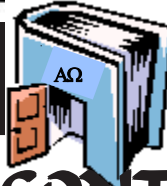


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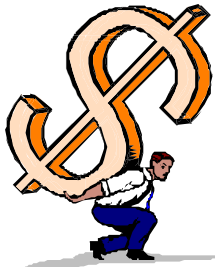
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MONEY AND THE CONTROL OF NATIONS - THE NEW WORLD ORDER (PART 2)



Come now, you rich, weep and howl for your miseries that are coming upon you! Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver are corroded, and their corrosion will be a witness against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have heaped up treasures in the last days. James 5:1-3 KJV

book (Philip Dru, Administrator),³ Jekyll Island,⁴ Warburg, Rockefeller, Morgan and Jacob Schiff. He connected them to members of the Communist conspiracy then raging, specifically Alger Hiss, Harry Dexter White, and others.⁵ Today, according to media propaganda, if you believe in a conspiracy you must be a conservative right wing extremist. Worse yet, you are probably a Christian fundamentalist religious wacko. To prove a point let me introduce you to what some "conservative right wing extremists" had to say about that subject.

Senator Barry M. Goldwater in his book,

The Goldsmith Has a Plan

With No Apologies, wrote:

History - Accidental or Conspiratorial?

President Franklin Delano Roosevelt is reported to have said:

In politics, nothing happens by accident. If it happens, it was planned that way.¹

What the Trilaterals truly intend is the creation of a worldwide economic power superior to the political government of the nation-states involved. As managers and creators of the system they will rule the world.⁶

There are basically two views of history, the Accidental and the Conspiratorial views. In the Accidental view historical events generally occur by accident, while in the Conspiratorial view historical events are the result of design or reasons that are not generally revealed to the public.²

In the same book Senator Goldwater went on:

*In my view, the Trilateral Commission represents a skillful, coordinated effort to seize control and consolidate the four centers of power: **political, monetary, intellectual and ecclesiastical.**⁷*

Mention conspiracy to **Rush Limbaugh** and it sends him into a tirade. It's the forbidden topic in the media. Mention the "C" word to the telephone screener of a radio talk show, and you most likely will not get on. In 1955 the famous journalist **Westbrook Pegler's** high flying career ended after writing critically about the Federal Reserve, mentioning Col. House's

He is referring to control of government (political), banking (money), education (intellectual), and religion (ecclesiastical).

The Trilateral Commission is an organization founded and controlled by David Rockefeller.

The bankers again! **Ralph Epperson** believes that the:



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Conspiracy's one unchanging purpose has been to destroy all religion, all existing governments, and all traditional human institutions, and to build a new world order upon

*the wreckage they have created.*⁸

If that is truly their goal, with the help of our leaders, they are right on schedule. If that is not their goal, then we surely have some of the most inept leaders we could imagine.

Rowen Gaither, the President of the Ford Foundation, told Norman Dodd⁹ that:

*All of us here at the policy-making level have had experience, either in the OSS, or the European Economic Administration, with directives from the White House.*¹⁰

Mr. Gaither went on to say that:

*The substance of them (the directives) is that we shall use our grant-making power so as to alter our life in the United States that we can be comfortably merged with the Soviet Union.*¹¹

The understanding was that the standards of the American way of life would be intentionally lowered.

Rene A. Wormser revealed in his book, Foundations: Their Power and Influence, that the Congressional "Reese Committee" found that:

*In the international field, foundations, and an interlock among some of them and certain intermediary organizations, have exercised a strong effect upon our foreign policy and public education in things international. This has been accomplished by vast propaganda by supplying executives and advisors to government and by controlling much research in this area through the power of the purse. The net result of these combined efforts has been to promote "internationalism" in a particular sense - a form directed toward 'world government' and a derogation of American "nationalism."*¹²

Even **President Woodrow Wilson**, who served the "Money Trust," wrote:

*There is a power somewhere so organized, so subtle, so watchful, so interlocked, so complete, so pervasive that they better not speak above their breath when they speak in condemnation of it.*¹³

Winston Churchill wrote in 1920:

*From the days of Spartacus—Weishaupt to those of Karl Marx, to those of Trotsky... This world-wide conspiracy for overthrow of civilization... has been steadily growing.*¹⁴

Louis T. McFadden, Congressman and Chairman of the House Banking and Currency Committee said on the floor of the House of Representatives on 10 June 1932:

"Some people think the Federal Reserve banks are United States Government institutions. They are not government institutions. They are private credit monopolies which prey upon the people of the United States for the benefit of themselves and their foreign customers. The Federal Reserve banks are the agents of the foreign central banks. Henry Ford has said, 'The one aim of these financiers is world control by the creation of inextinguishable debts.' The truth is the Federal Reserve Board has usurped the

*Government of the United States by the arrogant credit monopoly which operates the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve Banks."*¹⁵

After several attempts on his life, Louis T. McFadden died mysteriously in 1936.¹⁶

Admiral Chester Ward, former Judge Advocate General of the U. S. Navy and former member of the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), wrote in 1975 that the CFR has as a goal:

[S]ubmergence of U. S. sovereignty and national independence into an all-powerful one-world government.

and that

*[T]his lust to surrender the sovereignty and independence of the United States is pervasive throughout most of the membership.*¹⁷

The Round Table

William Jefferson Clinton in accepting the nomination of the Democratic Party for President of the United States made reference to his "mentor" while he was at Georgetown University, Carroll Quigley, and Professor Quigley's book Tragedy and Hope.¹⁸

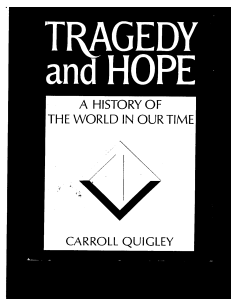
Tragedy and Hope is a history of the world that describes a secret organization of influential men and groups so arranged with an inner and outer circle.¹⁹ Professor Quigley related that he had studied and had been permitted to examine the records of this organization and generally agreed with their goals.²⁰ It is significant that Bill Clinton mentioned this book since it essentially describes the setting up of "Round Table Groups," as advocated by Cecil Rhodes, throughout the world to "federate the English-speaking peoples and to bring all the habitable portions of the world under their control."²¹ According to Quigley this was the purpose for which Cecil Rhodes established the Rhodes Scholarships at Oxford.²² William Jefferson Clinton was a Rhodes Scholar.

Quigley also wrote that:

*[T]he powers of financial capitalism had another far-reaching aim, nothing less than to create a world system of financial control in private hands able to dominate the political system of each country and the economy of the world as a whole. This system was to be controlled in a feudalist fashion by the central banks of the world acting in concert, by secret agreements arrived at in frequent private meetings and conferences.*²³

Tragedy and Hope, originally published by The Macmillan Company in 1966, was suppressed shortly after release.²⁴ Only recently has the book been reprinted.

The Council on Foreign Relations, in the United States, mentioned as one of these Round Table Groups,²⁵ was established in 1921 by Colonel Edward Mandell House, Walter Lippmann, and John Foster Dulles, among others; with money supplied by, guess who, J. P. Morgan, John D. Rockefeller, Bernard Baruch, Paul Warburg, Otto Kahn, Jacob Schiff, and others. The Money Trust again! Would it surprise you to learn that David Rockefeller has been among its leadership, and that George Bush was a director. Other members include most of our Secretaries of State, much of the State Department, the movers and shakers of the media, military, educational establishment, as well as banking. Is it any wonder that we never seem to hear anything about this



group so represented by the establishment elite and media? Oh, I should mention that Article II of the Bylaws requires that the meetings of this group remain secret.²⁶

Other secret groups, with similar goals, include the Bilderbergers, the Club of Rome, to mention a few. The groups interlock with some of the members of one also belonging to, or attending, one or more of the others. This includes Henry Kissinger, David Rockefeller, and President Clinton.

For an understanding of the modern thread of conspiracy, two significant events of history need be studied. The rise of the House of Rothschild, and the founding of the Illuminati by Adam Weishaupt.

The Goldsmith's name is Rothschild

The little goldsmith shop in Frankfort, Germany, in 1773, was identified by the red shield sign that hung in front.²⁷ The goldsmith, Mayer Amschell Bauer, would later be known by that sign, for Rothschild means red shield.²⁸

It is reported that a gathering of wealthy men came to hear the goldsmith outline his plan to pool their wealth in order to loan money to nations (on either side of any conflict or ideology), for purposes of control, and to bring about a new order. That plan contained many points that included:

- ◆ Create hatred and distrust of the ruling class;
- ◆ Promote liberalism to gain power from the electorate;
- ◆ Operate in secret;
- ◆ Use alcohol, drugs, and vice to corrupt the youth of all nations;
- ◆ Seize property by any means; control all candidates for public office;
- ◆ Control the media; and use contrived and controlled panics and financial depressions to eventually establish world government, a new order of one world government controlled by them.²⁹

The slogan of this group would be "Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity."³⁰ It would only be a few years and the leaders of the French Revolution would use the same slogan. Coincidence?

Mayer Amschell Rothschild is quoted as saying: "Permit me to control the money of a nation, and I care not who makes the laws."³¹

Mr. Rothschild established his five sons in Frankfort, London, Vienna, Naples, and Paris. They began to influence the various governments by indebting them to the House of Rothschild. The House of Rothschild eventually established agents in the United States by links to such American bankers as J. P. Morgan by way of his London connection.³² There is some evidence that Lincoln's assassin, John Wilkes Booth, had ties to the International Bankers.³³ Certainly, in the case of Lincoln, a conspiracy trial took place and four were hung, including one woman.³⁴

The Rothschild connection and influence continues today. Their fortune grew as a result of Mayer Rothschild using the practice of fractional reserve banking, the method of maintaining reserves (e.g. gold) of only a fraction of the paper notes distributed as loans.³⁵

Due to the vast Rothschild communication network, Nathan Rothschild was able to gain control of the English government by large purchases of government bonds. This

was accomplished by advance knowledge of Napoleon's defeat at Waterloo; and deception, causing the London bankers to believe that England had been defeated, thereby creating panic-selling at reduced prices.³⁶

Napoleon went against the bankers by establishing an independent Bank of France with himself as president. He also refused to borrow, further angering the bankers. Rothschild supplied gold to the Duke of Wellington to finance the destruction of Napoleon.³⁷

Why Conspiracies Succeed

Someone once asked me, "If there is a conspiracy, how is it that we haven't heard of it, and the people rise up to stop it?" The answer is there to find, if you look. In fact, it's quite out in the open now. A few years ago I advised someone to watch the nightly news for a year with the idea that our government is leading us into a one-world government controlled by the United Nations. If that is true, it affects our Constitution, with its unique Bill of Rights, and sovereignty as an independent nation. At the end of the year that person returned and said that I was absolutely right in my assessment of what is happening. It's simply a matter of listening with an awareness of motives. These people succeed because of an uninformed electorate that has been propagandized by a controlled media (these same people own the media), and a general apathy of the citizenry willing to let other people think for them while they watch Monday Night Football and The Simpson's. We get caught up in the "Spin Doctor's" web of deceit.

The totalitarian control of people by an oppressor usually begins with prohibiting gun ownership. This was done in both Germany and Russia. That effort is underway in the United States now. The ownership of guns is a protected right under the Second Amendment of our Constitution. That right was placed there so that a future citizenry would have the capability of reclaiming our country should the government become tyrannical.

We the People

The control of people is effected by what is called Hegelian Dialectics. That is a system where a crisis is created (real or promulgated) to cause the people to demand that the government provide a solution. The government then steps in with the prearranged fix (perhaps new laws), which the people would otherwise have not accepted. The people respond with, "I don't like it, but I guess it was needed, thank you for your help." Since the "oil crisis" of the 1970's our people have accepted much higher gasoline prices. Before we went into Somalia, the media fed us daily doses of graphic portrayals of starving children; we needed to act to save the children. Once we arrived, what happened to the pictures and reporting, by our media, of the starving children? Likewise, our media is now focused on the evils of gun ownership and the need for severe gun control legislation. There are many, many examples that could be given.

There are those that the people trust, who speak like them, who infiltrate their ranks dressed in sheep's clothing, and further befuddle the citizens, but are ravenous wolves. These are the smooth talkers on both sides of the issues, that tickle our ears with appealing speech, convincing us that they are one of us by bringing a modicum of truth, but injected with

poison. The masses have always trusted them. We need to watch! American's "prejudices are being fed with carefully prepared propaganda, specifically designed to gender strife and to create an

attitude of total helplessness among the populace. The government will protect us. What we are witnessing is a diabolically effective form of subliminal seduction. The schools, the media, and the ultra-liberal court system are all playing major roles in this deadly process."³⁸

One last thing, ask yourself, "What form of government do we have?" Do you know? We hear almost daily from our leaders and the media that we have a democratic form of government. Wake up America, when did this happen? The Pledge of Allegiance says that we have a republic ("And to the REPUBLIC for which it stands..."). We are a constitutional republic, superior to a democracy. There is a huge difference. Maybe this needs to be a topic for a future article. For now, suffice to say that democracies are short lived.

Do not lose heart. I've read the last chapter of Revelation. We won! But that does not excuse us. Some day we will have to account for our apathy, as individuals, and as a nation.

And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. Revelation 14:8-11 KJV

But the Lord says:

And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with me, to give to everyone according to his work. Revelation 22:12 KJV

Blessed are those who do his commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. Revelation 22:14 KJV

Someone once asked me: "What's wrong with world government?" The answer to that question is that it will mean the end of our nation's constitution, with the unique Bill of Rights protecting the rights of the individual against the tyranny of the government. Ultimately there will be no place to hide from oppression should that world government prove to be tyrannical.

In the next article, Money and the Control of Nations - The New World Order, Part 3, we will examine the founding of the Illuminati on 1 May 1776. **ΑΩ**

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²² Ibid., p. 131.

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³⁵ Griffin, The Creature From Jekyll Island, p. 219.

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A very nice Jehovah's Witness lady recently visited my office and gave me a booklet titled Should You Believe in the Trinity?¹ A few years ago, a Catholic priest sent me a booklet titled Catholic Answers to Fundamentalist's Questions.² That booklet stirred me to research and respond, as did Should You Believe in the Trinity? The following is Part I of that response.³

Are You Able To Show That Jesus Is God?

Dual Nature

I've noticed that there is a dichotomy that runs through the Gospel narrative that is only resolved when one realizes Jesus had two natures, divine and human. For instance, the changing of water into wine was a creative act, humanly impossible. Likewise, the raising of Lazarus from the grave and calming of the storm (control of nature) were creative acts. Jesus' temptations in the wilderness, the agony in the garden, and His suffering on the cross were strictly human acts with eternal consequences.

Jesus came to Earth to be human. He subordinated His divine nature to show us the way, and to be an unblemished ransom. Jesus in His human nature is subject to God. In His divine nature He is God.

In Matthew 4:1-11 Jesus was tempted. Likewise Hebrews 4:15 says that "He was tempted as we are." However James 1:13 says, "God cannot be tempted with evil." This points to the dual nature; not that Jesus is not God.

The writer of Hebrews speaks of His dual nature when he says:

For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted. Hebrews 2:16-18 KJV

This shows a choice. He could appear in His eternal divine nature, or He could come as He did, a man, and was tempted. In this way He could truthfully say:

And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. John 17:3 KJV

Because of His human nature He could also say:

Why callest thou me good? There is none good but one, that is God. Mark 10:18 KJV

And, Because of His duality of nature He could also say:



Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. John 5:19 KJV

For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. John 6:38 KJV

Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent

me. John 7:16 KJV

Since Jesus still retains His human nature (bodily resurrection) He is subordinate to the Father. This does not "make Jesus lesser than the Father in terms of His divine nature. Christ is the *God-man*. On the human side, Jesus is lesser than the Father. But on the divine side, Jesus is equal to the Father."⁴

Because of "the nature of the relationship of the Persons in the Trinity" the Son has always been in subjection to the Father.⁵ According to Charles Hodge in his Systematic Theology:

Notwithstanding that the Father, Son, and Spirit are the same in substance, and equal in power and glory, it is no less true, according to Scriptures, (a.) That the Father is first, the Son second, and the Spirit third. (b.) The Son is of the Father; and the Spirit is of the Father and of the Son. (c.) The Father sends the Son, and the Father and Son send the Spirit. The converse of these statements is never found. The Son is never said to send the Father, not to operate through Him; nor is the Spirit ever said to send the Father, or the Son, or to operate through them...⁶

Jesus told His disciples:

Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. John 16:7 KJV

Returning to Hodge:

According to the Scriptures, the Father created the world, the Son created the world, and the Spirit created the world. The Father preserves all things; the Son upholds all things; and the Spirit

is the source of all life.⁷

He goes on to say:

The Father creates, elects, and calls; the Son redeems; and the Spirit sanctifies.⁸

There is no contradiction "in affirming both an equality of being and a functional subordination among the Persons in the Godhead."⁹ In the same way a woman is at the same time equal to man, yet functionally subordinate as described in 1 Corinthians:

But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God... Nevertheless neither is the man without the woman, neither the woman without the man, in the Lord. For as the woman is of the man, even so is the man also by the woman; but all things of God. 1 Corinthians 11:3, 11, 12 KJV

In 1 Corinthians 15:28 the Son is Mediator. But when the Plan of Redemption is complete Jesus will surrender the kingdom to the One who sent Him. Once that is accomplished, the triune God will reign, no longer through the incarnate Son.¹⁰

John Claimed Jesus to be God

Albeit, there have been other persons in Scripture that God has used in similar ways (raising of the dead and other miracles), Christ's ministry was unique. He claimed to be God, and received worship as God.

In what way did He claim to be God? John 1:1 says:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1 KJV

The New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures¹¹ of the Jehovah's Witnesses' says "the Word was a god." Charles C. Ryrie in his Basic Theology, says that:

The last phrase of John 1:1 correlates true and full Deity with the Word (Christ). The phrase is best translated "the Word was God." Consistent exegesis forbids the Jehovah's Witnesses' translation "the Word was a god." The word "God" does not have an article, but if it is to be understood as indefinite ("a god") this would be the only time in John's Gospel that this form was used, making it highly improbable on grammatical grounds that it is indefinite here. John could not have chosen a more precise way of expressing the truths that the Word was God and yet was distinct from the Father.¹² John 10:30: "I and the Father are one," beautifully states this balance between the diversity of the Persons and the unity of the essence. "I and the Father" clearly distinguishes two Persons and the verb, "we are," is also plural. But, said the Lord, "We are One," and of essence, but not one Person (which would require masculine form). Thus the Lord distinguishes Himself from the Father and yet claimed unity and equality with the Father."¹³

The Apostle John claimed Jesus to be God. Therefore the claim of the Jehovah's Witnesses' that "nobody in the first century ever thought of him [sic] [Jesus] as being

God the Son" is false.¹⁴

Jesus Claimed to be God

John claimed that Jesus was God, but what did Jesus claim?

The following is a fun little exercise using the New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures to demonstrate that Jesus called Himself God:

- ◆ Revelation 1:7, 8 - **Someone is coming who was "pierced." According to verse 8 (New World Translation) it is Jehovah God.** But, verse 7 says that it was one who was "pierced." **Jehovah God was not pierced, Jesus was.**
- ◆ Revelation 1:8 - **The one who is coming is described as "the Alpha and the Omega."** (The words "Jehovah God" have been used by the New World Translation instead of "LORD" as used in the King James Version.) **Verse 8 also identifies the Alpha and the Omega" as "the Almighty,"** as does the King James Version.
- ◆ Revelation 22:12, 13 says **"Look! I am coming quickly..." "So Jehovah God is coming quickly. The one who is coming quickly is described as "the Alpha and the Omega."**
- ◆ Revelation 22:20 "Yes; I am coming quickly.' Amen! Come, Lord Jesus." No! **It's Jesus who is coming quickly.**
- ◆ Revelation 2:8 "These are the things that he says, **'the First and the Last,' who became dead and came to life [again]...**" This is obviously Jesus. **Jesus called Himself "the First and the Last."**

Now look at Isaiah 48:12-13

"Listen to me, O Jacob, and you Israel my called one. I am the same One. I am the first. Moreover, I am the last. Moreover, my own hand laid the foundation of the earth, and my own right hand extended out the heavens. I am calling to them, that they may keep standing together." Isaiah 48:12-13 NWT

Who is the First and the Last in this verse? It is Jehovah God. Jesus therefore has called Himself God, on equal terms with Jehovah.¹⁵

The Jews Understood the Implication

In John 10:30-33 Jesus says "I and My Father are one." **If Jesus was not claiming to be God, why did the Jews pick up stones to cast at Him?** The Jews clearly responded that they understood that Jesus was making Himself out to be God.¹⁶

I and my Father are one. Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him. Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me? The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God. John 10:30-33 KJV

We see a similar occurrence in John 8:58 where **Jesus says "Before Abraham was, I am."** The Jews on this

occasion also picked up stones because **He was saying that He was God, the great "I AM" of Exodus 3:14.** The name "I AM" conveys the idea of eternal self-existence. The New World Translation

mistranslates this as "I have been" to support their doctrinal position. They also mistranslate Exodus 3:14 as "I SHALL BE WHAT I SHALL PROVE TO BE."¹⁷

The Septuagint is a Greek translation of the Hebrew Old Testament dating prior to the birth of Christ. Having had no axe to grind, **the translators of the Septuagint, render the Hebrew phrase for God's name in Exodus 3:14 as "ego eimi."** "Ego eimi" is the exact same Greek phrase found in **John 8:58.** This same Greek phrase used in both Exodus 3:14 and John 8:58 indicates that no matter what the English translation is, Jesus claimed once again to be God. The New World Translation correctly translates "ego eimi" as "I am" everywhere else in John's Gospel except where it would indicate Jesus is God. (See: John 4:26; 6:35, 48, 51; 8:12, 24, 28, 58; 10:7, 11, 14; 11:25; 14:6; 15:1, 5; and 18:5, 6, 8).¹⁸

Jesus Received Worship

How did He receive worship? In John 20:28 Jesus received worship from the doubting Thomas who believing, upon seeing and feeling the wounds, said "My Lord and my God."¹⁹

And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. John 20:28 KJV

If this was an exclamation such as "Oh my God" as some have suggested, it would have been considered blasphemy. **Jesus Himself did not rebuke Thomas for either blasphemy or worship.** Notice that the angel in Revelation 22:8, 9 rebuked the apostle John for worshipping an angel.²⁰

And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things. Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God. Revelation 22:8, 9 KJV

Thomas acknowledged Jesus as God, and Jesus accepted worship. The Jehovah's Witnesses' claim that Jesus never claimed to be God is not supported by Scripture.²¹ **AΩ**

¹ Should You Believe in the Trinity? Brooklyn, NY: Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, 1989. After reading this booklet, I can certainly understand why many are lured to join Jehovah's Witnesses. The booklet is quite well done. It seems logical, but can be shown to contain numerous logical fallacies and assumptions. The references are not well documented. Some of the references are selected from the liberal Christian viewpoint, where it is the practice to question the doctrines of the Deity of Christ, the virgin birth, and other fundamental doctrines. Other references may be from their own (Watchtower) source material, and if so, they are using their own assumptions as proofs.

There is a mixture of truth slanted toward their particular bias. The mixture of truth is skillfully deceptive to the unwary. The many issues make it a large undertaking to rebut. I would like to rebut the entire booklet, but because of space limitations, and a myriad of issues I will deal with the two major issues, Is Jesus God? and Is the Holy Spirit God? If these can be shown, the Trinity is a fact, then the entire booklet fails, including the historical arguments.

The historical arguments presented are designed to encourage acceptance

of the Jehovah's Witnesses' doctrinal positions at face value. The historical arguments will not be discussed for sake of space. But those arguments can be shown, as well, to be fallacious arguments, as they are slanted to their particular advantage.

² Philip St. Romain, Catholic Answers to Fundamentalist' Questions, Liguori, MO: Liguori Publications, 1984.

³ Robert W. Tozier, Catholic Answers to Fundamentalist' Questions - A Rebuttal, 1995, Revised 1996. This paper is available free of charge by request.

⁴ Ron Rhodes, Reasoning from the Scriptures with the Jehovah's Witnesses, Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 1993, p. 142.

Emphasis in original. Regarding Jesus' bodily resurrection: Jesus said in Luke 24:39 that He had a "flesh and bones" body after His resurrection. This precludes a spirit or spirit-body only resurrection. Thomas physically touched the nail prints and side wound.

⁵ Ibid. Emphasis in original.

⁶ Charles Hodge, Systematic Theology, Vol. 1, Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, Reprinted 1995, pp. 444, 445.

⁷ Ibid. p. 445.

⁸ Ibid.

⁹ Rhodes, Reasoning from the Scriptures with the Jehovah's Witnesses, p. 143. Emphasis in original.

¹⁰ Ibid. pp. 143, 144.

¹¹ New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures, New York, NY: Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, 1961, 1981, 1984.

¹² Charles C. Ryrie, Th.M., Th.D., Ph.D., Basic Theology, Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1986, p. 53. See also: Rhodes, Reasoning from the Scriptures with the Jehovah's Witnesses, p. 108.

¹³ Ryrie, Basic Theology, p. 54.

¹⁴ Should You Believe in the Trinity? p. 16.

¹⁵ Rhodes, Reasoning from the Scriptures with the Jehovah's Witnesses, p. 250. All scripture quotes in this exercise are from the New World Translation, unless otherwise indicated.

¹⁶ Ibid. pp. 246, 247.

¹⁷ Ibid. pp. 114-120.

¹⁸ Ibid.

¹⁹ John 20:28 KJV.

²⁰ See: Rhodes, Reasoning from the Scriptures with the Jehovah's Witnesses, pp. 244, 245.

²¹ Should You Believe in the Trinity? p. 20.



My sister gave me the following article that was sent to her by E-mail.

Abstinence

I WAS HOLDING A NOTICE FROM my 13-year-old son's school announcing a meeting to preview the new course in sexuality. Parents could examine the curriculum and take part in an actual lesson presented exactly as it would be given to the students. When I arrived at the school, I was surprised to discover only about a dozen parents there. As we waited for the presentation, I thumbed through page after page of instructions in the prevention of pregnancy or disease. I found abstinence mentioned only in passing. When the teacher arrived with the school nurse, she asked if there

were any questions. I asked why abstinence did not play a noticeable part in the material.

What happened next was shocking. There was a great deal of laughter, and someone suggested that if I thought abstinence had any merit, I should go back to burying my head in the sand. The teacher and the nurse said nothing as I drowned in a sea of embarrassment. My mind had gone blank and I could think of nothing to say. The teacher explained to me that the job of the school was to teach "facts," and the home was responsible for moral training.

I sat in silence for the next 20 minutes as the course was explained. The other parents seemed to give their unqualified support to the materials.

"Donuts, at the back" announced the teacher during the break. "I'd like you to put on the name tags we have prepared-they're right by the donuts-and mingle with the other parents."

Everyone moved to the back of the room. As I watched them affixing their nametags and shaking hands, I sat deep in thought. I was ashamed that I had not been able to convince them to include a serious discussion of abstinence in the materials. I uttered a silent prayer for guidance.

My thoughts were interrupted by the teacher's hand on my shoulder. "Won't you join the others, Mr. Layton?" The nurse smiled sweetly at me. "The donuts are good."

"Thank you, no," I replied.

"Well, then, how about a name tag? I'm sure the others would like to meet you." "Somehow I doubt that," I replied. "Won't you please join them?" she coaxed.

Then I heard a still, small voice whisper, "Don't go." The instruction was unmistakable. "Don't go!"

"I'll just wait here," I said.

When the class was called back to order, the teacher looked around the long table and thanked everyone for putting on nametags. She ignored me.

Then she said, "Now we're going to give you the same lesson we'll be giving your children. Everyone please peel off your nametags" I watched in silence as the tags came off.

"Now, then, on the back of one of the tags, I drew a tiny flower. Who has it, please?" The gentleman across from me held it up. "Here it is!"

"All right," she said. "The flower represents disease. Do you recall with whom you shook hands?" He pointed to a couple of people. "Very good," she replied.

"The handshake in this case represents intimacy. So the two people you had contact with now have the disease." There was laughter and joking among the parents.

The teacher continued, "And whom did the two of You shake hands with?" The point was well taken, and she explained how this lesson would show students how quickly disease is spread. "Since we all shook hands, we all have the disease."

It was then that I heard the still, small voice again. "Speak now, it said, "but be humble." I noted wryly the latter admonition, then rose from my chair.

I apologized for any upset I might have caused earlier. I congratulated the teacher on an excellent lesson that would impress the youth, and concluded by saying I had only one small point I wished to make.

"Not all of us were infected," I said. "One of us... abstained." **ΑΩ**

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