

Who Are Jehovah's Witnesses?

What Our Religions Are

By MILTON G. HENSEL

What is the basic creed professed by Jehovah's Witnesses? The Witnesses have no creed. They follow the Bible all the way, not halfway. They believe the Bible is entirely consistent — both the Hebrew and Greek Scriptures — and practical for our day.

Where did the name come from? The name Jehovah's Witnesses is found in the Bible in Isaiah 43:12. "I am Jehovah, and I am God."

A history of Jehovah's Witnesses and their service to God service exemption?

Do the Witnesses deny government authority? No. Without governments, anarchy and chaos would reign. Earthly governments have the right to make laws to regulate morals, protect persons and property, and maintain public order. Jehovah's Witnesses obey all such laws, if they are in accord with God's laws. When there is direct conflict between God's law and that of a government, they obey the supreme law of God as set forth in the Bible.

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God's primary purpose is the vindication of his name. In carrying out this purpose, God sent Jesus to earth to provide the ransom sacrifice as a way to lay the foundation for God's new system of things.

Jehovah will not tolerate wickedness on earth forever. The beginning of the end for Satan came when Christ took power in heaven as King. This happened in 1914.

Christ's first act was casting Satan out of heaven and his followers on earth. This will be climaxed in God's battle, Armageddon, the complete destruction of the Devil and his system of things. His world, this is the vindication of Jehovah's name and the beginning of the 1,000-year reign of Christ. Then all that breathe will praise Jehovah.

Christ is now in his second presence. He will always remain invisible to humans, but his presence is proved by world events since 1914, which fulfill all the predictions of Matthew 24.

Now the Christian's duty is to keep integrity to Jehovah to maintain the kingdom and to help neighbors find the way to godly service and everlasting life.

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Do Witnesses believe in the Holy Trinity? Jehovah's Witnesses believe that Jehovah God and Christ Jesus are two distinct persons and are not combined with a so-called "Holy Ghost" in one god-head called a Trinity.

Do Witnesses salute the flag? Saluting a flag, of any nation, is regarded by Jehovah's Witnesses as unchristian and a worship. Any national flag is a symbol of sovereign power, regarded by people as sacred.

Jehovah's Witnesses cannot conscientiously participate in an act that ascribes salvation to the national emblem and to the nation for which it stands, for in the Ten Commandments, it says: "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them."

Jehovah's Witnesses do not wish to incur the wrath of God by acts of worship contrary to his commands. They do not oppose anyone's desire or right to salute the flag. Each must decide for himself what he will do. That is true freedom of worship.

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Quiet Day Scheduled

A Quiet Day will be conducted on Friday, Feb. 26, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church by Sister Elise of the Community of the Holy Spirit, New York City, a religious order for Episcopal churchwomen.

She was previously here in 1962 for a Quiet Day. Sister Elise holds degrees B.S. and M.A. in organ; of M.A. and a doctorate in education from Columbia University, and is an outstanding authority on Christian day schools.

The Quiet Day will begin with Holy Communion at 8 a.m., followed by a break for rolls and coffee. Periods of meditation and contemplation will then be in order, interrupted only by a noon luncheon. The quiet time will end at 3 p.m.

A 6:30 p.m. potluck dinner is planned for the evening to continue the day with Sister Elise speaking on her work that of religious order and the life of the religious in general.

The associates of the community will be in charge of the arrangements for the entire day.

"HOLY CARPENTER"

ST. LOUIS (UPI) — The Rev. John Bentley, vice president of the National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church, says he visited an Episcopal church in Hong Kong named the "Church of the Holy Carpenter."

The building, which would be a sliding or folding door by means of a pulley system, would be built to accommodate 300 students, would likely be the only one of its kind in the state system of higher education.

The Bible says, "All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." — Timothy 3:12. Jehovah's Witnesses believe their work is of God. They know their real persecutor is the Devil. They have been arrested, beaten, and jailed in many countries, including all Communist countries, where they are banned.

Do Jehovah's Witnesses believe there is the only true faith? Certainly. If they thought someone else had the true faith, they would preach that. There is only "one faith," said Paul.

Jehovah's Witnesses do not believe that there is more than one way to gain salvation. They believe that the majority of people will meet the strict requirements of true faith. Jesus showed only a minority would be right.

"Narrow is the way that leads unto life, and few there be that find it."

Editor's Note: Starting March 5 in this column part of the two-part series "What Is a Jew?"

Evangelist Plans Talks

Rev. Lloyd F. Foster, pastor of the Klamath Falls Assembly of God Church, has issued an invitation to the public to hear youth evangelist and musician, Raymond Miller, nightly in the church auditorium from Tuesday, Feb. 23, to Sunday, Feb. 28, at 7:30 p.m.

Evangelist Miller's gospel program is unique in that he had been a professional entertainer prior to becoming an evangelist. Miller has mastered the playing of some 36 different musical instruments and incorporates many of them into his program of evangelism.

Men Slate Dessert

The Methodist Men of the First Methodist Church will conduct their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, Feb. 25, in the Fireside Room of the church, at 6:30 p.m.

The dessert meeting will feature the tape recording playback of Rev. Bob Richard's address given at the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce annual banquet, held this year in Los Angeles, honoring 10 outstanding young men in America. The address was considered particularly inspirational by local men who attended the banquet.

TAKE YOUR FAMILY TO CHURCH THIS WEEK

First Church of Christ, Scientist
A Branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston, Mass.
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Worship Service Testimony Meeting 8:00 O'Clock
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Golden Text: Matthew 23:27. They shall love the Lord God with all their heart, and with all their soul, and with all their mind.

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\$50,000 Chapel Planned At OTI

A \$50,000 student memorial chapel is in the offing at Oregon Technical Institute after being proposed recently by student body president Bill Mealey.

The proposal has gotten support from administrators and students at OTI as well as alumni and people in the Klamath Falls community, said Mealey. He indicated the chapel would be a multi-purpose building for religious as well as social activities and could be used by students, faculty, alumni and community groups.

It is hoped that funds would be donated by students, alumni and interested citizens in the local community. Some citizens have already shown interest in the project and would donate funds, Mealey said.

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Preaching Mission Date By Tulelake Church

TULELAKE—Rev. Wayne E. Wattman, pastor of the Community Presbyterian Church here, has announced that Rev. Donald J. Peterson, D.D., of Lake Oswego will be in Tulelake from March 7 to 11 during a special "preaching mission."

Rev. Peterson was formerly the Oregon State Field director of Evangelism and is now the pastor of the Forest Grove Presbyterian Church at Lake Oswego where he has been for the past 12 years.

"Preaching mission" services will begin daily at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of the Community Presbyterian Church starting on Sunday, March 7, continuing through Thursday, March 11. Special music for Rev. Peterson's services will be provided by the church choir under the direction of David Carman, music director.

During Rev. Peterson's stay here, he will be speaking at the "Men's Breakfast" on March 8, at the Tulelake Rotary Club on March 10 and at the Women's Guild meeting on March 11.

The public is invited to the preaching mission services.

BIGGEST CROSS

NEW YORK (UPI) — A cross said to be the biggest in the world stands on a hill on the Trans-Canada Highway overlooking Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, says the Catholic Digest. It is a 22-ton, 125-foot steel structure, outlined in neon and visible for 15 miles.

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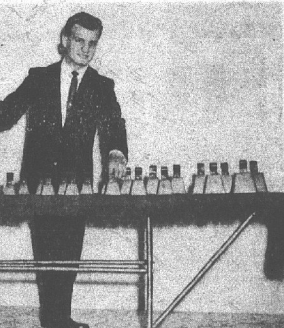
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