

INDICTMENT

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There are many 'human consciences' (2 Corinthians 4: 2) serving this

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upon you,

WATCH TOWER BIBLE AND TRACT SOCIETY.

We appeal with heartfelt Christian love to all of Jehovah's Witnesses who follow the Governing Body to look carefully at the following seven counts and to also look to their own consciences. Elders who have oversight in their congregations should particularly realise that, "I was only obeying orders" is not a justifiable defence. This principle was established at The Nuremburg Trials. However, with great respect to the courts of this world, you will see that this is a moral Indictment and is served in the presence of a 'higher court.' (Ecclesiastes 5: 8)



The Nuremburg Courthouse.

COUNT I

That The Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society has dishonoured God by their “New World Translation of the Christian Greek Scriptures.” (The New Testament)

Because of human imperfection, it is inevitable, that translations will reflect the bias of the translator's beliefs. However, your translation has more than a mere bias, it is deliberately slanted to conform to your doctrinal teachings which are encapsulated in your text. This often takes the form of deliberate, overt and calculated additions and omissions of words. You are making God say things contrary to his will. There are many published examples of this but we would like to direct you to one crucial example.

2 Corinthians 3: 16,17

New International Version

“But whenever anyone turns to the *Lord*, the veil is taken away. Now the *Lord* is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the *Lord* is, there is freedom.” (emphasis added)

The New World Translation of the Christian Greek Scriptures

“But when there is a turning to *Jehovah*, the veil is taken away. Now *Jehovah* is the Spirit; and where the spirit of *Jehovah* is, there is freedom.” (emphasis added)

Your own publication, “The Kingdom Interlinear Translation of the Greek Scriptures” uses the Greek word “kurios” and associated words which mean “*lord*.” You have translated this into “*Jehovah*.”

R. C. H. Lenski in his commentary on these verses says, “To turn ‘to the Lord’ includes turning from sin, falsehood, etc. The turn includes contrition and faith. ‘Lord’ needs no article in the Greek, it is like a personal name, here it denotes Christ.”

We believe that what you have done is textually wrong. But we will show you that in reality, you have not ‘turned to the Lord Jesus.’ This is shown primarily in a lack of compassion. Furthermore, you have replaced the Mosaic Law with Watch Tower Law, and you make a presumption of authority based on this and other corrupted scriptures, thereby, you impose your own regime. By this imposition you repudiate the simple Christian truth and lead others to do the same. It is to Christ Jesus that man should turn; that was why he came to earth. He came to show us that God’s way is love not fear.

**The mountains shook the thunders roared,
The day God came to call.
He carved his Law upon the rock -
The drama of it all!**

**But Jesus came as Mary’s child,
Born in a cattle pen,
And through his life he wrote God’s will
Upon the hearts of men.**

COUNT II

That The Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society has caused cruelty to children.

The public should not fear that every Jehovah's Witness (JW) that comes to their door is a paedophile. However, there have been many cases of child sexual abuse within Watch Tower. But there is a bigger problem. It is with the policies, practices and procedures of the organisation of Jehovah's Witnesses. The abused children, having suffered traumatic emotional harm, then proceed to go dutifully and trustingly to the elders for solace and comfort.

“Elders, are you comforting these poor souls? Are you 'reflecting the face of Christ' and showing compassion?”

When Jesus cured a deaf man he took him 'away from the crowd' Our Lord saved him from a jolt to his system and showed sensitivity, care and respect. (Mark 7: 31-37)

But your secret manual from Watch Tower directs you to ask traumatised victims the most intimate of questions. What a further jolt to their system—as they relive their abuse again! Then invariably they are publicly stigmatised. Why? Virtually because they cry too loud!”

In 2000 you sent letters to the congregations prior to the broadcast of two television programmes that exposed your policies on child care. One was “Witness for the Prosecution” from “Dateline” USA the other was, “Suffer the Little Children” from Panorama, UK. The UK letter was actually read to the congregations on the very morning of the day that the British programme was shown.

Both letters started and finished with ““Happy is the people whose God is Jehovah' ” (Psalm 144: 15) Was this really the right time to encourage happiness when “even one child” was being treated cruelly — the young Scottish girl for example, or the two Berry children from New Hampshire? Their tears should have evoked compassion. These were examples of Watch Tower “cover-up.” So your letters primed the congregations to ‘close ranks,’ harden hearts and beam from ear to ear. Just as your picture on page 7 shows.

This was no time for 'Hallelujahs' but time to hang your head in shame! Shame on you Watch Tower!

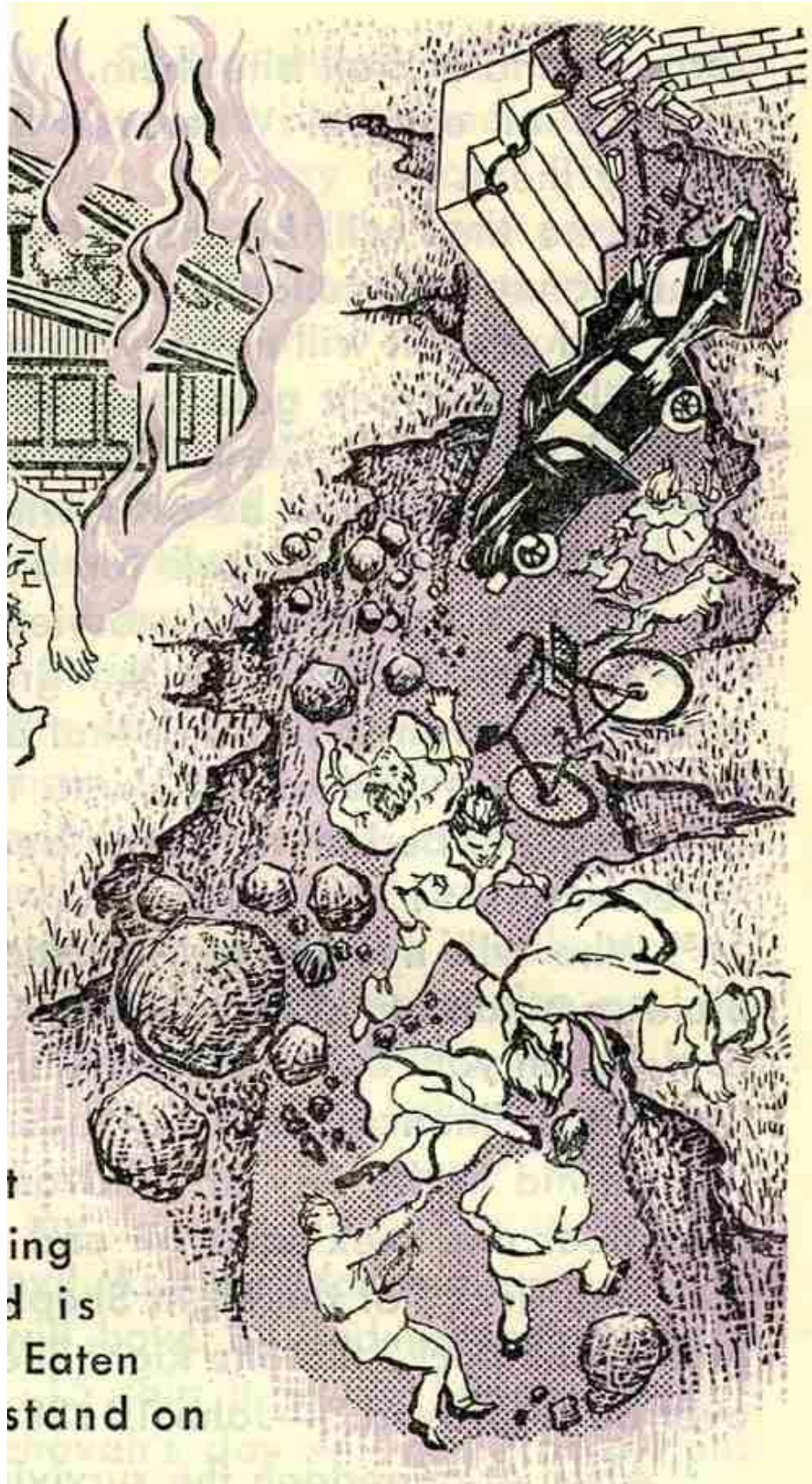
You have not changed since you produced the Armageddon-type picture on page 5. Many young children were brought up in that fear. Affidavits can be produced to show that some children were threatened into sexual compliance and silence by just the mere brandishing of that book called “From Paradise Lost to Paradise Regained” We do well to remember Jesus' illustration of the ‘millstone necklace’ and the ‘inauspicious baptism!’ (Matthew 18:1-7)

C. H. Spurgeon was a famous preacher but also a practical Christian who founded an orphanage in Stockwell, London. One of his sermons was “Do not sin against the child.” This was the plea of Rueben to his brothers. They had come to a juncture in their lives where circumstances forced them to consider their past actions. (Genesis 42:22) Is it now the time for you to do the same? We urge that injunction upon you now:

Do not sin against the children!

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This is an enlargement of part of a picture from your book "From Paradise Lost to Paradise Regained"



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Count III

That the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society nourishes and nurtures a culture alien to God.

A culture is a controlled environment fed and nurtured so as to produce either a healthy or a harmful product: for example, yoghurts or deadly viruses.



You have fed into your culture:
Relationship to Man not God;
Organisational conformity,
Not universal love;
Absolute obedience,
Not gentle persuasion:
A bitter/sweet mixture.

We list a few ingredients and ask you to consider whether they produce healthy or harmful results.

A) You have segregated an elect group of 144,000 “anointed sons of God” based on the symbolism of Revelation. However, only 10 of these have any influence as they form the “Governing Body.” What contribution do the present 8,000 men and women of that group make? They appear to have no meaningful rapport with the 6,000,000 “other sheep” or with the 10 men. They are like concubines; Rizpah for example, a mere pawn in Abner’s ambitious attempts to rise to power. (2 Samuel 3: 6 – 11) .

B) You have used a rhetorical question that Jesus asked, in Matthew 24: 45 and Luke 12: 42 to extrapolate a so-called composite “faithful and discreet slave.” and applied this to yourself at this time. Even the apostles were guilty of presumption. But by their service they proved to be “faithful and discreet,” except one. Will you receive the Master’s , “Well done” or his “Get away from me”?

C) You have elevated men to the rank of “elder.” The Greek word “presbuteros” is “an adjective, the comparative degree of prebus” (Vine’s Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words) It simply means “older man” This elevation can inflate one’s ego; that’s “sweet” to them. But it works to subjugate the humble, as we will see; that’s very “bitter” to them.

D) Another pivotal word is “obedient” and its cognates. It occurs for example at Hebrews 13:17. Vine’s says of “obedient” or “peitho” “to persuade, to win overThe ‘obedience’ suggested is not by submission to *authority*, but resulting from *persuasion*” (emphasis added). Lenski comments on the latter part of this verse and says that, that is an example of understatement. Do you encourage your elders to speak with persuasive words, even with understatement? Humility in authority can be learned by annual hospital visits for example, far better than ego trips to H. Q. This, of course applies to all in authority.

“King David was a shepherd, *before* he was a king”

In the region of Tyre a mother *pleaded with Jesus* to cure her very sick daughter, although this district was outside the limit of Jesus’ official area for ministry and the family was viewed by the Jews as ‘*outsiders*’ Never-the-less Jesus was moved with compassion for the woman and cured the little girl. (Matthew 15: 21-28. Mark 7: 24-30)

In England there was a woman whose husband had committed adultery and left her. She and her three young children had diarrhoea and they were without food. Her father was an “elder” in one of your congregations. This desperate woman *pleaded with her father* for help, but she was *not attending the meetings*, making herself an “*outsider*.” So he curtly delivered a few aspirins and one toilet roll and promptly left! But you see, he *was* “attending the meetings” and ‘conforming to the organisation.’ “Let us love not merely in theory or in words — let us love in sincerity and practice!” (1 John 3: 18 J. B. Phillips)

For this derision , contempt, family shunning and family breakdown, **WE INDICT YOU!**

COUNT IV

That the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society is guilty of manipulating peoples' consciences.

To illustrate:



From the brochure,
"Does God Really Care?"
1992
Page 22

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What twisted Watch Tower mind conjured up this?

Were you reflecting the compassion from Jesus' face when you contrived this Armageddon-type picture? Here is utter contempt for the sufferings of others. In the accompanying text on page 23 it says "Upbuilding thoughts and actions will be the order of the day." Such grotesque juxtaposition has not been seen since Auschwitz. There, a group of musicians played sweet music to welcome the trainloads of victims en route to the gas chambers and the crematorium.

**"The music caused their hopes to rise, just like the smoke of their demise
What vile sadistic mind ere thought, of such a scheme of such a sport"**

Jesus condemned the Pharisees, that's true. But did he laugh when their womenfolk were eating their own children during the siege of Jerusalem in 70 AD?

BUT YOU HAVE SUPERIMPOSED YOUR WILL ON OVER SIX MILLION PEOPLE. HOW?

In Raymond Franz' book "In Search of Christian Freedom" pages 436, 437 he mentions 12 "methods of argumentation" you have employed to manipulate peoples' minds. The "Revelation Its Grand Climax At Hand" abounds with many of these methods. Consider this example:

Pages 140 and 141 shows four "resolutions," alleged to be the earthly realities of heavenly symbolic trumpet blasts. We make no comment on your interpretation, but on the way you manipulate your trusting members with these "world-shaking" documents. (They look as though you have retrieved them from the garbage can!) They are unreadable and yet you expect your "students" to answer questions about them. That's like setting students an exam but denying them the papers! Your protocol at group study sessions also forbids supplementary questions. That shows that your intent is not to motivate or to educate but to subjugate.

The Great Teacher 'wrote God's will on hearts and minds.' so that *inner love* might motivate to do God's will, not *outside force*. In this context, teachers would be obsolete particularly those using. 'shameful secret practices and clever tricks' 1 Corinthians 4:2. J. B. Phillips New Testament in Modern English 1958

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Count V

That The Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society, has surreptitiously changed the “Baptism Questions”

The mid 1970’s started a period of “internal upheaval and restructure” within your head quarters. (See “Crisis of Conscience” chapter 4) In any oppressed society there comes a time of emergence, of breaking free. Hind-sight shows that such an awakening in your ranks was dawning then. Perhaps it was your unfulfilled predictions for 1975 that climaxed other wishful thinking, that caused many to look more closely to their Bibles and to give less credibility to what you were saying. So what did you do to close ranks? It took time and maybe some conscience searching, but your strategy was finalised in 1985: you changed the “Baptism Questions” Let us look closely at the “small print” of the terms of these life-changing commitments.

In **1973** they were:

(1) Have you repented of your sins and turned around, recognising yourself before Jehovah God as a condemned sinner who needs salvation, and have you acknowledged to him that this salvation proceeds from him, the Father, through his Son Jesus Christ?

(2) On the basis of this faith in God and in his provision for salvation, have you dedicated yourself unre-servedly to God to do his will henceforth as he reveals it to you through Jesus Christ and through **the Bible** under the enlightening power of **the holy spirit**? (WT 1973 May 1st page 279.) (emphasis added)

In **1985**, still just two questions, now changed, they were:

(1) On the basis of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, have you repented of your sins and dedicated yourself to Jehovah to do his will?

(2) Do you understand that your dedication and baptism identify you as one of Jehovah’s Witnesses in association with God’s spirit-directed **organisation**? (See WT 1985 June 1st page 30) (emphasis added)

Comments in study article 1973

24 Learning does not cease with baptism, which means that the disciple does not have to know everything before he can make a dedication and be immersed in water. The apostles learned much more *after* they became followers of Jesus Christ. (emphasis added)

Comments in non-study article in 1985

Thus the decision to be baptised is by no means a sudden emotional reaction. Rather, each one *has proved* for himself the good and acceptable and perfect will of God’ and wishes to submit to that will. Romans 12:2 (emphasis added)

The relevant part your NWT at Romans 12: 2 using *direct speech*, says this, “that you *may prove* [future tense] to yourselves the good and acceptable and perfect will of God” (emphasis added)

However, you do not misquote your own translation, instead you use *indirect speech*, but it is an erroneous paraphrase: “**has proved**” [past tense]

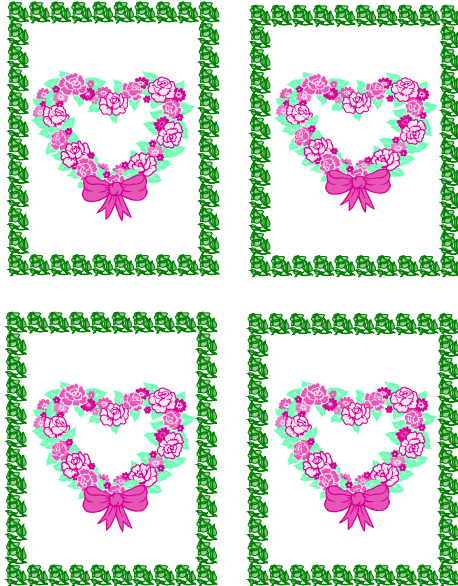
The apostle Paul was inviting Christians, not un-baptised candidates to “test out” or “prove” the acceptable will of God in their future lives. What he said was not in the form of a legal document committing them to an organisation.

For deliberately misrepresenting God’s Word and misleading the vulnerable, we INDICT you.

COUNT VI

That The Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society is irresponsibly capricious with peoples' lives.

In the "Awake!" magazine of May 22nd 1994 on page 2 there are pictures of four children. These are just some of the many Watch Tower children that might have been alive today if they had not followed your changing policies on blood transfusion. We cannot ask the mourning parents and friends for their permission to reproduce those dear young faces. Therefore we will use these four floral tributes to mark their passing and thus accord them dignity and respect. We think our Lord would want us to do that.



For details, please see <http://www.ajwrb.org/index.shtml>

In 1961 you ruled against taking any blood, even blood fractions, saying it was against "*the divine law*" Then in 2000, you ruled that one could take blood fractions. (WT Sept 15th 1961 page 559 and WT June 15th 2000 pages 29-31)

WHO BEARS THE BLOOD-GUILT WHILE GOD WAS 'CHANGING HIS MIND'?

What a demonstration of power! You can control the lives of millions of people! Such power has been wielded by many before. History records their rise and fall.

We have to go to the South American country of Columbia for a clear judicial view of the above. Admittedly, that country has had its share of problems. But maybe living in such a volatile environment equips and conditions responsible members of the judiciary to make unequivocal and courageous judgements. Hence when Dr. Vladimiro Naranjo, the President of the Constitutional Court of Columbia was interviewed about your policy on blood transfusions, he said. "This is a form of murder, first degree murder" He further stated, "Religious freedom is not absolute, there are limitations, a religion that attempts to claim the life of a person cannot be legally permitted" (Columbia Television programme "Septimo Dia 1999)

You celebrate the death of Christ with the symbols of bread and wine, to represent Christ's flesh and blood. We do not wish to stop that. That is your religious freedom. But when you presume to lay claim to the flesh and blood of just one child and that child dies as a result of following your capricious decrees, then that makes you morally accountable to the 'highest' court. Courts of the world must make their own judgements.

FOR ALL THE VICTIMS ON THE WATCH TOWER ALTAR WE INDICT YOU.

COUNT VII

That the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society is guilty of perpetuating “The Lie”

As this count is virtually a composite of the previous six, we will treat it differently so that we can show you the gravity of your position before God and Man. We will use three penetrating scriptures: **John 8**, (John) **2 Corinthians 3 & 4** (Cor) and **Romans 13** (Rom) These focus on “relationships” with, God, Christ Jesus, Satan and the secular authorities.– to illustrate:

Many years ago in Clapham, London, as a young boy went to work each day he passed the house next to his workplace. It was the home of a large family that was incestuous! Mother/son, father/daughter, brother/sister. That young lad always wondered what happened to that disoriented family.

We say to you, learn from what that young boy quickly deduced — that right relationships are vital! We have shown you from (Cor) that not ‘turning to the Lord Jesus’ is a deliberate snub and in your case jeopardises the spiritual lives of millions that look to you for guidance. Wrong relationships are forged: Jesus showed us the gravity of that! (John)

In an endeavour to get the full meaning of this very difficult verse B. F. Westcott paraphrases 8:44, “Ye so-called children of Abraham, children of God, *are of your father*, true children of your true father, *the devil and the lusts (desires) of your father* **it is your will to do** you deliberately choose as your own the feelings, passions, ends, which belong to him. You are, so to speak, his voluntary organs; what he desires, that you carry out” (original emphasis, Greek ellipsis) So, turning one’s back on “the Lord” makes one a willing candidate for Satan’s disoriented and therefore malleable family.

In this lesson on “fatherhood,” Jesus shows the two lusts of that evil progenitor; **MURDER** and **THE LIE**. Murder, in this case, means the destruction of God’s family: Satan the devil is passionately devoted to that end. The means to accomplish it is by “**THE LIE**” “The Lie” is a composite term for everything that is antagonistic to “The Truth” Therefore, perpetuating “The Lie” leads to murder; the murder of God’s family. That’s the seriousness of it!

It took the apostle Paul just seven verses in (Rom) to show Christians their obligation towards the secular ruling authorities. The apostle did not show any extenuating circumstances. He did not use the phrase “**relative subjection.**” Christians, according their spiritual development, would relate to any environment. Furthermore, chapters 12 and 14 show that Paul was talking to *individual* Christians with *individual* consciences, not a corporate body that would legislate for individual consciences. Again, how Christians related to persecuting governments was also an *individual* thing. However, there is an emphatic “*all.*” All Christians had to honour and respect the authorities and pay their taxes. Was this relative? Let your article in the following format answer:

‘If we live under a political system that we do not like’	“we pay taxes.”
‘Christians should’	“not illegally evade paying taxes.”
‘If a tax system seems unjust’	“we still pay our taxes”
‘We are not commissioned to judge the authorities. Until God intervenes’	“we pay our taxes”
‘If the authority persecutes us’	“We still pay taxes”
‘If tax money is used to finance something we disagree with’	“We still pay all our taxes”
‘African Jehovah’s Witnesses were persecuted, yet they still’	“paid their taxes”

(See Watchtower Nov 1st pages 24, 25, 1990 “Our Relative Subjection to the Superior Authorities”)

Yet you have refused to pay millions of francs in taxes to the French Government and you have accrued penalties! Moral platitudes so easily become empty rhetoric! Why do the French authorities levy such heavy taxes on you? We surmise that the above article was also written in French! Just say “Sorry”

Secular authorities and Charity Commissioners will deal with any legal and fiscal matters.



THE MORAL INDICTMENT IS HYPOCRISY.



COUNT VII cont.

That the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society joined the United Nations Organisation.

You have preached consistently that God's Kingdom was established in the heavens in 1914 and that all earthly governments since then were usurpers of power and enemies of God. Any of your members who actively supported such ruling powers would be held to be grossly sinning against God and excommunicated.

Such a doctrine has caused you serious difficulties with many countries throughout the past decades. Many "Western" countries, albeit reluctantly, have yielded, according you the privilege of rendering "relative subjection" even though some of your teachings may have slighted their national pride. Many have accorded you charity status, believing that you were a genuine body of people, caring for the spiritual interests of your members.

But in October 2001, Stephen Bates of the "Guardian," a well respected London newspaper exposed the fact that in 1992 you enlisted as a "Non Governmental Organisation" (NGO) in the "Department of Public Information," (DPI) a branch of the United Nations Organisation! Immediately after, the UN terminated your



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.....If a person who is a Christian chooses to **join those who are disapproved by God**, it would be fitting for the congregation to acknowledge by a brief announcement that he has *disassociated himself* and is no longer one of Jehovah's Witnesses. Such a person would be **viewed in the same way as a disfellowshipped person.**

The official manual for Jehovah's Witnesses, published by the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society 1989.

Because for years you have preached that first the League of Nations, then the United Nations were, "the scarlet-coloured wild beast" of Revelation Chapter 17! Here, we are not questioning your interpretation but exposing your hypocrisy!

The "woman" riding the beast is "Babylon the Great" that you have described as "the world empire of false religion" that is, all religion except the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society.

Any credibility or sincerity that may have been accorded to you in the world's courts has now been ripped to shreds and your hypocrisy has been exposed on the world stage.



THE INDICTMENT IS CONCLUDED





Babylon the Great rides the scarlet-colored wild beast

“Babylon the Great has Fallen— God’s Kingdom Rules” 1963 page 577
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