

Who's Knocking 2: Jehovah's Witnesses Hidden History

sermonaudio.com

Who's Knocking

By Larry Wessels

Bible Text: 1 Timothy 4:1-3; Matthew 7:15

Preached on: Thursday, March 8, 1990

Christian Answers of Austin, Texas

9009 Martha's Drive

Austin, TX 78717

Website: www.biblequery.org

Online Sermons: www.sermonaudio.com/christiananswers

Hello, this is Larry Wessels, Director of Christian Answers of Austin, Texas, a Christian debater. Before we begin this special program on Jehovah's Witnesses, I thought I'd let our viewers know about all the free resources our ministry offers to those who need help in dealing with the false and cultic religion of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, known as the Jehovah's Witnesses. I, myself, have never been a Jehovah's Witness but I have had to deal with them on a theological and historical level since I became a born again evangelical Christian back in 1981. To learn more about my own background and to hear my testimony of how I became a Christian, please see the following two videos: D&D Dungeon Master Testimony: Dungeons & Dragons, Wargaming, Violent Video Games and Wasting Time. I was a dungeon master so that's what that video is about and right in the middle of my dungeon God got a hold of me and made me into a Christian. And also you can hear my testimony at: Evangelism & Apologetics (Part 1), Origins of Christian Answers, Jesus is the only way of salvation.

Now, getting back to the subject of free resource materials to help our viewers that may have family, friends or themselves caught in the web of Watchtower deception, please notice the following. Our first major resource to help those that need it can be found on our YouTube channel: C-Answers TV which stands for Christian Answers Television where we currently have almost 600 videos and counting on biblical theology, doctrine, comparative religions, creation science and apologetics. However, the main reason I want you to go there is to find our play list located there called: Dealing with Jehovah's Witnesses Watchtower Society. Once you arrive on our YouTube channel, just scroll down past the supernatural Bible prophecy video, then the recent uploads playlist and the popular uploads playlist and finally you'll reach our Jehovah's Witness playlist as you see here. Then be careful to click on the title: Dealing with Jehovah's Witnesses Watchtower Society which will turn blue as you move your mouse on it. Do not click on the videos or you will not be able to see the entire playlist all at once. Clicking on the playlist title will bring up a screen with all our available videos on the Jehovah's Witnesses as you see here. Our video debate, Larry Wessels vs. 2 Jehovah's Witnesses at a university study center has been extremely popular on YouTube as it already has close to 360,000 views at the time of this recording.

Another popular video of ours is: Jehovah's Witnesses, Deceived Deceivers #4 – Embarrassing Questions for Jehovah's Witnesses, Can Demons Repent with 79,641 views at the time of this recording. And: The Jehovah's Witnesses Fraudulent Bible, Evaluating the New World Translation Verse by Verse with over 20,000 viewings. Viewers may find the testimony of a mother and her children intriguing on the video: Personal Testimony, My Kids were Trapped in the Watchtower Society's Jehovah's Witnesses. Besides these, we have many other videos on the JWs, this is to say that all these videos are at the free disposal of our viewers at any time via YouTube.

If you are in need of free printed materials, we have plenty to provide you with. For example, besides our newsletter called "Jehovah's Witnesses: Deceived Deceivers" we have an assortment of free tracts we can mail you if you so desire free of charge. For instance, as you see here, "Are blood transfusions a violation of God's law?" Many Jehovah's Witnesses have died or have caused their children to die because they refused to give much needed blood transfusions. "He is not here, he is risen as he said. Jehovah's Witnesses and the Gospel of the Resurrection." Key biblical information there. "Who changed Jehovah to Lord?" "A true Christian presentation to Jehovah's Witnesses." You get a lot of excellent Bible verses refuting their various belief systems. "A Gospel test for Jehovah's Witnesses." "The world's most dangerous book," this is talking about the Jehovah's Witnesses translation, their fraudulent translation of the Bible, it's called "The New World Translation." "A faithful witness will not lie but a false witness uttereth lies," this, of course, talking about the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society. "Why the name Jehovah's Witnesses?" "Destroying the mediatorship of Christ. Do Jehovah's Witnesses really benefit from 'one mediator between God and man'?" "The Word: who is he according to spiritism?" "The straw men of the Watchtower Society," this is a very useful tract because it deals with a lot of their Jehovah's Witnesses favorite proof texts to try to argue for their strange Bible doctrines. "Charles Taze Russell: disfellowshipped," in fact, this tract will show you how if the very founder of Jehovah's Witnesses were around today that Jehovah's Witnesses would throw him out in disfellowship. Alright, here's a tract that's very useful, especially for our Bible students out there: "The deity of Jesus Christ according to the Scriptures." Now, I actually made a YouTube video out of this tract and it has currently over 100,000 views on YouTube. It's very useful; gives you all the Scripture references to who Jesus is and you'll find this very handy and a good refutation of Jehovah's Witness doctrine. Alright, here's a tract that's not really a tract but it goes a doorknob. You could actually take this and put it on a neighbor's doorknob or your own doorknob or whatever you want to do but it says: Have Jehovah's Witnesses recently come to your door?" and this is made to be put on a doorknob when you're going through the neighborhoods and stuff and it kind of just warns your neighbors about what the Jehovah's Witnesses are teaching and the things they try to hide from people so we'll send that to you free. Here's another one that's in Spanish: "Solo un Dios o mas?" and this is a Spanish tract dealing with Jehovah's Witnesses to help your Spanish speaking friends.

Of course, that's free of charge along with all of these tracts. No cost. All you have to do is simply email us at cdebater@aol.com and provide us with a postal mailing address and we will be happy to send this literature to you free of charge. We have never been in this

Christian ministry to make money unlike so many tv religious hucksters out there today with their personal jets and multimillion dollar real estate properties. We care about the spiritual welfare of people, not whether we can get their money. With all this said, we will now proceed to our main presentation.

The original lecture was constrained by time and because of that I wasn't able to get this part of my lecture outline into the original lecture so I'm going to put it in right here so viewers can have this information at their disposal.

As you see there on the screen, we see from my original lecture outline: "The Watchtower in no inspired prophet." That's coming from their own "Forward to the Watchtower" magazine of April 1, 1972. This is lecture outline #2 from my series: "Who's that Knocking at My Door?"

1. Brief history of the Jehovah's Witnesses. Charles Taze Russell (1852-1916)

1. Worked as the manager of several men's clothing stores.
2. Rejected the teachings of eternal punishment at an early age.
3. Began his own Bible class in Pittsburgh, PA at the age of 18.
4. In 1876 his class elected him "pastor" of the group.
5. In 1879 he founded "The Herald of the Morning" magazine which developed eventually into "The Watchtower Announcing Jehovah's Kingdom." 6,000 initial copies to what is now 17.8 million copies per month in 106 languages, while the other Watchtower periodical, "Awake" magazine, has a circulation of 15.6 million per month in 34 languages.
6. Was a well-traveled speaker and a prolific writer, also authoring many works such as "The Three Worlds," "The Finished Mystery," and "Studies in the Scriptures."
7. In 1908 he moved his headquarters from Pennsylvania to Brooklyn, New York, 17 Hicks Street.
8. Scandals ensued. A. Miracle wheat – that's where he was selling something as supposedly a miracle wheat for a donation and, of course, that turned out to be fraudulent. B. He had divorce and alimony payments to his wife, Maria Ackley. Here you see on your screen a picture of a booklet by Dwayne McNany, basically Charles T. Russell at the top. There's a picture of him, the founder of Jehovah's Witnesses. It says "child molester" and what's interesting about this book as you see here, here's the next page of it. It says, "Charles T. Russell: Child Molester." There are some quotations there from the opinion of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania. A quotation from Maria F. Russell, wife of Charles T. Russell and so forth. But this book and there's the table of contents, has actual court case documentation as you can see here by some of the pages that we're flipping through just for the sake of this video. You have complete court records here and, of course, Charles T. Russell lost this case and basically he was messing around with a young, pre-21 year old woman and was found to be at fault in this divorce case. Anyway, it's interesting reading. One thing I will mention is that fact that I had someone come out of Jehovah's Witnesses by watching our video series,

- "Jehovah's Witnesses: Deceived Deceivers" on our YouTube channel, on our Jehovah's Witnesses playlist, and obviously after being a Jehovah's Witness for 50 years he wanted to get his whole family out of Jehovah's Witnesses because, after all, it was his fault for them being in it in the first place and so he contacted me and said, "Look, I need some information on Charles T. Russell being a child molester and if you can send me some information on that, my son told me that he would get himself and his family out of Jehovah's Witnesses." Of course, I did mail him this court case and all this documentation. I haven't heard since then what had transpired but, anyway, it is fascinating information having court records of his actual divorce case available. Of course, there's also C. here as you see on the lecture outline: perjury on the witness stand and D.: other moneymaking schemes. So all this is documented in various books and writings that are available to those that may want to contact us about this.
9. He admitted that he had only attended school about 7 years of his life and he left school when he was 14 years old. He had no formal theological training. He could neither read nor write biblical Hebrew or Greek.

B. Okay, that was the founder of the Jehovah's Witnesses. Of course, at his time, they weren't known as Jehovah's Witnesses but we'll continue with the history. Next here we see the next leader of what became known as the Jehovah's Witnesses, "Judge," that's in quotation marks, Joseph Franklin Rutherford. He lived from 1869-1942.

1. Became temporary president of Charles Taze Russell's organization after he died in 1916 but consolidated his power base to the point that by 1918 he was permanent president.
2. 1917, said the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society was God's only channel of communication and that he was the steward of Matthew 20:8 in the parable of the penny.
3. 1919, published a separate magazine called "The Golden Age" and established service directors to oversee previously autonomous kingdom halls.
4. 1923, he attempted to declare himself the faithful and wise servant of Matthew 24:45 which had been a title granted to Pastor Russell.
5. 1925, he had major disagreements with the Watchtower editorial staff and within six years he totally disbanded it until he was in absolute control of all Watchtower publications. Declared 1914 as Christ's invisible presence.
6. In 1927, he kicked out remaining Russellites who opposed him and declared the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society as the "faithful and wise servant."
7. 1929, he declared that the higher powers of Romans 13:1 and following was not human government but Jehovah and his kingdom.
8. 1931, assumed the name of "Jehovah's Witnesses." Rutherford considers himself as the mouthpiece of Jehovah and he begins to write the Watchtower magazine by himself with no one allowed to see manuscripts beforehand except the vice president, Nathan Knorr, Rutherford's personal secretary, Barney Boid, and the proof-reader, Fred Franz.
9. Major and current Jehovah's Witness beliefs were first explained by Rutherford such as A: vindication of Jehovah's name. B: the good news of the kingdom,

- 1914-1918. C: Armageddon explained. D: the concept of the theocracy and kingdom organization. E: sales for salvation. F: the Gospel of Christ was not preached with true understanding until Christ came into his spiritual temple in 1918. G: divine direction of the Watchtower, etc.
10. The "Judge" wrote over 100 books and pamphlets translated into over 80 languages by 1941.
 11. He died on January 8, 1942 of cancer at his home in San Diego, CA called "Beth Sarim" translated "house of princes."

C. Nathan Knorr, 1905-1977. He's the next leader of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society.

1. Created the Gilead Missionary Training School in South Lansing, NY.
2. Enhanced door-to-door efforts of Jehovah's Witnesses.
3. Reinforced grip of the society on individual's lives.

D. Fred W. Franz, 1893 and although it's not on this lecture outline because the lecture outline was given back in the 1990s before he died but he died on December 22, 1992, not too long after this original lecture series was given.

1. Faithfully guiding the Jehovah's Witnesses in the teachings of Pastor Russell and "Judge" Rutherford. By the way, that title of Judge was an honorary thing, not something he really earned. But anyway,
2. Overseeing the ongoing Watchtower effort to hide their past history, the kind of things we're talking about in this video.
3. As of 1985, 3,024,131 active members were reported but over 7,792,109 attended the 1985 memorial, the society's annual version of the Lord's Supper where only a few select leaders partake of communion and those are the ones who think they're part of the 144,000 who will actually get to go to heaven while the rest of the Jehovah's Witnesses stay here on a so-called paradise on earth. So anyway, any Jehovah's Witness that takes this communion at their memorial service, he thinks he's really, I guess you would say, hot stuff and is going to make it to heaven.

But anyway, of course, the lecture outline goes into Part 2: Watchtower Authority. Part 3: False Prophecies of the Watchtower and, of course, they've made many false prophecies which violate Deuteronomy 18:20-22 and other passages of Scripture like Deuteronomy 13. Part 4: Doctrines of Demons, 1 Timothy 4:1-3 which we'll discuss in more detail later in this video presentation.

1. The denial of the Trinity.
2. Jesus Christ is not God.
3. Jehovah only is God the Father.
4. Michael is a god, that's Michael the angel.
5. Christ's body was not resurrected.
6. Christ's body was dematerialized.
7. There is no eternal hell.

8. Higher powers of Romans 13 was not earthly governments.
9. The Bible is not inspired or dependable.
10. The Christian church today is not preaching the Gospel.

As you know from last week's lecture, we had an introduction to the cult and talked about Matthew 7:15 where Jesus warned about, "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravaging wolves" and as Paul said in Acts 20:29-31, he talks about the two kinds of false prophets: one outside the church and the other one that's inside the church and they will spare not the flock. And we also looked over to the Scriptures about defending the faith. We are called by God to give to every man an answer, John was mentioning before, 1 Peter 3:15, give every man an answer for the hope and the reason that you have for your faith to each person and we should contend earnestly for the faith once delivered unto the saints. I like that word "once delivered" because it tells you basically the Scriptures have been once delivered and you often hear a lot of these cults, they'll always have new revelations. But Jude 3, this is what I'm talking about here and it says that it has been once delivered unto the saints and we're to earnestly contend for it. We're supposed to go in the marketplaces and the highways and the byways and stand up for faith against all these attackers, heretics and whatever else you have.

A lot of people get upset when you mention specific names like we're talking about Jehovah's Witnesses today and there are a lot of "Christians" out there that get made about that, "Oh, you shouldn't tell about them by name and stuff," but as we look in the Scriptures we find Paul calling heretics by their names all the time. Alexander, the copper-smith, I believe and he talks about him as departing from the faith. He talks about Hymenaeus and Philetus have erred and their doctrine eats like a cancer. He mentions specific people and who to watch out for and constantly urging his people to watch out for heretics and false doctrines.

So with all that said, kind of a refresher on last week's lecture, we're going to look today at the Jehovah's Witnesses who, if you've got my articles here that I wrote for a Christian magazine a few years back, they truly are deceived deceivers. And as I mentioned in this article, I started out with 2 John 7 and 8 and I said, "Many deceivers who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh have gone out into the world and any such person is a deceiver and antichrist. Watch out that you do not lose what you have looked for." Okay, there are false prophets all over the place, 9, all kinds of doctrines. Now, when I mention that verse, a lot of people might think I'm denying his first coming where he didn't come in the flesh but what we're talking about now is that Jehovah's Witnesses deny his physical coming the second time and they say he's already gotten here but it's invisible and so he didn't come in the flesh, he came invisibly and only those with eyes of understanding can see him. We'll get into that as we get into the doctrine.

Now, what we'll do, we'll start out with our lecture outline if I can find it here among all my notes. What I have found in talking with Jehovah's Witnesses and a proper understanding, if you want to, the reason for these classes are not only to help you

understand your Christian faith and be able to defend it against those that are going to attack it and try to lure you into their own religion, is to edify you, help you get strong in the word of God but the other big reason is to win these people to Christ. We want to win them out of these false religions and bring them to Christ so that they can be partakers in the body of Christ and be saved and all that stuff. So that's a major purpose and one way I've found in dealing with Jehovah's Witnesses is that you really can't argue with them right off the bat on the Bible because even though they like to call themselves Bible students, they really don't believe the Bible. Now, that sounds shocking considering they have Bible and they have Bible studies and they talk about the Bible all the time but it's not, the simple matter, the fact of the situation is they do not believe the Bible. What they believe is what the Watchtower Society says about the Bible and the Watchtower Society says that the Bible is inspired writing but you cannot independently read it yourself because that's satanic. We'll look at some references on that. You need them, these men that run the governing body of the Jehovah's Witnesses in Brooklyn, NY at the Watchtower headquarters to interpret it for you so you'll have divine direction because they're the only ones on the face of the earth that have divine direction to understand the Scriptures. You can't just read it yourself. Sometimes you can ask a Jehovah's Witness, now, there's always an exception to the rule but usually you can, "If you're stuck on a desert island," you're asking a Jehovah's Witness, "and there are 2 books that floated by, either the Bible or a Watchtower magazine, which one would you grab but you could only grab one? Which one would you get?" Well, 9 out of 10 times probably they will say they will grab the Watchtower magazine because they have been taught that they can't understand it on their own by just reading the Bible without the Watchtower. They need that Watchtower to get the divine interpretation. So they will grab the Watchtower magazine so they can get the truth, you see, so reading the Bible on its own is not going to do any good for them.

So what I'm saying here is: you can argue and play scriptural ping-pong with a cultist and generally Jehovah's Witnesses and they'll bring out a verse, John 14:28, "My Father is greater than I." They're trying to prove that Jesus is not God and then you can come back with some other verses but they are conditioned to where anything you're telling them is of Satan and your interpretation is apostate and it usually means nothing to them. The key here is you can go back and forth for hours and I've done this and you will maybe score tons of points but the key is they are still in the Watchtower because even though they can't answer you on a lot of things you bring up, they're still believing this organization is the true organization and they believe that they can go back to their organization and ask these questions and even though they can't answer you, they feel that these guys will be able to tell them the truth and they will refute everything you said. So a lot of times you don't get anywhere with them whereas God sovereignly at all times can because his word does not come back to him void so I wouldn't say, you know, it doesn't do any good but generally I've seen that they're going to keep trusting the Watchtower no matter how many points you score in a scriptural ping-pong battle so the way to reach them for Christ is to understand their history and some of their teachings to start to break up that blind faith they have in this organization, these guys in Brooklyn, NY. You want to kind of mess them up there so maybe they can look at the Scriptures without immediately putting on those rose colored glasses and reading the Bible through Watchtower glasses. You

want them to maybe put a little doubt in their mind that, "Well, maybe can I trust these guys so much like I am or not?"

The way to do that, I've found, is to understand the history of the Jehovah's Witnesses, where they came from, and get some of the primary documentation like I said at the Christians bookstores like this one here mentioned. They've got a lot of Christian books on Jehovah's Witnesses like this one here, "How to Rescue Your Loved Ones from the Watchtower," it's by David A. Reed. There are a ton of books: "The Kingdom of the Cults," by Walter Martin; "Another Gospel," a new book out by Ruth Tucker which is excellent. You know, so the Christian can get his research material from them and a lot of these books have photo reprints of actual Watchtower books and pages where they show, document the false teachings, the false prophecies, flip-flops in doctrine and all these other things. But you couldn't show this kind of book to a Jehovah's Witness himself because he's told he can't look at any "apostate literature." He's not allowed to look at these kinds of books but as a Christian if you're really concerned about these cultists, you can get these books and then what you can do with something like this is because these are photo reprints from the Watchtower, you could go to a Xerox machine, Xerox the page itself, you know, without, this tells you what the Watchtower, I mean, but if they have any references to the book you're giving out, you could just kind of white it out with some Liquid Paper or something but just have the reprint of the photocopy from their publications, that way if you're showing them stuff, it's just a copy of their own literature and it's not coming out of some apostate book.

So that's a little witnessing tip, anyway, because they're not going to look at a Christian book on the Jehovah's Witnesses, you're going to have to, you know, the Watchtower has been taking serious steps to try to keep their people from leaving them and, you know, they're telling their leaders, their people, you can't talk to people that oppose them, you can't talk to ex-Jehovah's Witnesses, you know, you have to leave and shun them and all these kinds of things and they're not allowed to look at any Christian books or watch any other programming or whatever so the only way you can really reach the Jehovah's Witnesses is to have an understanding of their history and have maybe some primary documentation of just Jehovah's Witness literature itself.

To give you a quick example of this and it's kind of interesting how this worked out, of course, I've been in this field for about 9 years and have learned a lot of things over the years from going to Watchtower conventions and their assemblies at the Astrodome and being surrounded sometimes by up to 50 or 60 of them but I've always had a motto, I said: one man with the truth can defeat a whole army that doesn't have the truth. So you can be one person out there but if you've got the truth, it's not going to matter how many of them there are because, you know, Goliath just collapsed before the truth.

So case in point is yesterday I was just coming home from, you know, I worked all night at the Post Office and I came on back to my house in South Austin and I was going up my street and I saw a political sign in someone's yard there on the street next to mine and I looked and it drew my attention but then just past that sign were 2 gentlemen in suits carrying briefcases and having magazines in their hand and they were walking down the

sidewalk. I said, "That looks like Jehovah's Witnesses," and so I went on past and I was planning some other things I was going to do but I felt like John was talking about, he didn't get it on tape but John was talking about before we started this class about praying that God gives you opportunity to witness for Christ and I said, "Well, obviously it's been ordained that I go out and talk with these people." So I went back to my house and I gather up my briefcase here and I load it up with these books here which are all primary Jehovah's Witness books published by the Watchtower themselves so they can't get upset, although in this case they did, but they can't get upset that you're bringing some Christian book. I mean, this is their own literature. This is stuff they publish themselves and that's the way you reach those people.

Well, what happened was, I went back to my house, I loaded up my briefcase full of my primary Jehovah's Witness and Watchtower literature, piled it in there, got a backpack I usually carry. Sometimes I'll carry that backpack out here on campus and I look just like another student but I've got my Bible back there and a ton of tracts and references and I'll go out and deal with those cults that have their tables out their in the West Mall. But the key is, I went down that street and I saw them and I got all my stuff together and they weren't there. I didn't see them anywhere so I went down the next street but then I saw about 5 of them on the next street but they were different ones than the ones I saw. I said, "Okay, well, this street will be fine." So I drove down to one end of the street, parked in this church parking lot which happened to be the man that runs that church is a friend of mine and it's like he's the one that's on tv with me today on channel 32. But anyway, I parked there and got out of the car and I saw there on one side of the street going away from me and I figured, well, they'll get to the end of the street and they'll come across the street and come back on the other side of the street to hit all the houses because they were putting tracts and talking to everybody going door to door like they're told to by the Watchtower Society. In fact, that's one of the requirements for salvation, to go out and do the word of the Lord's ministry. You have to log all your hours spent, how many houses you contacted, how many people. You know, all these things are required to remain in active Jehovah's Witnesses. You see, to a Jehovah's Witness, he can lose his salvation at any time if he just ceases to do these works so, I mean, he could be saved today but, you know, next week he could be lost if he doesn't keep up his required schedule and all that kind of thing. You know, there are variations on that between how fanatical some Jehovah's Witness overseers look at things.

Anyway, I have some tracts that say, "Danger at your door," and it warns people to watch out for Jehovah's Witnesses and their literature and it's all documented on what the Jehovah's Witnesses teach but they don't tell you at first right out of their Watchtower literature all in quotes and everything with about 50 footnotes, I think, of Watchtower. It's shocking information. But I was going down the other side of the street putting each one and, of course, I ran into the Jehovah's Witnesses because they did exactly like I thought, they came across the street and started coming in my direction. I was tracking the houses this way as I was moving towards them and then we collided at the house at about the middle of the street and I got to the doorbell before they did. I just waved at them as they were coming towards me and I went right to the door and rang the doorbell and the lady came and just as they came up behind me I said, "Oh, excuse me, ma'am, but there are

Jehovah's Witnesses that are handing out Watchtowers and Awakes and this information bulletin will let you know what they're trying to teach you." I handed it to her and right away she said, "Oh, those are the Jehovah's Witnesses. They're a bunch of false prophets." That just happened to be the way that lady acted at that particular door. The Jehovah's Witnesses by this time are right behind me when she said that and they said, "Oh, y'all have a nice..." you know, they waved to the lady and said, "You have a nice day," and they just turned and walked away because they saw what she said right off the bat.

Well, I simply turned and followed them and I had my briefcase and my backpack and everything and I was out there to talk to them, right? So they were down the driveway and I asked them, "Excuse me, y'all are Jehovah's Witnesses, correct?" "Yes." Now, here's a big witnessing tip when you're dealing with false prophets as we talked about in our first lecture last week: you can't preach at them, Jehovah's Witnesses, you have to be kind. You have to do all those things, all the Scriptures we talked about in witnessing. You have to be gentle. You can't go up and shake your finger in their face and say, "You're a bunch of false prophets and you're all liars and your whole religion is a rip-off." You know, that's going to turn them off immediately and they're going to walk away and you won't be able to witness to them at all. They're going to say, "Oh, this guy is close-minded. There's no use in talking to him. Let's go." Well, what you have to do when you're dealing with false prophets generally is you have to ask questions. You can't really preach at them but by asking questions in the right direction, you will be teaching them things without them really feeling like you're attacking them.

So that's a key tip when dealing with false prophets is you don't preach at them, you ask them pointed questions that will lead you where you want the conversation to go. A case in point in this episode that happened yesterday, I simply asked them, "Are y'all Jehovah's Witnesses?" "Yes," you know, and I said, "Well, you know, it sure is a nice day out here." You know, I talked about the weather for a second just to kind of introduce myself and then I asked them, "Well, aren't y'all the ones that believe you have the one true faith on the earth?" You know, I kind of ask like that. There are different methodologies depending on your situation but in this case yesterday I simply asked them, "Are you the ones with the one true faith? And I know you must be sincere because you're out here trying to help people to get into that faith." "Oh yes, yes," they said. In this case it was 2 Jehovah's Witness ladies; it looked like one was about 35 and the other was about 28. And there was about 3 other ones that were there and they came up for a minute so I had about 5 there for a minute but as I talked to them, the 2 I initially talked to stayed with me to talk with me and the other 3 went on down the street and I didn't think too much of that because I remembered all those tracts so I knew they were going to find out about me, at least the ones that went on, you know, because a lot of people aren't home at 9:45 in the morning, they're off at work, so I was putting those flyers on the doorknobs and under the mat at the door or whatever, you know, the welcome mat and things like that where they could be found.

So I knew I didn't have much time because I knew they would come back and they did later. But I had enough time because apparently they went all the way down the street and

then came back and they had really had some frowns on their faces as they came back. But during that time the Lord gave me I was asking the questions. I was being gentle and kind and listening to what they say. You don't ask a question and they start telling you something and then you jump in on them. You let them say what they have to say and after they've said it, then you ask them some more questions and I simply started saying, "Well, you all have the one true religion, correct? Well, how do you know it's the true religion?" Then he explained, "You know, we know that these brothers in Brooklyn have the truth and this is God's true organization." I said, "What about?" You see, I know their theology so well, I know they love to attack Roman Catholics so I asked them about the Roman Catholic religion. "Well, how do you know Roman Catholicism is false? You're saying y'all got the truth but there are all these other religions. How do you know they don't have the truth?" Of course, then, that was like throwing a bone to a dog. They just love attacking the Roman Catholic religion because in almost every Watchtower they're attacking the Trinity and the Roman Catholic doctrine and everything else. So they went on on that for a while and, "Well, their history shows they're apostate. Their doctrines, their teaching, they teach that dreaded Trinity doctrine. There it is right there." You know, they just took their publication, the new one they had come out with, "Should You Believe the Trinity?" I heard they printed up 64 million copies and they're planning to get millions and millions more but it's just a vicious attack on the Trinity quoting all kinds of people and coming up with all kinds of scriptural attack against the Trinity doctrine and so you'd better look out for this.

But anyone that does any serious research, just like any lie, it collapses like a ton of bricks when you research their arguments and they don't even footnote a lot of these so-called scholars. They don't want people to know who they're quoting. But here's a guy, the name of this book, "Why You Should Believe in the Trinity," Robert M. Bowman from Baker book house and he analyzed this pamphlet to the last detail. He found all those quotes they were quoting and, you know, even though they didn't document where they were getting them from, he found where they were and found out they misquoted almost all of them and took things where they love to put ellipses in sentences, you know, they'll leave out parts of a sentence and by leaving out that certain part of the sentence it changes the whole context of the meaning of the sentence. So, I mean, this the kind of deception we're dealing with here in Watchtower literature, anyway, that's just something inside there.

But I got them talking on that and I got into defining false prophets, how do you define false prophets and I let them read me Scripture passages on different things. I said, "How do you feel about someone that gets into spiritism? You know, consorts with spiritistic mediums sort of like a séance where you get information to find out more about God and you make pronouncements on them?" And they showed me where Scripture passages like in Deuteronomy 18 and, "Oh, that spiritism, it's condemned by God. It's of the devil," and all that kind of stuff and I started saying, "Well, okay, so you're saying anyone that would do that is a false prophet, right?" "Oh, definitely, definitely." I said, "Well, what about somebody who claims to be a prophet of God and he uses pyramids? Okay, he uses pyramids and, you know, there are a lot of these people around that believe that the pyramids were built in such a way as to give, you add up the dimensions of the door

entrances like the Great Pyramid in Gaza and you figure out how many inches it is from door span to door span. That is a prophetic pronouncement that each inch equals a year of when the end of the world would come. What do you think of something like that?" They said, "Well, the pyramids were built by pagan Egyptians that didn't believe in the true God. They were idolaters." So I said, "Okay, that makes sense. What about a man who makes a pronouncement speaking for God that God lives in the star system Pleiades on the star called Alcyone? What would you say about a man that does that? He's speaking for God," and they said, "Oh, that's worship of the heavens. That's occult. That's not of God. You know, it has to be in the Bible. It has to be in the Bible."

So I was just asking the questions as we went along here as the Lord permitted me and I could see those other Jehovah's Witnesses coming back this way, right? And they didn't look happy that I was talking to these 2 right here and so I mentioned another thing. "What about a man that speaks for God and makes a declaration that demons can be saved because, after all, there are honest demons who seek repentance? What would you say about that?" "Oh, that's absurd." About that time, the other Jehovah's Witnesses, the 3 that had gone down the street had gotten back to where I was with these 2 Jehovah's Witnesses.

("About the demons?")

Well, I'm going to tell you in just a second. You see, what happened is when the other Jehovah's Witnesses came up, they did exactly like I thought. They had probably seen those tracts I was leaving as I was coming up to meet them over here and they were trying to, you know, they grabbed the arms of the others and said, "It's time for us to go. We have another appointment," which wasn't true but they're only following Watchtower doctrine because in the "Aid to Bible Understanding" book they define what the word "lying" is and the Jehovah's Witnesses, the governing body defines the word "lie" as "not telling the truth to someone who is entitled to it. That's a quote from their "Aid to Bible Understanding." But not telling the truth to someone who is entitled to it so just a reference from my notes here and to give a little background to that, they consider people like myself as an opposer. They class me as an opposer and opposers are someone that you're not supposed to talk to, or shun, or even associate with and you get away from them immediately and it talks about here in this quote they consider me an enemy, you know, of the true Christian religion. I'm quoting the Watchtower here from the Watchtower, July 15, 1961, page 420, they say, "Then in order to hate what is bad a Christian must hate the person with whom the badness is inseparably linked so you don't only hate the bad teaching they're giving you but you've got to hate the person because he's the one that's inseparably linked with that badness, okay? Like I said, the Watchtower, July 15, 1961, page 420. And then to back it up they say, "How are Jehovah's Witnesses to hate?" Now, this is coming from the Watchtower, October 1, 1952, page 599. "How are Jehovah's Witnesses to hate." They say, "We must hate in the truest sense which is to regard with extreme and active aversion, to consider as loathsome, odious, filthy, to detest." Okay, so obviously I do not being an opposer in their theology, I do not rate being entitled to the truth under their definition of what a lie is so that's what I always get, "Well, we've got another appointment. We really must go,"

you know, which is not true but yet they don't have another appointment, they just don't want to talk to me anymore.

("Question.") Well, you've got to remember here, you're dealing with people who you can show them something point blank like that, in fact, it's even on here, "But didn't Jesus say love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you? Matthew 5:43-44. Yes," says the Watchtower, "that is true but when a person persists in opposing their teachings," they say.... what I just quoted you all a minute ago. So this is a classic rationalization. You've got a verse but you're going to find a way to get around it, you know, and they do with a ton of verses. We probably don't have time to go into it and all those things but anyway, to continue to what I was saying and to get back to Ross's question here, I saw time was up. The Lord was rapidly closing my opportunity because these others were trying to drag them off and I said, "Well, just before you go," and I finally opened my briefcase, "Just a couple of things I want to show you." We had been standing here for about 20 minutes talking about these things, false prophets, what about the guy with the pyramids, what about God living in the star system Pleiades on star Alcyone and all these other teachings that we were going over and demons being saved, well, at that point, with the other one tugging on her arm, they did hang in there for a minute and I handed them these books. Here's one by a counter of the Jehovah's Witnesses, "The Time is at Hand." If you want to get a joke on that, read Luke 21:8 and then remember this title of Charles Taze Russell's book here.

But I handed them this book and showed them, not that much time here, but I guess for the sake of the tape I could give you a couple of quotes here. I handed them this and I showed them where Charles Taze Russell predicted the end times in 1914. This book is from 1909. He's the very founder of their organization and we'll look in their brief history here in the lecture outline in just a second but he states in here on page 76, "In this chapter we present the Bible evidence proving that the full end of the time of the Gentiles, i.e. the full end of their lease of dominion, will be reached in A.D. 1914 and that date will be the farthest limit of the rule of imperfect men." And he goes through all these things talking about how God is going to set up his kingdom and overthrow, you know, these earthly kingdoms that we have here. On page 98, he says, "True, it is expecting great things to claim as we do that within the coming 26 years all present governments will be overthrown and dissolved but we are living in a special and peculiar time. The day of Jehovah in which matters culminate quickly and it is written, "A short work will the Lord make on the earth," and going down the page here a little bit, "We consider it an established truth that the final end of the kingdoms of this world and the full establishment of the kingdom of God will be accomplished at the end of A.D. 1914." Then I think it's on page, let me get the cross reference, yeah, he says right here, "The kingdom of God will be established," this is on page 101. He says, "that it is pointed out in prophecy as due to begin the exercise of power in 1878 and that the battle of the great day of God Almighty, Revelation 16:14, will end in A.D. 1914 with the complete overthrow of earth's present rulership, has already commenced." He's basically talking about, you know, that great day of Armageddon and things.

This kind of shook them up because what happened was I started to tell them right off because I could see time was running out that everything we've been talking about the last 20 minutes was all Watchtower doctrine. It was all taught by the Jehovah's Witnesses and all that time they were condemning all these teachings of being of the devil, false. But, you see, I had been able to do it by asking questions and letting them give me answers to those questions but, you see, I kind of controlled the conversation by asking the questions and let them tell me. You know, you could start to see them shake and get nervous and everything because these weren't some photo reprint of some book, I mean, these were the actual books, "The Time is at Hand," from his "Studies in the Scripture." In fact, Charles Taze Russell had said that if you can't really read the Bible alone, you must have his "Studies in the Scriptures" otherwise you'll go into darkness within 2 years.

So I showed them that. I showed them this book by their second president, also by the Watchtower Society called "Reconciliation," and on page 14, "Judge" Rutherford who wrote this book, he was the president of the Watchtower Society taught that "the greatness in size of other stars or planets is small when compared with the Pleiades in importance because the Pleiades is the place of the eternal throne of God," that's page 14. The Jehovah's Witness trying to break it up had this book in her hand yesterday and she read that and just like you can tell when something got through, it shook her up. She handed the book back to me quickly and tried to get the rest going out but the point was made because it was right there and then all these other things we were talking about.

I pulled out this book, "Angels." I had been talking about demons can be saved. Once again, it's a Watchtower publication. Their second president, "Judge" Rutherford had declared that the Holy Spirit had ceased in its operation and power in 1918, okay? And now all direction from God coming from the Pleiades, I guess, because he had stated before that it took the Holy Spirit about 10 days to get to the earth from where God was because they don't believe the Holy Spirit is God, they believe it's just a power force like electricity, you know, but I've often wondered when Jesus says, "If you blaspheme the Holy Spirit, you're guilty of eternal sin," but I've also wondered, "How do you blaspheme a power being? Or an electrical current?" It doesn't make a whole lot of sense.

But anyway, in this book, he says on page 43 in the book "Angels," he says, "What Jehovah has in store for these sons of God," now, I'm kind of skipping some of this because he's already set up this conversation back in here, the spirits who are being held for judgment. So what Jehovah has in store for these "sons of God who became disobedient," and this is establishing what he was saying before about demons and stuff, "who became disobedient, the Scriptures do not reveal but if at Armageddon any of them do take a positive and unequivocal stand on the side of Jehovah and gladly leave it to Jehovah where to place them, they may be recovered and returned to some place in his organization." Now, he's talking about the evil spirits that have fallen and he's saying they may be restored. Now, he's not sure but if they do a good job for God on Armageddon, they could be restored to God's kingdom even though there's been no sacrifice for their sins because Jesus was a man, he wasn't an angel. Of course, in their theology Jesus is an angel but maybe that's where he got it from.

But one thing about his teachings and I don't have time to go into it because I'm running out of time rapidly as it is, but you're seeing a lot of how effective this can be because in almost all the early doctrines contradict their later doctrines. I talked about the pyramids. How did Charles Taze Russell come up with that 1914 date? He used pyramidology. He felt that the pyramids by the inches, each inch related to a year and I've got photo reprints of Watchtower doctrine, Watchtower magazine where he's teaching this stuff and coming up with the calculation.

("Question.") Well, he also used some other strange doctrines and things to come up with the year, in fact, we'll talk about a couple of those in just a second. But he really believed in pyramids, in fact, so much that if you go and check out his grave site where he's buried, a big old pyramid and on it he has a crown with a cross. You've seen that where the crown is kind of inside and the cross is in there like that? You see, the Jehovah's Witnesses used to teach, their books were full of Jesus was crucified on a cross but then they changed the doctrine later. So even their own founder, Charles Taze Russell here, the founder taught pyramidology, he believed in the cross, how the Jehovah's Witness, they think you're an apostate idolater, you know, for me wearing this cross on my neck here. No telling what goes through their mind when they see that but they think it's a terrible symbol but then when you remember the Scriptures, it teaches that there are people that are enemies of Christ. They are enemies of the cross of Christ. It kind of makes sense there.

But these things, you know, the Lord, you know, people aren't going to just throw away their religion right there on the spot, okay? What happened was I was able to prove in saying I had their primary documentation, this other book which I also mentioned here, it's incredible, "The Finished Mystery," also written by Charles Taze Russell. I had this book. Charles Taze Russell said he was the messenger to this epoch in church age, the faithful and wise servant. It's on pages 3, 4 and 5. But, of course, today the Watchtower teaches that it is the governing body of Jehovah's Witnesses that are the faithful and wise servant. He says Revelation 8:11 refers to John Calvin. He makes specific quotes about, what he says, Revelation 14:6 is a specific prophecy about his first book that he printed.

As you go through his teachings it gets ridiculous but the Jehovah's Witnesses today don't know these things and so what I saw yesterday was a bunch of frightened ladies trying to escape me. I had the briefcase here and we carried on this conversation as I'm talking about, trying to show them books as they were moving on. I must have been about 100 yards from this thing and down the sidewalk because they were just walking away and I kept walking with them, showing them things as much as I could. They kind of haltingly talked with me as they tried to retreat away from here so I knew the points were established, you know, but the shocker was they had already condemned all of this and then to see it in their publications was quite a shocking situation.

So, you know, I'm praying for them now that this might be the crack in that foundation. Maybe now, I mean, this has got to be turning some wheels in their heads and that's what you've got to do. But if I had stood out there and preached at them and talked Scripture at them, you know, I'm sure they just would have fluffed me off but it's a different story

when you're using their primary documents and showing them the ridiculousness of it. Of course, about that time that they waited, 3 more Jehovah's Witnesses came up in a car and it was 3 black men and they got out of the car and kind of ran interference for the ladies to get away. I didn't mind because I felt in that case the ladies hearts had been exposed to plenty of material in that little encounter.

Well, the other men started talking with me and they got into "Faithful and Wise Servant" stuff, you know, Charles Taze Russell is the servant. What? That shocked them because it's this faithful and discreet slave class of Jehovah's Witnesses now, not just one man like it was back then. And we talked for about 15 minutes and they were getting ready to leave and I could see it and the last thing I said to them, these were 3 black gentlemen and I said, "Well, what would you say about a man that taught that if you were born with black skin you had the curse of Cain? That segregation should be enforced? You know, blacks shouldn't be with whites? Actually, a man could be blessed by turning white if he had black skin?" Well, they didn't have any response because they were already kind of turned off to me and they didn't really answer my question there but they were getting ready to drive off and I said, "What I just told you is all in the Watchtower magazines taught by the leaders and the founders and I've got the primary documentation if you'll stay and listen and I'll be glad to show it to you." Of course, I could see that kind of got to them but they said, "Well, no thanks and we'll see you later," and they drove off and left me with the neighborhood so I went ahead and tracted out all the houses they had been to on 2 streets and went on back to my house and went to bed.

But the opportunity was there. Like I said, one man with the truth can eliminate a whole army of people that don't have the truth. At the Watchtower conventions, I stand there with them all around me. They leave me and like I told them, it's a double standard to attack everybody else and not be willing to have your own religion researched. You attack everyone ruthlessly but the minute you say someone tries to research you, you accuse us of persecuting you. We're simply defending the faith as Christ commanded. You know, you've got to reason some of these things out with them as there is opportunity but the Lord granted me an excellent opportunity there and also gave me some great material for this talk today which is a lot different from Monday night's talk where I kind of went more through this lecture outline point by point but the lecture outline is pretty concise and I don't think I need to, since I went through it pretty much in the other lecture just to give for the sake of time right now and the other one is covered in detail and it's written out here pretty clearly. I think I'll just let you all read that on your own and you can see how having some history of the Jehovah's Witnesses and getting your hands which is easily accessible, I mean, simply because you know me, you can get photocopies if you had an opportunity to witness or something or the Christian bookstores have these books on how to deal with Jehovah's Witness.

I've asked Ray, like I said, you can't use a Christian book with them, you have to Xerox and get photocopies but as we go through here, I'll kind of skip over all the presidents and things. All these things in the lecture outline is pretty clear. I'd draw your attention to the third page on your lecture outline because that relates with point 2 on the lecture outline which says "Watchtower Authority" and you can see and just for the sake of the

tape here, I'll just read one thing here from the Watchtower, April 1, 1972. Point 1 says: they have accepted the organization as a prophet of God. This is the way the Jehovah's Witnesses look at the Jehovah's Witness organization. "They shall know that a prophet was among 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." That's on page 197 of the Watchtower, April 1, 1972 and continuing on page 200, they said, "Jehovah's Witnesses today make their declaration of the good news of the kingdom under angelic direction," that's kind of interesting. We're going to look at that in a second. "And support. Yes, the time must come shortly that the nations will have to know that really a prophet of Jehovah was among them." This is on page 200 of that April Fool's Day, 1972 Watchtower.

This next point and that's where I'll get back to the board here as we race along. The false prophecies of the Watchtower. I think we kind of covered that pretty good, at least some of them. I mean, there's a vast array. I didn't even scratch the tip of the iceberg in all the material that's available to show them. Deuteronomy 18:20-22 is a good passage to kind of set up before you get into the false prophets because that tells you that if a person speaks as a prophet of God then what he says has to come true. If it doesn't, he's a false prophet. Of course, we know from past Jehovah's Witness history they predicted the end of the world in 1914, 1925, 1975 particularly. Most of them know about 1975 and 1914. They've had other excuses to rationalize it away but most of them don't know about 1925 of which one book that I never got to show them yesterday but "Millions now living will never die." This is another Watchtower book. Oh, and this picture. You see, they used to put in their publications Jesus dying on a cross on a torture stake. This is a photo reprint from another one of their books.

But anyway, that's beside the point. The key here is the false prophecies are incredible. Did you have a question? Deuteronomy 18. Yeah, it's on your lecture outline. Deuteronomy 18:20-22 and, you know, they stated that the kingdom rule started in 1878. Of course, now they've changed that to 1914 and then they also taught that the invisible presence of Christ came in 1874 and they taught that for 50 years. Of course, now they changed that to 1914 also. That was when Christ came back invisibly like we kind of started out with and they said the last days as mentioned in I think it's in 1 John or 2 John, began in 1799. They get that from some more of this crazy chronology ideas. In fact, if I had time, which I don't, their 1914 date which is essential to them because they believe that's when Christ set up his invisible kingdom. 1918 is when he entered into the spiritual temple and that generation from 1914 will not pass away before Armageddon comes. So they're always looking right around the corner for the end of the world and, like I said in the other class, they've now prophesied 1999 as the end time. They said within 10 years and they prophesied this, I think it was in the January 1, 1989 Watchtower that "within 10 years our work will be completed."

So they can't stop doing what they're doing, I guess but anyway, we didn't get into the Trinity and other things I wanted to talk about but now, let's look at this thing and we'll wrap up. Point 4 on doctrines of demons. I'll read that very quickly for you. It's very true

in the case of the Jehovah's Witnesses. 1 Timothy 4:1-3, "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth." Now, I could have fun with verse 3 about the forbidding to marry because the Jehovah's Witnesses have done that several times when they're prophesying Armageddon, you know, within the next year or two and so it wasn't a very good idea to get married right now. You might as well wait and get married after Armageddon when we go into this paradise earth because they believe most Jehovah's Witnesses will not go to heaven, they'll stay here on paradise earth and only 144,000 will go to heaven. Anyway, no time to explain that.

This is really true, doctrines of demons, speaking lies and hypocrisy, verse 2 there. Most of the headquarter people at Jehovah's Witnesses, the governing body of Jehovah's Witnesses, already know about all these things that we were talking before that I was talking about with the Jehovah's Witnesses in the neighborhood yesterday. They already know that they prophesied all these false things. They've got all the books, all the references. They know Charles Taze Russell has a pyramid on his tombstone. All these things they know but they still propagate all this false doctrine and teaching and they don't tell anybody about it.

Now, I mentioned earlier and this is the clue that I'm going to mention of some of the doctrines of demons and give you a last example, we'll look at them real quickly here.

1. Denial of the Trinity.
2. Jesus is not God.
3. Jehovah only is God, just the Father.
4. Michael is a god.
5. Christ's body was not resurrected.
6. Christ's body was dematerialized.
7. There is no eternal hell.
8. Higher powers of Romans 13 are not earthly governments.
9. The Bible is not inspired or dependable, that's what they said in their New World Translation. That's why they had to come up with their own translation because the other one was not dependable.
10. The Christian church today is not preaching the Gospel.

There are a lot of other doctrines of demons but those are some of the main ones there. Well, I mentioned before like when I was talking to the Jehovah's Witnesses about contacting spirit guides and mediums, that's exactly what the Watchtower Society has done for decades in that they compiled their own Bible, John 1:1, essential verse, "In the beginning was the Word. The Word was with God and the Word was God," and we know in verse 14 it says, "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us." So it's basically saying Jesus is God there. That's what the Jehovah's Witnesses despise so in their translation they translate it, "In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God and the Word

was a god," small g, equating Jesus with just another created angel and they do believe that Michael the archangel.

But what they've done in their books and in references when they quote somebody to support their doctrine, in almost every major translation translated "the Word was God" and nobody translates it "a god" except they found this book and also Benjamin Wilson's "Emphatic Diaglott" but even that doesn't help that much. I could explain that but with time running out, I'm just going to race ahead here. But they quote this guy and I was showing this also to the Jehovah's Witnesses as we were getting further away from my briefcase yesterday. They quote this guy in many of their publications. In fact, I was asking them to check out their own references. All these Watchtower publications quote Johannes Greber, not only on this verse but other passages where they have kind of a peculiar doctrine or change in the Bible that teaches just a certain way and they go to this man to give them scholarly support, okay, like he's some kind of expert but what we're going to find out about this guy, why do they quote this guy in so many places particularly in John 1:1? Johannes Greber, when they write in their book that he's a Roman Catholic priest, they don't say anything else much about him but he translated an entire New Testament, the whole New Testament, and this particular translation is the one they go to to back up their translation because, you see, in John 1:1 and I showed this to them yesterday, they translate it just the same, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, the Word was a god." Do you see that red thing here? That shows they translate it just like the Jehovah's Witnesses. That's why I like to quote this guy.

But now how did he come up with this Bible? He came up with this Bible as he says here after talking about contradictions of the Bible, you can't trust the Bible, he says, "Well, we need to come up with a reliable translation," so he's going to come up with one. He said, "At times he was given the correct answers in large illuminated letters and words passing before his eyes. Other times he was given the correct answers during prayer meetings. His wife, a medium of God's spirit world, was often instrumental in conveying the correct answers from God's messengers to Pastor Greber." So in other word, he translated the whole New Testament through his spiritistic medium wife or through large letters and words passing before his eyes or in prayer meetings. And as you go through here, all kinds of changes. Here's how he does the Lord's prayer, of course, the Jehovah's Witnesses don't go along with this one so they don't quote it in their books. But it says, "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy spirit world come to us."

He wrote this other book and I'm going to include on this, this is also by Johannes Greber, the same one that the Jehovah's Witnesses quote a lot, he says, "Communication with the spirit world of God," and he comes up with all, you know, it's like a doctrine book. If you want to know about God from his contact with the spirits, this is your theology book to learn about God and it's interesting because "Judge" Rutherford, their second president, had access to all these kind of spiritistic books, not only these but others and personal contact with a lot of these spiritists and that how he came up with all these strange doctrines when he talks about demons being saved. I mean, I could give you the references but, like I said, I've got 6 or 7 hours worth, I said this on Monday, I haven't

said this to you yet, I've got 7 or 8 hours, maybe 6 hours, of solid material I could just present hour after hour. I've only got an hour so I can't tell you everything.

Anyway, so, let's see what the spirits told him about God and it will be very interesting. He says God has a shape or an organism, page 261. God is not omnipresent. Well, the Jehovah's Witnesses don't believe that God is everywhere. They believe he's out somewhere in a set place. Today's Jehovah's Witnesses don't believe he's in the star system Pleiades but they believe he's in a set place somewhere called the throne of God but they still don't believe he's just omnipresent. Very similar teachings here: God does not have perfect foreknowledge. The Jehovah's Witnesses, I think it was early Watchtower publications taught, "Well, God is not all knowing because, after all, there's just too much to know." So you can't know everything. That's what these spirits have taught Pastor Greber who in this book, influence Watchtower teachings. God is not a Trinity, this is page 265. 265 has a lot of their doctrine. Only the Father is God. There is no hell. Christ is not God but the greatest created spirit. Jesus did not rise physically from the dead. Here he talks about how it's important to get a hold of inspiration mediums for their knowledge on God, of course, the Jehovah's Witnesses say that they are the medium of God's, their the only true channel.

Do you remember, what's her name, that lady that wrote the book "Dancing in the Light"? Shirley MacLaine, she says channeling is the way to go. Well, they say they're the only true channel and they're the only medium for God. I mean, they use these words in the Watchtower and it's very interesting how it relates in with spirit medium, occult channeling and so I'll wrap it up on that. You can see the similarities. This is really occultic doctrines of demons, I mean, right down the line and all I can say is if you know how to refute Jehovah's Witnesses on not only biblical doctrine and their history but then you're pretty much set for all these other false religions out there because the Jehovah's Witnesses have doctrines of demons right down the line.

Well, thank you so much for coming today. I appreciate it and there are other materials up here if you'd like to get your hands on some more tracts or more information. It's all free. Thank you.

Are doctrines of demons synonymous with doctrines of Jehovah's Witnesses? Doctrines of demons are mentioned in 1 Timothy 4:1. The following are direct quotes from a demon through spirit medium, Johannes Greber, who is used by the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society.

1. Jesus Christ is not God and your reference for that from Greber's book is right there.
2. Jehovah only is God the Father. Once again, another quote from Greber's book, "Communication with the Spirit World," pages 331, 333, 328 and 302.
3. Jesus Christ is a created being, once again, from Greber's book, page 301.
4. Michael is a god and this comes from "Dictionary of the Angels," by Gustav Davidson.

5. Christ's body was not resurrected. Once again, Greber's book covers this, page 385.
6. Body of Jesus was dematerialized, Greber, page 385.
7. There is no eternal hell, Greber, page 379.
8. Higher powers of Romans 13 are not the earthly governments, Greber's book, "Communication with the Spirit World," pages 414-15.
9. The Bible is not inspired or dependable. That's coming from Greber's, "The New Testament," by Johannes Greber, page 15.
10. The Christian church today is not preaching the Gospel. Once again, that's from his "Communications with the Spirit World," page 426.

Now, when we look at the doctrines of Jehovah's Witnesses we find an eerie similarity.

1. Jesus Christ is not God coming from the Watchtower book "The Word, Who is He?" page 40.
2. Jehovah only is God the Father. That's from their book, "Jehovah," page 8.
3. Jesus Christ is a created being. That's coming from their book, "Aid to Bible Understanding," page 918 which we've already shown in this video production.
4. Michael is a god, "Aid to Bible Understanding," page 1152.
5. Christ's body was not resurrected and this is found in 2 Jehovah's Witness books, "Time is at Hand," page 128 and "Things in which it is Impossible for God to Lie," page 355.
6. Body of Jesus was dematerialized. That's from the Jehovah's Witness book, "Time is at Hand," page 129.
7. There is no eternal hell from the Jehovah's Witness book, "Is This Life All There Is?" page 96.
8. Higher powers of Romans 13 are not earthly governments. This is coming from the Watchtower magazine, January 15, 1946, page 27.
9. The Bible is not inspired or dependable. This is coming from the foreword of the Jehovah's Witness book, "Kingdom Interlinear," page 7.
10. The Christian church today is not preaching the Gospel and this comes from Pastor Russell who is the founder of Jehovah's Witnesses. Pastor Russell's book, "Finished Mystery," page 485.

The following is an excerpt from another series entitled "Answering the Cults: Jehovah's Witnesses, Part 2."

John 14:28 is another favorite, "My Father is greater than I," and they try to say, "See, he couldn't be God because his Father is greater than him," you know. Then Philippians 2 which we talked about before, they say, "Well, he took upon himself the form of a servant and humbled himself and so you see he's just a servant. He can't be God," and all this kind of stuff. Their New World translation really perverts that area because it says, "Who being in the form of God thought it not robbery to be equal with God." They kind of change that up a little in their translation.

Anyway, they'll use those passages like that to say Jesus is not God but I think in, particularly when I was talking a couple of weeks ago when I talked about who is Jesus, you know, we've got that poster up there and we went over a lot of the verses here. I think I've already covered this in some detail answering these arguments. I know I talked about Revelation 3:14 from the Greek. The word beginning there is arche meaning architect so it doesn't mean what they're saying it means that he is the originator or source of creation. He doesn't have a beginning, he is the architect of creation so it means exactly the opposite and we know from Philippians 2 which I also went into detail, that Jesus was 100% man, 100% God while he was here on the earth as a man. Obviously in position, his Father was greater than him being in heaven and Jesus humbling himself as a servant but that doesn't mean he was no less God, he simply as a man was not exercising all his divine attributes so when he made that statement as a man, it was true. He didn't say God the Father was better than him. You have the president who can be, you know, if I said Ronald Reagan is better than I am, that would imply his essential nature, he's just a better person overall. But now if I said Ronald Reagan is greater than I, what I'm saying basically is he's the president and he can command armies to attack nations and he's got all this power and I can't do that, you know, so positionally by saying that, he is greater in that sense that he's president and I'm not. But if I said he's better than I am, then I would be implying something different. I wouldn't be implying a position, I'd be implying the essence, the man himself is better than I am as a man or something like that. So basically I've already covered a lot of their arguments there.

This is another verse that the Watchtower and others denying the divinity of Christ select from the body of Scriptures as a whole to support their teaching. What actually did Jesus mean by saying his Father was greater than himself? To arrive at a correct understanding, we need to compare this verse with other Scriptures speaking of the person of Jesus to receive further light. Firstly, we need to note that Jesus does not say that Jehovah is better than I. The word used here in John 14:28 is meizon, greater, and is a term relative to position. Better is relative to nature. By position, the Father is greater than the Son. By nature, they are both one. This can be seen by comparing the verse with Hebrews 1:4. In John 14:28, if the meaning of the verse had been intended to be better by nature, then the word kreitton would have been used as in Hebrews 1:4 which describes Jesus as being better than the angels.

Why is the Father spoken of as greater in position here? Light is thrown upon this in Philippians 2:6-8. In order to take our place and make a full and complete atonement, Jesus had to completely identify with us by becoming fully human, in the process divesting himself totally of his divine glory and power and taking upon himself the frailty of our human nature to take the place that we deserve upon the cross.

The steps down that Jesus took are shown in Philippians 2 from verse 7: he made himself of no reputation, took the form of a slave and the likeness and appearance of men, humbled himself and became obedient unto death even the death of the cross. This then is the position upon earth that it was necessary for Jesus to willingly take in order to die as

our Savior. If as the Son of man Jesus was truly man by nature, then as the Son of God, he was also truly God by nature.

To summarize, John 14:28 is a description of Jesus' position as a servant and not a comparison of nature or quality unlike Hebrews 1:4 where the word kreitton is used to make a qualitative distinction.

They'll use other Scriptures like Jesus is the power and wisdom of God. They'll quote out Proverbs 8:2, that's another favorite one, trying to make Jesus, you know, linking it with 1 Corinthians 1:24, trying to make him just a power and wisdom of God, not he was created because in Proverbs 8:22 it says, "The Lord possessed me and before the foundation of the earth," something like that. To save time I won't read it all but they're trying to make it look like he was created there but anyone that looks at Proverbs 8 and 9 sees that it does. It's mainly Hebrew poetry and wisdom there is talked of in the female gender, you know, and not even women's lib as Walter Barnes says again. Not even women's lib has come up with a female Messiah for Jesus. So we find there just reading the context of Proverbs 8 and 9 that it's just Hebrew poetry talking about wisdom, whereas the Jehovah's Witnesses try to make it mean Jesus but the burden of proof is on them and they can't prove it at all, especially since it's in the female gender and any knowledge at all of Hebrew poetry discards our argument there.

We talked about Colossians 1:15, firstborn of creation, we went over that in detail a couple of weeks ago. They always try to say Jesus couldn't be God because he prayed to the Father, John 17, things like that. Once again, we know the distinction of the persons in the Trinity, that goes back to our Trinity talk. And they'll use numerous other verses. John 1:1, they'll use that and try to force their interpretation on it but I won't dwell too much more on that since I've covered all that pretty much in detail in previous talks but I will talk about here some of their other things.

Their doctrines of God, they deny the Trinity as we know. They believe that Jehovah is only the Father. The Father is only God and then Jesus is a created being and the Holy Spirit is simply an active force, like a power that the Father Jehovah sends out to his followers. They have various little verses, they don't really have much to back that up but they'll use...but we've gone over that in some detail during the Trinity night. Also, in Act 13:2, the Holy Spirit says, "separate me, Barnabus from Paul," and 1 Corinthians 12, the gifts of the Holy Spirit were given by the will of the Holy Spirit, whom he wills and stuff like this. These refute their arguments.

So as far as God, the Holy Spirit, all that has been pretty well explained already in previous talks. What I want to do is tell you what answered Dave's earlier question now about, he said, "What about their concept of salvation?" You know, I'll just read the direct quote here. Concept of salvation, "You must love Jehovah's universal sovereignty just as his Son Jesus does. You must uphold it and proclaim it and remain true to it at all costs until it is vindicated, only then may you survive Armageddon," and that's from, "You May Survive Armageddon Into God's New World," page 30. Then the other quote

here is, "The people who will receive the resurrection of life will be the ones who did good things," and that's from "Paradise Lost to Paradise Regained," page 228.

So your concept of salvation there is basically a works salvation. We know that Galatians totally refutes any kind of works salvation, by grace are you saved, not of works, lest any man should boast.

Hello, this is Larry Wessels, Director of Christians Answers of Austin, Texas, Christian debater. Before we begin our program, I'd like to let you know that free newsletters are available from our ministry. Just email us at cdebater@aol.com and give us your mailing address and we'll mail them out to you for free. You can also call us at 512-218-8022 and leave your address there. You can also access all our newsletters online by going to one of our three websites called biblequery.org. Once on the homepage, simply click on the "Experience" box and then scroll down to the "Newsletter" section as shown here.

Since our #1 most watched video of the over 548 videos we have produced for YouTube at the time of this recording is "Unpopular Bible Doctrines #1: the Biblical God no one wants to know," with over 433,000 viewings, our latest newsletter is called "Unpopular Topic: How Sovereign is God?" Our second most viewed YouTube video is "6 year old wife of Mohammed was okay by the Muslim God Allah but not by the biblical God of Jesus," with over 341,000 viewings. We also have 3 newsletters available on Islam.

Our video debate, "Larry Wessels versus 2 Jehovah's Witnesses at a university study center" currently has close to 150,000 views. See our newsletter on the Jehovah's Witnesses, "Jehovah's Witnesses: Deceived Deceivers."

Our video, "Is Jesus God Almighty in the flesh meaning the second person of the Trinity or is he something else?" has over 101,000 viewings. See our newsletter, "Testimony to the eternal Godhead: The Trinity."

Our video, "Biography: the famous 19th century Prince of Preachers, Charles Haddon Spurgeon, a man of God," has close to 89,000 views. See 2 of our newsletters with lead articles from sermons by Spurgeon.

Our video, "UFOs: Ancient aliens or beings of the fourth dimension, #1 fact or fiction," has over 207,000 viewings. Not only do UFOs and the occult use the same disciplines such as levitation, teleportation of objects, psychokinesis, clairvoyance, automatic writing and telepathy but their theologies are completely foreign to biblical Christianity. UFO theologies include everything from reincarnation and evolution to man achieving cosmic godhood but they do not include Jesus Christ as the only Mediator between God and man, 1 Timothy 2:5. We have 2 newsletters related to the world of the occult to which UFOs are a part.

Our video, "Former Roman Catholic bride of Christ nun testifies of abnormal life in the convent," has over 67,000 viewings.

Our video featuring former Roman Catholic Rob Zins who has a Master of Theology from Dallas Theological Seminary, "Historical split between Roman Catholicism and the Christ of the Scripture: Man's word or God's word," has over 53,000 viewings. See our 2 newsletters on the subject of Roman Catholicism.

Our video, "Cult of Ellen G. White, #1: Beginnings of the 19th century religion called Seventh Day Adventism," has over 48,000 viewings and features former Seventh Day Adventist, Wallace Slattery who has 44 years experience with this religion. Our playlist called "Dealing with Seventh Day Adventism and their prophetess," features 15 videos with 14 hours of material. See our newsletter, "Seventh Day Adventism: True or false?"

For theological music lovers, see our video, "Favorite old time Christian bluegrass Gospel music: Psalm 98:4-5" with over 214,000 viewings.

We have also posted several music videos by my own daughter, Marlena Wessels, from her CD "Win this fight," songs she has written and performed herself.

To see our music videos, please go to our main YouTube channel page, scroll down to our multiple playlists, arrow over to our playlist called "Our radio shows with national Christian authors and music vids." Once there, scroll down to the bottom of the playlist where the music videos are listed.

I could go on and on but this should be sufficient for now. Don't forget to check out our main YouTube channel CAnswersTV which stands for Christian Answers Television also which has over 19 playlists by topic as you scroll down our channel page.