

131 - The Active-Force-Led Organization vs. The Holy Spirit - Part 3 (Watchtower Confession - Not HOLY Spirit-Led)

Truly all lovers of truth and righteousness long for the approaching unhindered rule of the kingdom of God and keep praying for it even as Jesus taught us to pray.—Matt. 6:10; Rev. 20:6; 21:4. Because of this hope, the “faithful and discreet slave” has alerted all of God’s people to the sign of the times indicating the nearness of God’s Kingdom rule. In this regard, however, it must be observed that this “faithful and discreet slave” was never inspired...

Watchtower - March 1, 1979, p23 par15
To Whom Shall We Go but Jesus Christ?

Please put on your prescription glasses, your reading glasses, or your contact lenses because I am about to show you something you cannot afford to miss. Do you have them on? Good! Now, put on your thinking cap. Great! According to the Watchtower, the slave was alerting people to the nearness; the nearness; the nearness of what? The nearness of God's Kingdom Rule. But of course they were never inspired by the Holy Spirit. But today, note the title of this book, prepared by **the** organization that claims to be directed by God's Holy Spirit.

God's Kingdom Rules:

Back then, God's kingdom rule was near. Today, according to this supposedly "spirit-led" organization, God's kingdom rule is here. You can be sure that the following statement found in that book was neither inspired nor directed by the Holy Spirit. How can you be sure?

Shortly after he was installed as King, Jesus put in place a clearly recognizable channel through which he has helped his followers to be spiritually clean. That channel is the faithful and discreet slave, which Christ appointed in 1919.

God's Kingdom Rules! p101 par7
Chapter 10 - The King Refines His People Spiritually

How can you be sure? There is no rational person in the entire universe, who knows God, and could think, even for one second, that the Holy Spirit was directing an organization that was teaching that the Holy Spirit was taken away and had ceased to function.

“By his spirit, the holy spirit, Jehovah God guides or leads his people up to a certain point of time, and thus he did until the time when ‘the comforter’ was taken away, which would necessarily occur when Jesus, the Head of his organization, came to the temple and gathered unto himself those whom he found faithful when he, as the great Judge, began his judgment, in 1918.”

Preservation (1932) - Rutherford - pp193-194
Ruth 1

Please pay keen attention to the common "C" for the Comforter. More on that later. Stay tuned. Here we see in the organization confirming it was never led by the Holy Spirit, even at the time it claims it was appointed, because at that time, it taught that the Holy Spirit ceased to function. By its own words they were NEVER inspired.

That is how the Holy Spirit directs - by inspiration. So, if the Holy Spirit never inspired them, by their own words, and if, by their own words, the Holy Spirit was NOT directing the organization in 1919, because the Holy Spirit was not functioning at that time, then who, may I ask, was directing it?

After the holy spirit as an advocate or paraclete ceased to function in behalf of the consecrated, then the angels are employed in behalf of those who are being made ready for the kingdom.

Preservation (1932) - Rutherford - p51

Esther 2

That book, *Preservation* was printed in 1932. Clearly, for at least 1918 to 1932, you can rest assured that the Holy Spirit was NEVER directing the organization, even at the time it claimed that the Father and Jesus came to inspect the temple and that Jesus appointed Rutherford and company as the Faithful and Discreet Slave. The Watchtower has confirmed that FACT. Again, the Holy Spirit could never be the one who taught them that the Father and Jesus returned and appointed a bunch of men, not led by the Holy Spirit.

No rational person could ever believe the claim that Angels of God were directing the work when the organization was teaching that the world would end and paradise restored in 1925, when Abraham and other patriarchs would be resurrected as princes on the earth, and when the organization was having the house, Beth Sarim - House of the Princes - prepared for Abraham and company, from the donations of gullible Jehovah's Witnesses.

Clearly, they were being directed by spirits, but certainly not the Holy Spirit, and clearly not by angels. Go figure. And if you think it is just a thing of the past, that the organization is now being directed by God, put on your thinking caps, or keep them on if you had then on already. God is not the author of confusion. Listen to these quotes as the Watchtower comments on a doctrine taught ONLY by the Watchtower.

... how should other Christians view a person who claims to have received this anointing and begins to partake of the emblems at the Memorial? He or she should not be judged. The matter is between this person and Jehovah.

Watchtower - June 15, 2009, p23 par15

The Faithful Steward and Its Governing Body

On the one hand, those persons should not be judged. It is between them and God.

A number of factors—including past religious beliefs or even mental or emotional imbalance—might cause some to assume mistakenly that they have the heavenly calling.

Watchtower - August 15, 2011 p22

Questions From Readers

On the other hand, some of those persons are judged as mentally or emotionally imbalanced.

Those who have received this special invitation from God do not need another witness from any other source. They do not need someone else to verify what has happened to them. Jehovah leaves no doubt whatsoever in their minds and hearts.

Watchtower - January, 2016, p19 p10

The Spirit Bears Witness With Our Spirit

On the one hand, they do not need anyone to verify for them that they are anointed, because Jehovah leaves **no doubt whatsoever** in their minds. On the other hand, the organization plants that doubt in their minds.

Do you feel that you have more than average zeal in the ministry? Are you a keen student of God's Word who loves to delve into "the deep things of God"? (1 Cor. 2:10). Have you seen Jehovah's special blessing on your ministry? Do you have a burning desire to do Jehovah's will? Do you have a deep inner feeling of responsibility to help others spiritually? Have you seen proof that Jehovah has personally intervened in your life? If you answer these questions with a resounding yes, does this mean that you now have the heavenly calling? No, it does not.

Watchtower - January, 2016, p21 p15

The Spirit Bears Witness With Our Spirit

I mentioned in Video 122, that it was ironic that the Watchtower cited Romans 8:15-16 in that article.

The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

Romans 8:15-16 (NIV)

The organization described the American Standard Version as an EXCELLENT translation.

DISPLAY

An excellent Bible translation of the twentieth century is the *American Standard Version*.

Watchtower - September 15, 1950 p315 par8

New World Translation of the Christian Greek Scriptures

For ye received not the spirit of bondage again unto fear; but ye received the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. 16 The Spirit himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are children of God:

Romans 8:16 (ASV)

The spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are God's children.

Romans 8:16 (NWT)

That excellent translation has a capital S for Spirit and speaks of the Spirit Himself. The Watchtower changed the capital S to lowercase, and changed "himself" to "itself". Why?

But if there is one thing you need to know about the Watchtower, it's this: Nothing is printed without an agenda. Let's read between the lines:

CLIP - HIDDEN AGENDA - Watchtower Comments

The theme of this program is "Look Back to Learn. Look Ahead to Live". It's based on Isaiah 30:21, which was written about 700 years before Christ. The question is, how might we apply Isaiah 30:21 to Jehovah's people today. The text reads, "And your own ears will hear a word behind you saying, "This is the way. Walk in it," in case you should go to the right or in case you should go to the left.

This Scripture tells us that Jehovah's Word come from behind His people, issuing directions on the right way to walk. When we turn to God's word for guidance, we are reading words that were recorded thousands of years ago, coming from behind us, as it were, from the stream of time.

CLIP - JW BROADCASTING - APRIL - 2016

DISPLAY

and thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it; when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

Isaiah 30:21 (ASV)

When I first saw that clip, I wondered why such an explanation was given for the text, but I did not make an issue of it because there are so many lessons that can be learned from one verse of Scripture and the analogy given by William Malenfant seemed good enough. But the analogy of the word of God written centuries ago, and coming, as it were, from behind us, is just that - an analogy. It is not what the text is saying.

The trouble is - that is how the Holy Spirit operates - as a still small voice, directing the way to go, teaching us things, reminding us of the Word of God, etc. That is what Isaiah 30:21 is saying. But if Jehovah's Witnesses come to a relationship with God, in which the Holy Spirit dwells within them - if they understand that it is God Himself, in person, and not just a thing - God's active force - who is living within them, they will understand that they are indeed God's children, and they can call Him, Abba, Father.

But the Watchtower needs to have Jehovah's Witnesses believe that such an experience is exclusively reserved for the anointed.

The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

Romans 8:16 (NIV)

Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God

John 1:12 (NIV)

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.

Romans 8:14 (NIV)

I say to you Jehovah's Witnesses, if God is telling you that you are His child, you can rest assured that any organization telling you otherwise is not directed by the Holy Spirit.

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

John 14:26 (NIV)

You can be sure that the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father has indeed sent in Jesus' name, did not teach Rutherford the crazy things he taught. Jesus did not promise that angels will direct his church, as Rutherford claimed.

And please, Jehovah's Witnesses, don't you dare go to Revelation where John, IN VISION, saw angels ministering. Those were visions - part of the gift of prophecy, which the organization teaches, has ceased. Yes, the same organization that once taught that the Holy Spirit Ceased to function.

Jesus certainly did not promise that angels would be the ones teaching us. And he certainly did not promise a method of flashing light.

Shortly thereafter, a flash of light caused the Bible Students to stop celebrating Christmas.

Watchtower - May 15, 1995, p19 par13

Part 1—Flashes of Light—Great and Small

Was that flash of light, God's active force? From whence did that flash of light come?

In the second volume of *Vindication*, published by the Watch Tower Society in 1932, a flash of light revealed that the restoration prophecies recorded by Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and other prophets did not apply (as once thought) to the fleshly Jews, who were returning to Palestine in unbelief and with political motivations.

Watchtower - May 15, 1995, pp19-20 par16

Part 1—Flashes of Light—Great and Small

Please be reminded that at that time, in 1932, the organization taught that the Holy Spirit ceased to function. It goes without saying, therefore, that that flash of light did not come from the Holy Spirit. And the darkness that that flash of light dispelled: from where did it come?

In time, flashes of light revealed that Jehovah's chief purpose was, not the salvation of creatures, but the vindication of his sovereignty. The most important theme of the Bible was seen to be, not the ransom, but the Kingdom, for it will vindicate Jehovah's sovereignty. What a flash of light that was!

Watchtower - May 15, 1995, p20 par17

Part 1—Flashes of Light—Great and Small

That statement stunned me. The Watchtower teaches - I did not know - that God is really as self-centered as the devil suggested to Eve.

Satan told Eve that that thing that God told them about not eating of the fruit because they will die was really not about protecting them. It was about, he claimed, God protecting Himself, as it were - about preventing Adam and Even from being like God.

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“For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

Genesis 3:5 (NIV)

The Watchtower is here telling Jehovah's Witnesses, that a flashes of light had revealed to them that God sending Jesus was really not so much about saving us. It was about vindicating His own sovereignty. It is not really so much about His great love for us, but more so about His own ego; His sovereignty. Apparently, John the Baptist was not as fortunate as this self-declared organization of God. He clearly did not benefit from those flashes of light. Did he?

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

John 1:29 (NIV)

That was just his secondary purpose. The primary reason he came was to vindicate the sovereignty of God. After all, John the Baptist was not anointed.

Well, how about the apostle John? Clearly he missed the flashes of light:

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16 (NIV)

I said that was secondary. His main purpose was to vindicate his sovereignty.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

John 3:17 (NIV)

So, obviously, the apostle John did not get the memo, sorry, I mean the flashes of light. What does Jesus Himself, the light of the World, have to say on the matter?

... I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

John 10:10 (NIV)

Jesus came for the sole purpose of bridging the gap between God and mankind that was created by sin, that we might be forgiven of our sins and have life eternal. Just as in the beginning, when the gap was created, Satan has come to beguile mankind, through this organization, that Jesus' coming was really not for us. It was for God.

Clearly, that was revealed to the organization when and where the Holy Spirit was not functioning.

Folks, we are not here talking about a past flash of light. Remember, Jehovah's Witnesses love to claim that light of truth gets brighter and my want to tell you that was an error it taught in 1932. Pay attention. I cited an article written as recently as 1995.

Jehovah's Witnesses are programmed to believe that the Holy Spirit is just a thing - God's active force. While Jesus promised the Holy Spirit to teach, Jehovah's Witnesses look to the organization, and not the Holy Spirit, to teach them.

No question about it. We all need help to understand the Bible, and we cannot find the Scriptural guidance we need outside the "faithful and discreet slave" organization.

Watchtower - February 15, 1981, p19

Do We Need Help to Understand the Bible?

God's organizational design allows for human teachers. Absolutely! Teaching is one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit for the edifying of the church. Teachers of the Word are necessary. But for one to take on the role as the ONLY one who can teach the Word of God; and when one believes he can learn only from one source, ultimately, that source is usurping the role of the Holy Spirit. It is nothing short of blasphemy, on the part of the source, and idolatry on the part of the believer. I can teach you something, but you do not need me. It is a privilege I have been given - a grand privilege to be used of God, and certainly not an exclusive authority bestowed. The Holy Spirit, the ultimate Teacher, can use someone else to do a better job.

[I don't care what you want to say.] All who want to understand the Bible should appreciate that the "greatly diversified wisdom of God" can become known only through Jehovah's channel of communication, the faithful and discreet slave.—John 6:68.

Watchtower - October 1, 1994, p8

The Bible—A Book Meant to Be Understood

The organization subtly puts itself in the place of the Holy Spirit.

And as for you, the anointing that you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to be teaching you; but the anointing from him is teaching you about all things and is true and is no lie. ...

1 John 2:27 (NWT)

Do you know why it is so hard for a Jehovah's Witness to accept the Deity of Christ? For that very reason: Because they refuse to allow the Holy Spirit to teach them. Rather, they take their teaching from the self-proclaimed faithful slave.

If Jehovah's Witnesses accept that the Holy Spirit is God, and not just an instrument of God, a question they often ask to disprove that Jesus is God, would help them understand the Deity of Christ. That common question is "How could God send Himself?" And they argue the Father's authority over the Son by the very point that the Son was sent by the Father.

So they are in a bit of a pickle if they accept the Holy Spirit as a person and as God; for how could God send His Holy Spirit, in the name of Jesus to teach you?

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send **in my name**, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

John 14:26

In the name of Jesus?

To speak or to act 'in the name of' another denoted doing so as a representative of that one. (Ex 5:23; De 10:8; 18:5, 7, 19-22; 1Sa 17:45; Es 3:12; 8:8, 10)

Insight on the Scriptures - p468

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It's one thing for God to send His Spirit, in the name of Jesus. It is quite another thing for Jesus, if He was not God, to send God's Spirit - to send God, as it were.

When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me.

John 15:26 (NIV)

If Jehovah's Witnesses would listen to the Holy Spirit testifying about Jesus, they would finally be in a position to know who Jesus is, but, unfortunately, they are being taught by mere men. They look to the organization to teach them, not to the Holy Spirit, who has been reduced in their eyes; not even deserving of capital letters.

They put their trust in, and take their teaching from that organization that teaches them what flashes of light revealed at a time when the Holy Spirit ceased to function, in their own words. The same organization that had the gall, in 1995, to print:

Particularly since 1919 have Jehovah's servants been blessed with increasing flashes of light. What a bright flash of light shone at the 1922 Cedar Point convention as J. F. Rutherford, the Watch Tower Society's second president, drove home the point that the prime obligation of Jehovah's servants is to "advertise, advertise, advertise, the King and his kingdom"!

Watchtower - May 15, 1995, p18 par11

Part 1—Flashes of Light—Great and Small

Picture a Jehovah's Witness sitting down with a broad smile on his face on reading that statement, feeling proud of what happened to his beloved organization in 1922 at the Cedar Point convention, totally unaware that Jehovah's Witnesses were being encouraged to "advertise, advertise, advertise" that the King came to kingdom Power in 1874 and that his kingdom will be restored on earth in 1925.

As we have heretofore stated, the great jubilee cycle is due to begin in 1925. At that time the earthly phase of the kingdom shall be recognized. The Apostle Paul in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews names a long list of faithful men who died before the crucifixion of the Lord and before the beginning of the selection of the church. These can never be a part of the heavenly class; they had no heavenly hopes; but God has in store something good for them. They are to be resurrected as perfect men and constitute the princes or rulers in the earth, according to his promise. (Psalm 45:16; Isaiah 32:1, Matthew 8:11) Therefore we may confidently expect that 1925 will mark the return of Abraham, ...

Millions Now Living Will Never Die, p89

Earthly Rulers

The organization will boast about the Cedar Point convention, even ridiculously claim that it was the fulfillment of the 1,290 days of Daniel 12. They will boast about the flash of light that came in that said convention. But it will never tell you what the convention was really about. That was the heart of the

campaign, "Millions Now living Will Never Die". That was at the heart of when Jehovah's Witnesses were looking forward to paradise fully restored in 1925.

That is why the Holy Spirit appears in the New World Translation and in all Watchtower literature with common letters. He must be reduced in the eyes of Jehovah's Witnesses, so that the members will look to the organization for knowledge and not to the Holy Spirit. For if a Jehovah's Witness is led by the Holy Spirit, he or she would be taught the truth about the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

2 Corinthians 13:14 (NIV)