

OVERVIEW OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES



KEY PERSON, DATE, LOCATION

CHARLES TAZE RUSSELL (1852-1916) | LATER JOSEPH F. RUTHERFORD (1869-1942)
BEGAN 1879 IN PENNSYLVANIA
HEADQUARTERS LOCATED IN NEW YORK

KEY WRITINGS

ALL CURRENT WATCHTOWER PUBLICATIONS, INCLUDING THE BIBLE (NEW WORLD TRANSLATION ONLY), REASONING FROM THE SCRIPTURES, WHAT DOES THE BIBLE REALLY TEACH?, WATCHTOWER MAGAZINE, AND AWAKE! MAGAZINE

WHO IS GOD?

ONE-PERSON GOD, CALLED JEHOVAH
NO TRINITY
JESUS IS THE FIRST THING JEHOVAH CREATED

WHO IS JESUS?

JESUS IS NOT GOD
BEFORE HE LIVED ON EARTH JESUS WAS MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
JEHOVAH MADE THE UNIVERSE THROUGH JESUS
ON EARTH JESUS WAS A MAN WHO LIVED A PERFECT LIFE
AFTER DYING ON A STAKE (NOT A CROSS), JESUS WAS RESURRECTED AS A SPIRIT | HIS BODY WAS DESTROYED
JESUS IS NOT COMING AGAIN; HE "RETURNED" INVISIBLY IN 1914 IN SPIRIT
VERY SOON, JESUS AND THE ANGELS WILL DESTROY ALL NON-JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

IMPERSONAL "HOLY SPIRIT" IS NOT GOD, BUT RATHER AN INVISIBLE, ACTIVE FORCE FROM JEHOVAH

HOW TO BE SAVED

BE BAPTIZED AS JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

MOST FOLLOWERS MUST EARN EVERLASTING LIFE ON EARTH BY "DOOR-TO-DOOR WORK"

SALVATION IN HEAVEN IS LIMITED TO 144,000 "ANOINTED ONES" | THIS NUMBER IS ALREADY REACHED

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER DEATH?

THE 144,000 LIVE AS SPIRITS IN HEAVEN | THE REST OF THE RIGHTEOUS PEOPLE, THE "GREAT CROWD," LIVE ON EARTH, AND MUST OBEY GOD PERFECTLY FOR 1,000 YEARS OR BE ANNIHILATED

OTHER FACTS, BELIEFS, OR PRACTICES

ALSO KNOWN AS "THE WATCHTOWER BIBLE AND TRACT SOCIETY"

THEY MEET IN "KINGDOM HALLS" INSTEAD OF CHURCHES

ACTIVE MEMBERS ENCOURAGED TO DISTRIBUTE LITERATURE DOOR-TO-DOOR
ONCE A YEAR, LORD'S EVENING MEAL (COMMUNION) | ONLY "ANOINTED ONES"
MAY PARTAKE

THEY DO NOT OBSERVE HOLIDAYS OR BIRTHDAYS

THEY ARE FORBIDDEN TO VOTE, SALUTE THE FLAG, WORK IN THE MILITARY, OR
ACCEPT BLOOD TRANSFUSIONS