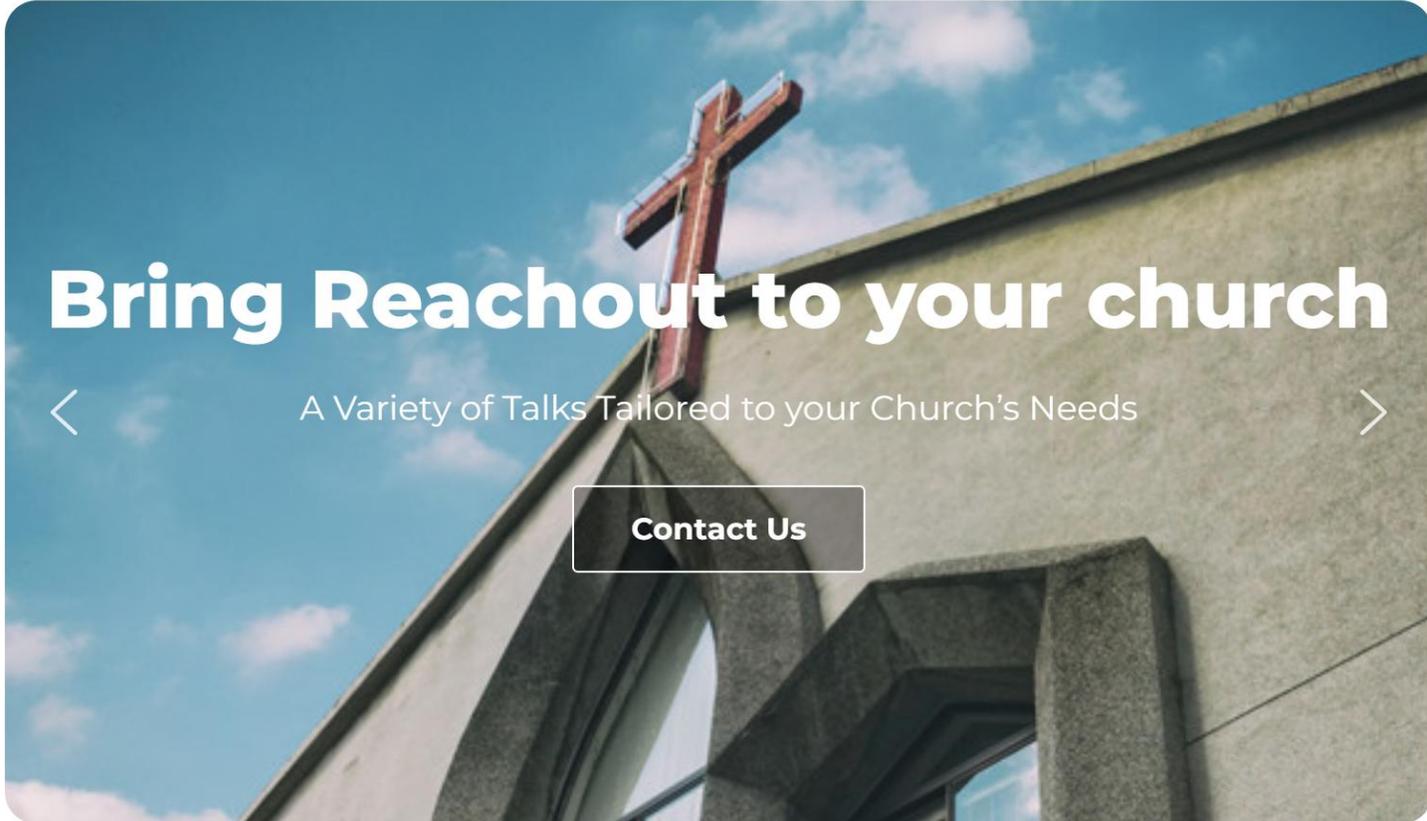


Reaching Those Trapped in Cults



CULTS

THE FORGOTTEN MISSION FIELD



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**WHAT IS
A CULT?**

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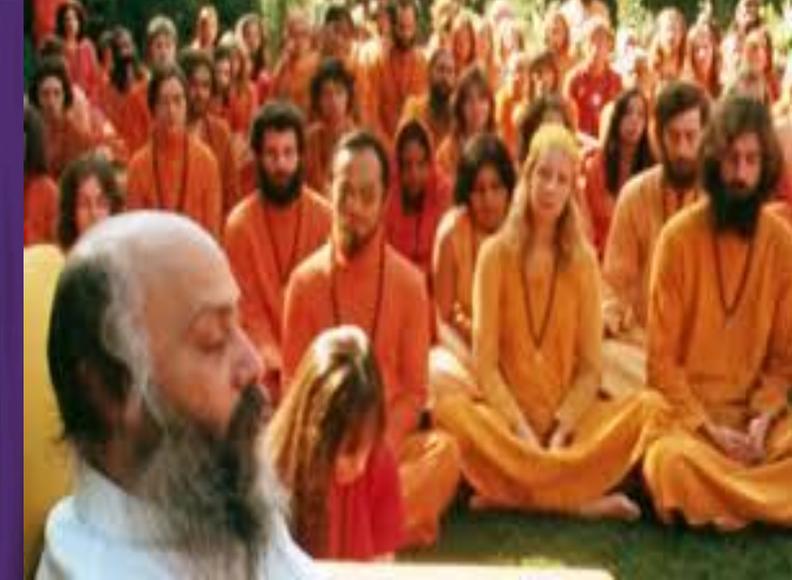
**WHO JOINS
A CULT?**

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**WHAT KEEPS
PEOPLE IN ?**

17

**CAN THEY
BE REACHED?**



NAME A CULT

WHO JOINS A CULT?

What shall I
do today?
I think I will
join a cult

NO ONE



ANYONE



“The public takes care of their fear by thinking only crazies and stupid people wind up in cults. I've interviewed over 4000 ex-cult members. There's no one type of person who is vulnerable.”

“While everyone is influenced and persuaded daily in various ways, vulnerability to influence fluctuates. The ability to fend off persuaders is reduced when one is exhausted, rushed, stressed, uncertain, lonely, indifferent, uninformed, aged, very young, unsophisticated, ill, brain-damaged, drugged, drunk, distracted, fatigued, frightened, or very dependent.”

Margaret Thaler Singer



DEFINING A CULT

Cult:

“A great devotion to a person, idea, object, movement or work.”

-- Miriam-Webster Dictionary





**ACADEMIC
WORLDVIEW**

**CHRISTIAN
WORLDVIEW**

NEW RELIGIOUS MOVEMENTS

ACADEMIC



Use psychological coercion to recruit, indoctrinate and retain its members

Founder/leader is self-appointed, dogmatic, messianic, not accountable and has charisma.

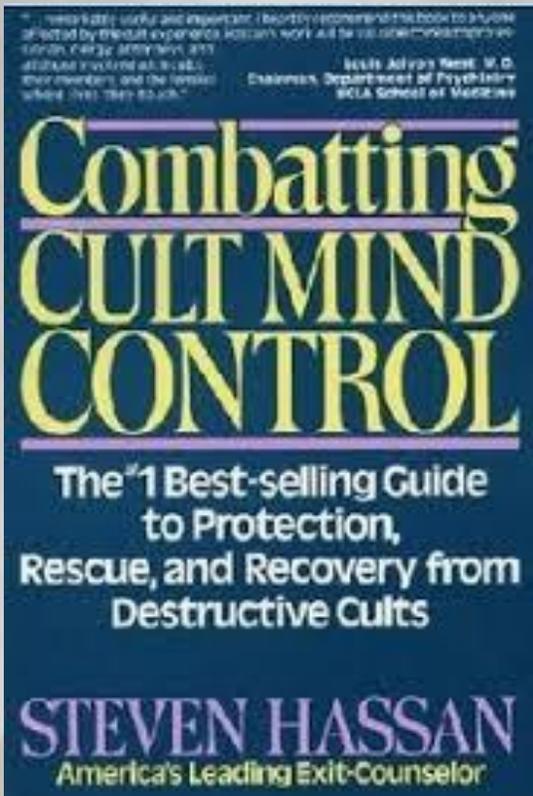
CHRISTIAN



Claim to be Christian but deny the historic tenets of the Christian faith



THE BITE MODEL



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BEHAVIOUR CONTROL

INFORMATION CONTROL

THOUGHT CONTROL

EMOTIONAL CONTROL

BEHAVIOUR CONTROL

Promote dependence and obedience

Dictate where and with whom you live

Control what you wear/hairstyle

Deprive you of sleep/food

Control your major decisions

INFORMATION CONTROL

Withhold and distort information

Forbid you from speaking to ex-members

Discourage you from reading anything
but their own literature

Use information gained in confession against you

Encourage you to spy and report others

THOUGHT CONTROL

Change your identity/name

Use loaded language

Use hypnosis/trances to indoctrinate

Allow only positive thoughts

Use excessive meditation, singing,
prayer and chanting to block thoughts

EMOTIONAL CONTROL

Instill irrational fears of leaving the group

Promote feelings of guilt and shame

Shower with praise and attention

Threaten family and friends

Teach there is no happiness or peace outside of the group

UNDUE INFLUENCE

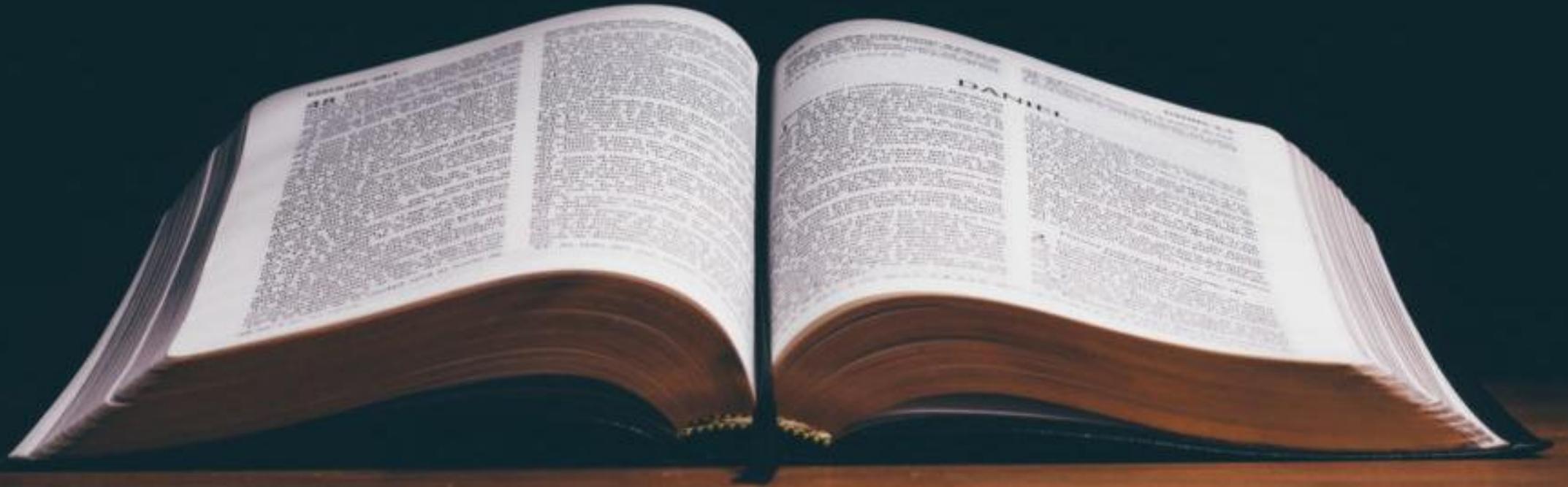




NOT A NEW PROBLEM

For if someone comes and proclaims **another Jesus** than the one we proclaimed, or if you receive a **different spirit** from the one you received, or if you accept a **different gospel** from the one you accepted...

2 Corinthians 11:4



Walter Martin

THE NEW CULTS



A DEFINITION OF A 'CHRISTIAN' CULT

"a group religious in nature which surrounds a leader, or a group which either denies or misinterprets essential biblical doctrines."

MARKS OF A 'CHRISTIAN' CULT

- **EXTRA BIBLICAL AUTHORITY**
- **WORKS SALVATION/LEGALISM**
- **NO ASSURANCE OF SALVATION**
- **MODERN PROPHET**
- **SPIRITUAL DECEPTION**

MARKS OF A 'CHRISTIAN' CULT

- **DENUNCIATION OF OTHER GROUPS**
- **ADDITIONAL REVELATION/NEW LIGHT RESTORATION**
- **DEFECTIVE CHRISTOLOGY**
- **TAKING SCRIPTURE OUT OF CONTEXT**
- **FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION**
- **PSEUDO MYSTICAL/OCCULTIC INFLUENCE**

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

- ***OPEN THE DOOR***
- ***TALK TO THEM... THEY ARE LOST PEOPLE***
- ***BE KIND... BE LOVING... BE PATIENT***
- ***LISTEN TO THEM***
- ***THIS IS WAR!***
- ***HAVE A PLAN***
- ***BE CONFIDENT IN THE HOLY SPIRIT***

EVANGELISING CULTS

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**SHARING THE GOSPEL WITH
JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES**

**WHY WON'T
THEY LISTEN?**





**WHO/WHAT
CONTROLS
JEHOVAH'S
WITNESSES?**



THE GOVERNING BODY



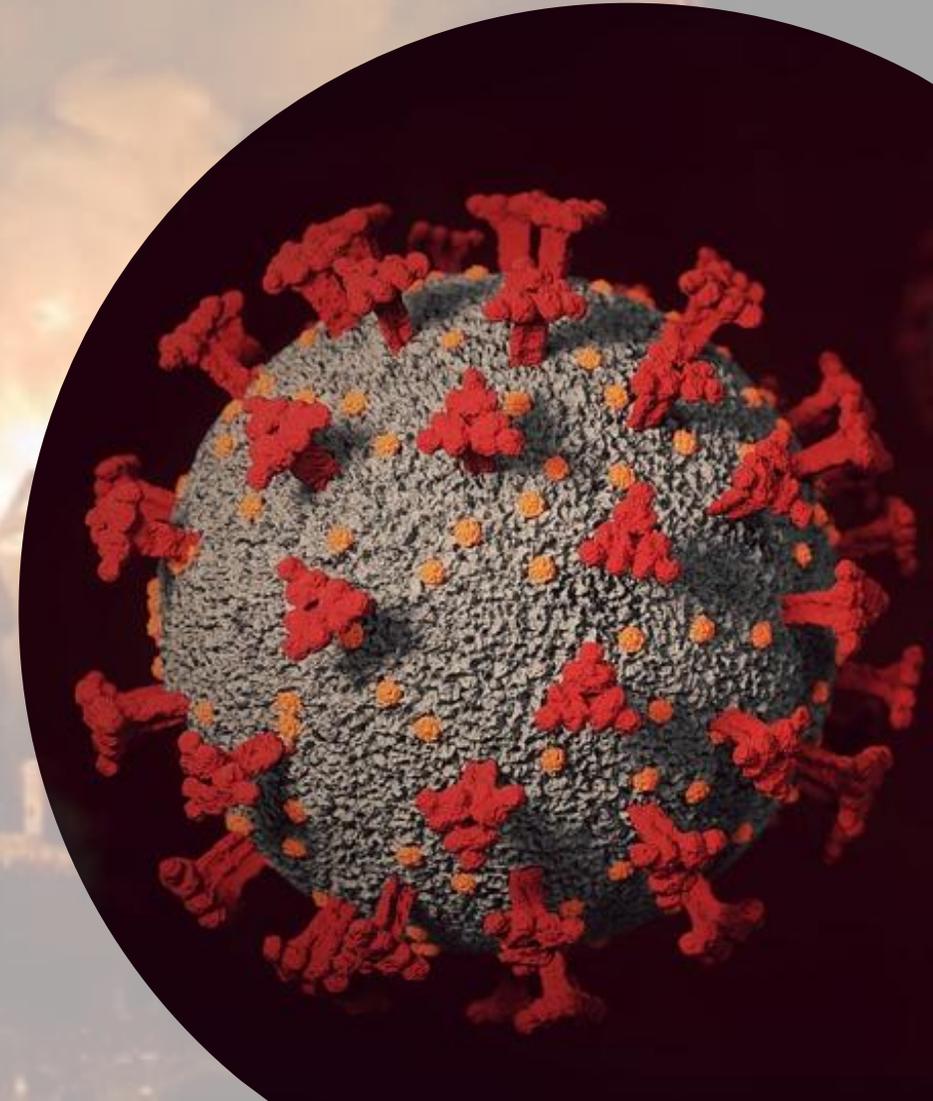
WHO REALLY IS THE FAITHFUL AND DISCREET SLAVE WHOM HIS MASTER APPOINTED OVER HIS DOMESTICS, TO GIVE THEM THEIR FOOD AT THE PROPER TIME?

MATTHEW 24:45 NEW WORLD TRANSLATION



WE NEED TO OBEY THE FAITHFUL AND DISCREET SLAVE TO HAVE JEHOVAH'S APPROVAL."

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ARMAGEDDON

AVOIDING CART-ASTROPHES!

- CHANGED BIBLE VERSES
- CHALLENGING THE WATCHTOWER
- CALLING THEM A CULT
- CHANGING THE DISCUSSION





**WE ARE
CHRISTIANS**

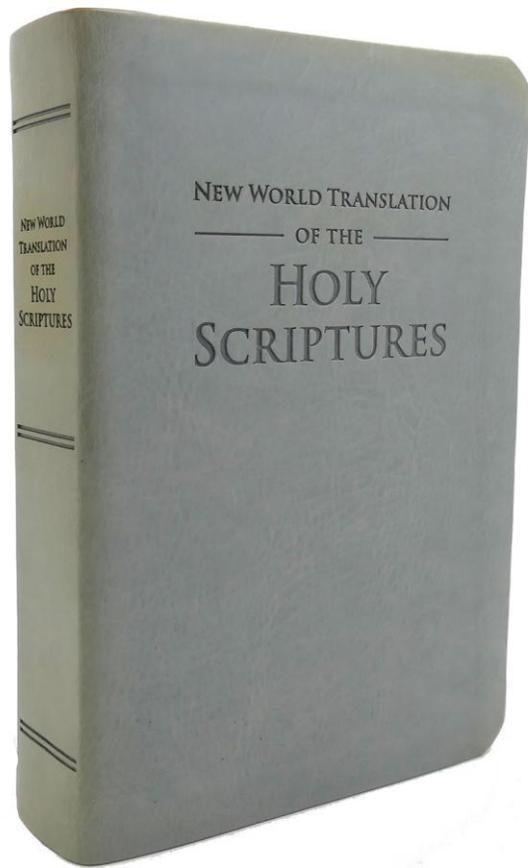


**WE LOVE
JESUS**

SAME WORDS – DIFFERENT DICTIONARY



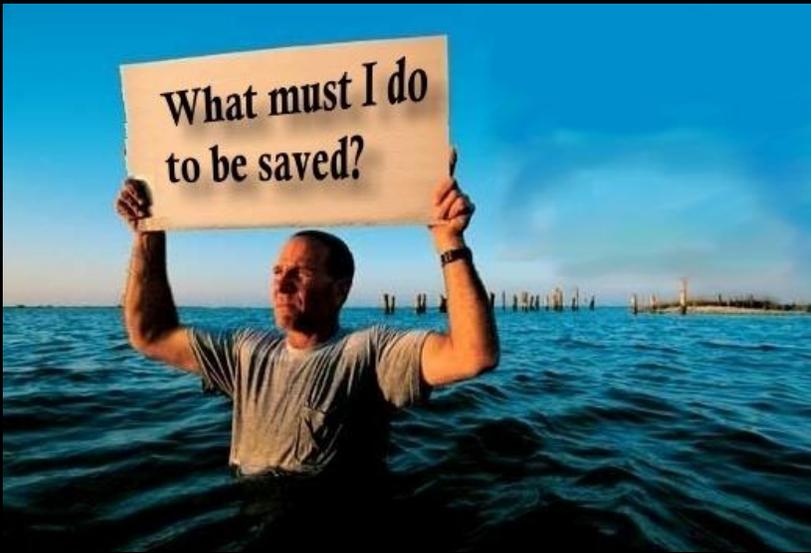
***LEAVING THEM WITH A STONE
IN THEIR SHOE.***



**QUESTION:
WHO TRANSLATED YOUR BIBLE?**



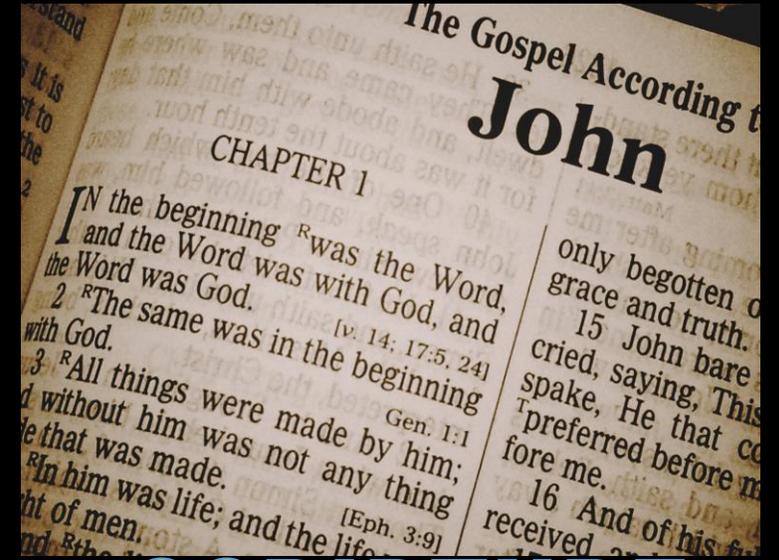
**THE JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
HAVE THEIR OWN BIBLE**



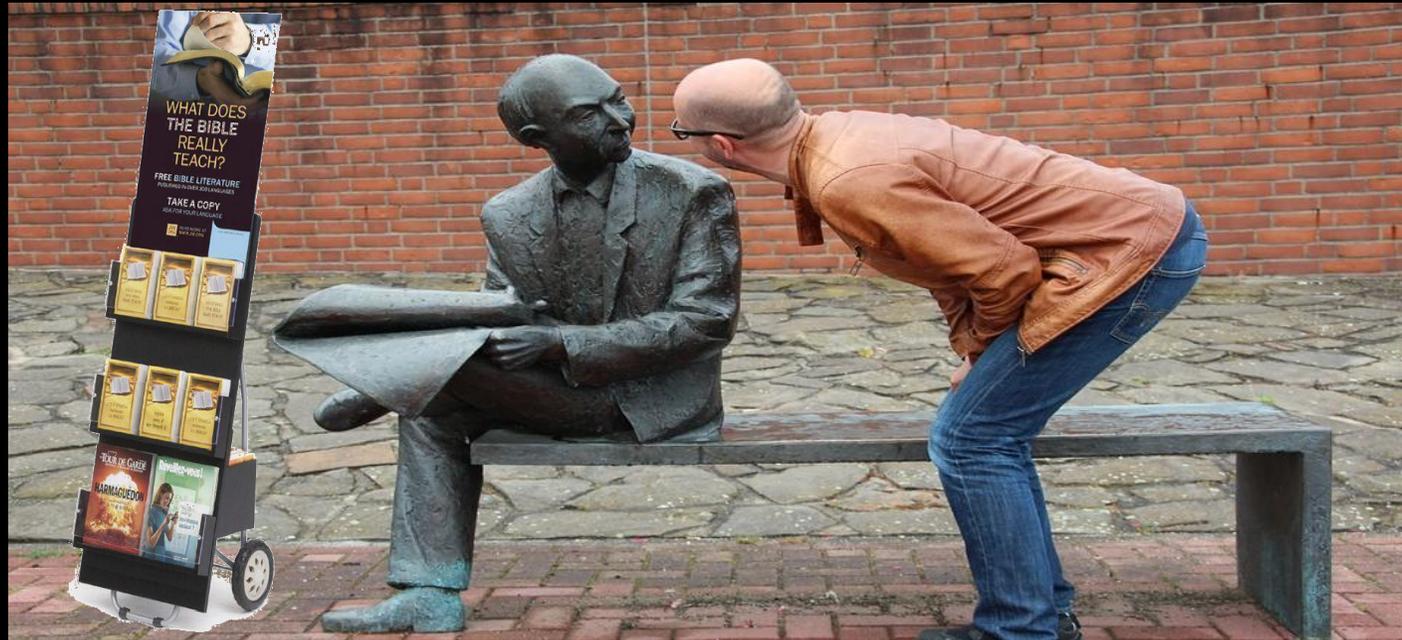
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STORY



SCRIPTURE



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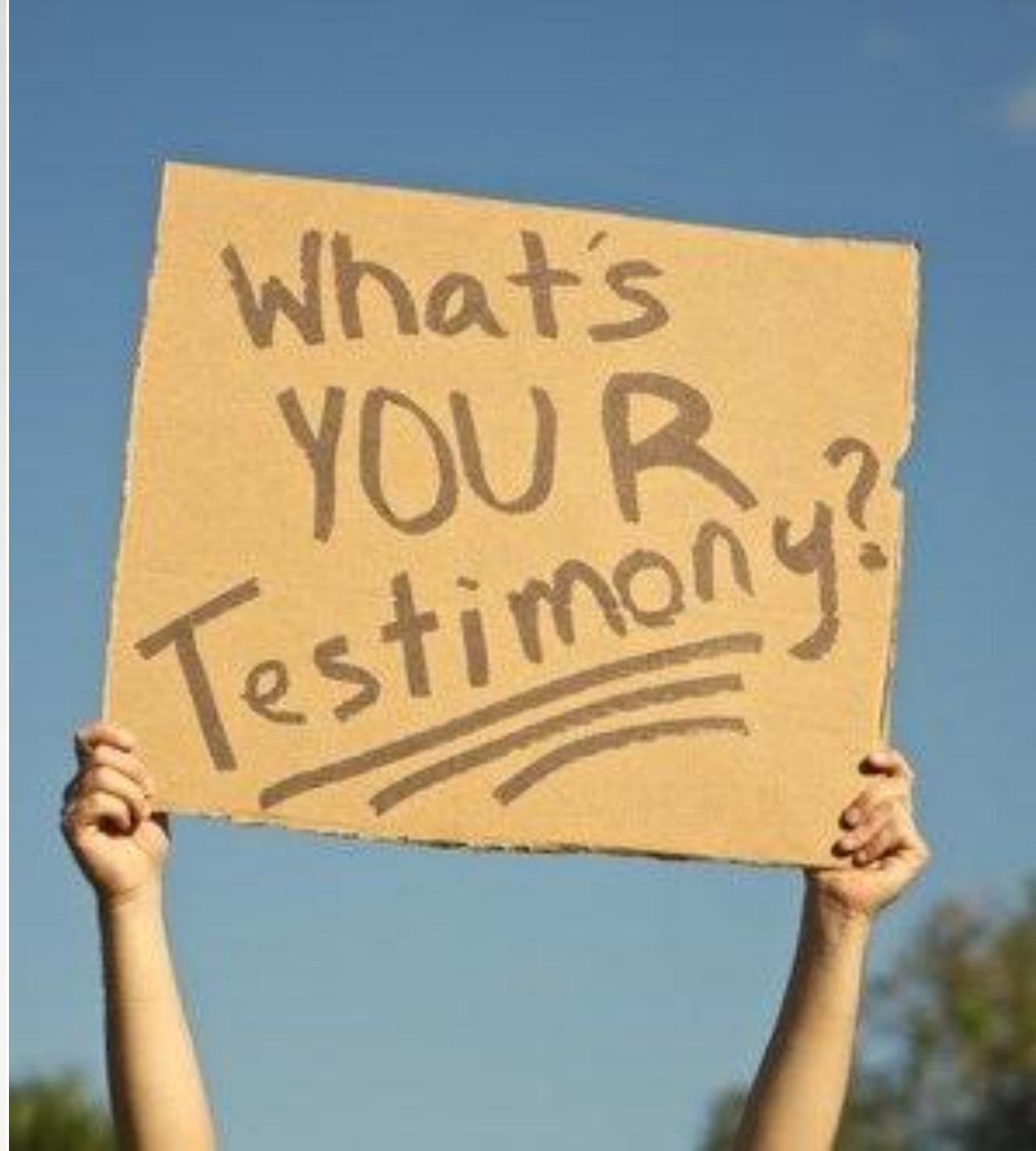


HE BROUGHT THEM OUTSIDE AND SAID:
"SIRS, **WHAT MUST I DO TO GET
saved?**" THEY SAID: "BELIEVE IN THE LORD
JESUS, AND YOU WILL GET SAVED, YOU AND
YOUR HOUSEHOLD."

ACTS 16:30-31



**COME AND LISTEN, ALL YOU WHO FEAR GOD,
AND I WILL TELL YOU WHAT HE HAS DONE FOR
ME... PSALM 66:16 NWT**



The Gospel According

John

CHAPTER 1

IN the beginning ^Rwas the Word,
and the Word was with God, and
the Word was God.

^RThe same was in the beginning
with God.

All things were made by him;
without him was not any thing
that was made.

For the Word was life; and the life was
with the Father, and the life was
made manifest to the men.

only begotten
of the Father, full of
grace and truth.

15 John bore
witness, saying, I
saw, and I heard, and
my hands touched, and
I preferred before
me.

16 And of his
glory, which he received
of the Father, he
testified.

1 In [the] beginning^a the
Word^b was, and the Word
was with God,^c and the Word
was a god.^d

**TRUE GOD
OR FALSE GOD?**

**HOW MANY
GODS?**

DO YOU BELIEVE WHAT THE BIBLE
TEACHES?

1



DOES THE BIBLE TEACH THAT
JESUS IS GOD?

2



IF IT DID WOULD YOU
BELIEVE IT?

3



PLEASE READ
JOHN 20:24-29

4



JAB A JW



QUESTION
THOMAS BELIEVED THAT
JESUS WAS GOD.
WHY DON'T YOU?



**NEXT HE SAID TO THOMAS: "PUT YOUR FINGER HERE,
AND SEE MY HANDS, AND TAKE YOUR HAND AND STICK
IT INTO MY SIDE, AND STOP DOUBTING BUT BELIEVE."**

JOHN 20:27 NWT

IN ANSWER THOMAS SAID TO HIM:

"MY LORD AND MY GOD!"

JOHN 20:28 NWT

**JESUS SAID TO HIM: "BECAUSE YOU HAVE SEEN
ME, HAVE YOU BELIEVED? HAPPY ARE THOSE
WHO HAVE NOT SEEN AND YET BELIEVE."**

JOHN 20:29 NWT

WHAT IS JEHOVAH'S ARRANGEMENT FOR SALVATION?

He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, **"THIS IS MY BELOVED SON, WITH WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED; LISTEN TO HIM."**

MATTHEW 17:5

YOU SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES BECAUSE YOU THINK THAT IN THEM YOU HAVE ETERNAL LIFE; AND IT IS THEY THAT **BEAR WITNESS ABOUT ME**, YET YOU REFUSE TO **COME TO ME THAT YOU MAY HAVE LIFE.**

JOHN 5:39-40

THE FATHER JUDGES NO ONE, BUT HAS GIVEN **ALL JUDGMENT TO THE SON** JOHN 5:22

WHAT IS JEHOVAH'S ARRANGEMENT FOR SALVATION?

THIS JESUS IS THE STONE THAT WAS REJECTED BY YOU, THE BUILDERS, WHICH HAS BECOME THE CORNERSTONE. AND THERE IS **SALVATION IN NO ONE ELSE, FOR THERE IS NO OTHER NAME UNDER HEAVEN GIVEN AMONG MEN BY WHICH WE MUST BE SAVED.**

ACTS 4:11-12

BUT YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS COME UPON YOU, AND **YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES** IN JERUSALEM AND IN ALL JUDEA AND SAMARIA, AND TO THE END OF THE EARTH.”

ACTS 1:8

ALL THINGS HAVE BEEN HANDED OVER TO ME BY MY FATHER, AND NO ONE KNOWS THE SON EXCEPT THE FATHER, AND NO ONE KNOWS THE FATHER EXCEPT THE SON AND ANYONE TO WHOM THE SON CHOOSES TO REVEAL HIM.

COME TO ME, ALL WHO LABOUR AND ARE HEAVY LADEN, AND **I WILL GIVE YOU REST**. TAKE MY YOKE UPON YOU, AND LEARN FROM ME, FOR I AM GENTLE AND LOWLY IN HEART, AND YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS.

MATTHEW 11:27-29



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thrown out
in 2017 for
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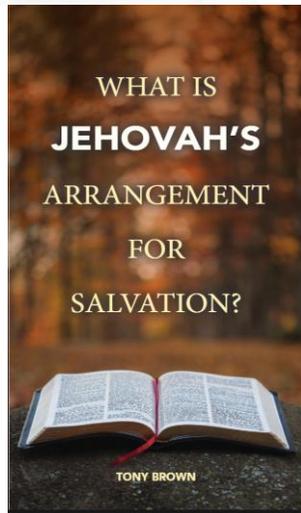
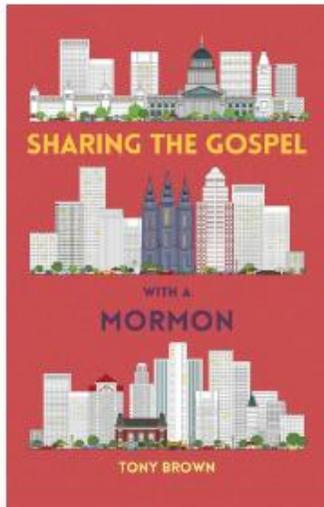
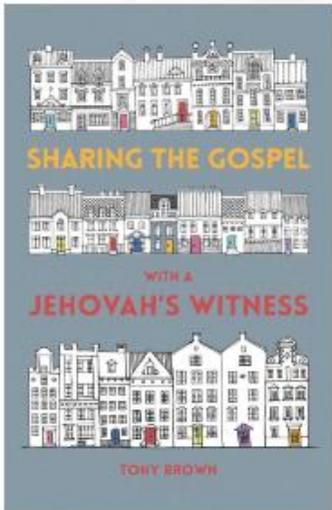
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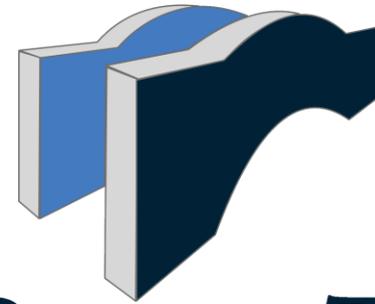


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