

“If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God...” (1 Peter 4:11).

Jehovah’s Witnesses, Awake!

by John Isaac Edwards

This writing appeals to Jehovah’s Witnesses to awake to predictions of The Watchtower Society. The year 1914 is a critical date.

Prior to 1914, the Watchtower consistently predicted 1914 to be the end of the system of things. “True, it is expecting great things to claim, as we do, that within the coming twenty-six years all present governments will be overthrown and dissolved ...we consider it an established truth that the final end of the kingdoms of this world, and the full establishment of the Kingdom of God, will be accomplished at the end of A.D. 1914....Be not surprised, then, when in subsequent chapters we present proofs that the setting up of the Kingdom of God is already begun, that it is pointed out in prophecy as due to begin the exercise of power in A.D. 1878, and that the ‘battle of the great day of God Almighty’ (Rev. 16:14), which will end in A.D. 1914

with the complete overthrow of earth’s present rulership, is already commenced” (*Studies in the Scriptures Series II - The Time Is At Hand, 1889, pp. 99, 101*).

After 1914, it was within the lifetime of the generation that saw the events of 1914. With the passing of 1914, the Watchtower changed their writings to say, “very soon after 1914.” The Watchtower publication *Awake!*, prior to November 8, 1995, claimed, “Most important, this magazine builds confidence in the Creator’s promise of a peaceful and secure new world before the generation that saw the events of 1914 passes away.” Before 1914, it was “an established truth” such would be accomplished at the end of 1914. After 1914, however, it was to occur before the generation that saw the events of 1914 passed away! Their original prediction failed. But, that’s not all! Another significant change came in the next issue of *Awake!*

Since the generation that saw the events of 1914, it is “about to.” The magazine now reads, “Most important, this magazine builds confidence in the Creator’s promise of a peaceful and secure new world that is about to replace the present wicked, lawless system of things.” What happened? The generation that saw the events of 1914 was passing away! So, the Watchtower moved away from the definite date (1914) to an indefinite time (about to). Since the new world did not come within the lifetime of the generation that saw the events of 1914, would you agree that the Watchtower was not building confidence in the truth?

The Bible says, “When a prophet speaketh in the name of the Lord, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord hath not spoken...” (Dt. 18:22). We need to awake to the truth that failed predictions show this to be a false religious organization.

Was Jesus Created, and Is He an Angel?

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Among the misconceptions of Jehovah's Witnesses is the notion that Jesus was a created being and is an angel. Let's take a look.

Was Jesus Created?

According to Jehovah's Witnesses, Jesus was a created being. Their official website affirms, "...the Bible teaches that Jesus was created by God." Further, "God created Jesus before he created Adam." Where is the Scripture that teaches such? John revealed, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made....And the word was made flesh, and dwelt among us..." (Jn.

1:1-3, 14). Jesus is eternal. He was not created, but by him all things were created. Paul wrote of Jesus Christ, "For by him were all things created...all things were created by him, and for him" (Col. 1:16).

Is Jesus an Angel?

The Jehovah's Witnesses would have us believe Jesus is an angel. They tell us Jesus is Michael the archangel. Their website says, "...Michael is another name for Jesus Christ..." And again, "Jesus himself is the archangel Michael." The Bible nowhere says this. The Bible affirms Jesus is "... better than the angels..." (Heb. 1:4). The superiority of Jesus Christ over angels is seen several ways:

By the things God never said unto an angel

(Heb. 1:5-6, 13).

By the difference in what God said of the angels and what He said unto the Son (Heb. 1:7-12).

By the fact that God has not given the angels authority over the world to come (Heb. 2:5), but has put all things in subjection under the feet of Christ (Heb. 2:8).

Jesus is God's "Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom he also made the worlds; Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the majesty on high" (Heb. 1:2-3).

Let's accept what the Bible says about Jesus, and reject what it does not say.

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