Do Jehovah's Witnesses witness for Jehovah? (pt 2)

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FALSE PROPHECIES

When "Jehovah's Witnesses" come to your door, you should ask them about the prophecies which they have made that have never come true. The Witnesses, thru the years, have made some rather amazing prophecies of doom and destruction, but none of them have ever been fulfilled. For example:

1st) Several years ago the Witnesses predicted that in 1914 Jesus would come again to this earth and set up an earthly kingdom.

Obviously nothing of the sort came to pass. They were greatly embarrassed about this, or at least they should have been. Their prophecy failed. It was obvious to all that they were wrong. But to patch things up they decided to tell people that Jesus actually did come, but that He appeared only to a few chosen people.

Not only had their prophecy fail, but from that time forward they began teaching a lie to cover-up their failure. They were telling people that Jesus did come, but no one saw Him.

What does the Bible say about Jesus' second coming?

Revelation 1:7(NKJV)

7 Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.

Notice carefully, the Bible teaches that when Jesus comes again everyone will see Him -- even those wicked soldiers that pierced Him in the side when He was crucified!

This one point alone should convince everyone that the Witnesses are "False Witnesses"!!!

2nd) <u>In 1920 the Watchtower Society published a book entitled, "Millions Now Living Will Never Die!"</u>

I have a copy of this book before me right now and I am reading from page 89:

"As we have heretofore stated, the great jubilee cycle is due to begin in 1925. At that time the earthly phase of the kingdom shall be recognized. ... Therefore we may confidently expect that 1925 will mark the return of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and the faithful prophets of old, particularly those named by the Apostle in Hebrews chapter eleven, to the condition of human perfection."

Well ... 1925 has come and gone, but there is no sign that any such event as they predicted ever came to pass! Furthermore, time is running out for the Watchtower Society! Before too much longer all those people who were living in 1925 will be dead and the title of their book, "Millions Now Living Will Never Die!" will be of even greater embarrassment to them than it already is!

BIBLE WARNINGS

The Bible warns us about "false prophets" who predict things that never come to pass:

Deuteronomy 18:22 (NKJV)

22 "when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the thing does not happen or come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him.

If there were no other reason than this one, we can know that the "Jehovah's Witnesses" are not really from Jehovah because their prophecies have failed -- not one of these prophecies have come true.

These failures remind us all:

If they are wrong on these prophecies, how can they be trusted to teach us about any Bible subject.

PARADISE EARTH

The final topic we have time to discuss is their teachings concerning the end of the world.

The Witnesses will usually come to your door with an attractive booklet and talk to you about how wonderful it would be to live on a paradise earth with no crime, no war and no death. They don't try to talk to people about how wonderful heaven will be, because they don't believe any of us are going to go to heaven -- the best we can hope for is to live on a paradise earth.

This is such a dangerous doctrine! Oh ... if we would just listen to the Bible we could see how dangerous it is to teach men that this earth will be converted into a paradise for men to dwell on forever. Listen to these plain Bible passages:

Matthew 6:19-20 (NKJV)

19 "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal;

20 "but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

Here Jesus plainly tells us not to lay up treasures on the earth. He said that earthly things will become corrupted by moth and rust and thieves will break in and steal. So what does the Lord teach us? He plainly taught us to lay up our treasures in heaven! Obviously the Witnesses are teaching completely contrary to what Jesus taught! Someone is wrong, and it's not Jesus!

Again, notice this:

2 Peter 3:10 (NKJV)

10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.

Matthew 24:35 (NKJV)

35 "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

Psalms 102:25-26 (NKJV)

25 Of old You laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands.

26 They will perish, but You will endure; ...

Many more passages could be given, but this should be sufficient to prove the point. The present earth and atmosphere will be destroyed and burned up with fire. The saved will dwell in heaven where they have laid up their treasures, but the lost will be tormented in hell because they refused to obey the Lord (Mt. 18:24-25).

GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

Five steps in God's plan of salvation:

- 1) **Hear** the word of God (Rom 10:17).
- **2) Believe** Jesus is the Son of God (Mk 16:16).
- 3) Repent of sins (change from living a sinful life) (Acts 2:38).
- 4) Confess your faith verbally before men (Rom 10:10).
- **Be baptized** (immersed) in water in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit (Mt 28:19) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38).

Mark 16:16 (NKJV)

16 He who **believes** and is **baptized** will be saved; ...