insist that he read every word of it out loud. He will not want to because the Bible does not really mean much to him. If he will not read the Bible, refuse to talk further with him.

If a Jehovah’s Witness accepts Christ as a result of your bringing the Gospel message to him, invite him into the fellowship of your church. But do not insist that he join, or get deeply involved in anything immediately. It takes a little time to grow in the Lord. Let him attend your church, or go to various churches if he so desires, until he feels at home among the Lord’s people. He will feel strange in these new surroundings, and will need time to get adjusted. Sow no seed of hatred in his heart and cause no division to arise in his heart as to the proper church. Let the choice be his as much as possible.

Help him to begin to win others for Christ. If you are not very active in the work of the Lord, put him in fellowship with someone who is. Have him give his testimony in prayer meetings. In this manner he will grow accustomed to his new surroundings. If he was a public speaker in the organization, it will not be long before he will begin to preach and he will become an integral part of the church. Encourage him always to grow in stature spiritually and eventually come to full maturity as a man of God.

Always remember that his coming to Christ was not of your doing, but of God’s. You were the instrument that God used to impart the Gospel. But the Holy Spirit will convict him of sin, and through Christ he will be saved and united with the Father. You are to sow the Word. Only God can save him.

It is in this manner that the heresy of Jehovah’s Witnesses is being defeated today. In many churches there are converted Jehovah’s Witnesses, sounding the warning against the heresy of *The Watchtower*, and in turn, always ready and available to lead another Jehovah’s Witness to the Lord Jesus Christ. They need not put into operation a separate organization of their own, as they now have the Holy Spirit, who has replaced *The Watchtower* organizational spirit. Christ died to redeem the Church, and it alone is His “body.” **“The Spirit and the bride say, Come.”**

If you are NOT a Christian (a born-again one), there is little you can do to help a Jehovah’s Witness. You must have salvation yourself before you can offer it to anyone else.

The best thing for you to do is let the Jehovah's Witness go his way. Needless to say, he cannot help you. He will turn you farther away from the Saviour. If you become a part of his Watchtower organization, they will get you to turn others farther away from the Saviour.

If you are an official of a city, state or federal Government, and you have been wondering just what to think or do about these people, the best thing to do is let them alone. Not that they are of God, but they thrive on persecution. It pushes them deeper into their dark heresy. They believe they should be persecuted, and if you oblige, it makes them believe even more strongly than before that they are God's people. They have a persecution (martyrdom) complex.

However, they can be an obnoxious group at times. No government owes them anything, since they refuse to give allegiance to any government. Just remember that the smooth talk they give you is to deceive you and get you to do their bidding. They send their most eloquent men to persuade you to give them permission to do what they want. Judge accordingly. The Communists are given freedom to meet, and Jehovah's Witnesses have the same freedom on the same level.

Do not permit yourself to be impressed by their sincerity, zeal, energy and ability to speak fluently and eloquently. They are trained as organization men. It is their business to make such an appearance. They have a very highly inflated ego, and walk as if on clouds above everybody else. Let them know where you stand, and do not permit them to act as your overlord.

To the clergy, I say this: These people loathe, despise, detest and hate the Church and her Christ. They tell their people that laymen are dupes of a demonized clergy. Church people are told they have been tricked into believing almost anything they are told. Witnesses actively preach against the clergy from door to door every weekend. They say your church and all other churches are of the Devil. They endeavor to get people to leave the churches in order to fill their Kingdom Halls.

Pastors should warn their congregations against Watchtower heresy. They should be told what is in store if they listen to Jehovah's Witnesses. Pastors should tell their people to defend their church and their faith, using the Biblical methods outlined in this book. Jehovah's Witnesses are enemies of churches and the Lord Jesus.

This writer is not dedicated to writing against Jehovah's Witnesses. They are no more lost than anyone else who is unsaved. Yet it was thought that with a background of ten years in Watchtower activity some good might come of such a book, both to Christians and to those Jehovah's Witnesses who would be saved.

To that end this book was written. It was prepared as a defense of the Christian faith as well as a proclamation of it, directed against the misnamed Jehovah's Witnesses. It does not pretend to be a profound theological work. Neither is it to substitute for the Holy Scriptures, as the Watchtower publications are for Jehovah's Witnesses.

It is at best, an aid to Christians and an expose of Jehovah's Witnesses. When Saul of Tarsus was turned from unbelief to Christianity through the risen Christ, he immediately started to defend the faith he once fought against. So it is now with the writer of this book. The gospel became to him precious and worthy of defense against pernicious heresy.

Many years were wasted in the darkness of Watchtower slavery, in activity designed to destroy churches and the effectiveness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Should any less be done now that his soul has found the light of salvation.

Is free salvation a cause to cease all work? Or rather, should works not demonstrate the faith within (James 2:18)? The work of the Holy Spirit through Christians will never be done through laziness. Neither do sluggards work hard in the vineyard. The commission given by Christ to make disciples of people of all nations will not be accomplished by remaining silent.

Therefore it behooves us all who love the Lord to put forth a demonstration of faith by action (Ephesians 2:10). It is not the purpose of impressing people, nor to try to impress the Lord. Neither is it to impress yourself with what you think you are accomplishing. But your love for Christ can be measured by what you openly demonstrate before others. Love can be shown. Very seldom does it remain hidden, unseen by others. Love knows no bounds. Love will you on when all else fails to move you.

So, wake up, Christians! Wake up, pastors! Wake up, missionaries! Stop permitting Jehovah's Witnesses to spoil our reputation by pointing their accusing finger at us and the truth we hold.

Together then, we can walk triumphantly down the salvation road, calling to the lost and dying world, Come with us! Throw off your shackles and chains. Christ is ready to set you free!

Christians, what do you do when Jehovah's Witnesses hold a mass meeting in your town or city? Do you sit idly by while they canvass the entire area to spread their heresy? Do you meet force with force? Why not turn their convention into an opportunity to deliver the saving Gospel of the Lord Christ? For every leaflet that the Jehovah's Witnesses put in the hand of a passer-by do you offer a gospel tract to counteract it? Do you turn the tables on the Witnesses and hand out Christian material to them because you believe you have something more important to give them than they give to you?

Let Christians arise and meet the occasion. **"Greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world."** Let us go forward in His power and strength and meet these folk with the message that leads to salvation. For every Jehovah's Witness let there be a Christian worker. For every *Watchtower* magazine, let there be a Christian magazine. For every word of heresy spoken let there be a word of salvation. Meet this head-on, brethren, and see what God can do.

You do not need mass organization like Witnesses do. You will not need their organizational spirit, for you have the HOLY SPIRIT. Pray for the Lord to supply the printed material necessary, then to send the workers to give it out. Go out and meet the Witnesses with the Bible and Gospel tracts. Show them you have risen to defend your faith. Through your ministerial fellowships, ministeriums or councils get others to join you, and bring as many from your church as will come. Never let Jehovah's Witnesses point you out in eternity and say *"He kept quiet."*

Let us be on our knees together and we shall rise together. We are one in the Lord. Let us never become divided.

Let us be as thoroughly with the Church below as we hope to be with the same Church above. Let us fight the good fight here and now. Let us never scorn the lost, but shed our tears in earnest prayer for them. Let us do unto them as someone once did unto us when we were lost in sin. May we ever be one in Him, now and forever. Amen.

Faith of our Fathers! Living still
In spite of dungeon, fire and sword,
O how our hearts beat high with joy
When'er we hear that glorious word!

Faith of our fathers! holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!

Faith of our fathers! We will love
Both friend and foe in all our strife:
And preach thee, too, as love knows how,
By kindly words and virtuous life:

Faith of our fathers! holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!

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