**“A Biblical Evaluation of the Jehovah’s Witness Cult”**

(Sunday Morning May 23rd, 2021)

**Selected Scriptures** (Isaiah 7:14)

***1 Kings 18:40 “Then Elijah said to them, ‘Seize the prophets of Baal; do not let one of them escape.’ So they
 seized them; and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there.”
Acts 13:10-11; Jude 1:4; Gal 1:8 (References)***

**A cult is any religious group which, although it distorts the gospel and displaces Jesus Christ as the only true Lord, claims authorization of it’s teachings a\_\_\_\_\_\_ b\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and Biblical.**

***1 John 4:1 “…test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into
 the world”***

**I. We Should Expose Their F\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ P\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

***Matt 7:15-16 "15 Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous
 wolves. 16 "You will know them by their fruits…”***

**The most damning evidence against Charles Taze Russell comes in relation to his p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord’s return.**

**2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*1 Tim 3:3* *“***(An Elder is) …***not addicted to wine or pugnacious, but gentle, peaceable, free from the love of money”***

**The main problem I have with all of this is that Judge Rutherford made more than one prophetic prediction that d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ n\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ m\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

***Deut 18:20-22 (Turn and Read)***

**Question = Has the Watchtower Society ever made a prophetic claim that did not come to pass?
Answer = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**II. We Should Expose Their F\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ T\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**1) They Have D\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the S\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Four of the five so called *“translators”* of the New World Translation had no Hebrew or Greek training**

**at all; they had only a h\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ e\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

***Col 2:9 “Because it is in him that all the fulness of the divine quality dwells in bodily form”*** (NWT) **(Important Note = I DO NOT Consider the NWT to be a legitimate translation of the Bible)**

***Col 2:9 “For in Him all the fullness of* DEITY *dwells in bodily form”*** (Emphasis Added)

**2) They Have D\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the S\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

***John 14:16-17* *“16*** (Jesus Said) ***I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with
 you forever; 17  that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not
 see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.”***

***John 1:1* *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”
John 1:1* *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was a god”*** (NWT)

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***Matt 5:9* *“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.***”

***John 8:58* *“Jesus said to them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am.’”***

***John 8:58 “Jesus said to them: ‘Most truly I say to you, before Abraham came into existence I have been”*** (NWT)

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***John 8:24* *"Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am He, you will
 die in your sins."***

***Matt 2:11;8:2;9:18;14:33;John 20:28; Heb 1:6;Phil 2:9-11 (References)
Matt 18:20; 1 Cor 5:4; Luke 10:17; Acts 16:18; Luke 24:47; John 14:13-14; 15:16; 16:23-24;14:26;
Acts 3:16; 4:7-10,30; 1 Cor 1:12; Eph 1:21; Phil 2:9-11 (References)***

***Acts 1:8* *“but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses
 both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."***

**Question: Whose witnesses are we supposed to be?**

**Answer = We are Supposed to be J\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Witnesses**

**3) They Have D\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ From S\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

***1 Cor 15:3-4* *“3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins
 according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day
 according to the Scriptures”***

***Gal 2:16* *“nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ
 Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by
 the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified.”***

**Question = Someone Might Say “So Pastor, How Should I Go About Witnessing the Jehovah’s Witnesses
 When They Inevitably Come to My Door?
Answer = My First Answer is That Y\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ S\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

***2 John 10-11 “10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house,
 and do not give him a greeting;11 for the one who gives him a greeting participates in his evil deeds”***

***1 Tim 4:1 (Reference)*Ans = My Second Answer is to be A\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ P\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

***Eph 2:8-9 “8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;
 9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.”***

***Rom 3:23* *“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,”
John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall
 not perish, but have eternal life.”
Rom 10:9* “*that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him
 from the dead, you will be saved;”***