

*They operate out of
Warwick, NY, and control all
publications and doctrinal
positions of the organization.*





The governing body claims to be God's "faithful and discreet [wise] slave" in Mt. 24:44-47; each one being a member of the 144,000 of the "anointed class" of Rev. 7:4; 14:1, 3.

✧ Matthew 24:44-47 ✧

*"Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. {45} Who then is a **faithful and wise servant**, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? {46} Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. {47} Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods."*

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“Who Really Is the Faithful and Discreet Slave?”

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“Who really is the faithful and discreet slave whom his master appointed over his domestics?”—[MATT. 24:45](#).

CAN YOU FIND THE ANSWERS?

- Who is the faithful and discreet slave?
- Who are the domestics, and when did Jesus appoint the faithful slave over them?
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1, 2 Through what channel is Jesus feeding us today, and why is it vital that we recognize that channel?

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DID YOU GET THE POINT?

- **“The faithful and discreet slave”**: A small group of anointed brothers who are directly involved in preparing and dispensing spiritual food during Christ's presence. Today, these anointed brothers make up the Governing Body

Discreet Slave?

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In this capacity, they believe that God is using the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society to accomplish His purposes in the world.

Thus, there is a distinction between the Watchtower as a non-profit organization and the governing body.

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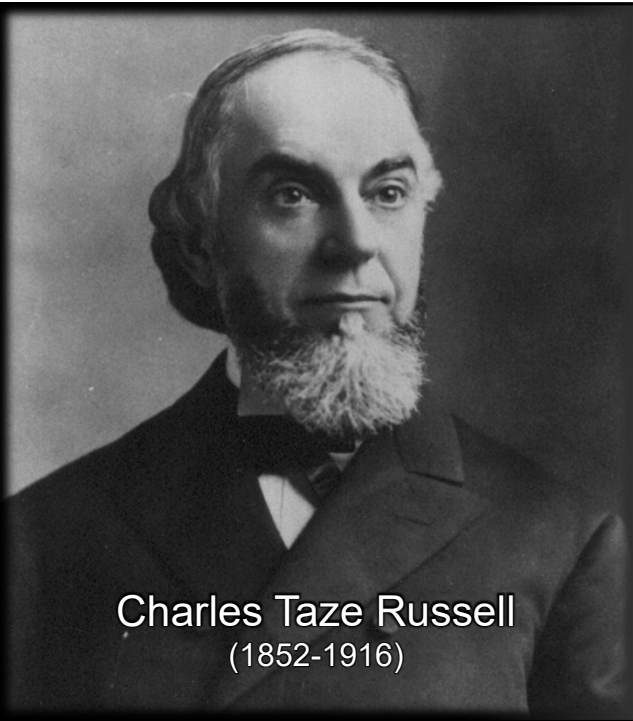


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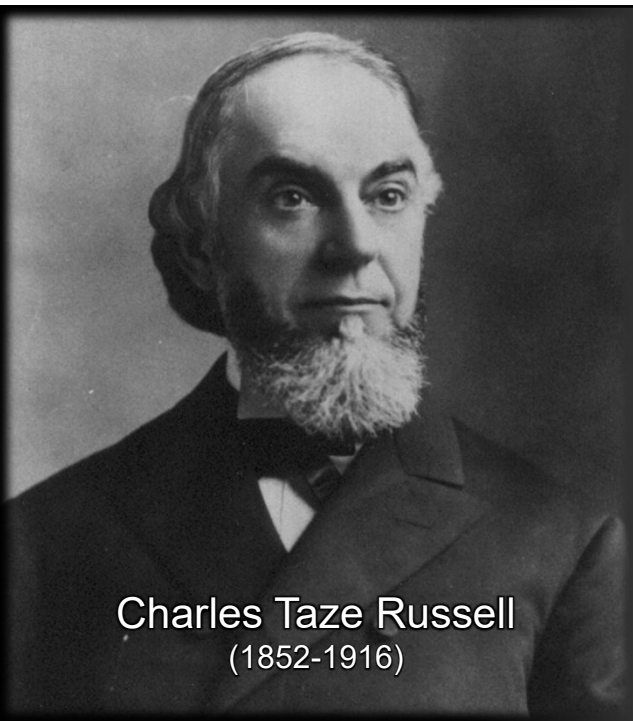
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Charles Taze Russell
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Jehovah's Witnesses were originally known as the International Bible Students Association.

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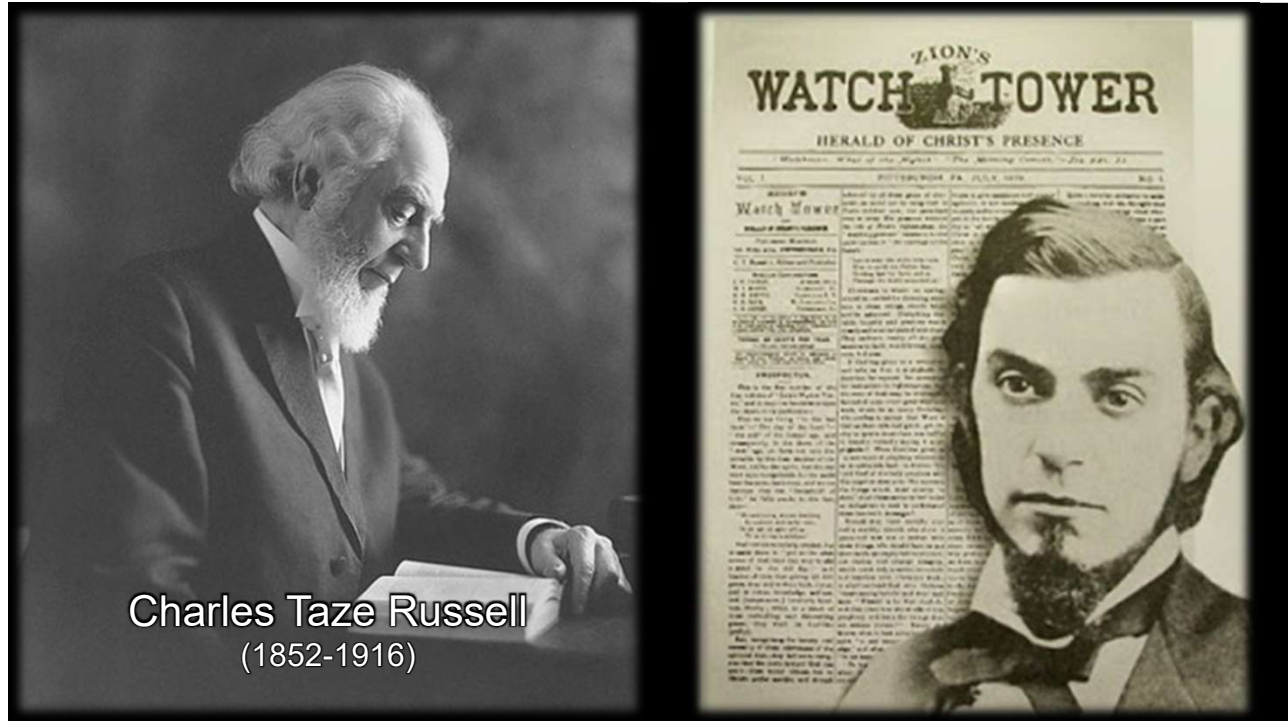
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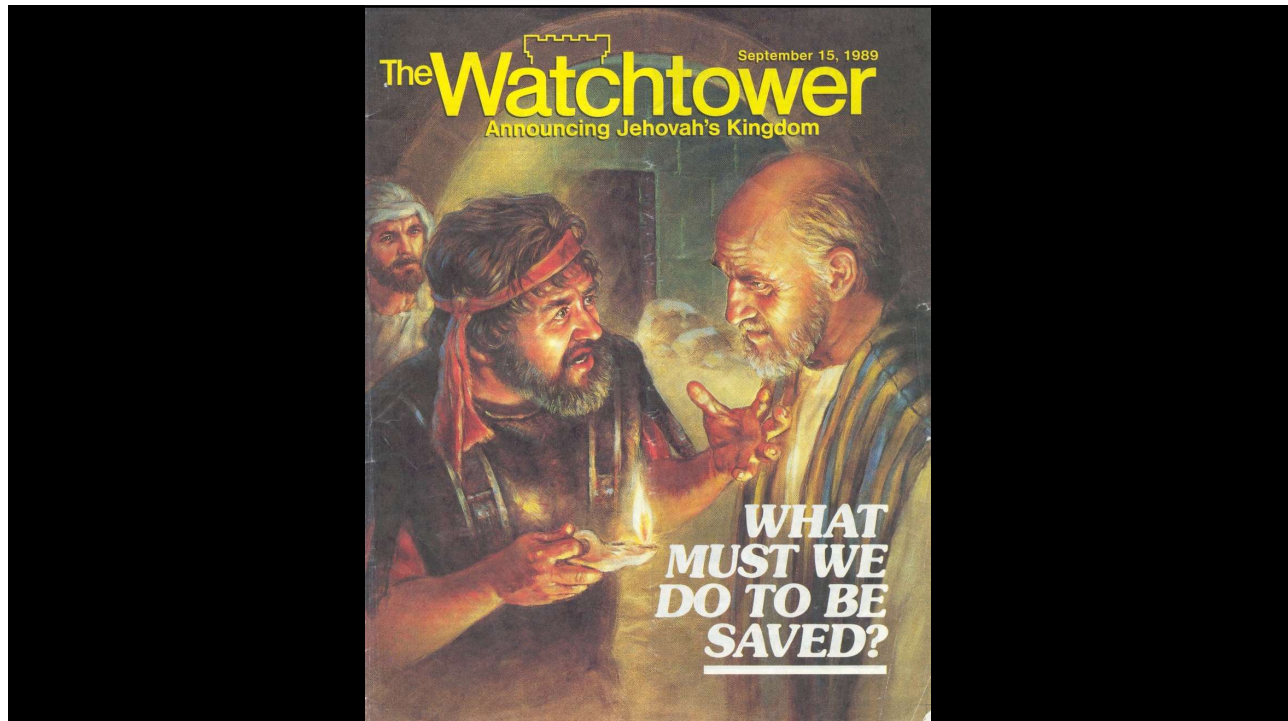
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The PHOTO DRAMA of CREATION

Charles Taze Russell
(1852-1916)

- ❖ *Russell was born in 1852.*
- ❖ *At an early age he rejected the notion of eternal torment (hell).*
- ❖ *He became concerned with the end times.*
- ❖ *Russell founded The Herald of the Morning in 1879 which has developed into today's The Watchtower Announcing Jehovah's Kingdom.*

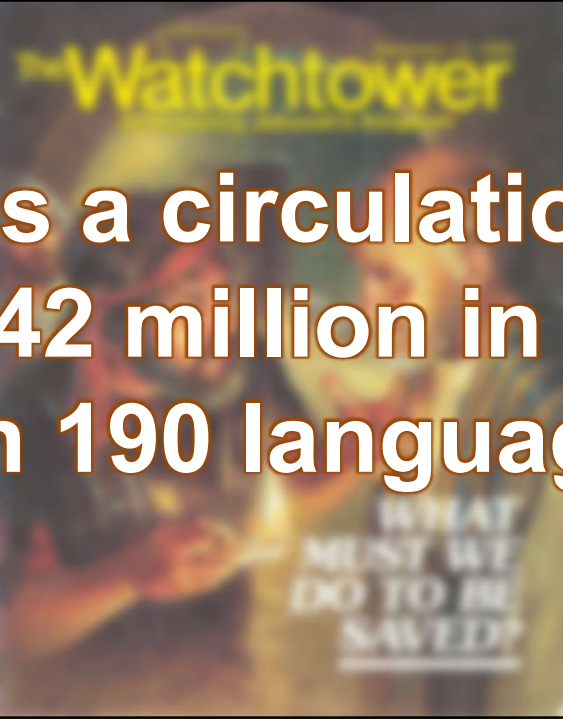


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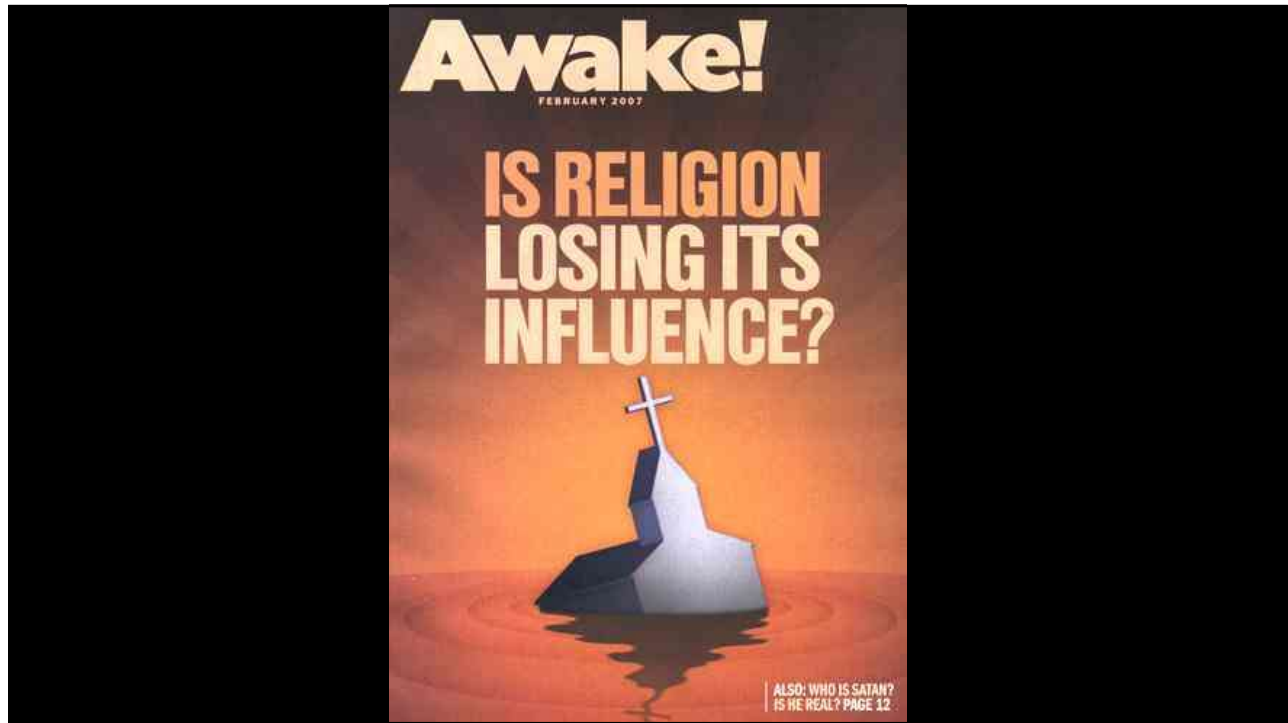


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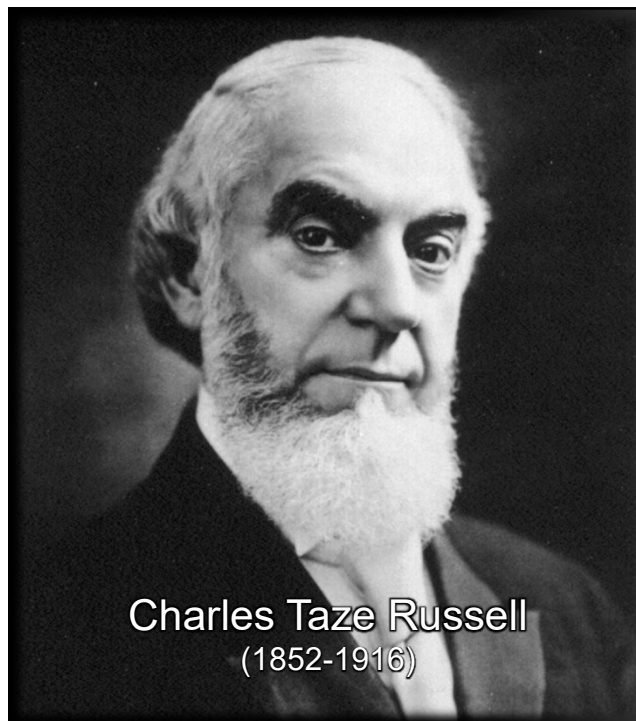
In 1881, *The Watchtower* was born.

This is an identical copy of the magazine cover shown in the first block, featuring the title 'The Watchtower', a dramatic image of a person, and the text 'WHAT MUST WE DO TO BE SAVED?'.

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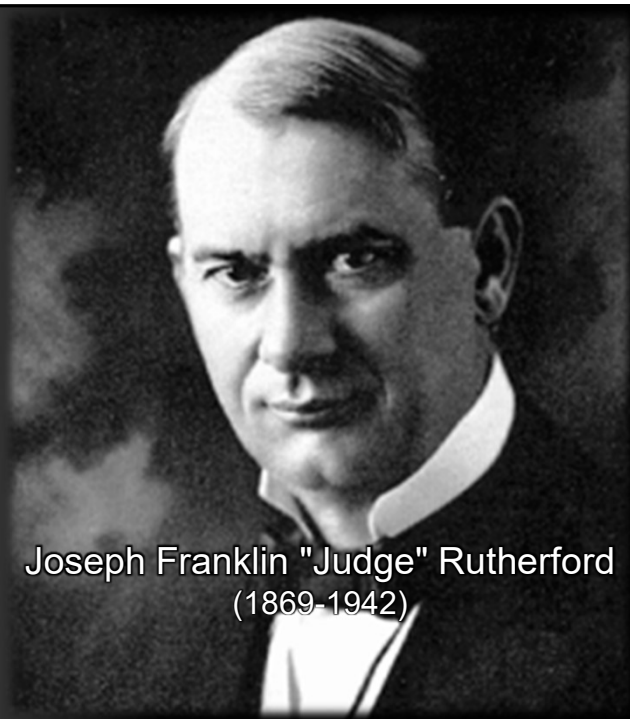
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- ❖ *In 1880 Russell predicted that Armageddon would occur in 1914.*
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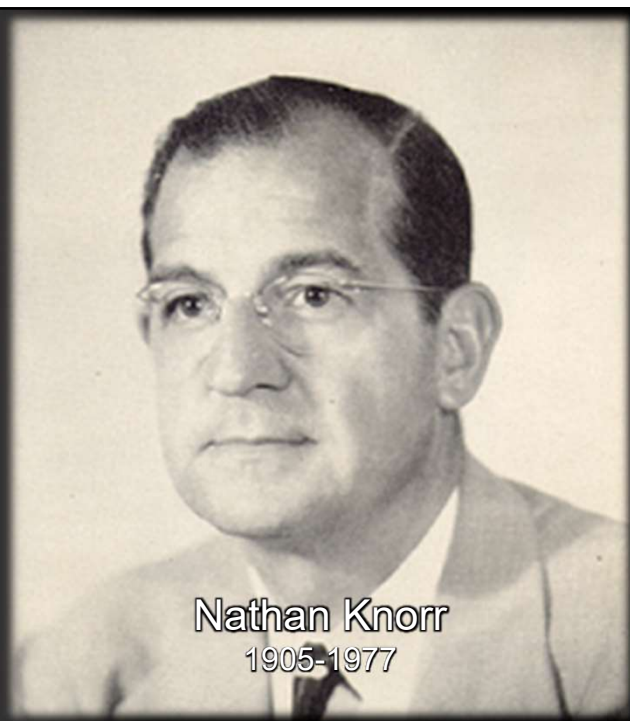
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Joseph Franklin "Judge" Rutherford
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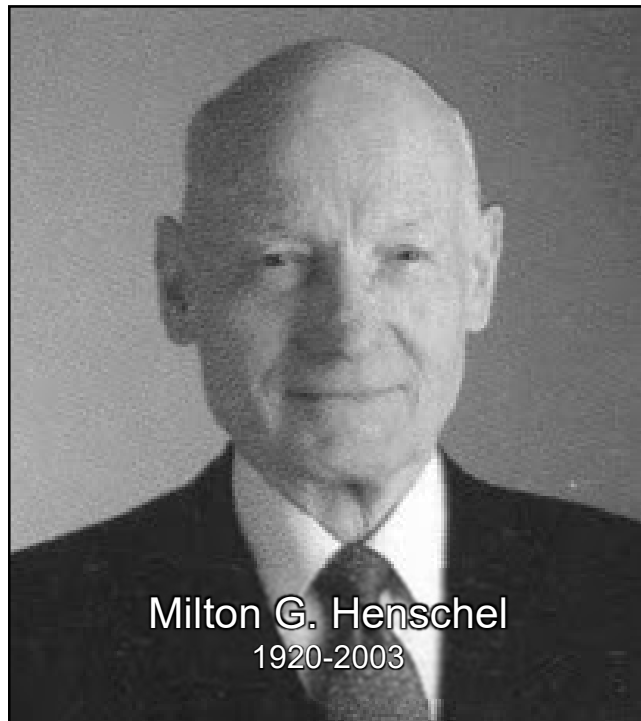


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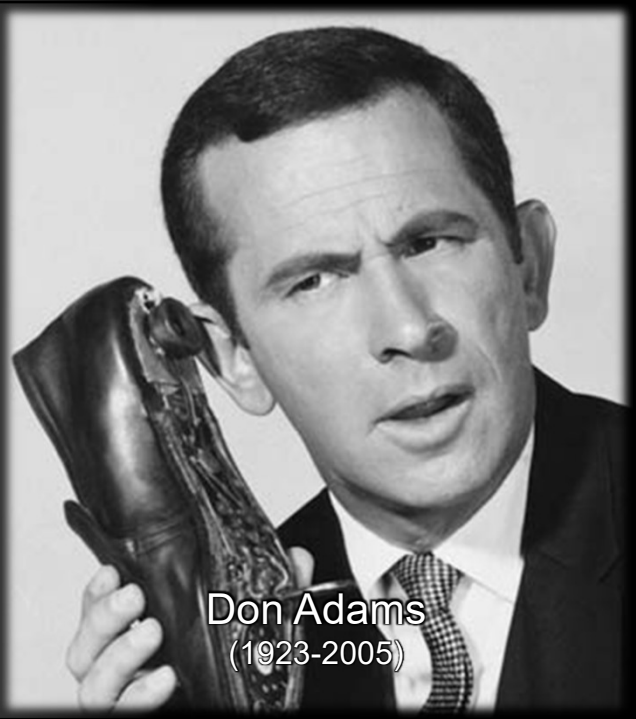
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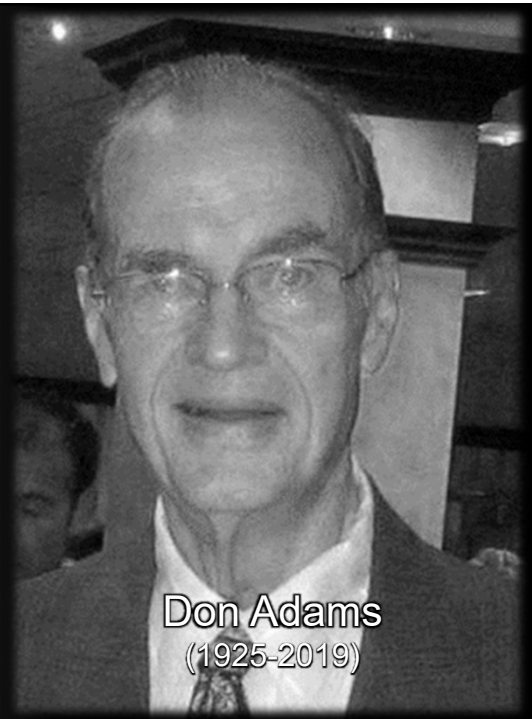
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Don Adams
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Don Adams
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In 2012 Robert Ciranko took over the presidency upon the resignation of Don Adams.



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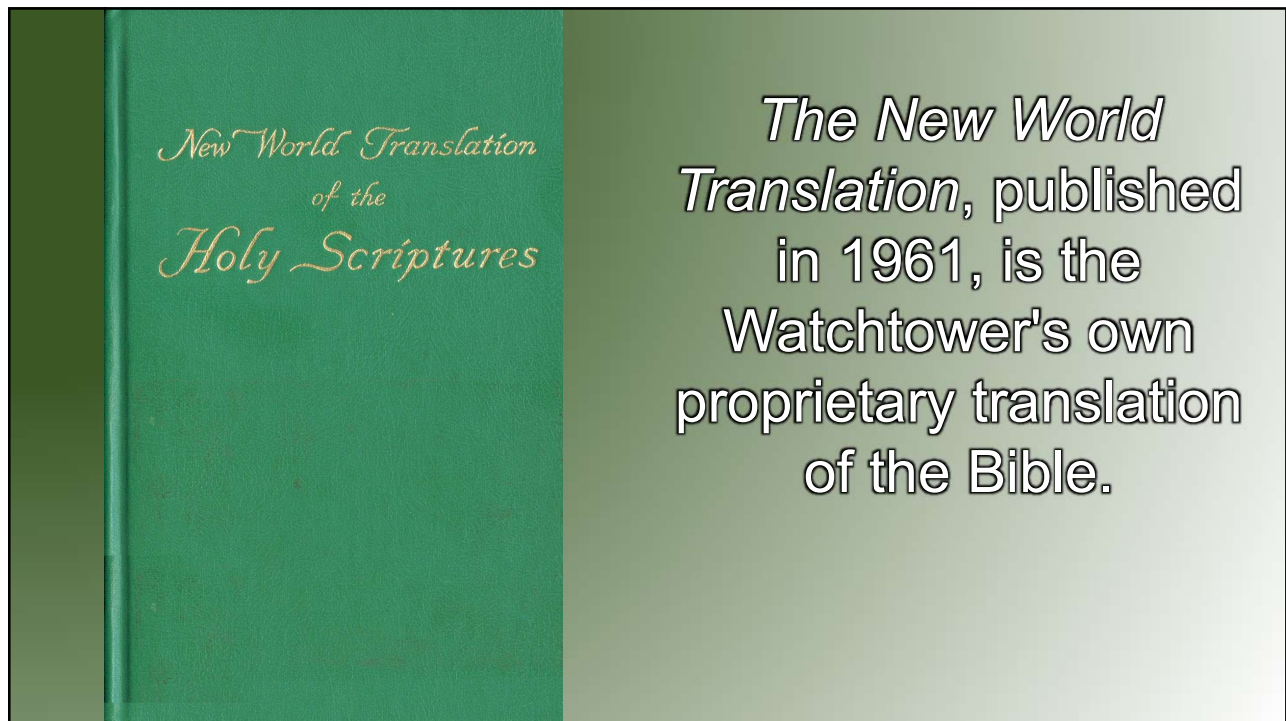
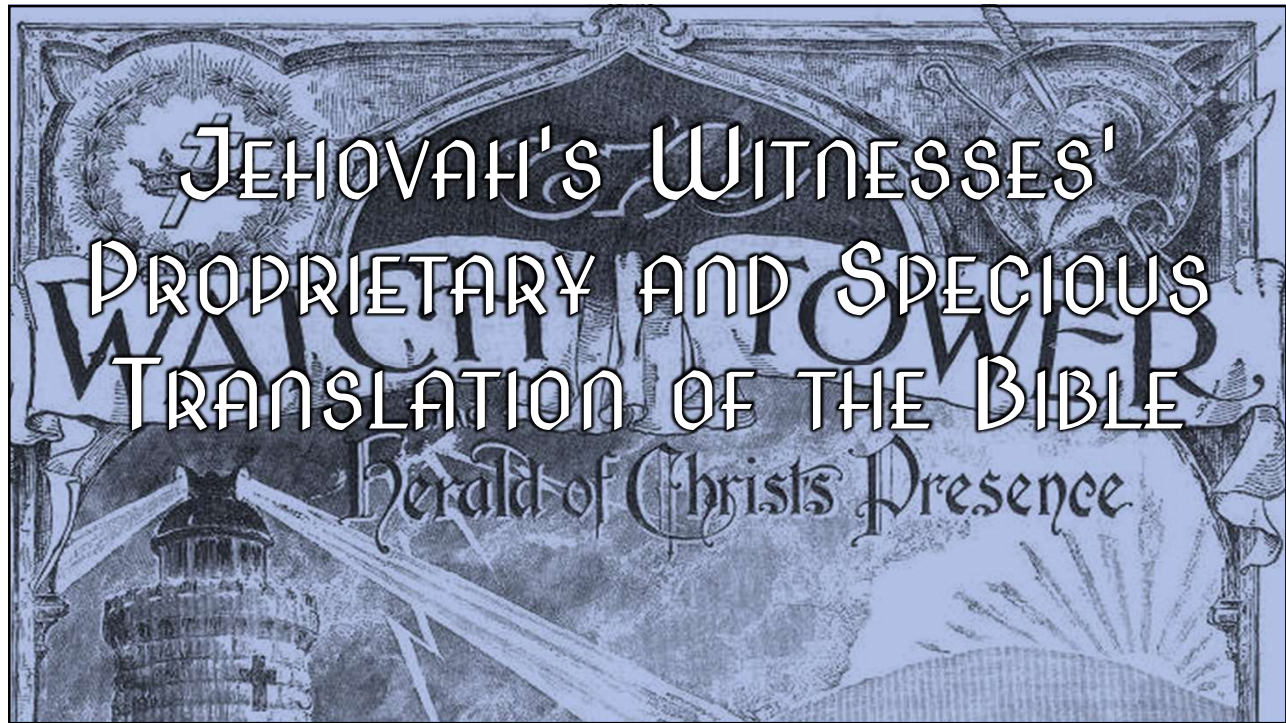
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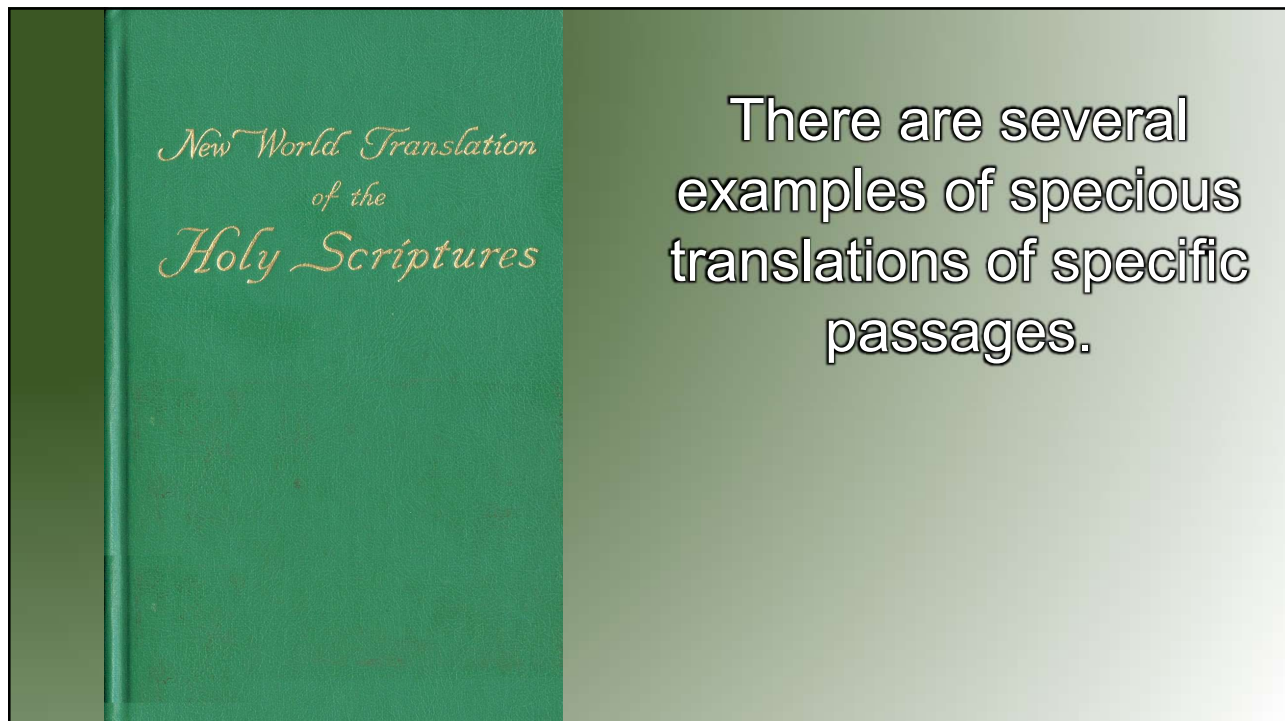
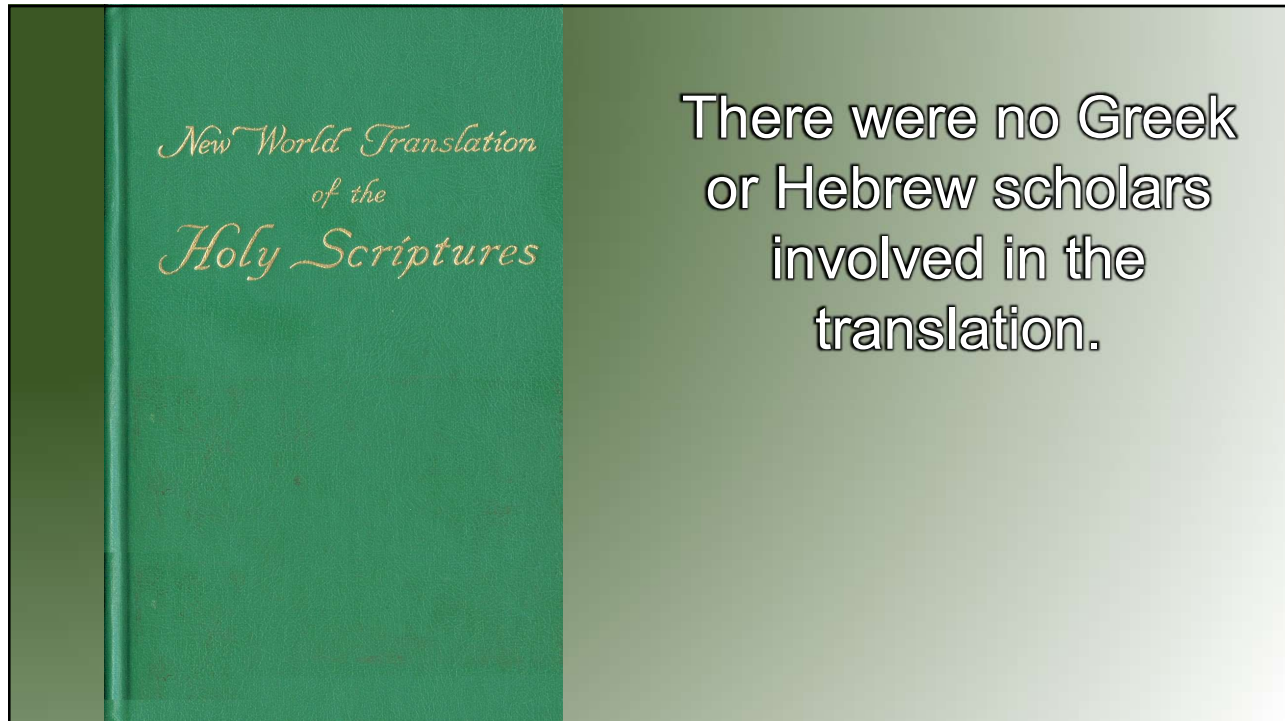
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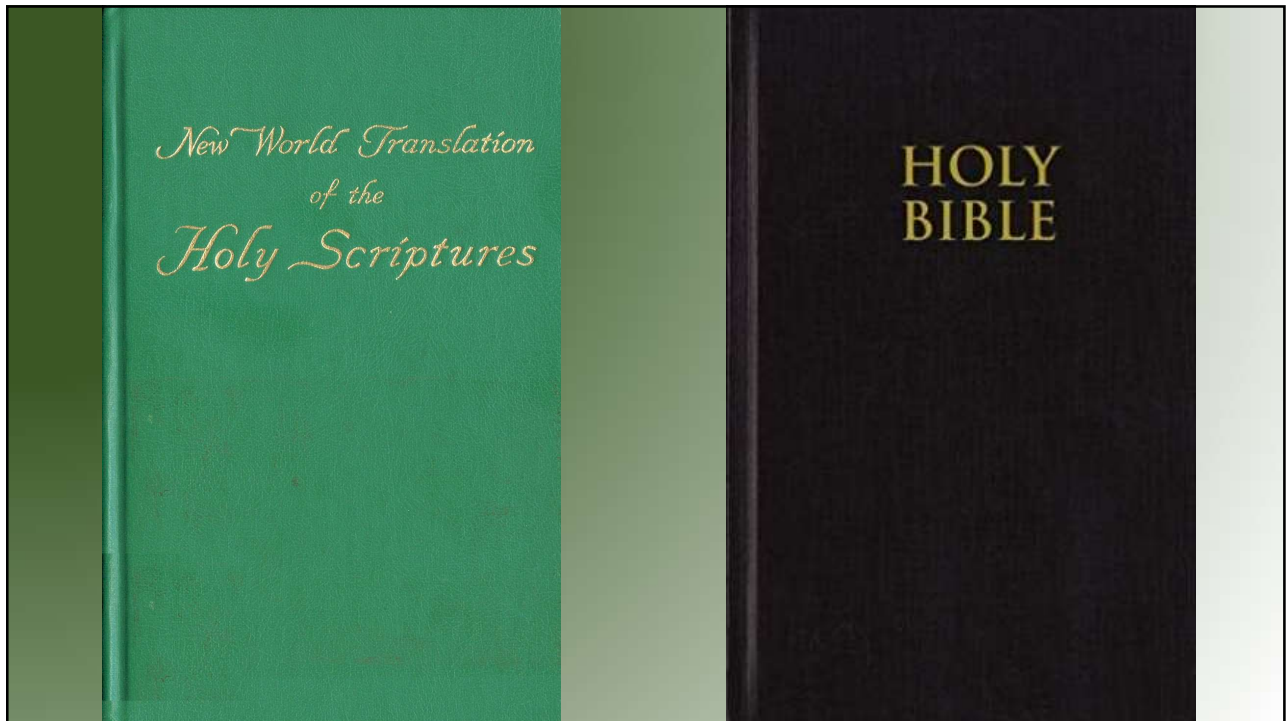
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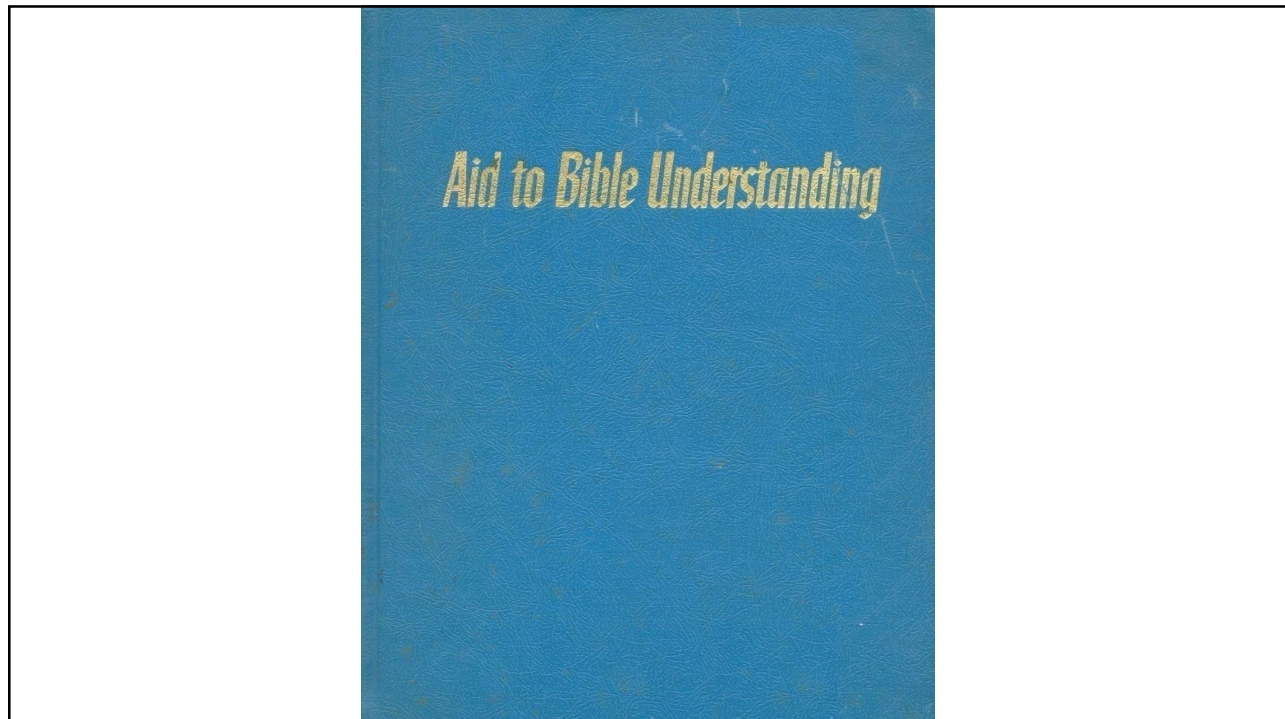
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<p>John 1:1 <i>The New World Translation</i></p> <p>"In [the] beginning the Word was, and the Word was with God, and the Word was a god."</p>	<p>John 1:1 <i>The King James Version</i></p> <p>"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."</p>
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<p>1669</p> <p>the practical wisdom of righteous ones, to get ready for Jehovah a prepared people."—John 1:17.</p> <p>The message of the good news from God's Word the Bible should therefore not be understated. These words are more powerful than any words men can devise or speak. The ancient Hebrews were commended for "carefully examining the Scriptures" to see whether what an apostle taught was correct. (Acts 17:11) God's ministers, speaking God's powerful Word, are energized and backed up by "power of holy spirit."—Rom. 15:13, 15.</p> <p>"THE WORD" AS A TITLE</p> <p>In the Christian Greek scriptures, "the Word" (Gr. <i>ho Logos</i>) also appears as a title. (John 1:1; 14; Rev. 19:13) The apostle John identified the one to whom this title belongs, namely, to Jesus, he being so designated not only during his ministry on earth as a perfect man, but also during his prehuman spirit</p>	<p>WORD, THE</p> <p><i>How "in the beginning with God"</i></p> <p>This Word or <i>Logos</i> was God's only direct creation, the only-begotten son of God, and evidently the close associate of God to whom God was speaking when he said: "Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness" (Gen. 1:26). Hence John continued, saying: "This one was in the beginning with God. All things came into existence through him, and apart from him not even one thing came into existence."—John 1:2, 3.</p> <p>Other scriptures plainly show that the Word was God's agent through whom all other things came into existence. There is "one God the Father, out of whom all things are . . . and there is one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things are." (1 Cor. 8:6) The Word, God's Son, was "the beginning of the creation by God," otherwise described as "the first-born of all creation; because by means of him all other things were created, in and by himself, and from the Father"</p>
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<p>part of the <i>Logos</i> took capital and small capital letters for the God, and initial capital and lowercase letters for the second appearance of "god" in the sentence: "In the Beginning was the <i>Logos</i>, and the <i>Logos</i> was with God, and the <i>Logos</i> was God."</p> <p>These renderings would support the fact that Jesus, being the Son of God and the one used by God in creating all other things (Col. 1:15-20), is indeed a "god," a "mighty one," and has the quality of mightiness, but is not the Almighty God. Other translations reflect this view. <i>The New English Bible</i> (1961) says: "And what God was, the Word was." The Greek word translated "Word" is <i>Logos</i>; and so Dr. James Moffatt's <i>New Translation of the Bible</i> (1925) reads: "The <i>Logos</i> was divine." <i>The Complete Bible—An American Translation</i> (Smith-Goodspeed) reads: "The Word was divine." Other readings (by German translators) are: By Rothner: "It was tightly bound up with God, yet, itself of divine being." By Staab: "The Word was itself of divine being." By Menge: "And God (= of divine being) the Word was." By Fraeflin: "And was of divine weightiness." And by Chamm: "And God of a sort the Word was." All these renderings highlight the quality of the Word, not his identity with his Father, the Almighty God, being the Son of God. (Eph. 4:6) he would have the divine quality, for divine means "godlike."—Col. 2:9; compare 2 Peter 1:4, where "divine nature" is promised to Christ's joint heirs.</p> <p>A translation by a former Roman Catholic priest, Johannes Greber (1937 ed.) renders the second appearance of the word "god" in the sentence as "a god." And <i>The Four Gospels—A New Translation</i>, by Professor Charles Oulber Torres (second ed., 1947), says: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was god. When he was in the beginning with God all things were created through him, without him came no created thing into being." (John 1:1-3) Note that what the Word is said to be is spelled without a capital initial letter, namely, "god."</p>	<p>then spoke the words which he had heard, saying, kings and Lord of lords."</p> <p><i>Why God's Son is entitled "the Word"</i></p> <p>A title often describes the function served or the duty performed by the bearer. So it was with the title <i>Kel Haize</i>, meaning "the voice or word of the king," that was given an Abyssinian officer. Based on his travels from 1782 to 1773, James Bruce describes the duties of the <i>Kel Haize</i> as follows. He stood by a window covered with a curtain through which, unseen inside, the king spoke to his officer. He then conveyed the message to the persons or party concerned. Thus the <i>Kel Haize</i> acted as the word or voice of the Abyssinian king.</p> <p>Recall, too, that God made Aaron the word or "mouth" of Moses, saying: "He must speak for you to the people; and it must occur that he will serve as a mouth to you, and you will serve as God to him."—Ex. 4:16.</p> <p>In a similar way God's firstborn Son doubtless served as the Mouth or Spokesman for his Father, the great King of Eternity. He was God's Word of communication for conveying information and instructions to the Creator's other spirit and human sons. Prior to Jesus' coming to earth, on many of the occasions when God communicated with humans it is reasonable to think he used the Word as his angelic mouthpiece. (Gen. 16:7-11; 22:11; 31:11; Ex. 3:2-5; Judg. 2:1-4; 6:11, 12; 13:3) Since the angel that guided the Israelites through the wilderness had Jehovah's name within him, he may have been God's Son, the Word.—Ex. 23:20-21; see Jesus' Greater (Prehuman) Existence; Why called "the Word"; Jesus' Godship).</p> <p>Showing that Jesus continued to serve as his Father's Spokesman or Word during his earthly ministry, he told his listeners: "I have not spoken out of my own impulse, but the Father himself who sent me has given me a commandment as to what to tell and what to speak. . . . Therefore the things I speak, just as the</p>



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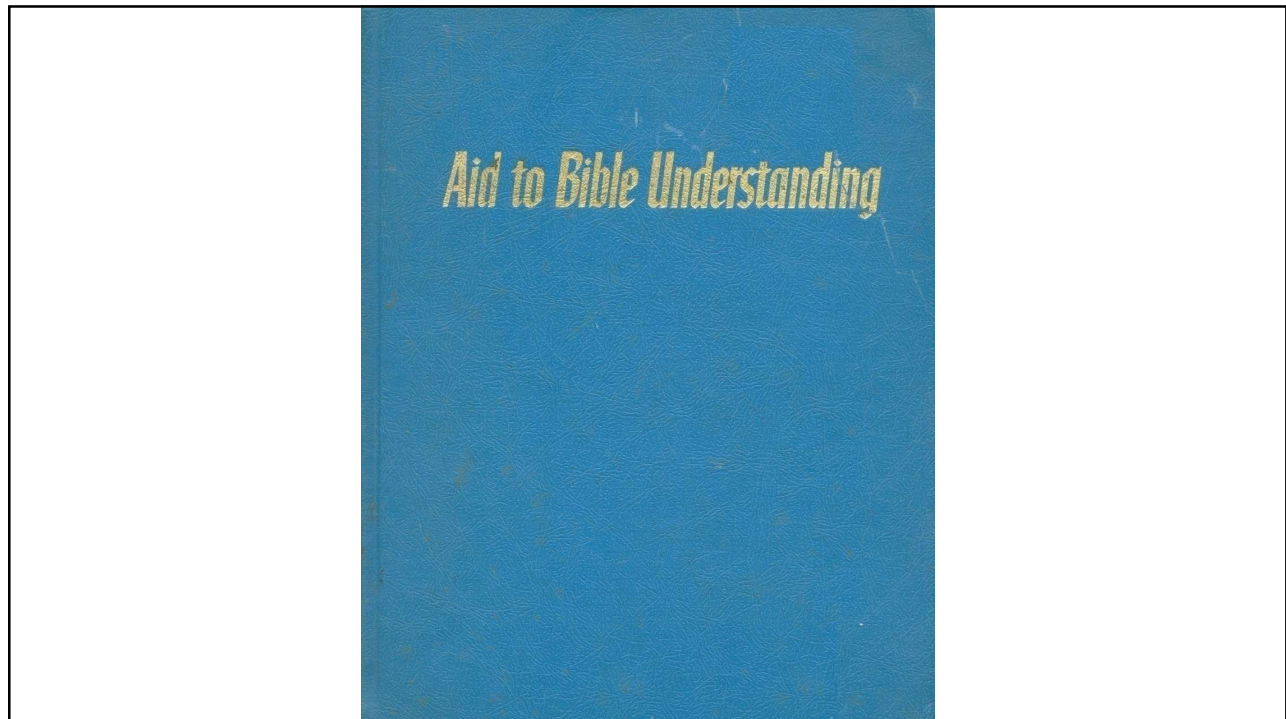
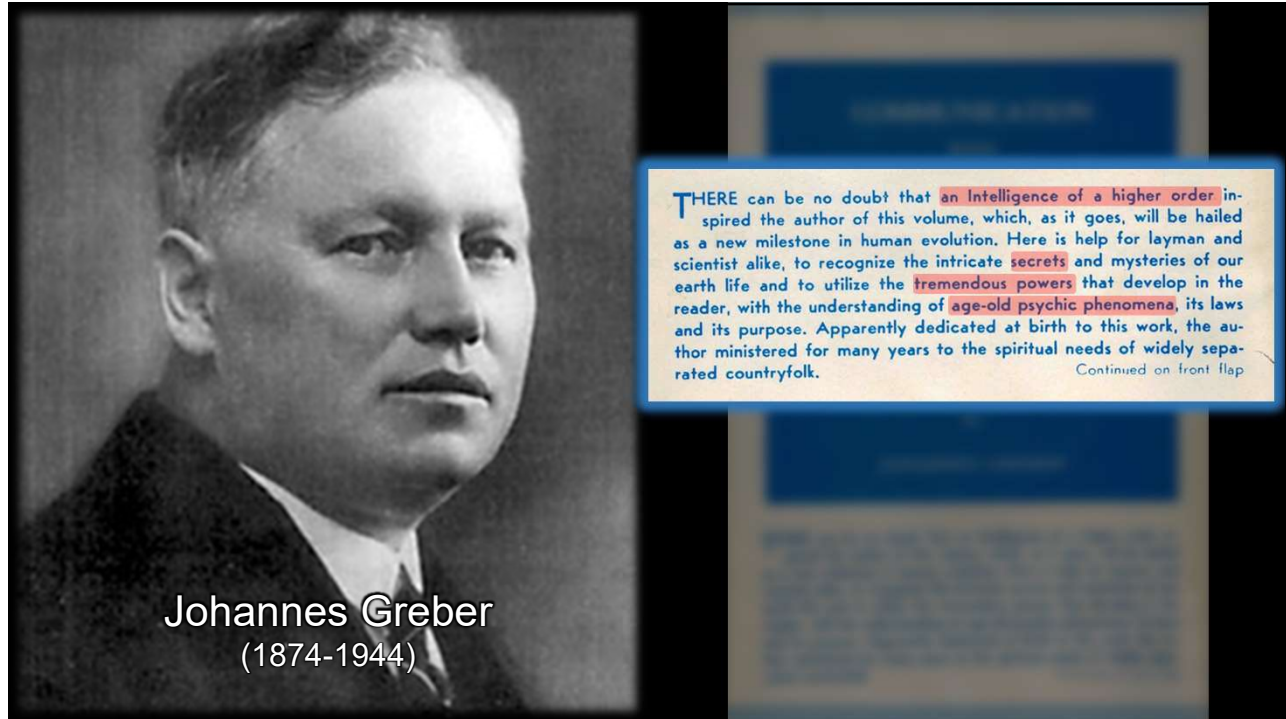
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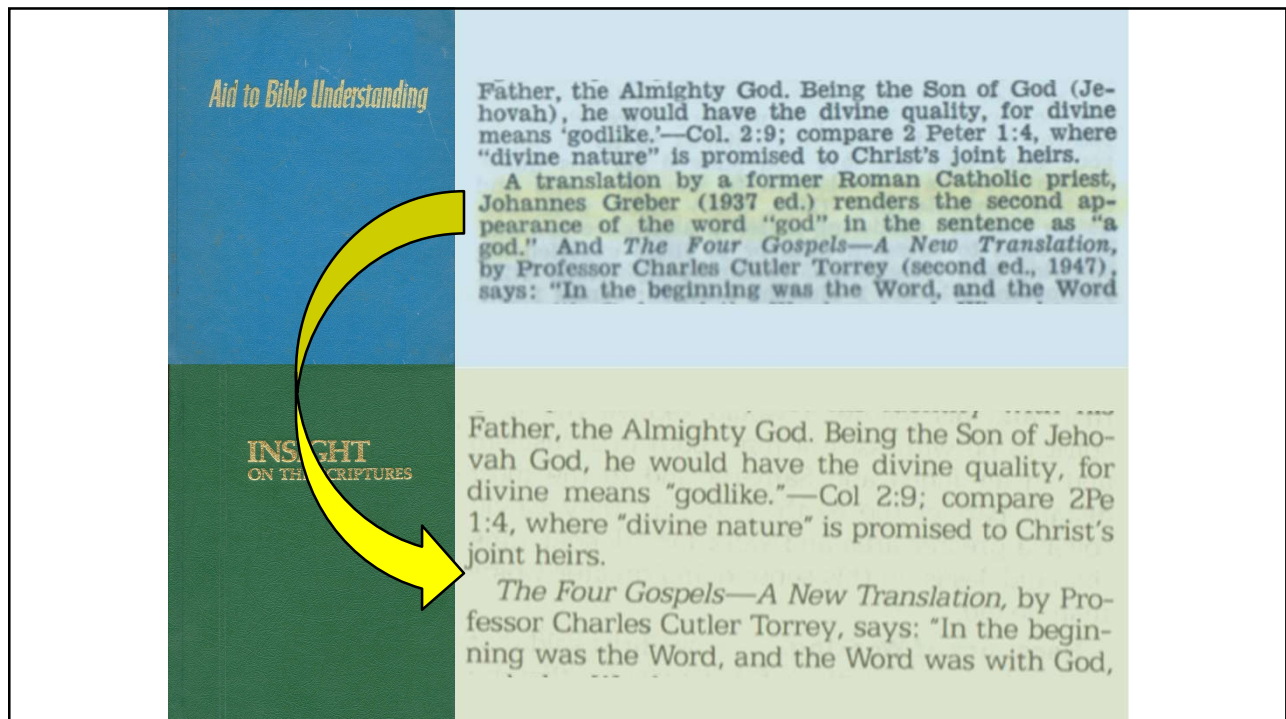
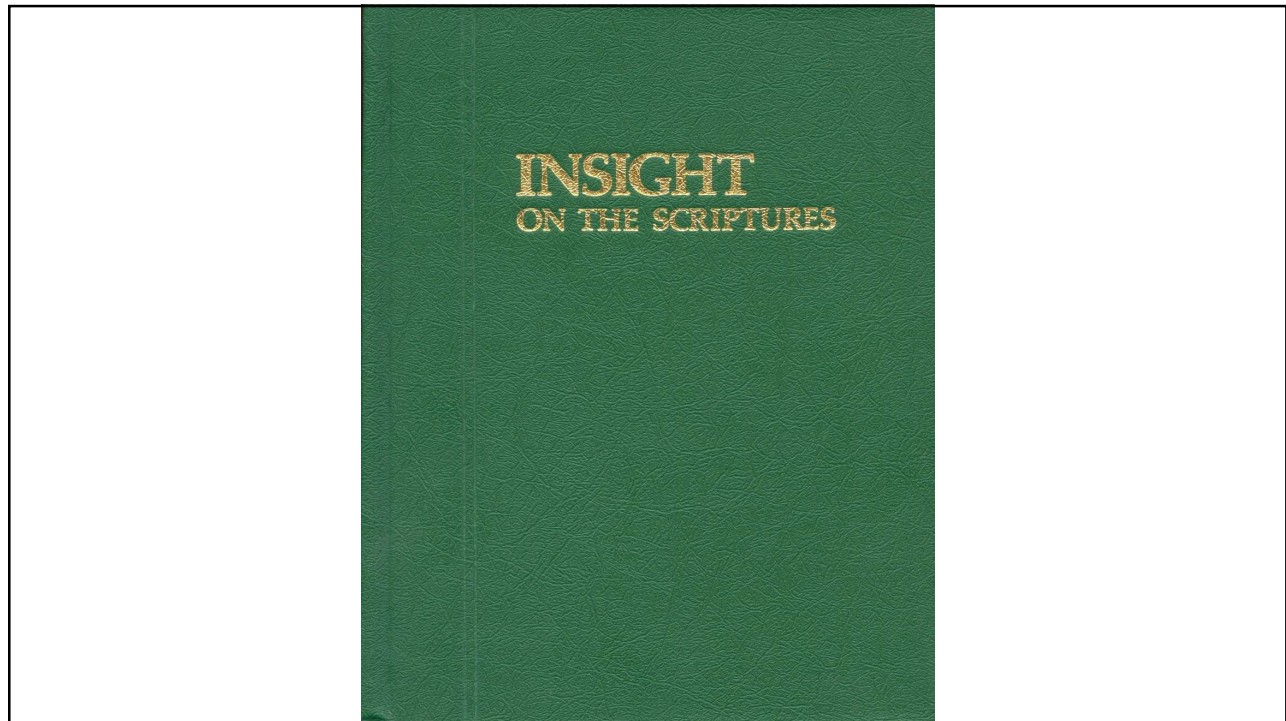
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JOHANNES GREBER

THERE can be no doubt that an Intelligence of a higher order inspired the author of this volume, which, as it goes, will be hailed as a new milestone in human evolution. Here is help for laymen and scientist alike, to recognize the intricate secrets and mysteries of our earth life and to utilize the tremendous powers that develop in the reader, with the understanding of age-old psychic phenomena, its laws and its purpose. Apparently dedicated at birth to this work, the author ministered for many years to the spiritual needs of widely separated countryfolk.

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Johannes Greber
(1874-1944)





The **dog** bit the **man**.

nominative case

objective case

The **man** bit the **dog**.

The **kunes** bit the **anthropon**.

The **anthropos** bit the **kuna**.



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1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus through God's will, + and Timothy + [our] brother 2 to the holy ones and faithful brothers in union + with Christ at Co-los'sae:
 May YOU have undeserved kindness and peace from God our Father. +
 3 We thank + God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ + always when we pray + for YOU, + 4 since we heard of YOUR faith in connection with Christ Jesus and the love YOU have + for all the holy ones +
 5 because of the hope + that is being reserved for YOU in the heavens. + This [hope] YOU heard of before by the telling of the truth of that good news + 6 which has presented itself to YOU, even as it is bearing fruit + and increasing + in all the world + just as [it is doing] also among YOU, from the day YOU heard and accurately knew the undeserved kindness + of God in truth. + 7 That is what YOU have learned from Ep'a-phras + our beloved fellow slave, who is a faithful

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praying for YOU + and asking + that YOU may be filled with the accurate knowledge + of his will in all wisdom + and spiritual comprehension, + 10 in order to walk worthily + of Jehovah + + to the end of fully pleasing [him] as YOU go on bearing fruit in every good work + and increasing in the accurate + knowledge of God, 11 being made powerful with all power to the extent of his glorious might + so as to endure + fully and be long-suffering with joy.

15 He is the image + of the invisible + God, the firstborn + of all creation; 16 because by means of him + all [other] + things were created in the heavens and upon the earth, the things visible and the things invisible, no matter whether they are thrones or lordships or governments or authorities. + All [other] things have been created through him + and for him. 17 Also, he is before all [other] things + and by means of him all [other] things were made to exist,

earth or the things in the heavens.
 21 Indeed, YOU who were once alienated + and enemies because YOUR minds were on the works that were wicked, + 22 he now has again reconciled + by means of that one's fleshly body through [his] death, + in order to present YOU holy and unblemished + and open to no accusation + before him, 23 provided, of course, that YOU continue in the faith + established as the foundation + and steadfast

COL. 1:15-17

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The screenshot displays the Jehovah's Witnesses website interface for the online Bible. The top navigation bar includes the JW.ORG logo, the text "Jehovah's Witnesses", and links for English, Log In, and Search. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with icons for HOME, BIBLE TEACHINGS, LIBRARY, NEWS, and ABOUT US. The main content area shows the path: Library > Online Bible > New World Translation (2013 Revision). A search bar is set to "Colossians" with a dropdown for chapter "1" and a "Search" button. The page title is "The Letter to the Colossians". Under "Chapters", buttons for 1, 2, 3, and 4 are shown, with 1 selected. An "Outline of Contents" section lists:

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Notice that the brackets are removed, hiding from the reader that the word 'other' has been added to the text.

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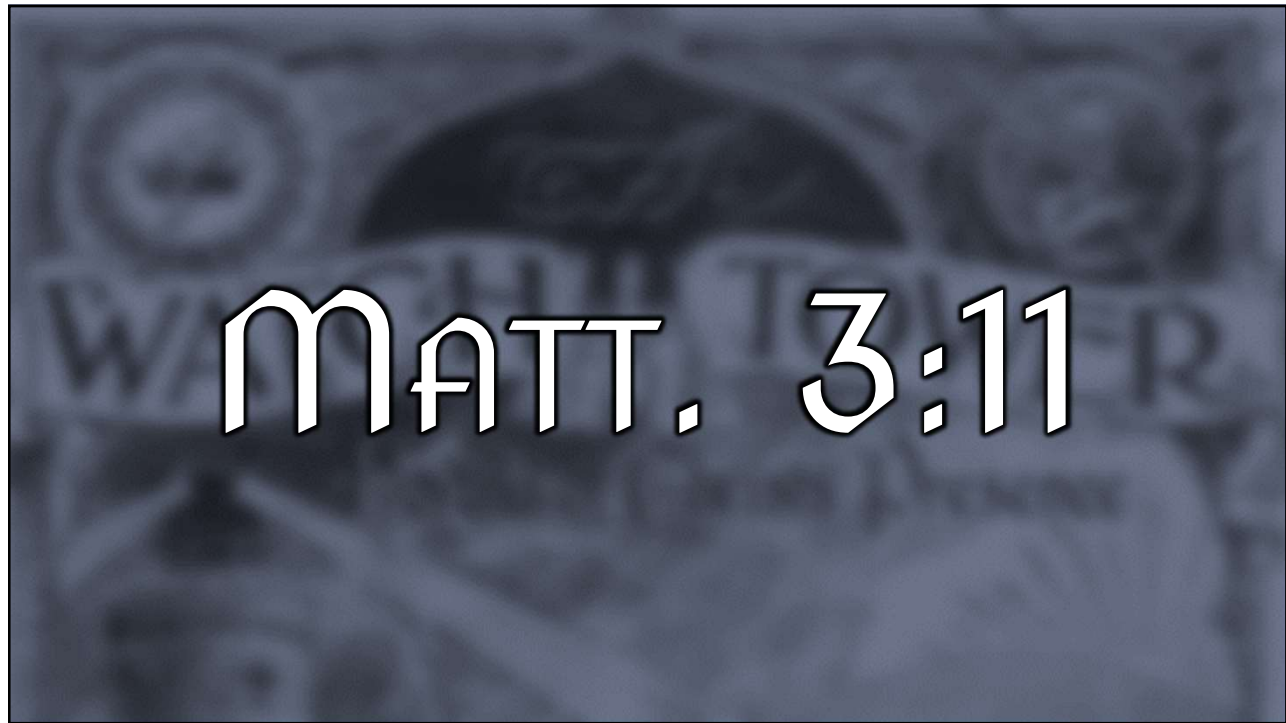
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3 In those days John * the Baptist * * came preaching * in the wilderness * of Ju-de'a, 2 saying: "REPENT, * for the kingdom of the heavens * has drawn near." * 3 This, in fact, is the one spoken of through Isaiah the prophet * in these words: "Listen! Someone is crying out in the wilderness, 'Prepare * the way of Jehovah, * YOU people! Make his roads straight.'" * 4 But this very John had his clothing of camel's hair * and a leather girdle * * around his loins; his food too was insect locusts * and wild honey. * 5 Then Jerusalem * and all Ju-de'a and all the country around the Jordan made their way out to him, 6 and people were baptized by him in the Jordan River, * openly confessing their sins.

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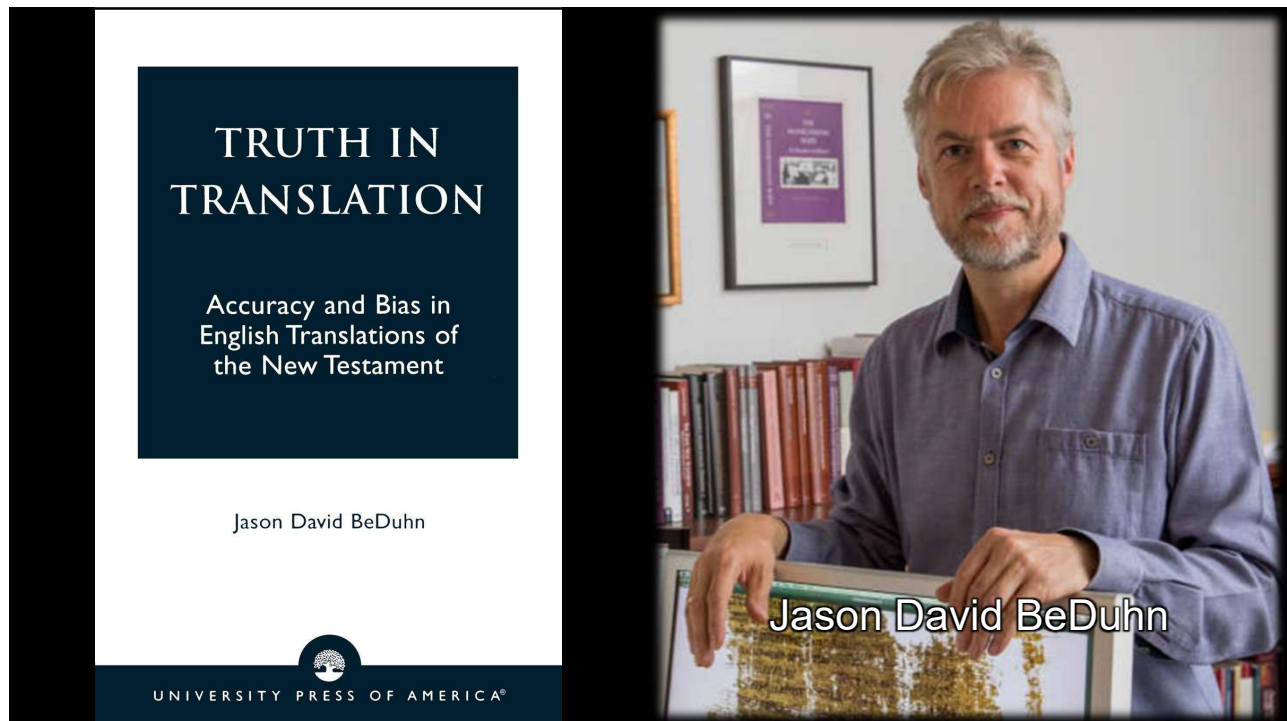
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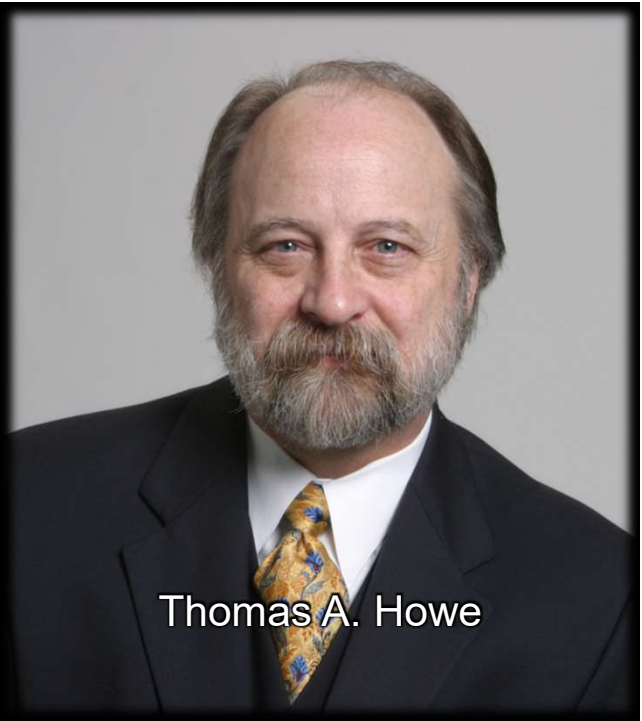
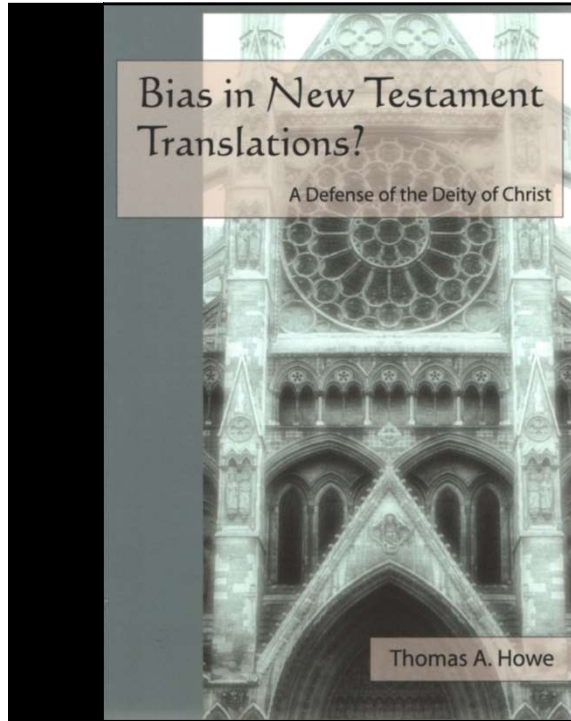
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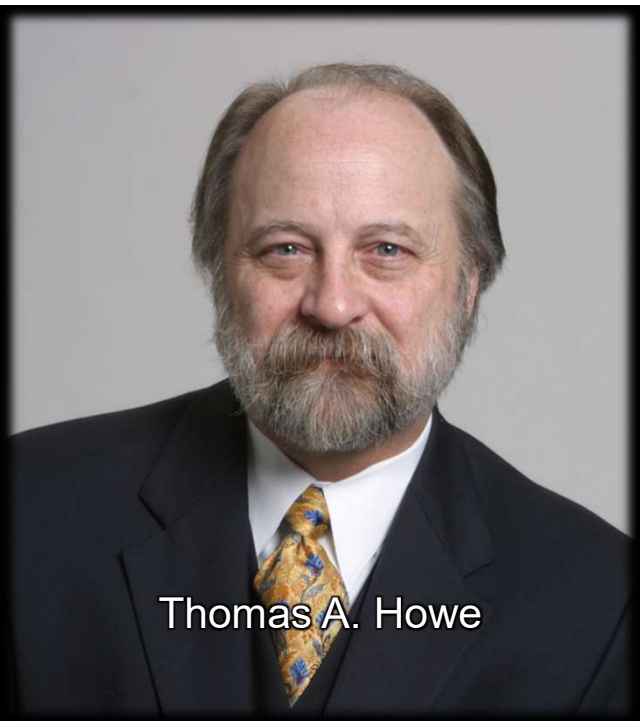
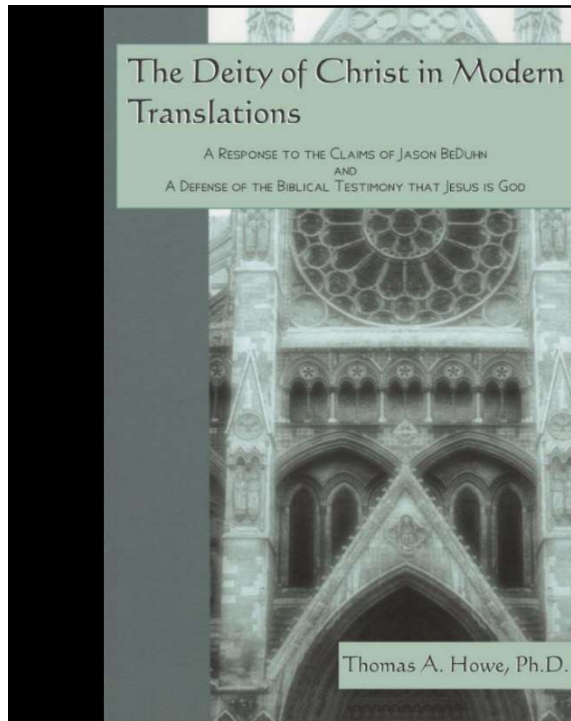
11 I, for my part, baptize * YOU with water + because of YOUR repentance; + but the one coming + after me is stronger than I am, whose sandals I am not fit to take off. + That one will baptize YOU people with holy spirit * + and with fire.

in that way it is suitable for us to carry out all that is righteous." * Then he quit preventing him. 16 After being baptized Jesus immediately came up from the water; and, look! the heavens were opened up,* and he saw descending like a dove * God's spirit coming upon him.* 17 Look! Also, there was a voice + from the heavens that said: "This is my Son,* the beloved,* whom I have approved." *





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One of the most famous failed prophecies is about the coming "presence" of Jesus in 1914.

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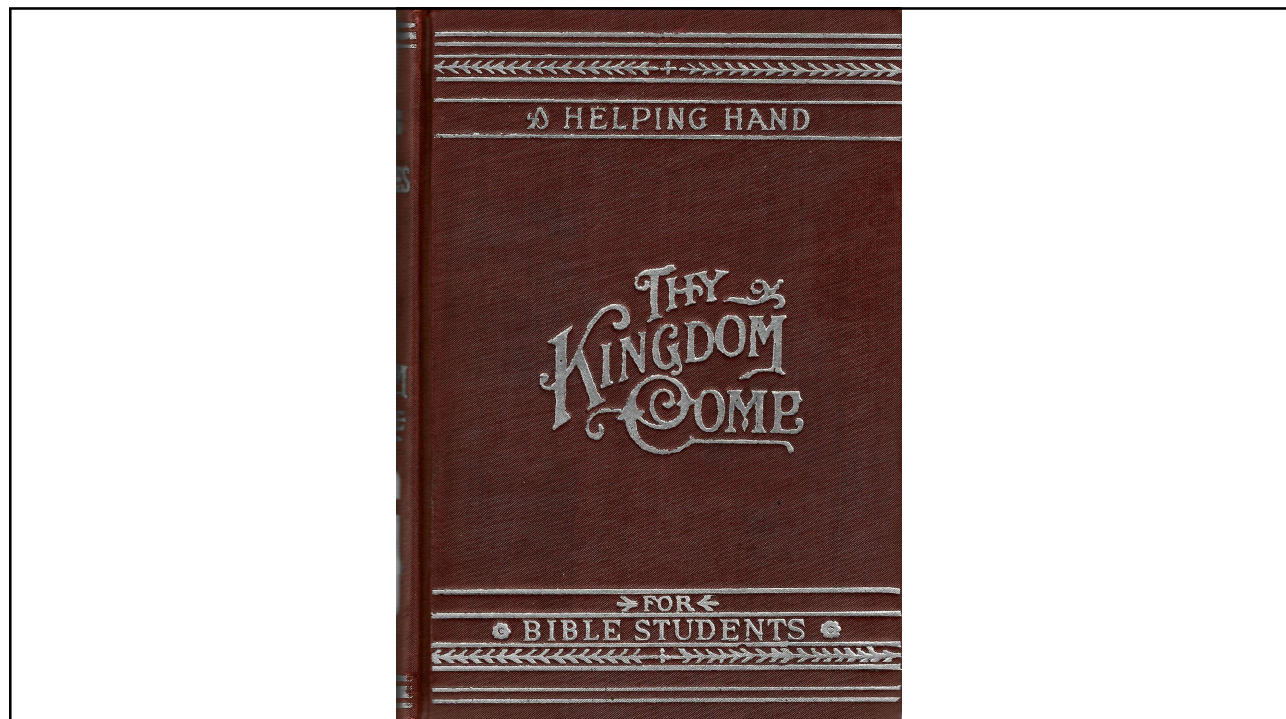
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DECADES in which there have been significant world events. Evidence points to the fact that 1914 indeed marked the birth of God's heavenly Kingdom and the beginning of "the last days" of this present wicked system of things.—2 Timothy 3:1-5.

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until 1870 all temporal authority of the popes again ceased—we believe never to be revived. Remember, too, that it was Napoleon's soldiers who broke open the Inquisitions, and put an end to public tortures and executions for religious convictions.

The effect of the partial breaking down of priest-craft and superstition, while it has led to more open infidelity, has also, in thus overthrowing a superstitious reverence for men, led to more intelligent thought on the part of the consecrated people of God—many of whom previously scarcely dared to think, or study the Scriptures for themselves. Thus, this revolution was favorable to the development of the truth and of true Christianity, by stimulating Bible study. It really carried forward the good work begun in the Reformation of Luther's day, which had been checked by the ignorance and servility of the masses, and the love of power, dignity, authority and ease on the part of the "clergy."

We have thus shown that 1799 began the period called the Time of the End; that in this time Papacy is to be consumed piece-meal; and that Napoleon took away not only Charlemagne's gifts of territory (one thousand years after they were made), but also, afterward, the Papacy's civil jurisdiction in the city of Rome, which was recognized *nominal*ly from the promulgation of Justinian's decree, A. D. 533, but *actual*ly from the overthrow of the Ostrogothic monarchy, A. D. 539—just 1260 years before 1799. This was the exact limit of the time, times and a half of its power, as repeatedly defined in prophecy. And though in some measure claimed again since, Papacy is without a vestige of temporal or civil authority to-day, it having been wholly "consumed." The Man of Sin, devoid of civil power, still poses and boasts; but, civilly powerless, he awaits utter destruction in the near future, at the hands of the enraged masses

(God's unwitting agency), as clearly shown in Revelation.

This Time of the End, or day of Jehovah's preparation, beginning A. D. 1799 and closing A. D. 1914, though characterized by a great increase of knowledge over all past ages, is to culminate in the greatest time of trouble the world has ever known; but it is nevertheless preparing for and leading into that blessed time so long promised, when the true Kingdom of God, under the control of the true Christ, will fully establish an order of government the very reverse of that of Antichrist. Since this period prepares for and leads to the Kingdom, it leads also to the great conflict between the old and the new order of things by which the latter will be introduced. And though the old order of things must pass away, and the new must supersede it, the change will be violently opposed by those advantaged by the present order. Revolution, world-wide, will be the outcome, resulting in the final and complete destruction of the old order and the introduction and establishment of the new.

All the discoveries, inventions and advantages which make our day the superior of every other day are but so many elements working together in this day of preparation for the incoming Millennial age, when true and healthful reform, and actual and rapid progress in every direction, will be the order, to all and for all.

sponding parallel in that typical dispensation, so we find that this most noteworthy event taught by the jubilee has its corresponding parallel. Our Lord's presence as Bridegroom, Reaper and King is shown in both dispensations. Even the movement on the part of the virgins going forth to meet him, their disappointment and the tarrying time of thirty years find their parallel both in time and circumstances. **And the parallelism continues to the full end of the harvest of this dispensation—until the overthrow of the professedly Christian kingdoms, really "kingdoms of this world," and the full establishment of the Kingdom of God in the earth at A. D. 1914, the terminus of the Times of the Gentiles.** (See Vol. II., chap. iv.) This coming trouble and overthrow, we have seen, had its parallel in the destruction of Jerusalem and the complete overthrow of the Jewish polity, A. D. 70—another parallel, corresponding in both time and circumstances.

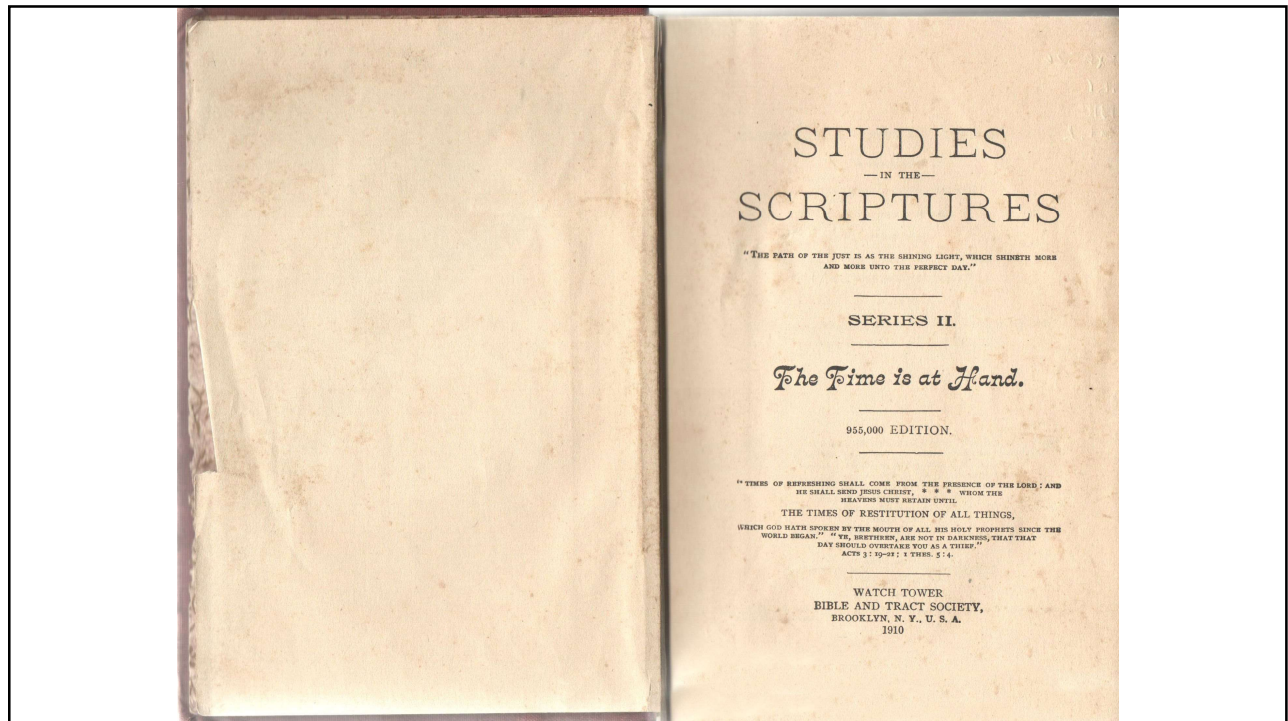
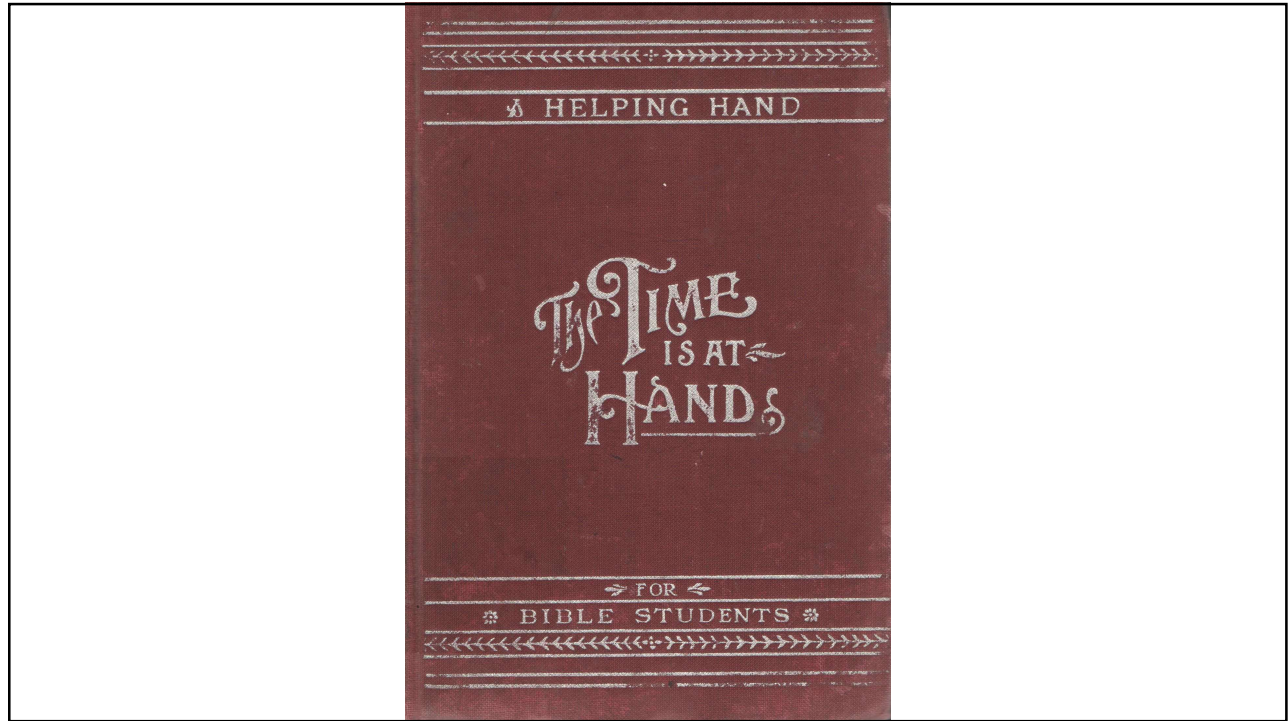
Again, we have found the second advent of our Lord indicated by the prophet Daniel (12:1), yet in such a manner as to be under cover until the events foretold to precede it had transpired and passed into history, when we were led to see that the one veiled under the name Michael is indeed that which the name indicates—*God's representative*—"The Great Prince." Yes, we recognize him: "The Prince of the Covenant," the "Mighty God [ruler]," the "Everlasting Father [life-giver]" (Dan. 11:22; Isa. 9:6), who is to "stand up" with power and authority, to accomplish the great restitution of all things, and to offer everlasting life to the dead and dying millions of mankind, redeemed by his own precious blood. And, having traced the 1335 days of Dan. xii., down to their ending at this same date, we can now understand why the angel who thus pointed out the date referred to it in such exultant terms—"Oh, the blessedness of him that waiteth [who is in a wait-

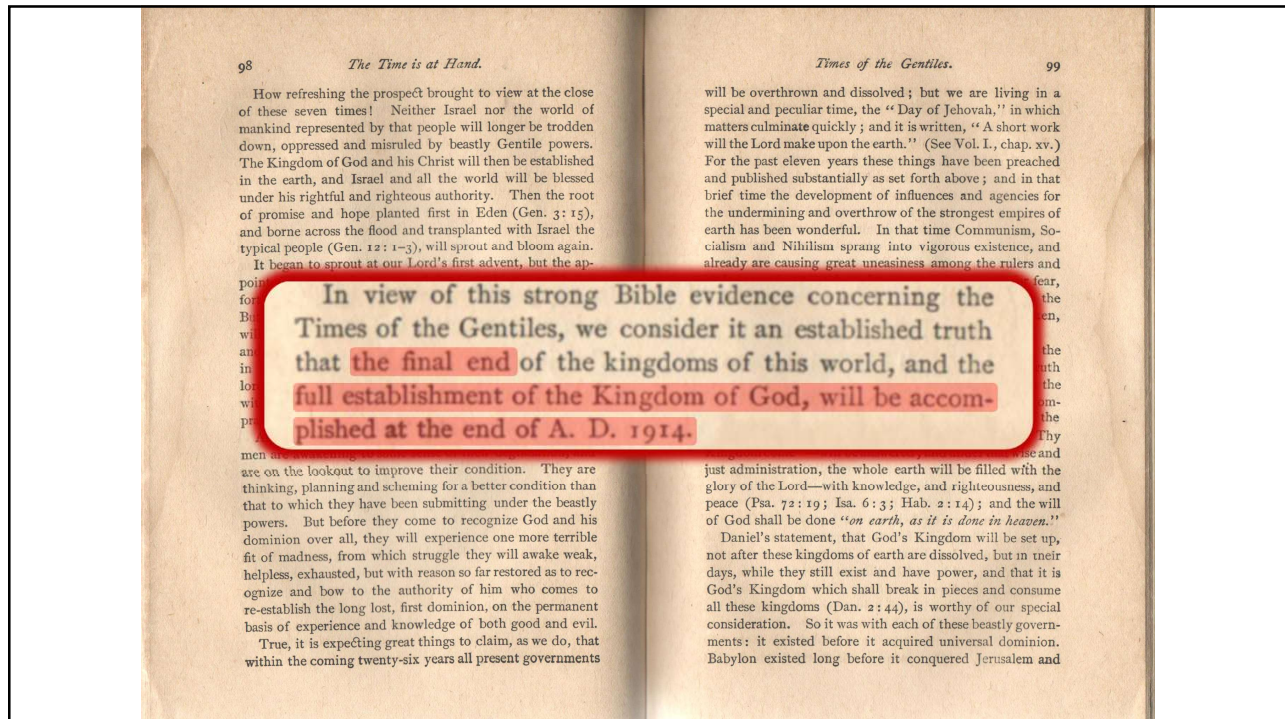
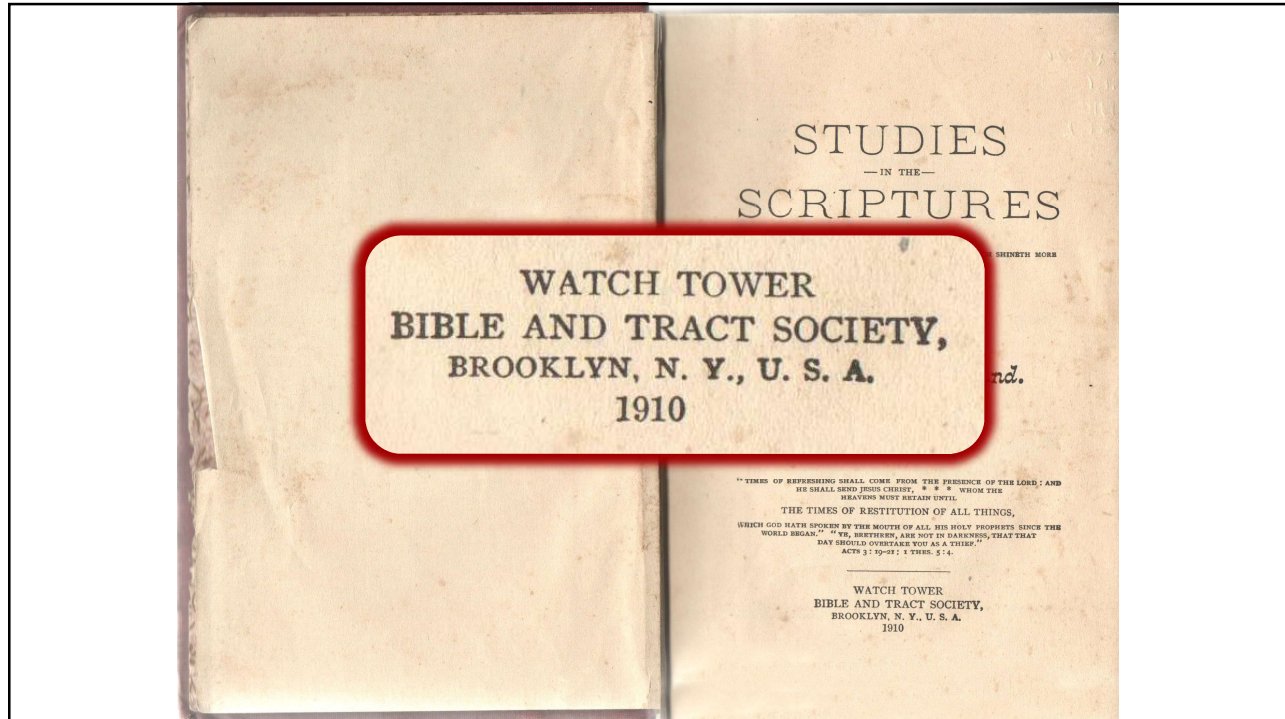
ing or watching attitude] and cometh to the thousand, three hundred, five and thirty days!"—A. D. 1874.* And in our reckoning of the symbolic times here given, let it not be overlooked that we used the key furnished us by the manner in which the first advent was indicated—a symbolic day representing a literal year. Thus we found the time of our Lord's second advent clearly proven to be 1874—in October of that year, as shown in Vol. II., chap. vi.

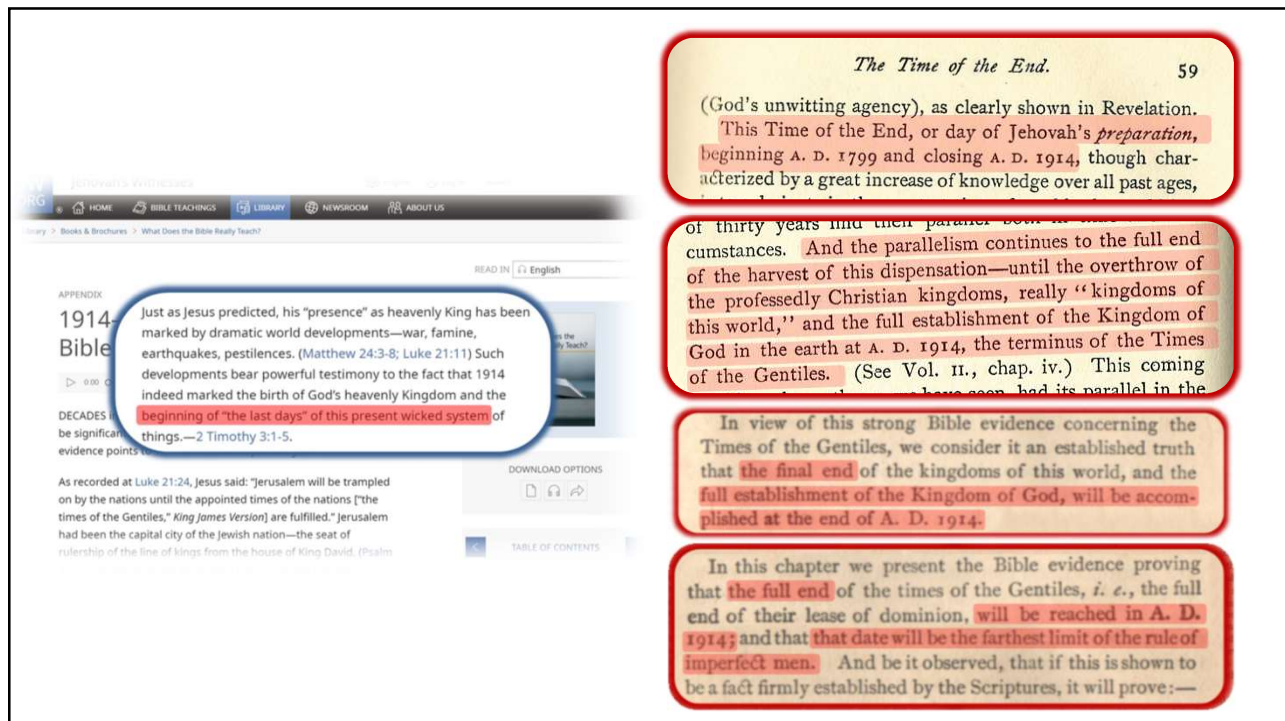
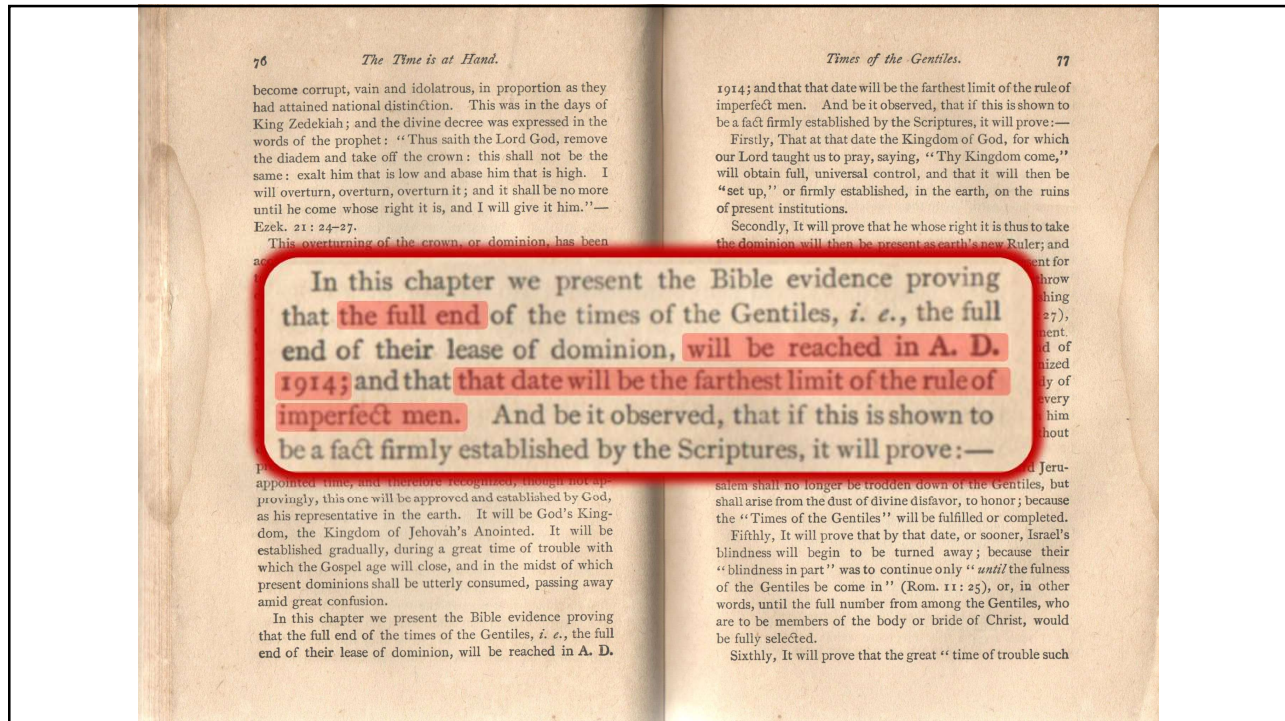
But this is not all. Certain reasonable obstacles to faith in Christ's presence might yet appear to the minds of even careful students, and we wish to see these all removed. For instance, it might reasonably be inquired, How is it that the exact Bible Chronology points to October 1872 as the beginning of the seventh thousand years, or Millennium, while the Jubilee Cycles show October 1874 to be the date of our Lord's return and the beginning of restitution times?

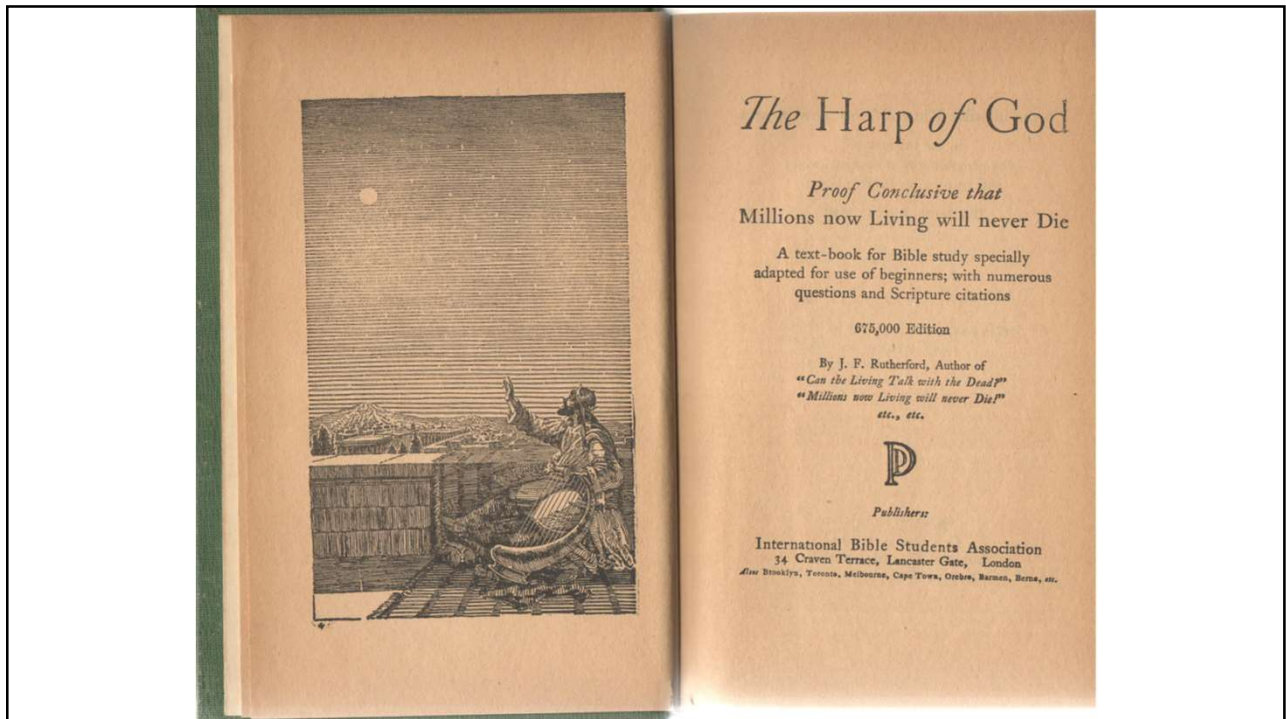
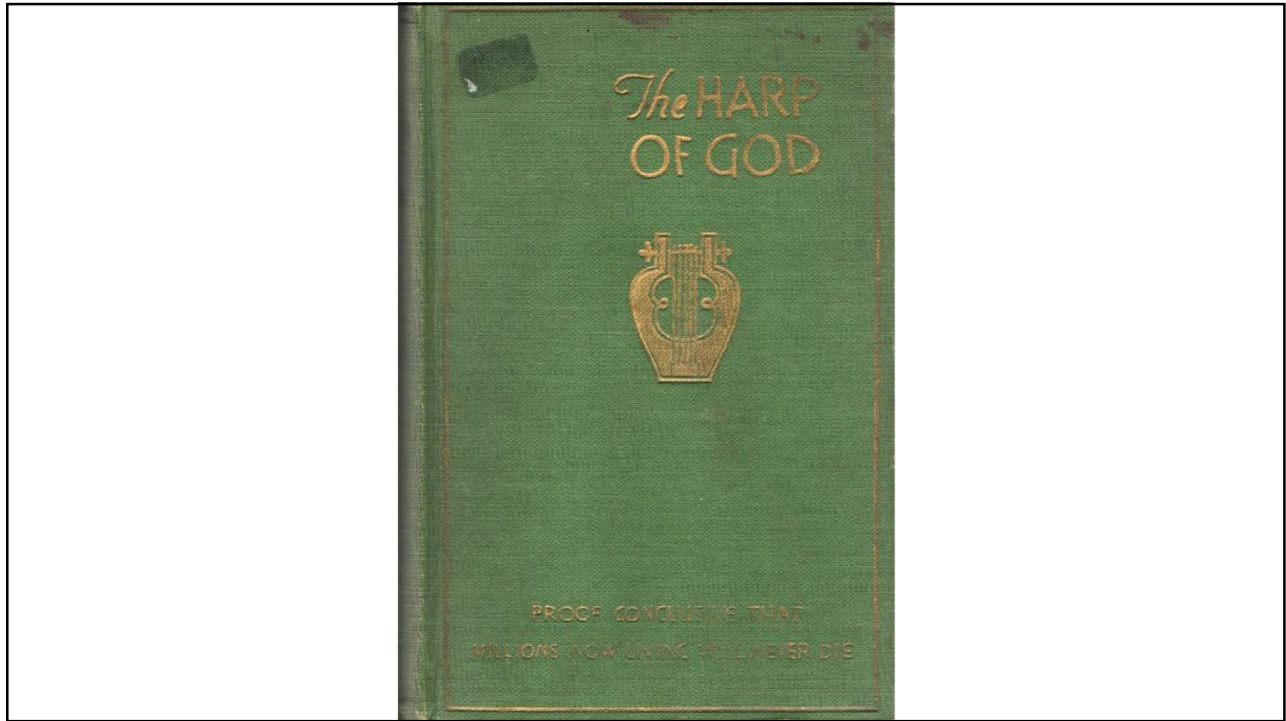
This apparent inharmony of the date of the second advent with the beginning of the seventh thousand years seemed at first sight to indicate "a screw loose" somewhere in the chronological reckoning, and led to careful re-examination of the subject, but always with the same result. Closer thought, however, proves that God is an exact time-keeper, and that this point is no exception to his mathematical precision. It will be remembered that the reckoning of chronology began with the creation of Adam, and that some time was spent by Adam and Eve before sin entered. Just how long we are not informed, but two years would not be an improbable estimate. Before the creation of Eve, Adam was permitted to live long enough to realize his lack of a companion (Gen. 2:20); he had become acquainted with and had named all the animals; he had become acquainted with the various trees and plants of Eden.

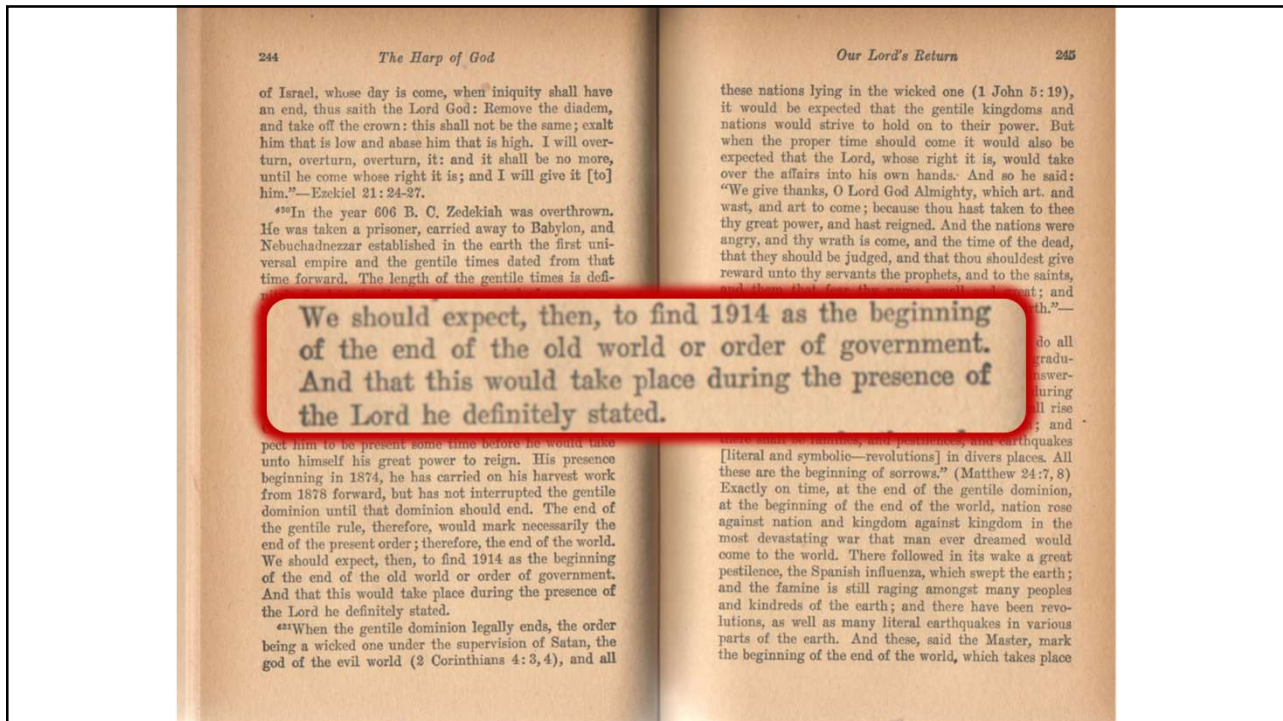
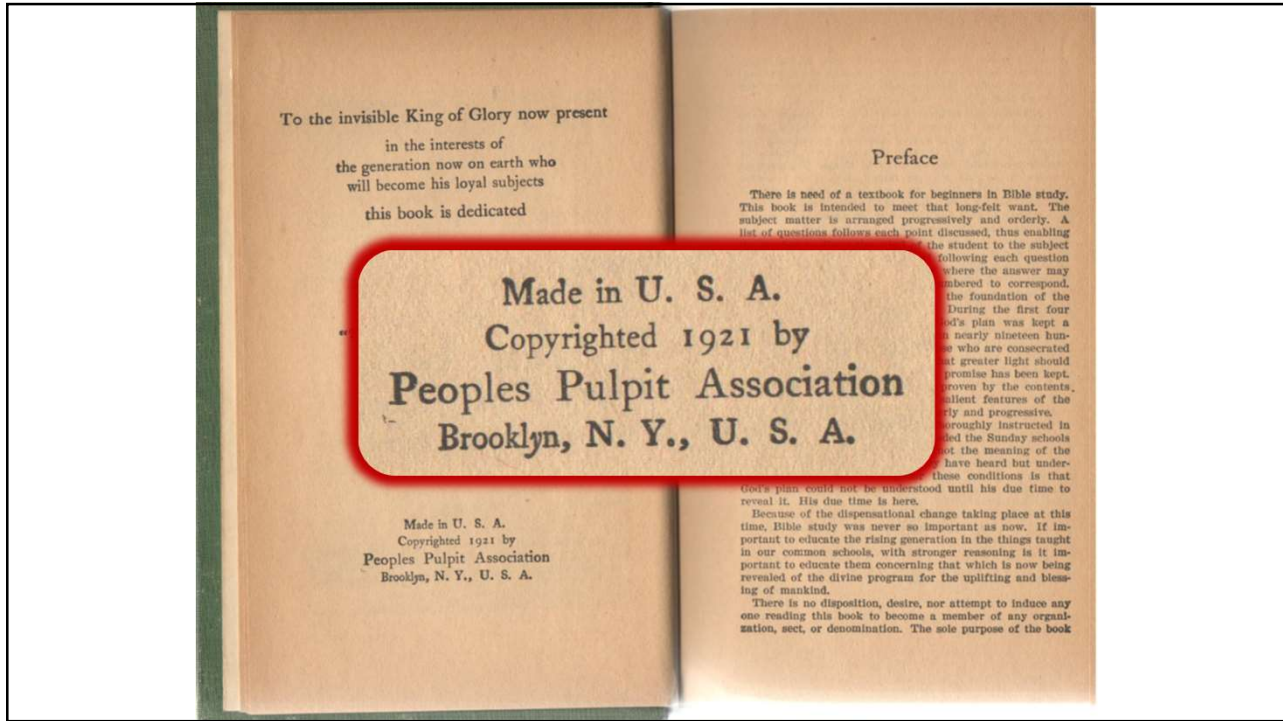
* The year as reckoned by the Jews begins in October; hence October 1874 was really the beginning of 1875.











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