



## THE LIGHT IS GETTING BRIGHTER AND BRIGHTER; GO INTO THE LIGHT MY CHILDREN...

Why *don't* the vast majority of Jehovah's Witnesses know what was printed in their literature about blacks years ago? Why aren't they aware of the numerous false predictions for the end of the world? Why don't they know about the changes in doctrine pertaining to blood? Why do many of them not even know about the botched 1975 prediction?

Jehovah's Witnesses are taught to cite a verse in Proverbs to justify the ongoing changes in their beliefs. But that scripture is actually comparing the differences between *the behaviors* of "good" vs. "bad" people; it's not about revealing "light" or *knowledge/clarity* to a religious group. Why is the membership kept in the dark about so much when the Watchtower professes that the light keeps getting brighter and brighter? Why are they so wrapped up in "new light" when they won't even let "real light" in? Ever notice that most Kingdom Halls don't even have windows? What's up with that?

The thing is, current Watchtower Bible & Tract Society leaders aren't the first to use a reference to the light. Charles Taze Russell, the founding father of International Bible Students, which later became known as Jehovah's Witnesses, wrote about this in the Foreword of The Studies in the Scriptures –Series 3 - Thy Kingdom Come, 1916 Edition. He said,

*Although we disclaim anything akin to **inspiration** in connection with these STUDIES IN THE SCRIPTURES, nevertheless we are glad that because we are in the dawning of the New Dispensation, the **light of Truth is shining so clearly** and the Divine Plan is so manifest **that scarcely a word** of the Volume **would need to be changed** if it were written today--**26 years later**. (bold added for emphasis)*

It sounds like Russell is professing that the light is burning so brightly in this 1916 edition that nothing would need to be changed. Isn't this in complete contradiction to what the Watchtower Society is teaching today? Was his *Studies in the Scriptures* using a 1,000 watt bulb or a flickering 1 watt bulb? Well, nearly everything he wrote in this book would be considered obsolete by the Watchtower leadership today. In other words, that light bulb wasn't shining brightly, nor was it only a flickering bulb. It was on high voltage overload and about to blow!

I'm guessing the Watchtower had to come up with the new light theory to cover mistakes made early on, beginning with Russell's prediction of the end in the 1800's and the Great Pyramid controversy, to name just two.

Ray Franz, a former Governing Body member and leader at Watchtower headquarters, conveys in his book, Crisis of Conscience, how decisions were made at the top on page 112:

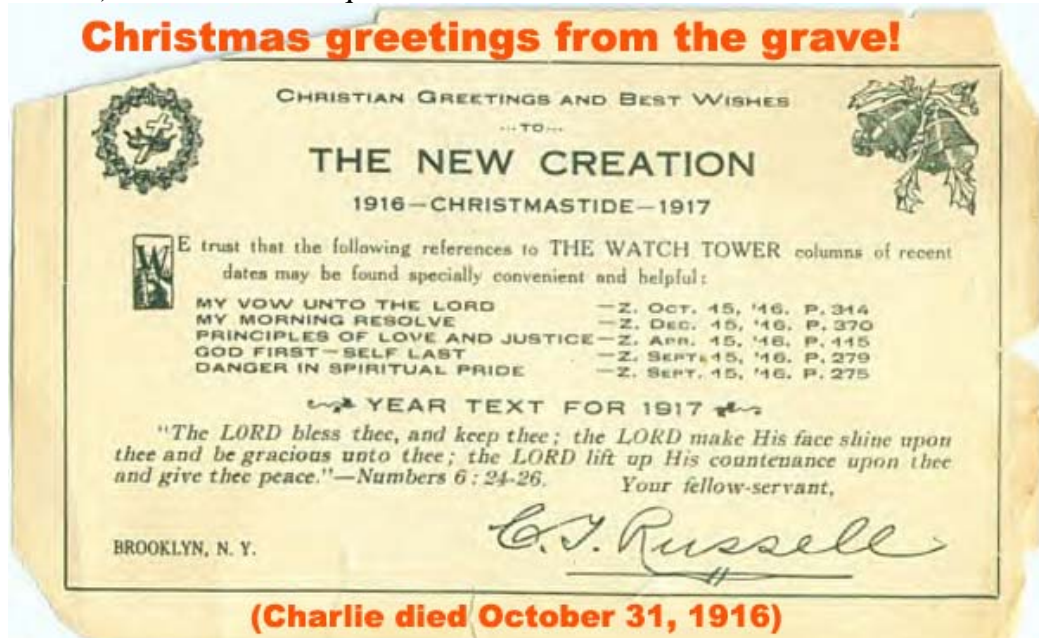
*Over the years I sat through many, many sessions where issues that could seriously affect the lives of people were discussed, yet where the Bible did not come into the hands or even on the lips of practically any of those participating...*

The next time a Jehovah's Witness comes to your door, ask them how the Governing Body, the men at the top, determine policies and doctrine for all of Jehovah's Witnesses. When they tell you that direction comes from Jehovah God or the Holy Spirit, ask them why then their God or the Holy Spirit directed them to celebrate Christmas in 1926. Then ask, wouldn't the Bethelites in this picture, including the heads of the organization, be disfellowshipped (excommunicated) if they lived today—for celebrating Christmas? Then ask, "Did God get it wrong back then?" If they say something like, "No, we are imperfect so we don't always see things clearly.



The light gets brighter and brighter as we go.” Ask them *why* the three words “Don’t celebrate Christmas” would have been so difficult for the people in 1926 to comprehend.

If they deny that they ever celebrated Christmas, show them the holiday card from the then-dead man Charles Taze Russell (their founder) and Watchtower quotes from their own literature:



## Watchtower Christmas Flip Flops...

### ***It is from God and a "grand event"***

"Even though Christmas is not the real anniversary of our Lord's birth, but more properly the annunciation day or the date of his human begetting (Luke 1:28), nevertheless, since the celebration of our Lord's birth is not a matter of divine appointment or injunction, but merely a tribute of respect to him, it is not necessary for us to quibble particularly about the date. We may as well join with the civilized world in celebrating the grand event on the day which the majority celebrate - "Christmas day."

Watchtower, Dec. 1, 1904, p364

### ***It is from the Devil and does not "honor God"***

"We all need to face up to the fact that Christmas and its music are not from Jehovah, the God of truth. Then what is their source? Reason should suggest that they are from someone whose sole aim now is to mislead as many people as possible. The Bible tells us that this is the goal of Satan the Devil. Yes, Satan the Devil can ingeniously make Christmas music appear to be of God and the singing of it a Christian duty that honors Him and His Son. In reality, it does just the opposite."

The Watchtower, December 15, 1983, p. 7

Then ask them why *they* don't know this little fact about their organization and yet *you* do. Ask them, "So what else might I know about your religion's history that even you don't know? Would you like to find out?"



Using the very terminology that they are instructed to use on others, tell them that: if they have a *sincere* heart they will want to learn the *real* truth about their organization.

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