

The Deception at the Door – Jehovah’s Witnesses

In 1872, a pastor named Charles Taze Russell (1852-1916), organized an inconspicuous Bible Study Group in Allegheny, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. USA. Less than a decade later, this study group became the Zion's Watch Tower Tract Society. Pastor Russell became its founder president. Subsequently, the Society decided to drop the word "Zion's" from its name that depicted affiliation with Israel. The movement adopted the name Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society. In 1931, the movement adopted the name "Jehovah's Witnesses" which has remained unchanged to this date. The Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society is one of the world’s largest publishers of literature, including the Jehovah Witnesses’ *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures*.

Some of the doctrinal teachings of the Jehovah’s Witnesses

1. Deny the deity of Jesus Christ
2. Deny that Jesus is God
3. Jesus is Michael the Archangel and was never resurrected
4. Jesus Christ’s body was destroyed by God, but recreated as a man only to live eternally here in the Earth’s paradise.
5. Only the anointed of the Jehovah’s Witnesses will live in heaven (144, 000)
6. Salvation is only guaranteed based on being a faithful Jehovah’s Witness by satisfying the organization
7. Deny that the Holy Spirit is a person, but God’s impersonal, active force equal to that of electricity

Refuting the message of the Jehovah’s Witnesses

Fact: *Jesus is not an angel, but God’s only begotten Son, the Word*

Scriptures supporting this fact: Ps.102: 26-28, Deut.32: 39, Ex.20: 3, Is.43: 10, Jn.1: 1, Jn.20: 28, Is.44: 24, Heb.1: 3-4, Heb.1: 10, Ex.3: 15-18, 20: 7, Deut.5: 11, Acts.7: 55, 59

The three clauses of John 1: 1

1. In the beginning was the Word,
Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν ὁ λόγος,
2. and the Word was with God,
καὶ ὁ λόγος ἦν πρὸς τὸν θεόν
3. and the Word was God.
καὶ θεὸς ἦν ὁ λόγος.