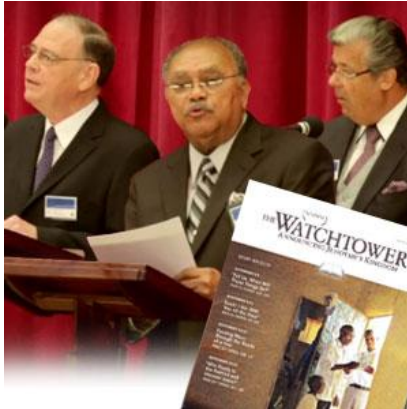


## “New light” Watchtower magazine leaked from organization weeks ahead of general release

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*The July 15 2013 Watchtower, which has been leaked weeks in advance of its scheduled release, offers more questions than answers regarding the Governing Body's “new light”*

Three weeks ahead of its expected release date in mid-April, a scanned copy of the July 15 2013 “Study Edition” of the Watchtower was leaked to the office of *JWsurvey* by a conscientious active Witness within the organization. I have spent the last two days analyzing its contents.

The magazine in question details the “new light” unveiled at the [October 5th 2012 Annual Meeting](#), at which it was announced that the [Governing Body](#) is now considered the “faithful and discreet slave” – the spiritual overlords of the nearly 8 million Jehovah's

Witnesses worldwide.

By the time the magazine is finally released, ordinary Witnesses will have waited six months since the Annual Meeting for a written explanation of the new understanding. However, such ones will be disappointed to discover that this key Watchtower (which Bethelites have been instructed by their superiors to study in detail) offers more questions than answers. As many expected, the magazine writers give explanations for key doctrinal understandings that are unsupported and speculative at best.

Here follows a brief overview of the four main study articles...

- **Tell Us, When Will These Things Be?** (September 2-8) – This article first whets the appetite of the reader by discussing bible prophecy related to the “Great Tribulation,” which will commence with an attack on religion by the “disgusting thing” (the United Nations) and climax with Armageddon. The article then provides a re-cap of the understanding, held since 1995, that the separation of the sheep and the goats will happen during the Great Tribulation. The writers expand on this to provide “new light” on Christ's “arrival” as bridegroom. Whereas this was once thought to have occurred in 1918, the arrival of

Christ as “master” or “bridegroom” is now scheduled to happen at some point during the Great Tribulation.

- **Look! I Am With You All the Days** (September 9-15) – Christ’s parable of the “wheat and the weeds” is applied directly to the long period between 33 CE and Armageddon. The separating work is said to have commenced in 1914, when Christ undertook a period of “inspection and cleansing” of the organization that lasted until 1919, when the Bible Students were approved as being “true Christian wheat.”
- **Feeding Many Through the Hands of a Few** (September 16-22) – Christ’s miracle of the loaves and fishes is held aloft as a foregleam of his intentions to appoint only a small group of men over the spiritual feeding work. The article discusses the “apostles and older men” as being forerunners to the Governing Body arrangement. Russell and his associates (pre-1914) are precluded from representing the appointed channel through which Christ would feed his sheep.
- **“Who Really Is the Faithful and Discreet Slave?”** (September 23-29) – The article begins by sweeping aside the previous understanding that the faithful slave was appointed in 33 CE, and goes on to explain how the words of the “prophecy” began to be fulfilled only after 1914. The faithful slave is identified specifically as being “a small group of anointed brothers” currently comprising the Governing Body as a “*composite* slave.” The article concludes by boldly insisting that Christ WILL appoint the Governing Body, along with other anointed Christians, “over all his belongings” when he comes in judgment during the Great Tribulation.

### **The “disgusting” United Nations – a former partner**

The UN has come under fire from Watchtower publications repeatedly over the decades, but rarely has the denunciation been so forthright as in this latest magazine. On page 4 in the first study article, Witnesses are reminded that the United Nations, which is declared to be the modern-day “disgusting thing,” WILL attack Christendom and the rest of “false religion” to signal the outbreak of the Great Tribulation.

Witnesses will be familiar with Watchtower labelling the UN as the “disgusting thing” of Matthew 24: 15, but rarely has the assertion been made with such forthrightness that the UN (and not merely its “members”) will be *solely responsible* for an attack on all religion. Over the last few decades, Watchtower publications have described the UN’s involvement as executioner of false religion in a variety of ways, some more obscure than others...

*Question: Who will destroy Babylon The Great?*

Answer...

- **1975** – “the United Nations” (w75 5/1 pp. 274-275 par. 11)
- **1976** – “beastlike radical powers from within the United Nations” (gh chap. 16 p. 147 par. 12)
- **1977** – “The members of the U.N. and other nations not members of it...” (go chap. 11 p. 177 par. 7)
- **1980** – “the political backers of the United Nations” (w80 7/1 p. 17 par. 23)
- **1982** – “The ‘ten horns’ of the United Nations ‘beast’” (w82 5/1 p. 18 par. 9)
- **1985** – “political elements, represented in the United Nations” (g85 4/8 p. 13)
- **1985** – “antireligious elements within the United Nations” (w85 6/15 p. 18 par. 19)
- **1987** – “The ten horns [governmental powers within the United Nations organization] that you saw, and the wild beast [United Nations]...” (w87 11/1 p. 28)
- **1988** – “the nations will use the scarlet-colored wild beast, the United Nations...” (re chap. 35 p. 258 par. 21)
- **1989** – “the political powers associated with the United Nations” (w89 5/15 p. 6)
- **1993** – “political elements, including the United Nations” (g93 1/8 p. 12)
- **1994** – “militarized members of the United Nations” (w94 3/1 p. 20 par. 11)
- **1994** – “members of the United Nations” (w94 11/1 p. 17 par. 5)
- **1997** – “the United Nations...will have a principal role” (w97 9/15 p. 19 par. 14)
- **2005** – “militarized powers within the United Nations” (w05 9/15 p. 19 par. 13)
- **2013** – “the United Nations” (w13 7/15 p.4 par. 6)

And so the declaration last heard with such conviction in the 70s and 80s is now voiced again in 2013 – namely that the United Nations organization directly (and not necessarily its “members”) WILL attack and destroy false religion.

This should raise eyebrows among personnel within the UN, whose own Declaration of Human Rights enshrines the “freedom of religion” – a fact noted by the Society in past publications. (g86 10/22 p. 31)



*The Watchtower has once again labelled the UN a "disgusting thing" despite being affiliated with it for nine years as an NGO*

It will also be a source of unending bewilderment to those within the Ex-JW community that Watchtower continues to slam the UN as being a "disgusting thing" despite having enjoyed a formal relationship with it as an NGO (Non-Governmental Organization) between 1992 and 2001. Watchtower only ended its illicit association when it received unwanted exposure from the UK's [Guardian newspaper](#). (For more information, [click here](#).)

This latest brief foray into attacking the United Nations in the first few pages of the July magazine sets the stage for what is to follow, as the reader is dragged deeper into the murky madness of the doctrinal maze that Watchtower has created, along with its heavily revised organizational history.

### **An overview of the changes**

Before I begin my rundown of the "new light" regarding the faithful slave, I feel it's important to avoid potential confusion by clarifying elements of the verse in Matthew 24:45-47 and summarizing what the Society claims to be its fulfilment. Here is what the scripture in question says in the *New World Translation*:

*"Who really is the faithful and discreet slave whom his master appointed over his domestics, to give them their food at the proper time? Happy is that slave if his master on arriving finds him doing so. Truly I say to YOU, He will appoint him over all his belongings."*

As you can see, the above verse effectively has two elements to it. First, Christ appoints his faithful slave to watch over his "domestics." Then, only later, does Christ "arrive" and appoint the slave over all his "belongings." Clearly, both of these things cannot happen at the same time. One part of the verse is described in the present tense, and the other in the future tense. Therefore, a period of time is implied between these two events. The question, at least as far as Watchtower is concerned, is "when was this time period?"

In an effort to make all of this as simple as possible, I have produced the following table. It shows the new understanding of the "faithful slave" teaching side-by-side with the old one. Feel free to refer to it when reading this article if things get a little too complicated to take in.

Matt 24:45-47	PREVIOUS UNDERSTANDING	NEW UNDERSTANDING
The faithful and discreet slave	All anointed followers of Christ on earth at any given point in history	A small group of anointed brothers at headquarters who are directly involved in preparing and dispensing spiritual food during Christ's presence
Christ appointed faithful slave over domestics	33 CE	1919
Christ's "domestics"	Anointed followers of Christ as individuals	Anointed followers of Christ and members of the Great Crowd as individuals
Christ arrives to appoint the slave over all his belongings	1918	Great Tribulation
Christ's "belongings"	All the spiritual assets on earth that have become Christ's property in connection with his authority as heavenly King	All things heavenly and earthly, including the Messianic Kingdom

Please bear in mind that if you are expecting explanations in this article that do not appear, this is not my fault. Any such frustration should be directed at the Watchtower writers, who have ignored a number of key questions arising from this "new light." I will do my best to highlight all pertinent parts of the Watchtower that I feel are of interest using selected quotes. However, for reasons of copyright and personal trust, I cannot and will not reproduce the entire article. Readers are reminded that the full article will be available online in PDF format on (or around) April 15th.

### Christ's "arrival" in 1918 scrapped

It has long been proclaimed by the Society that the references to Christ's "arriving" as "master" and "bridegroom" in Matthew 24 and 25 occurred in 1918 when he came to inspect his faithful and discreet slave. It was said that the following year, 1919, Christ completed his inspection and decided to appoint the early Bible Students as his faithful slave over all of this belongings.

Under this *new* understanding, however, 1914 is now earmarked as being the year that Christ began to inspect and cleanse the organization – with this "inspection period" ending in 1919 when Christ supposedly approved the directors of the Watch Tower Society as his faithful slave by appointing them over his domestics.

1918 has therefore fallen by the wayside and lost any real significance – at least as far as the “end time” prophecies in Matthew are concerned. This is made clear on pages 7 and 8 of the new magazine, where we are informed that all eight references to Christ’s “coming” or “arrival” between Matthew 24:29 and the end of chapter 25 refer to the “future time of judgment during the great tribulation.”

### **An eventful “inspection and cleansing” period**

In the minds of many, one of the most intriguing aspects of this new understanding is the fact that Charles Taze Russell, once considered part of the Slave Class, has been effectively written out of having any real biblical significance in Witness history. This is confirmed on page 19, where it says:

*“Were the Bible Students in the years that lead up to 1914 the appointed channel through which Christ would feed his sheep? No. They were still in the growing season, and the arrangement for a channel to provide spiritual food was taking shape. The time had not yet come for the weedlike imitation Christians to be separated from the true Christian wheat.” (w13 7/15 p.19)*

Christ’s parable of the wheat and weeds (Matt 13:24-30, 37-43) forms the basis of the second study article, entitled “Look! I Am With You All the Days,” and is referenced throughout the magazine, as above. The scripture and its “fulfilment” is explained by means of an illustrative timeline that stretches from pages 10 to 11. Key elements of the timeline are as follows:

- 33CE – Sowing begins
- Sower: Jesus
- Fine seed is sown: Anointing with holy spirit
- The field: The world of mankind
- Enemy: The devil
- Men were sleeping: death of the apostles
- Wheat: Anointed Christians
- Weeds: Imitation Christians
- 1914 – Harvest begins
- Slaves/reapers: Angels
- Weedlike Christians are separated from the anointed “sons of the kingdom”
- 1919 – Gathering into the storehouse, Anointed Christians are gathered into the restored congregation

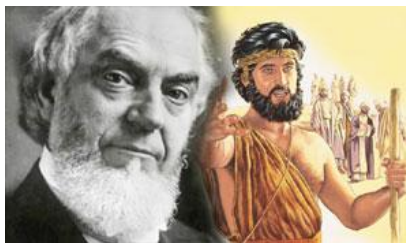
- Shining brightly: Shortly before Armageddon, the remaining faithful anointed ones are gathered to the heavens
- Armageddon: At Armageddon, the weeds are pitched into the fire

It seems the Society is using the wheat and the weeds parable in this magazine as a useful replacement to fill the vacuum left by the previous understanding of the faithful slave “prophecy.” The illustration has been drafted in to build a makeshift scriptural bridge between the organization’s history and the outset of the Christian congregation in 33CE.

Another scripture that is referenced is Malachi 3:1-4, already associated in the minds of Witnesses as discussing Christ’s visit to his “spiritual temple” at the end of the First World War. The second study article adjusts this understanding by explaining that Christ visited the organization (invisibly, of course) in 1914 after the weeds (imitation Christians) had been allowed to grow for centuries among the wheat (anointed Christians). So, what position, if any, did Russell occupy when Christ visited in 1914?

*“During the decades leading up to 1914, C. T. Russell and his close associates did a work like that of John the Baptizer. That vital work involved restoring Bible truths. The Bible Students taught the true meaning of Christ’s ransom sacrifice, exposed the hellfire lie, and proclaimed the coming end of the Gentile Times.” (w13 7/15 p.11)*

Thus, Russell is awarded the peculiar role of “John the Baptizer” in Watchtower’s new convoluted melodrama – forging the path ahead of Christ’s inspection of the organization in 1914. However, Russell and his early organization is stripped of having any meaningful role in God’s purpose. One is left wondering, if Russell’s death in 1916 happened during the “cleansing” period, does this mean that his demise was all part of God’s plan?! Regardless, only after the 1914-1919 “inspection and cleansing period” was the organization recognized as God’s organized channel, as explained on page 19...



*Having been stripped of any meaningful role in God’s purpose, C.T. Russell has received the consolation of being likened to John the Baptizer*

*“From 1914 to the early part of 1919, Jesus accompanied his Father to the spiritual temple to do a much-needed inspection and cleansing work. (Mal. 3:1-4) Then, starting in 1919, it*

*was time to begin gathering the wheat. Was it finally the time for Christ to appoint one organized channel to dispense spiritual food? Yes, indeed!” (w13 7/15 p.19)*

The tumultuous period in the organization’s history between 1914 and 1919 thus becomes the focus of doctrine perhaps more than ever before. There is no longer a “seamless” transition from the time of the apostles through to today. Prior to 1914, there was NO “organized channel” on the Earth. By 1919, one had been suddenly and miraculously formed – by none other than Christ himself.

### **A Questionable Character**

There is just one small problem with hanging so much doctrinally on this murky period in Watchtower’s history. The more we delve into historical documents, the more we realise that Watchtower cannot be proud of its activities during that time – not to mention [the literature that was produced](#). To compensate for this, the Society must reach for its eraser and smudge out some of the less savoury details of its past. This it does with reckless abandon on page 12...

*“In late 1914, some Bible Students were disheartened because they had not gone to heaven. During 1915 and 1916, opposition from outside the organization slowed down the preaching work. Worse, after Russell’s death in October 1916, opposition arose from inside the organization. Four of the seven directors of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society rebelled against the decision to have Brother Rutherford take the lead. They tried to cause division among the brothers, but in August 1917, they left bethel – a cleansing indeed! Also, some Bible Students gave in to fear of man. Still, as a whole they willingly responded to Jesus’ cleansing work and made the needed changes. Hence, Jesus judged them to be true Christian wheat, but he rejected all imitation Christians, including all those found within the churches of Christendom. (Mal. 3:5; 2 Tim. 2:19)” (w13 7/15 p.12 par.8)*

To those who are even remotely familiar with organizational events between 1914 and 1919, the above depiction of the Society’s exploits during that period is flattering at best and heavily revisionist at worst. For example, the “four directors” did not just leave bethel – they were forcibly removed with their belongings turned out on the street. Bethelites were even stationed to prevent them from re-entering the building! Their crime? They objected to Rutherford effectively tearing up C.T. Russell’s



will, which stipulated that power should be shared evenly between Watchtower's board of directors.

In a spectacular grab for power, following Russell's death in late 1916, Rutherford used his legal knowledge to enact bylaws in early 1917 that would give him total control over the Society, and render the role of Society director all but meaningless. This was what the "four directors" objected to, and they were unceremoniously evicted from their home, Brooklyn Bethel, for their troubles. You can read more about what REALLY happened during those dark days in the booklet "Light After Darkness," which is available in PDF form by [clicking here](#).

Rud Persson is a Swedish Watchtower historian who has copiously analyzed all available documents from this very episode in the organization's history, and is compiling a book to summarize his research. I approached him by email with the above paragraph from this new Watchtower, and he made this comment...

*"It is certainly true that four Directors opposed 'the decision to have Brother Rutherford take the lead.' They should do that, for it meant a complete departure from the way Russell, the then recognized 'faithful and wise servant', had arranged for matters after his death. It is not true that they 'tried to cause division among the brothers'. That was not their purpose which was to rectify what was wrong. If spreading information was necessary to do this, then of course they felt that wisdom from above is first of all clean, thereafter peaceful. It was Rutherford with the aid of his yes-men who went public first, publicly blackening the four Directors and then Paul S.L. Johnson. It is true that the four directors left Bethel in August 1917, on August 8 to be specific, but that was not the end of the story." – Rud Persson*

I for one cannot wait for Rud's book to come out, because I am sure it will shed much light on these events, and further undermine Watchtower's astonishingly misplaced trust and confidence in the character of "Judge" Rutherford, not to mention this highly questionable and well-documented period in the organization's early history.

As [previously mentioned on this website](#), during his presidency Rutherford distinguished himself as a bully and a tyrant. He allowed an atmosphere of alcoholism to permeate Bethel, and used abusive and



demeaning language to intimidate and belittle any who fell short of his standards. He also lived in luxury at a time of national austerity, while many of his co-workers at Bethel lived in squalid conditions.

*Documented evidence shows Rutherford to have been a ruthless bigoted bully rather than a clean-cut figurehead for the fledgling Watch Tower Society*

All of this was documented during the [Olin Moyle libel lawsuit](#) in the early 1940s, which Rutherford lost. A copy of Moyle's resignation letter which sparked the lawsuit is available to read on [this link](#). It gives an astonishing glimpse into what life was like in Bethel under Rutherford's presidency, and casts serious doubt over whether Christ could really have supported such a man as custodian over his organization.

It may be that you, the reader, are so determined to think of Rutherford as a good man that you will not accept information unless it is within the Society's own literature – even if it is documented information from a lawsuit. If that is the case, I would urge you to read my [article on racism in Watchtower literature](#) during both Russell and Rutherford's presidency. Some of the bigoted statements made by Rutherford and his writers in the Society's own publications defy belief, and should leave you beyond any doubt of Rutherford's questionable character.

Despite all this, the Watch Tower Society of the 21st Century insists on ascribing Rutherford with a prominent role in the fulfilment of bible prophecy – one of the very first members of the faithful and discreet slave! Even so, it is perhaps noteworthy that Rutherford's name is only mentioned once in all of the four study articles – and that is in the quote reproduced above. I feel this may be telling. Watchtower wants you, the reader, to focus on the date, 1919, rather than the bigoted bully behind it.

### **A tenuous link**

Witnesses will be familiar with the [Governing Body](#)'s constant attempts to draw parallels between themselves and Christ's First Century apostles. The third study article, “Feeding Many Through the Hands of a Few” represents yet another example of this.

The opening paragraphs remind the reader of Christ's miracle where he fed the five thousand using just a few loaves and fishes, with his disciples distributing the miraculously produced food. (Matt 14:14-21) The writer then expands on this by explaining that spiritual feeding was of more



*The magazine suggests that Christ's miraculous feeding of the five thousand supports the Governing Body arrangement*

importance to Christ than providing physical food, and it was for this reason that Christ chose his apostles.

We are then reminded in paragraph 9 of an incident in the book of Acts where a physical food shortage arose among the early Christians. The apostles sprung into action to appoint responsible brothers to ensure that food was being distributed evenly. So far the reader is thinking "Yes, but these were Christ's *apostles*. There is no mention in Acts of a Governing

Body." But it doesn't take long (paragraph 10, in fact) for the writer to make the connection...

*"By 49 CE, the surviving apostles had been joined by certain other qualified elders. (Read Acts 15:1,2.) 'The apostles and older men in Jerusalem' served as a governing body. As the Head of the congregation, Christ used this small group of qualified men to settle doctrinal issues and to oversee and direct the preaching and teaching of the Kingdom good news. - Acts 15:6-29; 21:17-19; Col. 1:18." (w13 7/15 p.17)*

The above statement makes an unfounded assumption. It implies that, once the circumcision issue arose, the apostles were permanently "joined" by the "older men" in the making of any and all subsequent decisions related to the early congregation. There is absolutely no evidence of this. In the entire Bible, the phrase "apostles and older men" appears only six times – and all six times are in chapters 15 and 16 of Acts. It therefore seems that the involvement of the "older men" in this matter was a one-off "ad hoc" event that was borne from necessity and the uniqueness of the situation. To suggest that the apostles were unable to reach decisions without the older men from that point onwards is making an assertion that simply isn't contained in the scriptures.

The next paragraph goes on to imply that, from this point onwards, the Apostle Paul was tasked with carrying out the orders of this newly formed "governing body." It cites Acts 16:4,5 where Paul is described as delivering "for observance the decrees that had



Once again the Governing Body holds aloft the account of the “apostles and older men” in Acts 15 and 16 as their mandate to rule unopposed

been decided upon by the apostles and older men who were in Jerusalem.”

Only when the reader looks up the scripture and notes its proximity to the circumcision issue in the previous chapter does he realise that, rather than being a permanent arrangement, Paul was merely passing on the instructions related to this particular matter. But the way the Society quotes the scriptures suggests to the reader that this was an ongoing permanent “arrangement,” and that

Paul was subservient to the “apostles and older men” from then on – which, again, is asserting something that is simply not supported by scripture. Paragraph 11 then draws the reader to the following conclusion...

*“Notice that those congregations prospered as a result of their loyal cooperation with the governing body in Jerusalem. Is that not proof of Jehovah’s blessing on the arrangement by means of which his Son fed the congregations? Let us remember that spiritual prosperity is possible only with Jehovah’s rich blessing.-Prov. 10:22; 1 Cro. 3:6,7.” (w13 7/15 p.18 par.11)*

And so, like an accomplished magician, the writer succeeds in duping the reader into drawing two false assumptions: (1) that there was a first century governing body, which there wasn’t (and bible writers were perfectly capable of coming up with their own term in Greek to describe such an arrangement if it existed without the Watchtower adding to the scriptures), and (2) that it was a permanent ongoing arrangement rather than a one-off way of dealing with a particular problem that arose, namely circumcision.

The next paragraph is one of the most intriguing in the magazine, but it serves a very deliberate purpose. It states...

*“Thus far we have seen that Jesus followed a pattern when feeding his followers: He fed many through the hands of a few. The channel he used for spiritual feeding was clearly recognizable. After all, the apostles – the original members of the governing body – could provide visible proof of heavenly backing. ‘Through the hands of the apostles many signs and*

*portents continued to occur among the people,' states Acts 5:12. Hence, there was no reason for those who became Christian to wonder, 'Who really are the ones through whom Christ is feeding his sheep?' But by the end of the first century, the situation changed." (w13 7/15 p.18 par.12)*

The paragraphs that follow go on to describe Christianity's slide into apostasy following the death of the apostles, but rather than allowing ourselves to be swept along by the rhetoric, the true purpose of the above paragraph must be fully recognized. The Society is now trying to make the point, which it repeats more clearly on page 21, that the faithful slave scripture COULD NOT have applied to the apostles because their authority was unmistakable due to their "signs and portents."

Simply put, the Society now argues that, because Matthew 24:45 is written in the form of a question (i.e. "Who really is the faithful and discreet slave...?"), Jesus could not have been referring to his apostles. They say that, because it was so obvious that the apostles were in charge, such a question would be irrelevant. However, as I will argue later in this article, this reasoning is so flawed it is almost laughable.



*The magazine twice tries to argue that the "faithful slave" could not have applied to the apostles because it was mentioned in the form of a question*

In reality, all the Society achieves with the above paragraph is to inadvertently remind thinking Witnesses that the Governing Body really has no "visible proof" of their appointment by Christ. Sure, they have an organization that is expanding at an underwhelming growth rate of 1.9% (as of 2012), but it is also an organization that imposes the torturous shunning of family members and is increasingly making itself the subject of legal pressure on account of its damaging [child abuse policies](#). The idea that the individual Governing Body members are somehow invisibly hand-picked by Christ is therefore unthinkable – so unthinkable that even the Society evades articulating this idea in print. So where does the Governing Body get its mandate from?

I wish I could answer that question by quoting a series of paragraphs in this magazine through which the Society coherently justifies the Governing Body's pope-like status. Sadly, however, there is no such material to draw from. Nowhere in these study articles is it described how Governing Body members are selected, or how it can be proven that Christ has any role in this process whatsoever. Rather, the mandate for

the Governing Body to rule unquestioned over nearly 8 million people apparently hinges on three scriptures:

1. Christ's miracle of the loaves and the fishes in Matthew 14
2. Two chapters in Acts, namely chapters 15 and 16 (a historical narrative about the handling of the circumcision issue by the “apostles and older men”)
3. The verses in Matthew 24 about the faithful slave – which many argue were intended purely as a parable.

Having established such a shaky foundation for justifying the present Governing Body arrangement in the first three articles, the fourth and final article is left to drive home the message that the Governing Body is to be loyally obeyed without question, because its future approval by Christ is already set in stone. This is underlined by the final words of the second paragraph, which states:

*“It is vital that we recognize the faithful slave. Our spiritual health and our relationship with God depend on this channel.”*  
– Matthew 4:4; John 17:3.

I looked up both scriptures. As you would expect, neither was remotely connected with the faithful and discreet slave.

#### **Who really is the faithful and discreet slave?**

It doesn't take long for the final article to answer the above question, which forms its title. A box is provided at the top of page 22 that spells out the answer succinctly, as follows:

*“‘The faithful and discreet slave’: A small group of brothers who are directly involved in preparing and dispensing spiritual food during Christ's presence. Today, these anointed brothers make up the Governing Body.” (w13 7/15 p.22 box)*

This answer is elaborated on in the text beneath, in paragraph 10...

*“Who then is the faithful and discreet slave? In keeping with Jesus' pattern of feeding many through the hands of a few, that slave is made up of a small group of anointed brothers who are directly involved in preparing and dispensing spiritual food during Christ's presence. Throughout the last days, the anointed brothers who make up the faithful slave have served together at headquarters. In recent decades, that slave has been closely associated with the Governing body of Jehovah's Witnesses. Note, however, that the word “slave” in Jesus'*



*illustration is singular, indicating that this is a composite slave. The decisions of the Governing Body are thus made collectively.” (w13 7/15 p.22, par.10)*

Having unequivocally assumed such a lofty title, the Governing Body members probably felt that they needed to make some token show of humility. It was noted during the Annual Meeting that, in his talk, David Splane went to great lengths to “sell” the new teaching to the audience by pushing the new understanding of the domestics – now considered to be both anointed christians, and those of the great crowd.



*David Splane extols the teaching of the domestics during the Annual Meeting*

“And brothers, we LOVE this teaching.” Splane enthused, adding, “We LOVE this idea, because it really truly does dignify the members of the Great Crowd.” Many of us who watched those words being spoken on the [click JW.org promotional video](#) have been left unconvinced. It seems obvious that the “faithful slave” has far more to “love” about this new teaching than the domestics do.

The issue of the domestics is given similar prominence in a section entitled “Who are the domestics?” on pages 22 and 23. A picture is shown at the top of page 23 in which Gerrit Lösch and his wife are seated at a congregation meeting. Gerrit glances inquisitively as a young child answers into the outstretched microphone. The message is unmistakable. “We are normal, everyday brothers – just like anyone else!” Not everyone will be buying it.

### **A selection that has already been made**

A key reason why the previous teaching regarding the faithful and discreet slave almost served its purpose (to some extent) was that it referred to events in the murky past that nobody could remember, and made assertions that few could authoritatively argue with unless they were prepared to do some research. For example, the Society argued that Jesus selected a Slave in 1919 that had already existed for centuries, and appointed it over all his “belongings.” Therefore, no matter what flaws the organization may now have, the argument could be made that the Slave Class had ALREADY received final approval from Christ – so any perceived flaws were irrelevant.

But now, the teaching is that Christ has YET to finally approve the Governing Body in its role as the composite slave. With this in mind, you would expect the [Governing Body](#) members to exercise a bit of humility, and not try to second guess the decision that Christ is due to make in the future during the Great Tribulation when he finally arrives to inspect his

slave class. Instead, the Governing Body boldly makes Christ's decision for him in advance. Note what is said on page 25...

*"In view of the foregoing, what can we conclude? When Jesus comes for judgment during the great tribulation, **he will find** that the faithful slave has been loyally dispensing timely spiritual food to the domestics. Jesus will then delight in making the second appointment – over all his belongings." (w13 7/15 p.25 par.18, bold mine)*

I was amazed at the arrogance when reading the above words. One would think that, if they have any true Christ-like humility about them, the Governing Body would say words to the effect of "we will do our best to provide spiritual food, and if Christ is pleased with our efforts when he comes, he promises to appoint us over all his belongings." Instead, as mentioned, the decision has evidently already been made by the Governing Body on Christ's behalf that he WILL choose them when he comes.

The scriptures themselves indicate that the appointment over the belongings is not to be considered a foregone conclusion. One is reminded of the very next words in Matthew 24:48-51 (*New World Translation*)...

*"But if ever that evil slave should say in his heart, 'My master is delaying,' and should start to beat his fellow slaves and should eat and drink with the confirmed drunkards, the master of that slave will come on a day that he does not expect and in an hour that he does not know, and will punish him with the greatest severity and will assign him his part with the hypocrites. There is where [his] weeping and the gnashing of [his] teeth will be."*

Ironically, the Society addresses this scripture by means of a box on page 24, on the page just before it makes the bold assertion that it WILL be selected. The box begins by discussing the "evil slave" and makes the following statement...

*"Was Jesus foretelling that there would be an evil slave class in the last days? No. Granted, some individuals have manifested a spirit similar to that of the evil slave described by Jesus. We would call them apostates, whether they were of the anointed or of the "great crowd." (Rev. 7:9) But such ones do not make up an evil slave class. Jesus did not say that he would appoint an evil slave. His words here are actually a warning directed to the faithful and discreet slave." (w13 7/15 p.24 box)*



And so a warning directed at the faithful and discreet slave is cunningly turned into an opportunity to lampoon [apostates](#) for “beating their fellow slaves.” Even though the box acknowledges that apostates are not the evil slave, it still leaps on the opportunity to misrepresent and stigmatize those who are guilty of nothing more than disagreeing with the teachings and practices of the Governing Body.

Meanwhile, the Governing Body sidesteps Christ’s warning about the “evil slave,” declaring further on in the box that it “has continued to keep on the watch and to provide nourishing spiritual food.” This part of the discussion is summed up as follows...

*“The anointed brothers who together serve as the faithful slave recognize that they are accountable to the Master for the way they care for his domestics. The heartfelt desire of these anointed brothers is to fulfill their responsibility loyally so that they might hear a ‘well done’ from the Master when he finally arrives.” (w13 7/15 p.24 box)*

Whatever the Governing Body may profess their “heartfelt desire” to be, they cannot escape the fact that their actions and decisions have caused misery and heartache to countless thousands through their cruel insistence on unscriptural policies such as the [shunning of family members](#).

Jesus said that his followers would be identified [by the love they have among themselves](#) (John 13:35), and yet the breaking up of families purely because somebody decides to leave his or her former religion is anything but loving. Those labelled “apostates” and [slandered with hate speech](#) merely for daring to disagree with the Governing Body have every reason to think of these men as an “evil slave,” whether such ones still consider themselves Christians or not. It is therefore difficult to fathom how the Governing Body can boldly consider Christ’s approval of their methods to be a foregone conclusion. (Matt. 7:21-23)

### **More questions than answers**

In total there are 23 pages in the four study articles combined. And yet, for all the sleek illustrations, carefully worded paragraphs and prophetic timelines, the magazine leaves key questions regarding the organization’s new doctrines unanswered. Here are just a few...

- **What scripture supports the fact that the “inspection and cleansing work” would take Christ four and a half years (from late 1914 to early 1919)?” (p.11)** – Repeatedly the magazine insists that the four and a half years between late 1914 and early 1919

was a period of “inspection and cleansing” by Christ. However, nowhere is any scripture provided to explain why Christ would need this specific length of time to achieve this purpose. Rather, it seems that events in the organization’s history have been taken as the “evidence” – and the scriptures just have to fit around them.

■ **What were the circumstances under which the early Bible Students “gave in to the fear of man?” (p.12)**

– This statement is found on page 12, but not elaborated on. If you have the time, I would encourage you to do research on this if you haven’t already done so. In a [previous article](#), I explored the events surrounding the publication of the *Finished Mystery*, and how the Bible Students were ordered by the authorities to tear out pages 247 to 253 of the book – pages that were fiercely political and critical of America’s war effort. This compromise was deemed an “organizational sin.”



*The early Bible Students were said to commit an “organizational sin” by ripping out fiercely political pages of this book*

However, the more you research the ludicrous statements contained in the *Finished Mystery*, the more you reach the conclusion that Christ would actually have praised the Bible Students for ripping out its pages rather than chastising them for it.

■ **If Russell and his associates were not part of God’s channel (or even the “slave class”) then why did Christ choose only to inspect *them* in 1914 and not any other Christian denominations? (p.19)**

– To put this question another way – why would Christ “inspect” one Christian denomination rather than several, or even all of them? If there was nothing special about Russell or his associates, then why did Christ effectively set up camp at Watchtower HQ for four and a half years and “inspect” them over this period? “Cleansing” is one thing, but “inspection” is something altogether different. Inspection is something you do BEFORE you are satisfied of the nature of something. Would it not have made more sense to “inspect” multiple denominations first, choose one of them, and then “cleanse” it accordingly?

■ **If all of the original 1919 members of the slave chosen by Christ are now dead, how can it be said that subsequent members of the slave were chosen?**

– As mentioned [in a previous article](#), a key problem with the “new light” is the question of succession. Previously, the Governing Body claimed that they were merely the representatives of a cloud-like mass of “anointed” ones that has always existed since the time of the apostles. Now, however, they have effectively evaporated this “cloud” and insisted that their appointment came directly from Christ in 1919. But all of the 1919

board of directors are now dead and buried, so how can it be assumed that their position as “faithful slave” was passed on to their successors? The Society has roundly condemned the catholic principle of apostolic succession in their literature – [including the Reasoning Book](#). It is one thing to suggest that Christ came and selected Rutherford and his associates in 1919 (despite the connotations of this, once you look at Rutherford’s character and what they were printing at the time). It is another thing entirely to assume that this status of “the faithful and discreet slave” was somehow passed like a baton to successive generations down through the decades *since* 1919 based purely on the necessity caused by people dying. No explanation is given as to how this was achieved, other than the suggestion that it “just did” – which is essentially Watchtower’s version of apostolic succession. With this new teaching, Watchtower has become more like the catholic church than it would care to admit.

■ **Why can it be said with certainty that Christ’s original apostles were not at least part of the faithful and discreet slave? (p.21)**

– This question is posed on page 21 of the magazine, but nowhere is it satisfactorily answered. The only explanation offered is that the “faithful and discreet slave” statement by Jesus was posed in the form of a question, and therefore it couldn’t possibly have applied to the apostles since there was no doubt at all that these ones had Christ’s authority. However, the asking of a question does not necessarily imply doubt. For example, what about “rhetorical questions” where the answer is known before the question is asked? And if it was such a foregone conclusion that the apostles would live up to Christ’s expectations, then why did Jesus go to such lengths to tell Peter to “feed my little sheep” after his resurrection? (John 21:15-19) The article insists that there was “hardly a reason to ask such a question” regarding the apostles, yet recognizing the authority of the apostles as the “faithful slave” was as much a choice for early Christians as it is for Witnesses regarding the Governing Body today. This is highlighted by the fact that some early Christians deviated from the apostles’ leadership. (2 Tim 2:16-18) The Society’s reasoning is thus SO flawed that the question is effectively left unanswered.

■ **Just what is so special about headquarters? (p.22) –**

According to the new explanation of the faithful slave, it seems that a key identifying feature of a composite slave member is not WHO he is, or even whether he has a heavenly hope or not. What apparently matters is WHERE he



happens to work. Nowhere in Christ's discussion of the slave does it hint that "location, location, location" would be at all important

*It seems that working at World Headquarters in New York is a key criteria for being considered part of the Faithful Slave, even though there is no scriptural basis for this assertion*

in identifying who the faithful slave is, so how can the organization be so dogmatic in insisting that "headquarters" in New York carries such relevance in making this biblical determination?

- **How can the Governing Body justify insisting that they WILL be appointed by Christ over "all of this belongings" in advance of this event?** (p.25) – As discussed above, many sincere Witnesses will be left scratching their heads at the brazenness of the Governing Body in insisting they WILL be appointed by Christ over his belongings before he has even come in judgment. The decision has been effectively snatched out of Christ's hands, and made for him.

### **An organization as porous as its teachings**

By now you have probably reached the conclusion that most of what is discussed in the four articles of this new magazine either makes no sense at all, or was already covered at the Annual Meeting nearly six months ago – an event at which some 15,000 privileged Witnesses were treated to a glimpse of the "new light" before millions of their brothers around the world.



*The Governing Body preferred to receive applause and fanfare at their Annual Meeting than go to any efforts to make sure their "new light" reached the global brotherhood simultaneously*

As discussed [in a previous article](#), it took more than a month following the Annual Meeting for news of the "new light" to be finally [confirmed on the Society's official web pages](#), and nearly two months for this information to then be made available in languages other than English.

Finally, six months after the information was divulged from a New Jersey platform, the worldwide brotherhood are finally getting to hear about this doctrine in print – a

doctrine that carries profound implications regarding the authority of the Governing Body.

No longer are the Governing Body self-appointed representatives of a some obscure cloud of anointed Witnesses that has always existed in some form stretching back to the time of the apostles. They are now self-appointed representatives, not of heaven-bound Christians, but of Christ

himself. They answer to no one, and meaningful evidence to support their claim is deemed irrelevant.

True, it may be that even before this announcement a good number of Witnesses considered the Governing Body to be the faithful and discreet slave, but this would only realistically been for one (or both) of two reasons: (1) ignorance on the part of individuals regarding Society doctrine, or (2) the way in which the Governing Body increasingly presented themselves over many years as being synonymous with the Slave Class. The fact that the rhetoric coming down from the Society led many to predict the announcement in advance does not lessen the fact that the new teaching carries profound implications. It consolidates the authority of the Governing Body, and effectively elevates them to Pope-like status.

With all this considered, perhaps we learn more from the fact that this magazine has been leaked weeks ahead of its release than from anything contained in its pages. Just like its doctrines, the Watch Tower Society seems unable to hold water in terms of confidentiality, as more and more information is leaked by conscientious individuals within the growing ranks of thinking Witnesses.



*The leaking of this magazine and other documents proves that more thinking Witnesses are finding the courage to take action*

It is exhilarating to think that so many within the organization are waking from their indoctrination and finding the courage to take risks by getting information like this article into the hands of those who will make use of it. I only hope that this pattern continues, so that more and more true light can shine down on this quirky organization with its dubious history, shady practices and tangled teachings.



J'aime

51 personnes qui l'aiment. Soyez le premier de vos amis.

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#### Comments



■ **sabastious** March 27, 2013 at 8:42 am

Awesome article Cedars! The Watchtower is a dysfunction of society that is enabled by it's people. So many have defended their right to lie to, cheat, steal and abuse their own people. All in the name of “freedom of religion.” They are not a religion, they are a virtual nation who are slowly indoctrinating their citizens into a standing army. One day they will hand them guns and tell them to march on the governments of the world. Will we be ready?

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■ **Yan Bibiyan** March 27, 2013 at 9:04 am

Cedars, great work!

A thingy caught my eye...the “apostles and older men” illustration above has EIGHT bearded guys talking (football 🏈 over scrolls.

And the new FDS is composed of how many members?

Coincidence? Maybe...

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■ **CAMOKO** March 27, 2013 at 9:37 am

It is not...It is posted as a subliminal picture to reside in one's subconscious, from wich any (re)action is prepared and then performed, thus to manipulate one's “yes” and “no”

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■ **Ms Jacobs** March 27, 2013 at 9:55 am

Concerned that more and more comments toward anointed will be leaving before new world begins. The memorial talk hinted at it now this magazine. F and D are all anointed not just GB.

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■ **Nick** March 27, 2013 at 10:00 am

As predicted the new light totally eliminates Charles Russell as having anything to do with the FDS! They need to do this of course because of his wacky teachings... but as this excellent article points out Rutherford was worse!

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KurtMarch 27, 2013 at 11:36 am

This article might bolster the position of the governing body as leaders, excuse me, taking the lead among those who accept it at face value, but it creates two new problems.

First thing, there is the claim that someone can not get Bible understanding alone, but must get taught from an organization that channels God. The teaching has been that the organization has been in existence since the first century and the faithful slave has been feeding people through it. With this new teaching, you have 19 centuries of people somehow coming to understanding of the Bible and becoming wheat Christians, all without a faithful slave or organization. So one could rightfully reason that if people were able to understand the Bible all that time without organizational leadership then they could certainly do so now.

Secondly, even if one takes leave of the facts and their powers of reason enough to accept this article as being accurate, it creates another problem. Accepting that in 1919 some men were appointed as a faithful slave, they are all dead now. The current men in the governing body were not appointed then, and there is no provision for them to be appointed in some form of apostolic succession, which the Reasoning book points out is "not a Biblical teaching". That leaves the governing body in the position of being ordinary men making unscriptural boastful claims about themselves in order to deceive people into obeying their orders.

This corporation has painted itself into an even smaller corner with this article with no way out. It has no credibility.

Thank you for your review and other work you have done in examining the works of the Watchtower corporation.

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mikenMarch 27, 2013 at 11:37 am

This further self-assumed authority of the governing body makes the question as to whether or not their claim to appointment in 1919 is true or false an even more critical question than previously. Don Cameron in his Captives of a Concept addresses the question and beyond doubt shows the claim to be untrue. See <http://captivesofaconcept.com/>

The two main prophetic publications distributed after the supposed 1919 inspection and appointment were The Finished Mystery and Millions Now Living Will Never Die, both claimed to be produced under divine direction. The prophecies of course failed, a sign of divine appointment?

Rutherford was regarded as the 'Faithful and Discreet Slave or Steward' successor to Russell not a group of men at the Brooklyn Bethel see the 1917 pamphlet The Parable of the Penny at <http://wtarchive.svhelden.info/english/books-and-tracts/>

Rutherford himself controlled what was published and wrote a vast amount himself as well as doing radio broadcasts and gramophone recordings together with numerous assembly and conventions talks. At the first annual meeting after Rutherford's death in 1942 in a unanimous declaration it was stated that



"instructions come to the Lord's people on earth from the office of the president of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society, filled by anointed men chosen of the Lord in his organization;"

Jehovah's Witnesses Yearbook 1943 page 169.

Analysis of the historical recorded facts during the Rutherford presidency and the major part of the Knorr presidency do not substantiate the latest claims of group preparation of supposed spiritual food, however groups were probably involved in the distribution.

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Mrs C March 27, 2013 at 12:21 pm

Great article Cedars!! I really hope the active Witnesses will think about those seven questions.

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AWAKENOW March 27, 2013 at 12:26 pm

Cedars – Beautiful piece of work. Just excellent. A great counter point and voice of reason to the GB's "murky madness."

They are now fully qualified to be "The Man of Lawlessness" at 2 Thessalonians chapter 2, which the first century Christians condemned. In part it says:

"However, brothers, respecting the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ... we request of you not to be quickly shaken from your reason... Let no one seduce you in any manner.." (2Thes 2:1-3)

"He... lifts himself up over everyone who is called "god" or an object of reverence, so that he sits down in the temple of The God, publicly showing himself to be a god." (2Thes 2:4)

Think about it:

- They assert that God accepts only one organized and true religion to serve him and to reveal his will, then claim that they are God's spokesman and exclusive channel for true worship for mankind today. Thus they replace God's will and authority with their own.
- They assert personal salvation and a relationship with Christ depends on how mankind responds to Christ brothers, then as self appointed mediator and teacher claim they are his true brothers. Thus they replace Christ as mediator and savior.
- They assert themselves to a superior position while inserting themselves into the center of their followers lives requiring absolute loyalty, total devotion, and unquestioning obedience. Thus they have dictated faith, obstructed salvation, and hijacked the worship of millions of people.

"...indeed, the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will do away with ..because they did not accept the love of the truth..." (2Thes 2:10)

Sadly, Jesus's description seems to apply to them quite well: "In that way you also, outwardly indeed, appear righteous to men, but inside YOU are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness. (Matthew 23:28)



Cedars, keep turning the screws as long as you can. Information like this and the heartfelt, loving, and insightful comments posted on this site are a treasure.

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musicman4283 March 27, 2013 at 1:11 pm

Excellent article! I mean, WOW! I have been waiting for these retards to print some "New Light" for some time now. A person very close to me has been studying with JWs and has repeatedly been lead to believe that there haven't been any drastic changes in doctrine. As soon as I get my hands on that PDF of the magazine I will finally be able to show this person just how ridiculous the claims of the governing body are. Hope you don't mind, but I will probably use some of your points from this article to drive the point home. I, with your help, am on the verge of saving yet another person from this horrible organization! Thanks for all you do.

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miken March 27, 2013 at 1:29 pm

Thus they replace Christ as mediator and savior".

"It is vital that we recognize the faithful slave. Our spiritual health and our relationship with God depend on this channel." – Matthew 4:4; John 17:3.

Note not on Jesus Christ (John 14:6). Could this be the reason why Jesus is totally missing in the illustration regarding the earthly organization and its relationship to and by the heavenly organization on page 29 of the April 15 Watchtower magazine. There is even a heirarchy of seating quality from the governing body down!

For anyone interested the bylaws Rutherford got passed at the first annual meeting after Russell death held in Jan 1917 to gain control of the society are recorded in the court transcript of the Olin Moyle case 1527-1532 See [http://archive.org/stream/OlinR.MoyleTrial/1943\\_Olin\\_Moyle\\_Trial#page/n285/mod](http://archive.org/stream/OlinR.MoyleTrial/1943_Olin_Moyle_Trial#page/n285/mod)

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KtotheRAD "Konrad" March 27, 2013 at 2:44 pm

I can only sum up my thoughts in these simple cursory symbols which I'm sure, whether spoken or not will be shared by many both inside and outside of the organization:

"?????"

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Magusknight1974 March 27, 2013 at 2:52 pm

Well Cedars I believe the time is getting closer for us all to see the true nature of this light. Remember Satan is the Great Deceiver and we all can admit he is doing a Grand Job with this group. The first step to unified power is too eliminate the old

beliefs in order to create new ones. The path for the future of this group required this new movement to take place quickly. The Roman Caesar would do this in order to focus control and power over his Empire to favor him. I always knew this day would arrive and this is fulfilling prophecy in our time. Jesus warns us of a time when people would assume power in his name. ! John Chapter 4 and verses 8-12 show that we must know our God by his attribute of Love and follow this example. I do not see how changing the power structure of this organization while still not addressing the real concerns on policy is loving in any manner. Jehovah and Jesus both are not happy with this new evolution in thought but will separate those good ones from this organization. Trust in your God with your whole heart and be like the tree that's leaves never wither and die. If we show love and continue to help guide those blinded by false light are displaying ourselves as True Christians mentioned in the Bible. Keep fighting this organization for if they are truly protected by divine powers we are no match but if they are not they will fall in ruins. A little flair but it makes the point. Love ya all.

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Jane Robertson March 27, 2013 at 3:58 pm

So Jesus used 12 men to feed less than 10,000 people but uses less than 10 to feed millions the logic is stretched so thin it is impossible to see. The problem with any lie is it grows and grows as you try to plug the gaps. The societies lie is now out of control and becoming more ridiculous. I can only hope that a few will see the issue with this teaching and leave never to return.

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TheSnarkyApologist March 27, 2013 at 4:03 pm

I agree with everyone else, yes, it is a great article. BUT!!!!  
My question is this..."how can we flog the daylights out of them with it? lol....

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Cedars March 27, 2013 at 4:15 pm

That's your job Snarky, using your special YouTube powers!!

Time to roll out the green screen I think... 🤖

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Frank March 27, 2013 at 4:06 pm

If the UN is going to turn on religion it is likely at the request of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society.

Type in "Jehovah's Witnesses" into the search engine at:

<http://www.osce.org/search/apa...0Witnesses>

and you'll find 147 references to the religious rights of JW's to preach.

Then go to:

<http://www.osce.org/ec/43240>

and read the first two lines:

“The OSCE recognizes that the United Nations Security Council bears primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security. Thus, the United Nations is the OSCE's primary partner organization.”

Then try:

<http://www.jw.org/en/news/by-r....objection/>

As you will see, this is JW.org. Why does the UN “image of the Scarlet-Coloured Wild Beast even come up? The squeaky wheel gets the oil!

How do we know WTBS uses UN clout?

<http://www.watchtowernews.org/nytimes.htm>

Note theses sentiments written by the WTBS itself:

“Human Rights Violated

The ability to practice religion freely is a basic human right, supported by the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the European Convention on Human Rights, and the Constitution of the French Republic. Yet the tax authority believes it has the right to use its power of taxation arbitrarily to restrict some religions but not others.”

Join the dots and what do we get?

Frank V

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C M March 27, 2013 at 4:07 pm

Wow this article truly spoke to me I hope they are held accountable for the lies and harsh rules that have been the cause of death, heartbreak, suffering by so many. Every time the doctrine changes more and more people are “awakening’ and the fact that the Magazine was leaked ahead of time is proof that even in places where they have access to such things we find “awakened brothers”. I am going through persecution myself as my family has found out that I am learning TTATT and no longer believe this to be the one true religion and accussing me of apostasy and blaming me for their health and money issues etc. because they have all lost Jehovah's protection according to them. I have been kicked out of the house, not for being a drug addict, not for stealing, I have done nothing wrong scripturally and yet they have gave me the ultimatum and will shun me, thanks to their WT mindset. But in time I think more and more will see what is really going on. And the they will see how wrong they were for kicking their children out of their homes, letting their loved ones die for not recieving a blood ( or bone marrow transplant ) transfusion, for shunning people and chosing the org. over them, for teaching false doctrines,etc. No 8 men can have all that power the time is tickin let us count the hours and until then the world and our loved ones are theirs.

C M

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FrankMarch 27, 2013 at 4:23 pm

"With 57 States from Europe, Central Asia and North America, the OSCE is the world's largest regional security organization. It offers a forum for political negotiations and decision-making in the fields of early warning, conflict prevention, crisis management and post-conflict rehabilitation, and puts the political will of its participating States into practice through its unique network of field missions.

"The OSCE has a comprehensive approach to security that encompasses politico-military, economic and environmental, and human aspects. It therefore addresses a wide range of security-related concerns, including arms control, confidence- and security-building measures, human rights, national minorities, democratization, policing strategies, counter-terrorism and economic and environmental activities.

"All 57 participating States enjoy equal status, and decisions are taken by consensus on a politically, but not legally binding basis."

Notice here: "(The OSCE) offers a forum for POLITICAL negotiations..."

<http://www.osce.org/who>

"...comprehensive approach to security that encompasses POLITICO-MILITARY..."

"...taken by consensus on a POLITICALLY..."

Frank V

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FrankMarch 27, 2013 at 4:26 pm

Here's just one document containing a SUBMISSION to this 'politico-military' organisation for enforced recognition of "freedom of religion":

<http://www.osce.org/odihr/38881>

The fact seems that the "European Association of Jehovah's Christian Witnesses" takes on the appearance of a 'political arm' of God's Organisation!

I'm confused. Where does James 4:4 fit in with this scenario? If I made submission to a political organisation, wouldn't I disfellowshipped?

Frank V

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slavenomoreMarch 27, 2013 at 4:46 pm

well written and great points throughout especially at the end. Hopefully more will see the lunacy of the men behind the curtain and leave them behind to live the rest of their lives in true freedom. Fine work cedars! I have enjoyed all your articles thus far and anticipate your future posts. Cheers!

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