

What do Jehovah's Witnesses believe?

1. Jehovah's Witnesses do not believe in the Trinity.
2. The Holy Spirit is God's impersonal force and not a living person of the Trinity.
3. Jesus was Jehovah's first creation, His "only-begotten Son". . . and was used by Jehovah in creating all other things.
4. Jesus was Michael the archangel who became a man.
5. Jesus was a perfect man but not God in flesh.
6. Jesus did not rise from the dead in his physical body but as a spirit.
7. Jesus did not die on a cross but on a torture stake.
8. Jesus returned to earth invisibly in 1914.
9. Their church is the self-proclaimed prophet of God and the only channel of God's truth.
10. Only their church members will be saved.
11. Good works are necessary for salvation.
12. The soul "sleeps" and does not go to heaven at death.
13. There is no hell of fire where the wicked are punished.
14. Only 144,000 Jehovah's Witness are born again and will go to heaven. The others will live on the new earth.
15. Blood transfusions are forbidden.
16. The cross is a pagan symbol and should not be used.
17. They refuse to vote, salute the flag, sing the "Star Spangled Banner," or celebrate Christmas or birthdays. They are not allowed to serve in the armed forces.

Things to Know About Jehovah's Witnesses

- Founded by Charles Taze Russell in 1879 calling it "Zion's Watch Tower." Today it is known as "The WatchTower Bible and Tract Society." Russell claimed that he knew Greek and Hebrew, but later testified under oath that he did not.
- Jehovah's Witnesses get their name from Isa. 43:10 (New World Translation) "You are my witnesses," is the utterance of Jehovah, "even my servant whom I have chosen, in order that you may know and have faith in me, and that you may understand that I am the same One."
- Note: They are "Jehovah's Witnesses" not "Jehovah"
- Jehovah's Witnesses have their own translation of the Bible called *The New World Translation* (NWT). Many words in their translation are purposely mistranslated and changed so they can line up with their theology. The names of the translators of *The New World Translation* are kept secret so no one knows if any of them actually knew Greek and Hebrew.
- The Tetragrammaton (pronounced TET-RA-GRAM-a-TON) are the four Hebrew letters (consonants) in the name of God. J-H-V-H or Y-H-W-H There are no vowels in Hebrew so we are not exactly sure how to pronounce the name. Vowels were added to the Hebrew in the 7th Century A.D. to help with pronunciation.
- The J.W.'s have changed the New Testament and have inserted the name "Jehovah" for "Lord" in many places (except when the verses refer to Jesus), even though "Jehovah" is not in the Greek text.
- The Jehovah's Witnesses come to your door because they are trying to work to gain their salvation.