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A Guide to a Jehovah's Witness
at Your Door. Part 1

First of all, happy Purim to our Jewish friends. That is the story of Esther, and I have some of that study on this CH.

But we are on a different subject today, that of looking at the subject of Jehovah's Witnesses. Maybe a big jump, butt stick with me.

Let me say in the opening that I love the JW's, I love them with the unconditional love of Yeshua.

But I hate their religion. It is a cruel cult, as ALL cults are cruel.

The organization is ALL about mind control at a minimum. And I will leave the dark side of this cult alone, but it is there.

To begin this discussion, it is important to have knowledge of where the JW's come from, and some of the names involved in their history.

This will show the Jehovah's Witness that you have some knowledge of their organization.

The only research they have done on Christianity is from the control of their false religion. Although about half of JW's are considered to be converts, of course not all from so called

Christianity. So, don't be surprised if they say they were one Catholics for example.

The JW at your door will not know all the background of the JW's themselves, but you will.

Because of time I will move fairly quickly through this, but I assure you there is plenty of documentaries and first hand accounts available to back up what I say, including of course their own bible (NWT) and website and publications.

/JW's trace their origins to the late 1800's (the organization). This was the beginning of what was called the Adventist

Movement in America.



William Miller

1782-1849

"My principles in brief, are, that Jesus Christ will come again to this earth, cleanse, purify, and take possession of the same, with all the saints, sometime between March 21, 1843, and March 21, 1844."

The JW's particular story begins with William Miller, a Baptist preacher who, in 1816, began proclaiming that Christ would return in 1843. Never a good idea but always garners stupid followers.

27 years was a pretty comfortable time frame, and he gained a large following as he was said to be a great speaker.

Well, that date came and went. Fortunately for the JW's there were "errors" found and so it was recalculated" to 1844. I would

have bought a little more time, as that date came and went as well.

Many left the organization and Miller died in 1849. But there was a group of disappointed followers that kept the movement alive.

The Seventh Day Adventists, Branch Davidians, at Waco, Texas, David Koresh trace their roots back to William Miller.

The Jehovah's Witness at your door will probably not know those details. I don't know if the subject will come up but you will know the history.

JW's often claim that theirs is one

of the most ancient of religions,
that they have a history that goes
all the way back to Adam.

They sincerely believe they are
the only perfect true religion.
They are sincere, but they are of
course sincerely wrong. They
also claim that the Apostles were
all JW's. Just as a warning.

The actual JW's movement starts
with Charles Taze Russell, who
was born in 1852, in PA.

In 1876, Russell received a copy
of an Adventist publication
called: The Herald of the
Morning.



/Russel read that Christ had already returned in 1874, but HE had returned invisibly. This idea captured Russell's attention. The JW's would use this same reasoning in 1914.

Russell buys the Adventist Magazine. He could now write his own doctrines and publish them through the magazine.

Russell believed or taught that Christ's invisible return in 1874 would be followed in the spring of 1878 by the Rapture. I would have added more time. BUT

That didn't happen, **DEU 13:5**,

The false prophets or visionaries who try to lead you astray must be put to death, for they encourage rebellion against the LORD your God,

The Watchtower Org has prophesied many times that did not come true.

/Russell started another magazine and called it *Zion's Watch Tower and Herald of Christ's Presence* and published it in

1879.



Russell began to organize study groups from Ohio to New England. This was in the late 1800's, no internet, no radio, so impressive or scary...



In 1872 Russell rejected the doctrine of the Trinity. Charles Taze Russell died in 1916, 2 years after the world was supposed to have ended which according to his last calculations was in 1914.

A man by the name of Joseph Rutherford took over the organization of the Watchtower magazine, publications and teachings.

Under Rutherford, massive real estate buys occurred. You can research that, but suffice it to say the Watchtower Organization is worth billions and Billions of

dollars. Important or not...

He would then rename them Jehovah's Witnesses in 1931, to distinguish them from the splinter groups that had developed.

/Rutherford tried his hand at prophecy and predicted that Biblical patriarchs Abraham, Isaac and Jacob would be resurrected in 1925 to rule as princes over the earth.

Well, they missed the memo, and failed to show up, and he wisely quit predicting dates.

JW's receive expert psychological training sophisticated training, on how to speak to people one on one. They

are well trained in the art of debate and in their Watchtower doctrines. They basically learn to give sermons door to door. And might I add they can usually dumbfound the average Christian.

Later, Fred Franz redid the calculations. During the 1960's, the Society's publications pointed to 1975 as the time for the end of the world. The article titled



"Why Are You Looking Forward to 1975?" Watchtower, August 15, 1968, pp. 494-501.

All of this pushed meeting

attendance at Jehovah's
Witnesses Kingdom Halls in the
U.S. to over 5 million in 1975.
When the end of the world didn't
happen in 1975 growth began to
slow.

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Current estimates (in 2019) are
that there are about 2 million
JW's in America (Source:
JW.org). Their growth and
strength in numbers is better
outside America, with estimates
around 8 million, however some
estimates are double that figure.
We get an idea of the actual
number by the people that
participate in the annual
Memorial Supper. Each time

zone...This is on the 14th of Nissan (Passover). Estimates are that 18 million attend worldwide.

/In this event the elements of the LORD's Supper will be passed through the crowd, but no one will take it, because only the 144,000 are allowed to partake of the elements. So they pass it just in case...



Today the JW's are governed by a governing body of 8 people (octopope not officially of course). They of course are among the 144,000 that will go to Heaven. Quite the perk right?

They are all at the HQ in Brooklyn, NY. I think this is current...not that important...what is important is. They claimn these men are elected by Yeshua.

What JW's Believe?

All of these things we are about to see, that the JW's believe, can be verified through their own website JW.org and the Watchtower publications.

JW's do believe in Jesus Christ, Yeshua, that is not the argument. If you ask them if they do believe in Yeshua, Jesus Christ they will say: "of course we do."

I will mix the terms Jesus and

Yeshua...But, the problem is
WHO is Yeshua?

/The JW's believe that Yeshua is
Michael the Arch-angel. They get
quite confused in this matter. "Is
HE an angel who became a
GOD?" is a question for them.

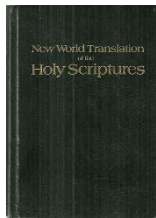
They will admit Yeshua is 'A'
GOD (notice A GOD), but not
THE GOD. That is NOT what the
Word of GOD says. Thus the
confusion they present and sadder
still believe.

/So, Michael the Arch-angel
ceased to exist and became
Yeshua. When Yeshua died on the
Cross (which they call the torture
stake not an argument to get into)

HE ceased to exist and again became Michael the Arch-angel.

They believe that Michael was the first created being and he then created everything else as Jesus Christ.

Next, we must know about their Bible. It is called the New World Translation (NWT) which is their translation published first in the 1960's. But suffice it to say it is NOT a translation but rather an abomination.



It is full of verses altered to disprove the original manuscripts

and all other translations
regarding the Deity of Yeshua.

Keep in mind, the JW's won't
take your documents, they won't
go to your website, they are not
allowed to.

Any religion that does not teach
that Yeshua is GOD has to have
their own Bible. The NWT is re-
written from the NT.

/In 1950, Frederick W. Franz
officially named it the NWT of
the Christian Greek Scriptures
which he claimed was from the
original Greek language by the
NWT Committee, Watchtower
Bible and Tract Society, 1950.

Among these translators there

were none that had any training in the Koine Greek language. None of the translators could even read Koine Greek! Not even a little.

The names of the translators are not known for sure although they were named in a lawsuit that required names and backgrounds of the translators, so it is available. Not that important...

There are many differences between the NWT and ALL other translations. These additions or changes are not backed up by any existing original manuscripts (NONE).

The Jehovah's Witnesses are anti-

Trinitarian. They do not believe in the Trinity. Examples of Anti-Trinitarian bias in the NWT:

/GEN 1:1-2, “In the beginning GOD created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth proved to be formless and waste and there was darkness upon the surface of the watery deep; and GOD’s active force was moving to and fro over the surface of the waters.” (NWT)

The *ruach elohim* (Spirit of GOD) is interpreted and translated as "GOD’s active force" in order to avoid the Trinitarian understanding of the Spirit as a person of the Trinity. One GOD in 3 persons, the

GODhead.

/ZEC 12:10, “they will look upon the one whom they have pierced” (NWT).

The original manuscripts read this: **“they will look upon me whom they have pierced,”**

Yeshua is the speaker. So, the NWT has been altered in order to avoid the fact that the One Who is pierced (on the Cross) is Yeshua.

/The NWT says this in HEB 1:8, But about the Son, he says: “God is your throne...which makes no sense at all.

That’s because the original

manuscript reads like this: **“Your throne, O GOD, is forever,”**

Again the NWT alters the Scripture because this statement refers to the LORD Yeshua.

/JW’s believe there are three groups of people in the world: **The Anointed Class.** This class is made up of 144,000 people. From the day of Pentecost until today, 144,000 people; that’s it, no more. There are no more seats in Heaven remaining, it is sold out, so to speak. In 1935 GOD stopped calling them. So, any anointed one you meet will be very old if you meet them and you won’t.

Now if Anointed people fail, their

seats do become available. No sure how... Those 8 people who govern the organization, yep, they are all in the Anointed Class.

I always verify that with the JW, are you going to Heaven, they WILL reply NO, don't want to, gonna be here on earth in paradise.

/The Great Crowd. These are all the other JW's on earth that are not the anointed. This is the group that the ones at your door hope to be a part of. Living forever, but not in Heaven (remember, that's sold out) but on Paradise earth (the Great Gathering). From the Watchtower Online Library:

/“The sum of the evidence, therefore, points to the “great crowd” as representing all those persons who are not of the heavenly “bride” class, or 144,000 sealed ones, but who stand approved at the time of the “great tribulation” and are preserved alive on earth.”

They can reach this by never failing in the ways of the Watchtower organizations rules and teachings. Here’s the kicker, not only don’t they go to Heaven and spend eternity with GOD, their ticket to this Great Gathering is not even secure, it can be lost.

/The Rest of Humanity. This

group is everyone else that is not a Jehovah's Witness or a JW that failed and/or left the organization. When people in this group die, they die, and their souls are destroyed.

Unlike the JW's who GOD remembers (if they have been faithful to the Watchtower Organization), GOD does not remember these non JW's and so they are gone. The JW's do not believe in Hell.

The Watchtower Organization say that a loving GOD would not put HIS creation in a place like Hell.

Yet the Bible is full of the warnings regarding Hell. This is

an area for you to be well versed in so you can discuss it. You can simply start with what the Yeshua said:

/MAT 13:42, “And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.” NWT

That is in the NWT. Their view that there is no hell is in contrast to the bible they use and the true Bible. Like so many of their doctrines is very dangerous.

Hell is real, and Hell IS FOREVER! And forever lasts a very long time. Hell is a real place. The Scriptures according to scholars say that the LORD

speaks of Hell 7 times more often than Heaven.

One way to become very effective in witnessing to a Jehovah's Witness is to master one or two of the areas of their false doctrines. As a well-taught Christian, you should be well versed in them all...

When a Jehovah's Witness comes to your door offering *Watchtower* and *Awake!* magazines, they have one primary goal.



To get you interested enough in their religion to consider becoming one of them, or at least to get you to accept and buy their

material as a starting point. Their overall goal is to be a Jehovah's Witness in good standing as an "active publisher." Mags are nicely done.

These are those who do a certain amount of hours of printing and/or distributing Watchtower publications, as well as serving in other areas in the organization.

This requirement varies but is generally several hours per week, and time is logged and tracked. In addition, they must also have perfect attendance in official meetings.

/If they do not meet these requirements or fail to keep the

other rules they can be called out in meetings, ultimately you can be disassociated/disfellowshipped and then shunned. This is when you are kicked out of the Jehovah's Witness Organization.

Shunning is a huge deal because most JW's live in a world of JW's. Co-workers, family, and friends are JW's.

That is why when dealing with a Jehovah's Witness, be kind. For them to leave the cult, and it is a cult, is a huge deal in so many ways. And they have been told how terrible life is without the organization.

This is from JW.org

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/The JW's believe they already possess **"The only Truth."** And that means you don't! And that means they in fact do consider themselves better than you.

Yeshua said:...If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness! MAT 6

So, you must keep in mind they are not visiting you to consider your beliefs, they are there to hold a rational discussion regarding religion or Yeshua.

You Must Have Ground Rules.

Remember, in their minds, they don't think you have anything to

offer them. Your starting goal is to set the rules for any follow-on discussion.

If someone is to be right in the discussion, it must be agreed that it will be the Word of GOD, not a magazine, a CD, video or handout, neither yours nor theirs. DLRP...

What Bible? Well, if you are very well versed and you know scripture then you can use theirs and compare it to let's say the KJV or the NASB. I say that because they are aware of those translations although they consider them to be corrupted.

There is a committee...and all

has been studied and ...

Then you can use the NWT and then show the errors/corruptions we will see. Remember, they truly believe that their Bible is the ONLY Holy Inspired Word of GOD.

This is a NWT interlinear...NT

/Remember that the JW's cannot accept any material from you. But this is from them. They are not allowed to research anything outside of the official Watchtower doctrines and information available on JW.org.

They may say that's not true, but it is. They can use the internet to research, but they can only use

sites approved by the watchtower Organization. The Watchtower's website does contain lots of Watchtower material. Their website is very well done to tailor to the JW's.

The website answers or tries to answer a lot of your points, so depending on how long they have been doing the door to door work will depend...

But they will be prepared. If you do stump them which is not the goal but is a way to open their eyes. They may refer to the elders to come back...they may not...

You would think that it would be tough these days to restrict them

from the rest of the internet and social media, but we are talking about total mind control.

They are not allowed to research on their own, and they don't, for the most part. There are plenty of videos, testimonies of those who have left the organization who attest to that.

The Watchtower makes all research material available (approved by the Watchtower). So, the first step to reaching JW's is to help them become uncomfortable with their religion.

How?

/By being able to present to them the real truth. That takes study,

not just a step-by-step instruction manual. That won't work, and there is no such thing anyway. You need to know why you believe what you believe, because, they do and they will recite it, they are trained to do so. Never forget this about the JW that you meet - they are very well trained in their false beliefs.

Spiritual benefits that true followers of Jesus can offer JW's.

All Christians (believers in Yeshua) are “adopted” out of the OSN and the fallen state and become a part of GOD's Royal family.

**/1TI 2:5, “For there is one
GOD, *and* one mediator also
between GOD and men
(Anthropos = P, M), *the* man
(Anthropos = S, M) Christ
Jesus,”**

Yeshua is 100% GOD and 100%
man in One Person forever. The
JW at the door does not know
about kenosis, the elder might so
be prepared to defend.

Yet, the Watchtower Organization
teaches JW’s that: “**Jesus Christ**
is the Mediator between HIS
Heavenly Father, and the nation
of spiritual Israel, but they say is
limited to only 144,000 members
(all JW’s BTW).” (Source:
Worldwide Security Under the

“Prince of Peace,” 1986,
Watchtower Bible and Tract
Society, p.10).

JW’s are told they cannot receive
spiritual adoption, or be born-
again. They cannot have Yeshua
as their Mediator, nor participate
in New Covenant Privileges.

So if you say, JW’s don’t believe
that Yeshua is the mediator, they
will that is NOT true we believe
HE is...but only for the 144,000.

**HEB 8:6, “But now He has
obtained a more excellent
ministry, by as much as He is
also the mediator of a better
covenant, which has been
enacted on better promises.”**

/Only the special group of 144,000 people can, and that quota has been filled. The best they get is to live on paradise earth forever, IF GOD remembers them, IF they follow all Watchtower rules, doctrines etc.

Christians: Assurance of Salvation: JW say there is no security, Salvation can be lost.

/But Eternal life is Secure in Christ. **1JO 5:11-12, “And this is the witness, that GOD gave us (eternal) everlasting life ioh nee us, and this life is in his Son. The one who has the Son has this life; the one who does not have the Son of GOD does not have this life.” (NWT)**

Notice I'm using their bible. I don't even need to use another translation all the time...

/For the JW's: No Assurance:
Constant striving to comply with all requirements with no guarantee of lasting approval. All human works as defined and given by the organization.

Christians: Peace and Joy: We have GOD's approval we have HIS Righteousness through Yeshua, no condemnation for those who believe in HIM.

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/ROM 8:1 Therefore, those in union with Christ Jesus have no condemnation. NWT

Agrees with

ROM 8:1, “Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” KJV

JW’s: Fear and Guilt: Feelings of unworthiness. Leaders (elders) will examine and point out weaknesses in followers, and it can be brutal. I will add even abusive.

Christians: Unconditional Love

JOH 10:27 My sheep listen to my voice, and I know them, and they follow me (ako lou theo oh in union). 28 I give them everlasting life, and they will by no means ever be destroyed, and no one will snatch them out

of my hand. What my Father has given me is something greater than all other things, and no one can snatch them out of the hand of the Father. 30 I and the Father are one.” NWT

How can they deny that Yeshua is GOD and Yeshua guarantees eternal life, not for those who follow the Org, but to those who follow HIM...They say see you have to follow HIM in the ORG, but that is not what it says.

Yet JW's: Conditional Love:
Love is shown in direct proportion to performance within the organization. These examples are against their own bible.

Those are just a few things to get you started. As you can see, JW's are in no way a pure branch of Christianity.

Subjects to discuss with JW's.

The JW's believe Yeshua is not the Mediator for all JW's. The Bible teaches that every Christian must believe in Yeshua as Savior. You can't believe for someone else.

The JW's believe they must work toward perfection and that only comes through following the rules and teachings of the Watchtower organization.

/Although JW's smile when they

present their message door-to-door, they probably do not have real peace and joy deep within their hearts. How can they when they don't have assurance of Salvation, nor are they going to Heaven and they believe that they must comply with all the regulations of the Watchtower organization in order to be found worthy. And if they disagree they can be shunned, AND all that...to not go to Heaven.

In their striving for GOD's approval, the organization dominates them through fear and guilt by focusing on their inability to fulfill all that is required of them.

What is it with man thinking they must constantly do something to earn GOD? When what is required is to believe that HE did it all for us...

If you're thinking "why don't they leave the organization? Why don't they just walk away?" Well, that question has a very complicated answer.

/First, they are brainwashed to the cult's teaching.

Second, the majority of their life revolves around the Jehovah's Witness Organization.

If they fail in following the Organization's rules, if they step out of line so to speak, they are

shunned, disassociated, a devastating time for those who have gone through it.

Here are some things you can discuss based on their beliefs which are usually wrong, scripturally speaking.

Q. Who Can Be Saved?

/JW's believe they are the only ones that will be saved. They may not say this to your face when you first talk to them, but the teaching is clear and they do believe it.

“Only JW's have any hope of surviving the impending end. (Source: [Watchtower 1989 Sep 1 p.19](#))

Sin JW's teach that Salvation is possible only through Yeshua's sacrifice and that individuals cannot be saved until they repent of their sins and call on the name of Jehovah.

Sounds good and they will know that teaching. They believe that Salvation is described as a free gift from GOD (which it is),

but that free gift of Salvation is unattainable without good works, so the discussion would be: "Do good works get you to Heaven?" To that they would say: Yes, because the works prove the faith is genuine. They will undoubtedly use

JAM 2:14, “What use is it, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but he has no works? Can that faith save him?” (NASB).

JAM 2:14, Of what benefit is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but he does not have works? That faith cannot save him, can it? NWT

But those verses talk about serving GOD inside the plan HE has for our life. The works are the result of the faith, not a pre-requisite to having or proving faith.

Preaching is said to be one of the works necessary for Salvation.

They believe that baptism as a member of Jehovah's Witnesses is a necessary step toward gaining Salvation. They also believe that conforming to the moral requirements set out in the Bible, as interpreted by the Watchtower Organization is essential for Salvation.

JW's reject the concept of "once saved, always saved" or Eternal Security. Instead, they believe that one must remain faithful until the end to be saved. So, in reality they teach an eternal INsecurity! That's where those "works of faith" come from.

Based on their interpretation of **ACT 24:15, And I have hope**

toward GOD, which hope these men also look forward to, that there is going to be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous NWT.

But: They believe that the unrighteous, all the unrighteous are all non-Witnesses (JW's), and they will, in the end simply be destroyed (annihilated). There is no hell...remember.

Those unrighteous ones may attain Salvation only if they “begin to serve GOD,” of course that begins only one way, to become a Jehovah's Witness.

The Divine Name

JW's believe that GOD's one true name, the name by which HE must be identified, is Jehovah.

However, GOD is identified by many names, including:

ELOHIM GEN 1:1. GOD

Almighty GEN 17:1. LORD

ADONAY PSA 8:1. LORD of

HOSTS ISA 1:3, and many,
many others.

[Names of God Chart](http://hebrewrootsmom.com)
 [\(hebrewrootsmom.com\)](http://hebrewrootsmom.com)

In New Testament Yeshua referred to GOD as Father, as did the Apostles, for example:

If you refer to GOD as Jehovah it may help you in your discussion. The truth is we don't know the

exact pronunciation; the Jewish Priests would never speak it. Instead they would refer to HIM with the Hebrew letters Yod, Hey, Vav, Hey, YHVH, also known as the sacred tetragrammaton.

We will pick it up there on Thursday in part 2. No review...The Trinity