

How did the Jehovah's Witnesses begin?

Charles Taze Russell

1. Classified himself as on the same level as St. Paul, Wycliffe and Luther
2. Claimed his writings were more important to read than the Bible.
3. Divorced by his wife after six years of marriage on the grounds of adultery, conceit, egotism, and domination.
4. Controlled 990 of 1,000 shares of the Watchtower Society.
5. Marketed Miracle Wheat claiming five times larger yield... it was ordinary wheat.
6. Published sermons in newspapers about public speaking engagement that never transpired.
7. Perjured himself in court by claiming literacy in Hebrew and Greek but couldn't identify letters of the Greek alphabet.

Joseph Rutherford

Did the Jehovah's Witnesses make false prophecies?

1. They predicted 1914 would mark the overthrow of human government and the establishment of God's kingdom on earth.
"the full establishment of the Kingdom of God in the earth at A.D. 1914." -- Studies in the Scriptures, vol. 2 (Brooklyn: Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, 1888), pp. 98-99.
2. The Jehovah's Witnesses predicted that in 1925 select Old Testament saints (Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob) would rise from the grave and live in San Diego.
"1925 will mark the return of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and the faithful prophets of old." - Millions Now Living Will Never Die (Brooklyn: Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, 1920), pp. 88-90.
3. The Jehovah's Witnesses predicted that in 1975 human history would end and the 1,000 year reign of Christ would begin.
"There are only about ninety months [7½ years] left before 6,000 years of man's existence on earth is completed." - Awake! magazine, 8 October 1966, p. 19.

Jonah — Didn't other Bible prophets get their prophecies wrong?

What is the relationship between a Jehovah's Witness and their church?

"Is not the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society the one and only channel which the Lord has used in dispensing his truth continually since the beginning of the harvest period?" - The Watchtower, 1 April 1919, p. 6414.

"Jehovah's organization alone, in all the earth, is directed by God's holy spirit or active force." - The Watchtower, 1 July 1973, p. 402.

"Unless we are in touch with this channel of communication [The Watchtower Society] that God is using, we will not progress along the road to life, no matter how much Bible reading we do." - The Watchtower, 1 December 1981, p. 27.

"Avoid independent thinking...questioning the counsel that is provided by God's visible organization." - The Watchtower, 15 January 1983, p. 22.

Reading apostate literature (those who have left the organization) is as bad as reading pornographic literature. - The Watchtower, 15 March 1986, p. 14.

What is the New World Translation?

Translation "a frightful mistranslation," "erroneous," "pernicious," and "reprehensible." - Bruce Metzger, Theology Today, April 1953.

John 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God and the Word was [a] God. John 1:1

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us... No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known. John 1:14 + 18 (ESV)

Colossians 1:17

"By means of him all [other] things were created in the heavens and upon the earth, the things visible and the things invisible, no matter whether they are thrones or lordships or governments or authorities. All [other] things have been created through him and for him. Also, he is before all [other] things and by means of him all [other] things were made to exist" (brackets appear in NWT).

Jehovah isn't the name for God.

"Everyone who calls on the name of Jehovah will be saved." Romans 10:13 (NWT)

For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Romans 10:13 (ESV)

What do the Jehovah's Witnesses believe?

Jesus

"Jesus never claimed to be God. Everything he said about himself indicates that he did not consider himself equal to God in any way..." — - Should You Believe in the Trinity. Watchtower Society., pg. 16.

"We are not stoning you for any good work," they replied, "but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God." John 10:33 (NIV)

1. Jesus cannot be God. He doesn't know the hour of his return.

"But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Mark 13:32 (ESV)

2. Jesus is less than the Father. He is only a Son.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 (ESV)

3. Jesus cannot be God if he claims his father is greater.

...for the Father is greater than I. John 14:28 (ESV)

4. Jesus can not be God if he is described as the first created being.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. Colossians 1:15 (ESV)

The Atonement

"to get one's name written in that Book of Life will depend upon one's works." - The Watchtower magazine, 1 April 1947, p. 204.

What are strange Jehovah's Witness practices?

Vaccination

"vaccination is a direct violation of the everlasting covenant that God made with Noah after the flood." - Golden Age, 4 February 1931, p. 293.

Organ Donation

...organ transplants are a form of cannibalism and are not appropriate for Christians (The Watchtower, 15 November 1967, pp. 702-04.)

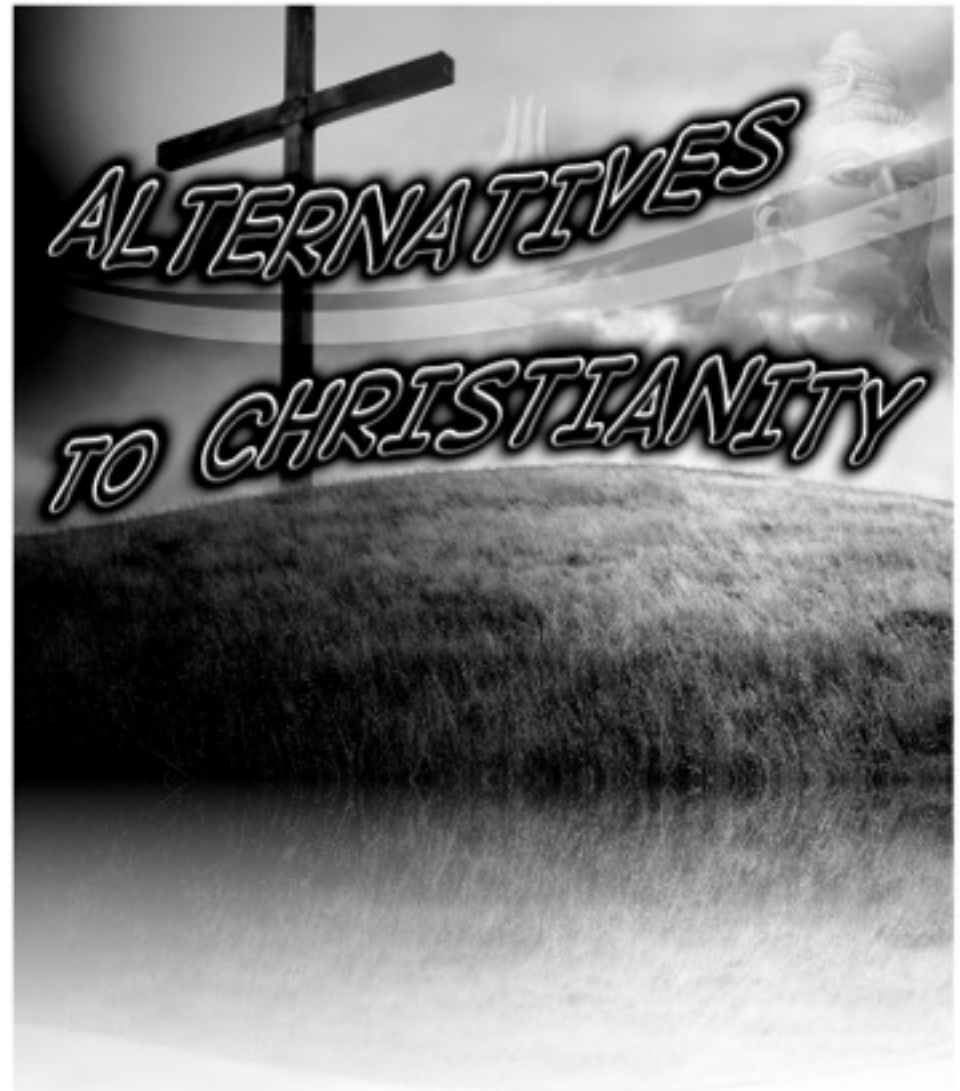
Blood Transfusion

...a blood transfusion "may result in the immediate and very temporary prolongation of life, but that at the cost of eternal life for a dedicated Christian." - Blood, Medicine, and the Law of God (Brooklyn: Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, 1961), p. 55.

Saluting the Flag

Birthdays

August 3 - Alternatives to Christianity - Moralistic Therapeutic Deism
August 10 - 1 Peter



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