

How to refute and answer Jehovah's Witnesses

Good reasoning was gathered here in order to refute false doctrines of Jehovah's Witnesses and to counter them with the Bible. The goal is to lovingly help sincere Jehovah's Witnesses, on the basis of 10 of their particular beliefs, to recognize their tragical delusion of what they believe to be the "truth" and to protect others from it.

Jesus is not an angel. In the brochure *Listen to God and live forever*, published by Jehovah's Witnesses, on page 6 in paragraph 2 it nevertheless says in many languages (other than English): "God's first creation was a very powerful angel. We know him today as Jesus Christ. God also created other angels."

But the Bible says Jesus is "the only-begotten god who is at the Father's side" (John 1:18). Even though Jesus is a *spirit being*, he is of the same kind as his heavenly father. Jesus equally is a godly being, a real god (Col 2:9; Phil 2:5-7). But he is *not a spirit creature* as is an angel, because Jesus was begotten or born from God, therefore not created outside of him (read Heb 1:1-14 to 2:5). No, he is the "only-begotten

son" of God (John 3:16, 18; 1. John 4:9). He was "brought forth as with labor pains" (Prov 8:22-25).

Being son of his father, who is God, logically Jesus is likewise a god - god from God - similarly as humans bring forth humans and not animals (John 5:17, 18, 23; 10:31-36; 19:7). All angels were later created by Jesus (Col 1:15-17). However, he is not a created angel, just as his father is not an angel (Luke 9:26; John 20:28). Jesus unquestionably is also a "true god"; he himself is "a god" (1. John 5:20; John 1:1-3).

If Jehovah's Witnesses say, Jesus is an angel, are they teaching biblical truth with this? (2. Cor 11:3, 4).

The archangel Michael is not Jesus, because Jesus is not an angel. Contrary to the teaching of Jehovah's Witnesses, there is other archangels or angelic princes additionally to Michael, "one of the foremost princes" (Dan 10:13; Luke 1:19). The Bible doesn't state this without reason.

The angelic princes are subordinate to Jesus. In the invisible realm there exist well-structured hierarchies. Jesus as king makes use of archangels in order to have an organized lead for the vast angelic multitude (Eph 1:20-22; 3:10; Col 1:16; 2:10; 1. Pet 3:22).

The archangel Michael only has a certain amount of angels under his command: just "his angels" (Rev 12:7). On the other hand, "all angels" of heaven are sub-ordinate to Jesus. He received them from his father (Mat 25:31; 11:27; 28:18). Just like him, now Jesus commands all these "armies of heavens" (plural!), that is to say various "armies" (plural!) (Psalm 103:20, 21; 148:2; Isa 1:9; Jer 32:18; Rom 9:29; Rev 19:14). Therefore, there exist multiple "armies" of faithful angels in heaven.

In there book *What does the Bible really teach?* this scripture is also mentioned on page 219, but still brazenly claims "God's Word nowhere indicates that there are two armies of faithful angels in heaven". To find personal evidence against this false statement one should simply open this scripture (Rev 19:14). The totality of "armies" of faithful angels follow Jesus. He ist the king. The archangel Michael in contrast only has one angelic army under his command.

Contrary to the opinion of Jehovah's Witnesses, the mentioned archangel of 1. Thes 4:16, 17 by no means is Jesus. Jesus is only using him; and the archangel in turn is using his own voice and a trumpet is being blown. Jesus Christ as king doesn't blow the trumpet himself; for this he has servants (Mat 24:31; 1. Cor 15:51, 52; Rev 8:2, 6-8, 10, 12; 9:1, 13; 10:7; 11:15).

Since Jehovah's Witness claim the archangel Michael is Jesus, are they teaching the truth?

Christ's return (Parousia) has not yet taken place. Jesus' true followers know that since his ascension to heaven and according to his own statements in Mathew 18:20 and 28:20, Christ is invisibly present. Hence, another "invisible presence" as the Witnesses teach (supposedly taking place since 1914), is logically not necessary.

The Parousia described in the Bible is something completely different and unique. It refers to a visible appearance of Christ (Mat 24:30; Luke 17:23, 24; Acts 1:9-11; Rev 1:7). Christ's return or Parousia, also his coming, arrival, visit, appearance, emergence or arising and manifestation, is still ahead (1. Cor 1:7, 8; 11:26; Heb 9:28). The Bible is very clear and unambiguous about this. Not for nothing, Christians are prompted to be awake and ready to be received by their Lord as the exact time of his Parousia is unknown (Mat 24:3, 40-44; Mark 8:38; 13:32-37; 1. John 2:28; 1. Thes 5:23; 2. Thes 1:6-10; 2:1-3; 2. Tim 4:1, 8).

Please ask yourself: If Jehovah's Witnesses teach Christ's Parousia started in 1914, therefore is already taking place, are they really conveying the truth?

The "first resurrection", spoken of in Rev 20:5 and 6, could **not have commenced in 1918** as Jehovah's Witnesses claim (*The Watchtower* 2007/01/01, pg. 28, par. 12) (read 2. Tim 2:18). The Bible speaks differently on this subject. It is the grand resurrection of Christians to their heavenly inheritance (Rom 6:5). It will precede the general resurrection of the dead (non-Christians) to a life on earth (John 5:28, 29; Luke 14:14; Acts 24:15; Dan 12:2, 3, 13). In 1. Cor 15:51, 52 and 1. Thes 4:14-17 it describes the chronological sequence of the "first resurrection": Christ returns. Deceased Christians are being resurrected as incorruptible ("changed") and "together" with the chosen ones alive, who will also be changed and enraptured, they meet Christ in heaven.

Since the rapture has not yet taken place yet though, because Jesus has not yet returned, this "first resurrection" also has not yet begun. Notice, resurrected Christians "together" with living Christians meet their Lord as changed ones in the air. Deceased Christians therefore are continuing to rest until the return or Parousia of Christ and living Christians continue expecting their rapture (Mat 24:29-31; John 14:2, 3; 1. Cor 15:22, 23; Phil 3:20, 21; 1. Thes 1:10; Rev 6:9-11).

If Jehovah's Witnesses teach the "first resurrection" did begin around 1918, are they credibly teaching biblical

truth? Have you seriously looked into the matter?

The "other sheep" Jesus spoke of in John 10:16, according to Jehovah's Witness are a large group of Christians who will live forever on earth - apart from an allegedly small group of Christians going to heaven. Jehovah's Witnesses therefore teach that there are two groups of true Christians with their distinct designations. With the help of the Bible it is not difficult to understand that the "other sheep" simply represent the **Gentile Christians**.

With his illustration according to John chapter 10, Jesus first illustrated his service as a shepherd to the Jewish people - to persons within the "sheepfold" of Israel to which he came and out of which he called those (Mat 10:6; 15:24) who proved to be "his own sheep", recognized his voice and followed him. At that time they only formed a "small flock" (Luke 12:32). Through the witnessing of the apostles and further disciples later the Gentile Christians became his "other sheep". Thus, Christians from among the Jews and the Gentiles became "one flock ... under one shepherd" (John 10:1-16). Yes, converted Gentiles became united with Jewish Christians. It would have been particularly odd if Jesus had not told an illustration indicating the unification of Gentile and Jewish Christians (Mat 28:19).

On numerous occasions, the writings of the apostles speak about this merging and the unification in their hope for a life in heaven (the Christian privilege); listed here follows an excerpt: Rom 1:16; 3:29, 30; 9:24; 11:12, 25; 15:7-11; 16:26; Eph 2:11-19; 3:6; Col 1:21-28; Gal 2:9; 3:27-29; John 11:51, 52; 17:20, 21; Acts 1:8; 10:34-36, 44, 45; 11:1, 18-20; 13:46-48; 14:27; 15:3, 7, 15-19; 26:17, 18, 20, 23; 28:28; 1. Cor 12:13; 1. Thes 2:12-16; 1. Tim 3:16; 1. Pet 2:10, 25.

There is only one single class of true Christians. The Bible doesn't speak of a division of anointed and non-anointed Christians. Christians are either true Christians or false Christians.

Can an out-of-ordinary teaching which divides true Christians into two classes really be "the truth"? Was this really part of the comprehensive doctrine of the first Christians? Please read yourself and examine the Christian Greek Scriptures on this subject!

The number 144.000, mentioned in Revelation, is **not** to be understood **literally** (Rev 1:1; 7:4-8). If it was to be understood literally, numbers mentioned in the same chapter (Rev 7:4-8), such as 12.000 and 12, logically would have to be understood literally as well - either all numbers

or none. A literal notion would mean that Christians not being native-born into one of the twelve tribes of Israel are no part of the 144.000 and therefore also will not go to heaven. This would be though in stark contrast to different statements in the Bible.

Different numbers in the Bible contain a symbolic meaning, even more so in Revelation. It refers to numbers such as 3½, 4, 5, 7, 10, 24, 144, 12.000 and 666; none of it with a literal perception (Rev 11:9; 7:1; 9:5; 5:6; 2:10; 4:4; 21:16, 17; 13:18). They are no numerical numbers (value-specific), but rather numbers with deeper meaning and symbolism (complex sense)!

So is the number 144.000 (Rev 14:1, 3). It illustrates the completeness (12 x 12 x 1000), also the total number of Christians coming out of all nations, irrelevant of how many it eventually will be. The symbolic number is first being heard and afterward "a great crowd" is being seen in front of God's throne (Rev 7:4, 9, 15). The initially small group of Jesus' first disciples has progressively become great and international - a new "Israel" (Mat 21:43; Rom 2:28, 29; 9:6, 24-26; 11:17, 23, 24; Eph 2:11-19; 3:4-6; Acts 2:41, 47; 4:4; 5:14; 6:7; 12:24; 19:18-20).

The key to interpret the symbolical Revelation is being given

along and the method of exposure consistently maintained in order to be well understood: The method is to apply interchangeably for one and the same situation/person either the *spoken and shown* with the *heard and seen* (Rev 22:8; 1:1-3). Examples given: Rev 1:10-13. Or: Rev 5:5, 6. Or: Rev 8:1, 2. Or: 9:16, 17. Or: 13:11. Or: 17:1, 3 (please read).

The same 2-way-method (audition plus vision) is being applied in Revelation chapter 7 with the "144.000" sealed ones and the "great crowd". First *hearing* something, then *seeing* something. This way noteworthy truths about one and the same class are being revealed out of two points of view (the new "Israel" = all true Christians of all nations).

Everyone realizing this will discern that the teaching of Jehovah's Witnesses, the "great crowd" being a completely different class of Christians supposedly being formed since 1935, is false. The congregation of true Christians is not at all divided (John 17:20-23; Rom 12:5; 1. Cor 12:12, 13, 27; Eph 4:4, 5; 5:23, 30; Col 3:15). Rather, the members of the "great crowd" are themselves **identical** with the symbolic "144.000", also the "sealed ones" who are being saved of the "four winds" of a great storm, which again is **identical** with the "great tribulation". This is indicated in the context. An "elder" expressly says: "These **are** [!] the ones who come out of the great tribulation". Who else! (Rev 6:17; 7:1, 3, 14).

The great crowd therefore, does not form the foundation of earthly subjects of Jesus' kingdom, as Jehovah's Witnesses say. Revelation specifically and separately speaks about "nations" (non-Christians!); these will be the subjects on earth (Rev 2:26, 27; 12:5; 15:4; 19:15; 20:3, 8; 21:24, 26; 22:2; Dan 7:14). The "nations" are not the white-clad great crowd, the world-wide Christian congregation (= "144.000") (Rev 3:4, 5, 18; 6:11; 7:9, 13, 14; 22:14; 1. Cor 6:11). The great crowd is the selection for heaven "out" of the "nations". Standing "before the throne", the great crowd itself is a "holy nation" of kings and priests - a "holy priesthood" who "are rendering him sacred service in his temple" and will be ruling with Jesus (Heb 2:5; 1. Pet 2:9, 10; Rev 1:6; 3:12; 4:1-4; 5:9, 10; 7:9, 15; 8:1; 14:1, 3, 17; 20:4, 6; 22:3-5).

Not all good persons will go to heaven, but **all true Christians**. The Bible differentiates between **1.** the "evil ones" (sinners), **2.** the good persons of the "nations", also called "the righteous" and **3.** Christians, the "holy ones" (Mat 13:49; 25:31-46; Luke 1:6, 17; 13:27; Rom 1:7; 2:13, 14; 1. Cor 1:2; 6:1-3, 9; 2. Cor 8:4; 9:1, 12; Eph 1:18; Phil 1:1; 4:21, 22; Heb 3:1; 1. Pet 4:17, 18; Jude 15; Rev 22:11, 12). The symbolic "144.000" are identical with the great crowd.

Could it be that the leaders of Jehovah's Witnesses have hidden the key of "truths" for the Revelation since it

takes the number 144.00 literal and is withholding true knowledge?

Jesus didn't become king in 1914. This year is not mentioned in the Bible. Also, the Holy Scriptures do not link the *enthronement* of Jesus Christ with his *parousia*, as Jehovah's Witnesses do.

To begin with, at his baptism Jesus was anointed and installed as High Priest (Mat 3:15-17; Psalm 2:7-9; Is 42:1). Undeniably, already since the first Century C.E. Jesus has been acting in behalf of God's people as a High Priest, as shown in Hebrews 3:1; 4:14, 15; 7:27; 9:11, 12, 24; 10:21. He was appointed as such "in the manner of Melchizedek" (Heb 5:10; 6:20 to 7:1). Melchizedek was priest and king. Therefore, Jesus also had to act as king (Heb 8:1, Psalm 110:1-4).

Shortly after his ascension he was enthroned as king (Mat 26:64; 28:18; Mark 16:19; Luke 19:12; John 12:12-16; Rom 1:3, 4; Dan 7:13, 14; Rev 5:6, 12; 12:5). Being king, he is also choosing his co-rulers since then (Rev 1:5, 6; 3:21). To set the year of Jesus Christ's enthronement for 1914 is thus absurd. Already the early Christians proclaimed Jesus as the ruling king (Acts 5:31; 17:6, 7; Eph 1:20, 21; Phil 2:9, 10; Col 1:13; 2:8-10; Heb 2:9; 1. Pet 1:21; 3:22; Jude 4, *NASB*).

At his time, Jesus will distinctly reveal himself to the world as "King of kings and Lord of lords" (Rev 19:15, 16; Acts 2:32-35; 1. Cor 15:25; Heb 10:12, 13).

Does it seem plausible to you that Jesus should have been enthroned as king only in 1914, such a long time after his ascension? There is plenty of reasoning against this false doctrine.

There is no combined sign of the last days.

Jehovah's Witnesses claim the "last days" started in 1914. According to the Bible though, the "last days" already began in the 1st Century C.E. (Acts 2:16, 17; 1. Pet 1:20; 2. Pet 3:3, 4; 2. Tim 3:1-5; 1. John 2:18; Jude 4, 17-19). Already the first Christians were in expectation of the end! (Rom 13:11, 12; 1. Cor 7:29; 10:11; Heb 9:26; 10:37; Jam 5:3, 8, 9; 1. Pet 4:7).

Jehovah's Witnesses have interpreted Jesus' speech on the end times *opposite* to his intention. He explicitly warned his followers to let themselves be misled by certain events and occurrences. Before answering any posed questions (Mat 24:3; Mark 13:4; Luke 21:7), he started listing things which could be deceiving to his followers. Really, his explanation was: "First of all I need to tell you something important: Since wars, hunger, earthquakes, pestilences and

other occurrences have always impacted human history, these should *not* be misunderstood by you as a "sign" of my coming and the end of the times. Don't draw any false conclusions about the end because of these events!" (Luke 21:8-11). But then, what is "the sign"?

The "sign" which Jesus referred to in reply to one part of their question was "the disgusting thing that causes desolation". When this "sign" appeared, the Roman armies outside of Jerusalem, the first Christians responded correctly and were saved (Mat 24:15-22). The other part of their question he answered with the announcement that a distinct "sign of the Son of man will appear in heaven" (Mat 24:30; Mark 13:24-26; Luke 21:25-28). *That* would be "the sign"!

But would there still be time to get ready for the coming of Jesus once the "sign" had appeared? No, because his appearance would be so closely hereinafter that it would be simply too late. Hence, the central part of his speech on the end times is actually the necessity of being ready and awake. Why? Because Christ is coming suddenly and it is impossible to know the exact time in advance! (Mark 13:35-37). Christians cannot calculate the time of Jesus' coming. This could be soon, in twenty years or even later (Mark 13:32). Only shortly ahead of it "the sign of the Son of man will appear in heaven" (Mat 24:30). What matters for Christians is

to spiritually keep awake and active. "The sign" (singular) is still to appear!

Since Jehovah's Witnesses use tragic events of our time to interpret them as a "sign", are they heeding Jesus' warnings and teaching the truth?

Seventy years for Babylon. Jehovah's Witnesses claim, Jerusalem was destroyed in 607 B.C.E. On the other side, historians stipulate twenty years later (587 B.C.E.) for this event. Who is right?

Jeremiah (chapter 25) relates that he was commissioned in the first year of Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, to inform all Judah and Jerusalem, that God "sending for King Neb·u·chad·nez zar' of Babylon, my servant, and I will bring them against this land and against its inhabitants and *against all these surrounding nations*" and "will devote them to destruction and make them an object of horror" (Jer 25:1, 9; 46:2). Thus, other nations would be treated with hostility by Babylon as well.

Jeremiah 25:11 further specifies: "And all this land will be reduced to ruins and will become an object of horror, and *these nations* will have to serve the king of *Babylon for 70 years.*"

Jeremiah 25:12 emphasizes that Babylon would be called "to account" at the end of the 70 years.

Subsequently chapter 25, and more into detail in chapter 46 to 49, "all" the nations to become conquered by Babylon are being listed and chapter 27 accordingly phrases a pronouncement intended to be delivered to them. According to the prophecy of Jeremiah, the world power Babylon was extending its ruling territory (Jer 27:6; 28:14).

Interestingly, there were several abductions of the Jews. According to chapter 29, Jews who already (!) had been deported to Babylonian exile, were informed by Jeremiah from Jerusalem (!) in a letter, that only "when 70 years *at* Babylon are fulfilled" God would "bring them back" (Jer 29:1, 10, *NASB*). Therefore, the 70 years Jeremiah wrote about had already started to count - ahead of the actual destruction of Jerusalem!

With the conquest by the hand of Cyrus 539 B.C.E, the 70-year rule of the world power Babylon ended (Jer 27:7). Daniel, another prophet who knew well and correctly understood Jeremiah's prophecies, now could hope for the return to Judah of his fellow countrymen and also prayed for this (Dan 9:1, 2; Jer 29:10-14).

In line with the Biblical report, Jehovah's Witnesses gather that the Jews returned to Jerusalem from the Babylonian exile in 537 B.C.E. After this though, they erroneously conclude, the last king of Judah, Zedekiah, was dismissed as such 70 years ahead, namely in 607 B.C.E., also Jerusalem was destroyed and the Jews taken to exile. All this, because they misapply Jeremiah's prophecy as regards the 70 years for Babylon to the end of Jerusalem and the destruction of the temple. A serious and fundamental error! Then, Jehovah's Witnesses keep building on this year, 607 B.C.E., claiming that 2520 years later, namely in 1914, the "appointed times of the nations" ended (Luke 21:24). It is more than obvious that this calculation parts from false assumptions, granted that the 70 years are clearly in reference to Babylon.

In view of this summarized Bible report, the final destruction of Jerusalem couldn't have taken place in the year 607 B.C.E., which is in line with statements of Bible commentators and historians. Among other facts, they refer to verifiable astronomic data, which together with public occurrences were documented in Neo-Babylonian cuneiform tablets. For Bible prophecy the year 607 B.C.E. is hence irrelevant.

Just to mention, Jehovah's Witnesses try to establish the year for the destruction of Jerusalem and its temple by Nebuchadnezzar, manipulating historical dates as regards

reigning periods of Jewish and Babylonian rulers.

A detailed examination of this topic (which also indicates that the „seventy years“ mentioned in Zechariah 1:12 and 7:5, „refer to the period from the siege and destruction of Jerusalem in the years 589-587 to the rebuilding of the temple in the years 520-515 B.C.E.“) can be found in the book „*The Gentile Times Reconsidered*“ by Carl Olof Jonsson.

In view of Jehovah's Witnesses arbitrarily setting the destruction of Jerusalem for the year 607 B.C.E., can they be considered as truth-loving or veracious?

The illustration of the "faithful and discreet slave" (Mat 24:45-51) is not a prophecy in its real sense, supposedly being fulfilled in 1919 (*The Watchtower* 2013/07/15, par. 12). It was related as an allegory. Jesus narrated several illustrations on the subject "slave/s" (Mat 6:24; 10:24, 25; 25:14-30; Mark 13:33-37; Luke 17:7-10; 19:11-27). They bring out clearly what and who Jesus referred to with the illustration according to Matthew chapter 24, verses 45 to 51 (Luke 12:40-48). Not at all was it only referring to the small leading elite of Jehovah's Witnesses!

The "faithful and discreet slave" represents mature Christians who are presenting the unadulterated teaching of their Lord to others (Christians). They are "stewards" (1. Cor 4:1, 2). First, the Apostles diligently followed through on this serious responsibility (Acts 2:42; 6:2-4; Eph 2:20). After all, Jesus foremost addressed this illustration to these very ones. They undertook missionary journeys and wrote Bible books. After their death, other qualified and faithful Christians handed on the teachings of Christ and the Apostles (2. Tim 2:2; 3:10). Bible and home study groups (congregations) were formed, which were taught by elders and overseers (Tit 1:7, 9). They were not subjected to a governing body; they acted autonomous without any centralized dictated program. Their only teacher was Jesus and they based themselves on the Scriptures (Mat 23:10; 1. Tim 4:6; 2. Tim 3:15-17). Their helper for the correct comprehension was the Holy Spirit (John 14:15-18, 26; 16:13-15; 1. John 2:26, 27). And they helped each other. Every Christian possesses gifts and talents he is supposed to use for the benefit and the up-building of others (1. Cor 12:19-30; 14:26, 31; Eph 4:11-16; 1. Pet 4:10, 11). While waiting on the return of their Lord they must not become weary or even fall asleep. Every individual Christian is being encouraged by the above mentioned illustration, to zealously comply with their assigned tasks and treat their fellow slaves in a loving way.

The "Governing Body" of Jehovah's Witnesses does not conduct itself as a humble slave but rather likes to be exalted; it does not discourage the distinct glorification of itself (2. Thes 2:3-12; Rev 18:7). During the meetings of Jehovah's Witnesses noticeably and significantly the "faithful and discreet slave" is mentioned more often than Jesus himself (2. Cor 11:13-15).

Moreover, it evidently patronizes, oppresses and "beats" sincere Christians in the congregations who only want to faithfully fulfill their assignment (Dan 12:4). This makes it be the "wicked slave" which Jesus spoke of also. Particularly if a Jehovah's Witness through intense Bible study understands different teachings of the Witnesses to be non-biblical and starts speaking to others about this, such as Jehovah's Witnesses not taking of the emblems bread and wine at the Memorial (already as an interested one during the "Bible study" one is predefined on this matter) and thus ignoring Christ's commandment to his true followers (Mat 26:26-28), a judicial committee against this person is set up. The management does not tolerate independent Bible study (read *Our Kingdom Ministry*, 2007/09, pg 3, Question Box). They consciously avoid an objective debate on the basis of Biblical reasoning. The awoken Witness is being seriously admonished to stop his conversations with others on the subject of doctrines. If not heeded, the threatening increases

and they try to intimidate, muzzle and defame the person concerned, to the point of eventually being excommunicated (Luke 6:11, 22). Nevertheless, the awoken one can evade it by publicly and surprisingly announcing his resignation and departure in front of everyone (Acts 18:4-7; 19:8, 9).

The proclamation of several dates all of which have turned out to be false and the persistence to adhere to false doctrines shows clearly that the leaders of Jehovah's Witnesses impossibly could exclusively be the "discreet slave" (Jer 23:21, 25, 26, 30-32; Rev 2:2). Every single Christian is called on to prove to be a faithful and discreet slave (Rev 11:18; 22:12).

Has the "slave" really proven to be "faithful" to the teaching of Christ and "discreet" throughout the past decades? Have you personally and diligently gone into the matter? Please do! Face the many Bible based evidences which plainly repudiate the various false beliefs of Jehovah's Witnesses.

CONCLUSION:

This exposition of the false doctrines of Jehovah's Witnesses could be multiplied many times over (e.g. as regards the hilarious current teaching on the overlapping generation of 1914, Mat 24:34). The Governing Body of Jehovah's

Witnesses is aware of this already for many decades and has received many many letters. But it is in vain. They are not interested in any Biblical reasoning against these false doctrines; the main objective of this organization is not at all the truth (John 8:42-47; 2. Thes 2:10). This only makes matters worse. On intention they are misleading millions of sincere persons who become deceived victims and further on make more new victims (Mat 23:13-15; 2. Pet 2:1). Were they to only correct one or two of the above mentioned particular beliefs their complete dogmatic construct would collapse like a house of cards. It is not built on Christ, "the rock" and his teachings (Mat 7:24-27). Hence, any further hoping and waiting for an extensive revision is useless, actually even life-threatening (Mat 7:21-23). As all other religious organizations and their non-biblical teachings (e.g. trinity doctrine going back to the 4th Century C.E.), Jehovah's Witness also are part of "Babylon the Great", the deceiving religions of Christianity (Rev 16:19; 17:5, 6). God will remember the "acts of injustice" of the organization of Jehovah's Witnesses and all their supporters (Rev 18:5; 2. Tim 3:13). It is an authoritative, contemptuous cult-like group (Mark 13:6).

How important is it truly to "buy" Christ' "eyesalve", actually, not to ignore Christ's "voice" and his knocking "at the door"! (Rev 3:18-20; 2. Tim 2:7). Also, it is imperative to

follow Jesus Christ's urgent command obediently and consistently: "*Get out of her, **my people***, if you do not want to share with her in her sins, and if you do not want to receive part of her plagues" (Rev 18:4).

But where should one go to? By no means to another religious organization only also representing their own false doctrines! (2. Cor 6:14-18). The question is not: "Where should one go to?", but rather: "To whom should one go?". The Bible's answer is this: **to Jesus Christ!** (John 6:68, 35, 44, 45; 7:37; 12:26, 32; Mat 11:28-30). Because only through Jesus we can come to God (John 14:6).

Apart from those false religious organizations there is a living structure: the "body" of Christ, his "people", the "brotherhood" of Christ's followers worldwide (1. Cor 12:27; Tit 2:14; 1. Pet 5:9). You are not alone. Free and genuine Christians are really everywhere on the earth (Mark 10:28-31; John 8:31, 32, 36; Acts 1:8; 11:26). And many are regularly gathering in Home and Bible study groups, completely in line with the example of the first Christians. They make disciples of Jesus Christ and publicly profess their faith in his teachings (Rom 16:5; 1. Cor 16:19; Col 4:15; Mat 28:19, 20; 2. Pet 3:17, 18).

We are praying for you.

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