

## ***JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES, HISTORY AND ROOTS***

***THE JEHOVAH WITNESS, WATCH TOWER AND BIBLE TRACT SOCIETY WAS FOUNDED IN PITTSBURGH PA. BY A MAN NAMED CHARLES TAZE RUSSELL. PASTOR RUSSELL STARTED THE GROUP IN THE 1870s. FROM ITS CONCEPTION, THE GROUP WAS EMERSED IN CONTROVERSY. THIS HANDOUT CONTAINES A NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS COPIED DIRECTLY FROM WATCHTOWER MAGAZINES, DATING FROM THE LATE 1800s, AND EARLY 1900s. THE PURPOSE OF THIS HANDOUT IS TO EXAMINE THE HISTORY OF THE WITNESSES AND ITS FOUNDER. THIS WILL ENABLE US TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE HISTORY AND TEACHINGS OF THE WITNESSES.***

### **2 Cor 10:1-4**

**10:1** By the meekness and gentleness of Christ, I appeal to you-I, Paul, who am "timid" when face to face with you, but "bold" when away! **2** I beg you that when I come I may not have to be as bold as I expect to be toward some people who think that we live by the standards of this world. **3** For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. **4** The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, (they have divine power to demolish strongholds). **5** We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

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### ***WHAT ARE SOME OF THE TEACHINGS OF THE WITNESSES***

- 1. JESUS IS NOT COEQUAL WITH GOD.**
- 2. JESUS IS THE ARCH ANGEL MICHEAL.**
- 3. JESUS IS A CREATED BEING, NOT ETERNAL.**
- 4. YOU MUST BE A JEHOVAH WITNESS TO BE IN THE ANNOINTED GROUP**
- 5. ONLY 144,000 PEOPLE WILL GO TO HEAVEN, THE ANNOINTED GROUP**
- 6. JESUS RETURNED SECRETLY IN 1874, AND IS STILL HERE ON EARTH. JESUS ONLY COMMUNICATES WITH JEHOVAH WITNESSES.**
- 7. THE JEHOVAH WITNESSES ARE THE ONLY GROUP ON EARTH TODAY WHOM GOD COMMUNICATES WITH.**

**THE NEXT PAGE HAS A COPY OF A WATCHTOWER ARTICLE WRITTEN 12-1-1916, ONE MONTH AFTER THE DEATH OF PASTOR RUSSELL. THIS ARTICLE STATES THAT JESUS CHRIST RETURNED SECRETLY IN 1874, AND PLACED PASTOR RUSSELL IN CHARGE OF HIS HARVEST WORK. PASTOR RUSSELL TAUGHT THAT SINCE 1874, THE WORLD HAS BEEN LIVING IN THE SECOND COMING, AND PRESENCE, OF THE LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.**

**JESUS WARNED US OF DECEIVERS IN THE FOLLOWING SCRIPTURES, REVEALING THAT WHEN HE RETURNS, IT WILL NOT BE SECRETLY, BUT EVERYONE WILL SEE HIM.**

**Rev 1:7**

**7 Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him. So shall it be! Amen.**

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**Matt 24:23-25**

**At that time if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or, 'There he is!' do not believe it. 24 For false Christs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and miracles to deceive even the elect-if that were possible. 25 See, I have told you ahead of time. 26 "So if anyone tells you, 'There he is, out in the desert,' do not go out; or, 'Here he is, in the inner rooms,' do not believe it. 27 For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.**

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**WITNESSES LATER CHANGED THE SUPPOSED DATE OF JESUS CHRIST'S SECOND COMING FROM 1874, TO 1914.**

**DID C. T. RUSSELL ADMIT IN THE WATCHTOWER IN ALL MODESTY AND HUMILITY THAT HE WAS "THE FAITHFUL & WISE SERVANT?"** \_\_\_\_\_

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THE WATCH TOWER 12/1/1916

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## HARVEST WORK

Pastor Russell adhered closely to the teachings of the Scriptures. He believed and taught that we are living in the time of the second presence of our Lord, and that his presence dates from 1874; that since that time we have been living in the time of the end—the "end of the age," during which the Lord has been conducting his great harvest work; that, in harmony with the Lord's own statement, this harvest work is separating true Christians designated as "wheat," from merely professing Christians, designated as "tares," and gathering the true saints into the kingdom of the Lord. It is here interesting to note that Jesus said, "Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his Lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his Lord, when he cometh, shall find so doing! Verily, I say unto you that he shall make him ruler over all his goods." Thousands of the readers of Pastor Russell's writings believe that he filled the office of "that faithful and wise servant," and that his great work was giving to the household of faith meat in due season. His modesty and humility precluded him from openly claiming this title, but he admitted as much in private conversation. For a more detailed account of his work, reference is made to THE WATCH TOWER of June 1st, 1916.

**IS THE PRESIDENT OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES A LIAR WHEN IN 1973 HE SAID C. T. RUSSELL NEVER CLAIMED TO BE THE "FAITHFUL & WISE SERVANT?"** \_\_\_\_\_

## 346 GOD'S KINGDOM OF A THOUSAND YEARS HAS APPROACHED

separation vows—the body of Christ—and is not the whole body individually and collectively, giving the meat in due season to the household of faith—the great company of believers?

Blessed is that servant (the whole body of Christ) whom his Lord when he has come (Gr. *elthon*) shall find so doing. "Verily, I say unto you, that he shall make him ruler over all his goods." "He shall inherit all things."

"From this it is clearly seen that the editor and publisher of Zion's Watch Tower disavowed any claim to being individually, in his person, that "faithful and wise servant." He never did claim to be such.\* However, he did continue to edit the *Watch Tower* magazine down to the day of his death on October 31, 1916. He organized Zion's Watch Tower Tract Society in the year 1881 and got it incorporated under State of Pennsylvania law in December, 1884. He also authored and published the six volumes of *Studies in the Scriptures* during the years 1886-1904, as well as published many booklets on Bible themes and engineered the world-famous Photo-Drama of Creation, which began to be shown in January of 1914 and was thereafter displayed around the earth. He delivered innumerable public lectures all around the globe. His death occurred during his last public lecture tour across the United States of America. It cannot be successfully disputed that, till his death in 1916, he lovingly served as a part of the "faithful and discreet slave" class in giving to the Master's domestics "their food at the proper time."

THE FOLLOWING PAGE CONTAINS THE COPY OF A WARNING WRITTEN IN A WATCH TOWER MAGAZINE DATING BACK TO 1910. THIS ARTICLE STATES, THAT IF ANYONE READS THE BIBLE WITHOUT THE WITNESSES SCRIPTURE STUDIES, HE OR SHE WILL GO INTO DARKNESS WITHIN TWO YEARS. YET, IF THAT PERSON WOULD HAVE READ THE SCRIPTURE STUDIES, WITHOUT EVER READING THE BIBLE, THEY WOULD BE IN THE LIGHT AFTER TWO YEARS.

AT THE BOTTOM OF THE NEXT PAGE, YOU WILL SEE PICTURES OF THE 1975 GOVERNING BODY OF THE JEHOVAL WITNESSES. THEY ARE PART OF THE HEAVENLY CLASS. THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE HEAVENLY CLASS OF THE JEHOVAH WITNESSES, WHO ARE REFERRED TO, AS THE ANOINTED, AND THE 144,000, ARE WHITE. THERE ARE ALMOST NO BLACKS, ASIANS, INDIANS, OR ANY OTHER NATIONALITIES.

THE FOLLOWING SCRIPTURE IN REV 7:9-10 SAYS, PEOPLE OF ALL NATIONS TRIBES AND TONGUES WILL STAND BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD, PRAISING GOD.

*Rev 7:9-10*

*9 After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. 10 And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."*

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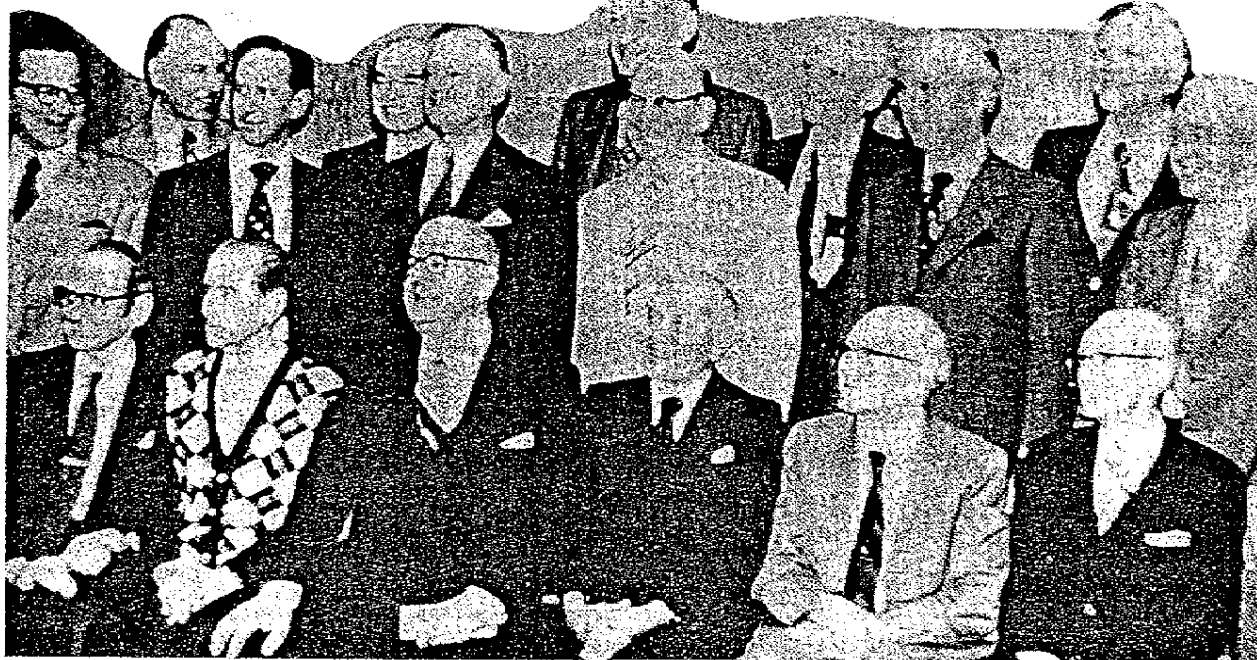
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Furthermore, not only do we find that people cannot see the divine plan in studying the Bible by itself, but we see, also, that if anyone lays the SCRIPTURE STUDIES aside, even after he has used them, after he has become familiar with them, after he has read them for ten years—if he then lays them aside and ignores them and goes to the Bible alone, though he has understood his Bible for ten years, our experience shows that within two years he goes into darkness. On the other hand, if he had merely read the SCRIPTURE STUDIES with their references, and had not read a page of the Bible, as such, he would be in the light at the end of the two years, because he would have the light of the Scriptures.

## JEHOVAH'S GOVERNING BODY ON EARTH IN 1975

Dan Sydlik	Ted Jaracz	Ray Franz (disfellowed)	Lyman Swingle	Lloyd Barry	Milton Henschel NW-TC	Wm. Jackson (died)	Karl Klein	Grant Suiter	Albert Schroeder NW-TC	Leo Greenlees
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NW-TC = New World Translation Committee

THE NEXT TWO PAGES CONTAIN WATCHTOWER ARTICLES WRITTEN IN THE EARLY 1900s, AND ARE FULL OF RACISM. IF JESUS TRULY RETURNED IN 1874, AND PUT PASTOR RUSSELL IN CHARGE OF HIS HARVEST WORK, WOULD JESUS ALLOW RACISM TO ENTER INTO THE TEACHINGS OF PASTOR RUSSELL AND THE WATCHTOWER TRACT SOCIETY.

WHILE READING THE NEXT TWO PAGES, YOU WILL SEE THE ATTITUDE OF THE WATCHTOWER TRACT SOCIETY TOWARD BLACKS. BLACKS WERE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST, AND REGARDED AS LESS THAN THEIR WHITE COUNTERPARTS.

THE FIRST, OF THE TWO FOLLOWING WATCHTOWER ARTICLES, WAS WRITTEN ON 7-15-1902, AND CONTAINS STATEMENTS EXPLAINING WHY THE WITNESSES BELIEVE CAUCASIANS HAVE GREATER INTELLIGENCE AND APTITUDE. THE CLAIM IS THAT THIS OCCURRED THROUGH DIVINE CONTROL.

THE SECOND, OF THESE TWO PAGES, SHOWS RACISM IN ACTION. THIS CLUSTER OF ARTICLES SHOW RACISM AGAINST BLACKS TAKING PLACE IN THE SANCTUARY OF THE WITNESSES. BLACKS, BECAUSE OF THEIR INCREASING ATTENDENCE, ARE MADE TO SIT IN ANOTHER ROOM, SEPARATE FROM THE WHITE CONGREGATION.

ONE ARTICLE STATES THAT IN ORDER THAT ALL MEN MAY BE BROUGHT TO PERFECTION, GOD MUST TURN THE ETHIOPIANS SKIN WHITE. FOLLOWING, IS AN ARTICLE TELLING HOW A BLACK BOY MYSTERIOUSLY TURNED WHITE.

DOES THE 'FAITHFUL & WISE' SERVANT HAVE A COMFORTING THOUGHT FOR THE NEGRO? \_\_\_\_\_  
 WHAT IS THE SECRET OF THE GREATER INTELLIGENCE OF THE CAUCASIAN? \_\_\_\_\_

JULY 15, 1902

## ZION'S WATCH TOWER

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## THE NEGRO NOT A BEAST

The secret of the greater intelligence and aptitude of the Caucasian undoubtedly in great measure is to be attributed to the commingling of blood amongst its various branches; and this was evidently forced in large measure by circumstances under divine control. It remains to be proven that the similar commingling of the various tribes of Chinese for several centuries would not equally brighten their intellects; and the same with the peoples of India and Africa.

## NOAH'S CHARACTER AND HIS "CURSE" UPON HAM

(4) *Question*.—Those who hold that the negro is a beast deny that he is the offspring of Noah's sons, and claim that the curse of Noah was not upon Ham, but upon one of Ham's sons, Canaan. They belittle Noah's curse, by saying that it was the senseless babbling of a drunken sot. What say you on this point?

*Answer*.—Those who use such language evidently are not familiar with the subject sufficiently to discuss it at all. The word "curse" is used by Noah after the same manner that God is said to have cursed the earth, and cursed mankind; from which curse man was redeemed by our Lord. The word "curse" here is used in the sense of penalty, retribution, and not in the sense of an imprecation or a profane denunciation. God declared man to be under the sentence of his divine law, —a death-sentence "curse" or penalty. Noah declared, prophetically, that Ham's characteristics which had led him to unseemly conduct disrespectful to his father, would be found cropping out later, inherited by his son,—and prophetically he foretold that this degeneracy would mark the posterity of Canaan, degrading him, making him servile. We are not able to determine to a certainty that the sons of Ham and Canaan are the negroes; but we consider that general view as probable as any other.

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The negro race is supposed to be descended from Ham, whose special degradation is mentioned in Gen. 9:22, 25.

Genesis 9:25 says Noah cursed Canaan not Ham. You do not have to be the "faithful & wise servant" to know that the Canaanites or Phoenicians were not black. The Black race is from Cush and is not due to curse on Canaan.

The "faithful & wise servant" believing blacks were from Canaan and hence cursed to be slaves said: "There is no servant in the world as good as a good Colored servant, and the joy that he gets from rendering faithful service is one of the purest joys there is in the world." THE GOLDEN AGE 10-1-1929 p. 702

"While it is true that 'of one blood God hath made all nations of men', nevertheless under present imperfect conditions a wise segregation is probably an advantage to all concerned." THE GOLDEN AGE 10-1-1919 p. 8

Today THE WATCHTOWER SAYS after realizing publication sales to blacks are high: "Really, our colored brothers have a great cause for rejoicing. Their race is meek and teachable, and from it comes a high percentage of the theocratic increase."

THE WATCHTOWER February 1, 1952 p. 95

## DID THE SUCCESS OF THE 'DRAMA' DEPEND ON WHERE THE BLACK PEOPLE SAT IN THE THEATRE?

NOTICE THAT 'IN A LITTLE WHILE' GOD WILL RESTORE COLOR OF MAN TO ORIGINAL STANDARD. THIS WAS PRINTED APRIL 1914. October 1914 blacks will become white.

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4-1-1914

BROOKLYN, N. Y.

### THE COLOR LINE FOUND NECESSARY

We might have anticipated that many colored people would be deeply interested in this Drama. But it did not impress itself upon us until gradually their numbers increased to about twenty-five per cent. of the whole audience. Of course, we were glad to see them, glad that they were interested in the Drama. We had the same feeling respecting them as others; but it was quickly discerned that it was not a case of feeling, but that, whereas the colored people of New York City are about five per cent. of the population, in our audiences they are about twenty-five per cent. and the number increasing. What shall we do? As the attendance of the colored people would increase, proportionately the number of the whites would decrease; for explain it how we will, a majority of whites prefer not to intermingle closely with other races.

Recognizing that it meant either the success or the failure of the enterprise of the Drama as respects the whites, we have been compelled to assign the colored friends to the gallery, which, however, is just as good for seeing and hearing as any other part of The Temple. Some were offended at this arrangement.

We have received numerous letters from the colored friends, some claiming that it is not right to make a difference, others indignantly and bitterly denouncing us as enemies of the colored people. Some, confident that Brother Russell had never sanctioned such a discrimination, told that they believe it would be duty to stand up for equal rights and always to help the oppressed, etc. We were obliged to explain the facts, assuring all of our loving interest in the colored people, and of our desire to do them good, and not injury. We again suggested that if a suitable place could be found in which the Drama could be presented for the benefit of the colored people alone, we would be glad to make such arrangements, or to co-operate with any others in doing so.

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ALLEGHENY, PA., FEBRUARY 15, 1904

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## VIEWS FROM THE WATCH TOWER

### "CAN THE ETHIOPIAN CHANGE HIS SKIN?"

We answer, No. But all will admit that what the Ethiopian cannot do for himself God could readily do for him. The difference between the races of men and the differences between their languages have long been arguments against the solidarity of the human family. The doctrine of restitution has also raised the question. How could all men be brought to perfection and which color of skin was the original? The answer is now provided. God can change the Ethiopian's skin in his own due time.

Prof. H. A. Edwards, Supt. of Schools in Slater, Mo., has written for the public press an elaborate description of how Julius Jackson, of New Frankfort, Mo., a negro boy of nine years, began to grow white in September, 1901, and is now fully nine-tenths white. He assures us that this is no whitish skin disease; but that the new white skin is as healthy as that of any white boy, and that the changed boy has never been sick and never has taken medicines. Realizing that his story would be doubted, he interested Dr. P. A. Howard, chief division surgeon of the Chicago and Alton Ry., who corroborates the statement in the following published extract from a letter:

"I am obliged to you for an opportunity of seeing and examining the negro child, Julius Jackson.

"I found his heart action, respiration and temperature perfectly normal and his mental faculties seem acute for one of his age.

"The white skin now covering at least 90 per cent. of his body is, so far as I am able to judge, in full possession of all its organs and those organs seem to be performing their natural functions—no roughness, chalky, or ashen appearance is present.

"It seems to me that the conditions warrant your opinion—the change is certainly caused by chemical conditions of the blood. Very truly,  
"P. A. HOWARD."

Our explanations were apparently entirely satisfactory to all of the fully consecrated. To these we explained that it is a question of putting either the interests of God's cause first, or else the interests of the race first. We believed it our duty to put God first and the truth first—at any cost to others or to ourselves! We explained that we thought that all the colored brethren should know our attitude toward them—they should know that we love to serve them in any way possible and to give them the very best we have to give of the Gospel message; and that it is only a question of whether our giving to them in one way would entirely deprive us of giving the truth to others.

Some who were still tenacious and quarrelsome we merely reminded of our Lord's declaration that in inviting visitors into the house it is the place of the host to say where they shall sit, and then we showed them the parable of the man who chose the chief seat of honor and was given a lower one.

In answer to the query as to how our course of conduct squared with the Golden Rule, we replied that it squares exactly. We would wish others to put God first. If our personal interests are or ever have been in conflict with the real and apparently best interests of the Lord's cause, it is a part of our consecration vow to ignore our interests in favor of the interests of the Lord's cause. This is what we mean by the declaration that we are dead to self and alive to our God as new creatures.

We reminded one dear sister that the Lord enjoins humility, and assures us that unless we humble ourselves we shall not be exalted. If nature favors the colored brethren and sisters in the exercise of humility it is that much to their advantage, if they are rightly exercised by it. A little while, and our humility will work out for our good. A little while, and those who shall have been faithful to their Covenant of Sacrifice will be granted new bodies, spiritual, beyond the veil, where color and sex distinctions will be no more. A little while, and the Millennial kingdom will be inaugurated, which will bring restitution to all mankind—restitution to the perfection of mind and body, feature and color, to the grand original standard, which God declared "very good," and which was lost for a time through sin, but which is soon to be restored by the powerful kingdom of Messiah.

## THE VOLUNTEER WORK

There are probably as many as a hundred colored brethren on the Watch Tower lists, some of them very clear in the truth, and very earnest in its service, financially and otherwise. We have received letters from several of these, who had intended engaging in the volunteer work, expressing surprise that in the call for volunteers in the March 1st issue we restricted the inquiry to white Protestant churches. They rightly realized that we have not the slightest of race prejudice, and that we love the colored brethren with just the same warmth of heart that we love the white, and they queried therefore why such a distinction should be made in the call. The reason is that so far as we are able to judge colored people have less education than whites—many of them quite insufficient to permit them to profit by such reading as we have to give forth. Our conclusion therefore is based upon the supposition that reading matter distributed to a colored congregation would more than half of it be utterly wasted and a very small percentage indeed likely to yield good results. We advise, therefore, that where the Watch Tower literature is introduced to colored people it be not by promiscuous circulation, but only to those who give evidence of some ear for the truth.

THE NEXT THREE PAGES SHOW SOME OF THE FALSE PROPHECIES WRITTEN IN WATCH TOWER MAGAZINES OVER THE YEARS. WITNESSES PREDICTED THE DATE AND TIME GOD WOULD REIGN DESTRUCTION ON ALL NON WITNESSES, BEGINNING THE REIGN OF JESUS CHRIST ON EARTH. ALL OF THESE PREDICTIONS TURNED OUT TO BE FALSE. THE BELOW SCRIPTURE WARNS, THAT IF A PROPHECY DOES NOT COME TO PASS, IT WAS NOT FROM GOD.

*Deut 18:20-22*

*20 But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded him to say, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, must be put to death."*

*21 You may say to yourselves, "How can we know when a message has not been spoken by the LORD?" 22 If what a prophet proclaims in the name of the LORD does not take place or come true, that is a message the LORD has not spoken. That prophet has spoken presumptuously. Do not be afraid of him.*

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privilege of the heavenly invitation. God proved that he could easily find enough from the Gentiles to fill all the places of highest honor in his kingdom. This will be very humiliating to the Jews when they see what they have missed.

The Jewish legal year begins in the fall, about our October first. The year 1926 would therefore begin about October first, 1925. It would be very reasonable to expect to see some beginning of God's favor returning to the Jewish people, as a part of the world, shortly after that date. Many of the Jews are already looking longingly towards their old home-land, Palestine. God's limit of time to the Gentiles as nations expired in 1914, as we have already seen. Thus as the Jewish nation, as a nation, lost favor with God when they crucified Jesus, and the Gentile nations have no further recognition by God as nations, Christ will soon begin to deal with the world as individuals, commencing with the Jew first, through the ancient worthies. We should, therefore, expect shortly after 1925 to see the awakening of Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Melchisedec, Job, Moses, Samuel, David, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, John the Baptist, and others mentioned in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews.

These will form a nucleus of the new kingdom on earth. One of the first things necessary will be to put Jerusalem in condition to be the capital of the world. This will necessitate a great deal of work, but there will be many willing

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every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened."—Matthew 7:7, 8.

We know that God heareth not sinners. (John 9:31) All will want to be among those who desire to serve the Lord in spirit and in truth, that these promises may apply to them.

Let us suppose that you are living after the kingdom is established and the blessings have begun to flow out to the people in abundant measure. Of course it will take some time to get things in smoothly running order after the great stress between now and 1926. It may be ten years or more before you get your home all fixed up, and the gardens bringing forth the luscious fruits and appetizing vegetables in abundance. Even if it takes a while longer you will be that much better prepared.

You will have secured the services of the best decorators you can find. Some of them used to be undertakers; but since there are no more people dying, they have had to seek some new occupation. Their experience as undertakers prepared them to become decorators with very little difficulty.

You have made all preparations for father and mother. The home is all ready; a special room is prepared for them, fitted with everything you can think of that might give pleasure and delight. You then call up the princes at Jerusalem, state your case, and make request that your father and your mother might be

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awakened. In joyful expectancy you wait. Some morning you hear talking in the room you have prepared. There was no one there last night. You know that there are no thieves or intruders; for all such experiences have been eliminated. You do not need to be fearful; so you listen at the door. You hear father's familiar voice saying, "Mother, where are we? Are we dreaming? Why, I thought I attended your funeral last summer; then I was taken sick, and they had the doctor, and that is the last I can remember."

Mother says: "I don't understand it either, Dear. The last I can remember is that I was so sick, and you and the doctors were standing at the bedside, and you were holding my hand. What has happened? We are not sick now, and this room is different from any room I ever saw. It is so beautiful and everything is so peaceful. Just hear those birds sing, and did you ever! Why, where did you get that suit of clothes? You are as handsome as you were on our wedding day."

Father exclaims: "Well, suppose you give me a chance to ask you some questions! Where did you get that dress? You must be getting stylish in your old age. And you needn't talk to me about being good-looking. Look into the glass yourself. Well, I wonder what has happened, anyway. Are we in heaven or crazy or what?"

You can stand it no longer. With heart running over with joy and all excitement, you burst open the door and rush in exclaiming, "O

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Father! O Mother nor crazy! You are selves. Yes! you are so happy, that I do want to look at you, to be sure you but you are looking ing so handsome!"

You throw your arms to embrace them. They at them, almost fear excitement! You c house, and everyb questions and tryin same time. Such a wonder what is the n you get settled en Father and mother in innocent surpris that is for. Things they ever saw befor they are in heaven angels with wings i

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away and without outward expression sink together into the fellowship of helpless grief.

24:24. Thus Ezekiel is unto you a sign: according to all that he hath done shall ye do: and when this cometh, ye shall know that I am the Lord God.—Thus the silent sorrow at Pastor Russell's heart was to be a sign to Christendom. The sorrowful experiences of Pastor Russell in this connection shall later on be those of all Christendom; "and when this cometh" they shall know that Jehovah God is supreme, and back of all the judgments of the trouble time.

PASTOR RUSSELL DEAD, BUT SPEAKING AGAIN

24:25, 26. Also, thou son of man, shall it not be in the day when I take from them their strength, the joy of their glory, the desire of their eyes, and that whereupon they set their minds, their sons and their daughters. That he that escapeth in that day shall come unto thee, to cause thee to hear it with thine ears?—Also, in the year 1918, when God destroys the churches wholesale and the church members by millions, it shall be that any that escape shall come to the works of Pastor Russell to learn the meaning of the downfall of "Christianity."

24:27. In that day shall thy mouth be opened to him which is escaped, and thou shalt speak, and be no more dumb: and thou shalt be a sign unto them; and they shall know that I am the Lord.—Pastor Russell's voice has been stilled in death; and his voice is, comparatively speaking, dumb to what it will be. In the time of revolution and anarchy he shall speak, and be no more dumb to those that escape the destruction of that day. Pastor Russell shall "be a sign unto them," shall tell them the truth about the Divine appointment of the trouble, as they consult his books, scattered to the number of ten million throughout Christendom. His words shall be a sign of hope unto them, enabling them to see the bright side of the cloud and to look forward with anticipation to the glorious Kingdom of God to be established. Then "they shall know the Lord."

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away and without outward expression sink together into the fellowship of helpless grief.

24:24. Thus Ezekiel is unto you a sign: according to all that he hath done shall ye do: and when this cometh, ye shall know that I am the Lord God.—Thus the silent sorrow at Pastor Russell's heart was to be a sign to Christendom. The sorrowful experiences of Pastor Russell in this connection shall later on be those of all Christendom; "and when this cometh" they shall know that Jehovah God is supreme, and back of all the judgments of the trouble time.

PASTOR RUSSELL DEAD, BUT SPEAKING AGAIN

24:25, 26. Also, thou son of man, shall it not be in the day when I take from them their strength, the joy of their glory, the desire of their eyes, and that whereupon they set their minds, their sons and their daughters. That he that escapeth in that day shall come unto thee, to cause thee to hear it with thine ears?—Also, in the year 1918, when God begins to destroy\* the churches and the church members by millions, it shall be that any that escape shall come to the works of Pastor Russell to learn the meaning of the downfall of "Christianity."

24:27. In that day shall thy mouth be opened to him which is escaped, and thou shalt speak, and be no more dumb: and thou shalt be a sign unto them; and they shall know that I am the Lord.—Pastor Russell's voice has been stilled in death; and his voice is, comparatively speaking, dumb to what it will be. In the time of revolution and anarchy he shall speak, and be no more dumb to those that escape the destruction of that day. Pastor Russell shall "be a sign unto them," shall tell them the truth about the Divine appointment of the trouble, as they consult his books, scattered to the number of ten million throughout Christendom. His words shall be a sign of hope unto them, enabling them to see the bright side of the cloud and to look forward with anticipation to the glorious Kingdom of God to be established. Then "they shall know the Lord."

## DOES ADMISSION TO FALSE PROPHECIES MAKE YOU A FALSE PROPHET?

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Does this admission of making mistakes stamp them as false prophets? Not at all, for false prophets do not admit to making mistakes.

# Witnesses Predict End Times Come in September

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If there is truth in what the Jehovah's Witnesses claim, the time is short and sinners had better respond to the "salvation message" or be prepared for the worst.

This September is the month marked by the more than 2-million-member Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society for Jesus Christ to begin His 1,000-year reign here. But to kick things off unbelievers will experience "a tremendous devastation equal to the Flood, and a great tribulation."

The whole world system will be changed, says Elder Lyle E. Reusch, an overseer for the church. "What this earth needs is a good-Saturday night bath. After that, what we envision is a garden home . . . a paradise for those remaining."

To escape adverse judgment with "divine protection," and be one of "those remaining," certain requirements must be met. Among them are having faith in "God's promises, following His principles" and, above all, "supporting God's kingdom." This doesn't mean that one has to become a Jehovah's Witness but, as one Witness put it, "one would automatically become a Witness if he met God's requirements." Along with the present order of things, the Witnesses believe "all of Christendom is doomed" (which the Watch Tower people deny being part of) because it has compromised with the world.

The tribulation period that the society believes will begin in September is based on Biblical chronology, it claims. "We don't know for sure," says Elder Reusch, "but it is supposed to take place at the end of 6,000 years after the creation period." Adam, he says, was created 6,000 years ago but the group has not been able to determine the date when Eve, the last of God's creations, came into existence.

How many will perish and how many will remain for the 1,000-year reign has not been established by the society. "It says 'a great multitude that no man can number' will be spared," adds Reusch. "I'm confident the number will run into the millions."

Although predictions of a Second Coming are perhaps more theologically plausible today than in the past, this is not the first time the society has made the announcement. Charles Taze Russell (1852-1916), the society's founder, made two such predictions which proved an embarrassment to the group when not fulfilled. Too, the group was not the only sect that made such predictions in the 19th Century.

It may be for these reasons that members of the society are keeping a low profile for the expected event. "There will be no general trend of selling our homes or automobiles," says Elder Reusch. "We are a practical people and when the time comes we will be directed by God as to what to do. We are taking a wait-and-see attitude."

In fact, he says, about the only thing they are doing in preparation is learning how to work together. This is exercised during the Witnesses' massive, worldwide conventions.

Ninety-one conventions will have been held by the Witnesses by summer's end just in the western hemisphere. Three conventions were held in Los Angeles recently for Witnesses in the Southern California area. Instead of having one gigantic convention, Reusch explains, "we split them up because you can't get 100,000 people in Dodger Stadium."

The Witnesses claim to be growing at a tremendous rate and the expected crisis no doubt helps their avid conversion activities. "People should know what the requirements are for salvation," says Reusch. "It is a matter of life and death and that is why we try to get the word out." Witnesses view Hades as being a void.

When asked if sincere Jewish believers and Christians of any other sects will be spared the tribulation, Reusch said: "Noah preached for 50 years of an impending flood — that the only safe place would be in the Ark. There were probably many sincere people at that time who believed it wasn't necessary to go into the Ark. They perished just the same."

He maintains, however, that "as long as people are responding to the message of salvation (the brand espoused by the Witnesses), God isn't going to cut them off unmercifully."

Although there may be "millions" who will be left on a blissful earth after the tribulation, there will be only a select number who will be taken up to help govern earth with the heavenly Host. "Only 144,000 (Witnesses) will go to heaven," he says. "The selection of this number has been going on for 1,900 years. The majority of Witnesses seek a heavenly hope, not an earthly hope."

The Witnesses trace their organization from Jesus Christ to the Apostle Paul to Aulus to Peter Waldo to Martin Luther to Russell. "Jehovah God is the Founder and Organizer of his witnesses on earth," said Nathan H. Knorr, the group's current president. "The first witness was Abel."

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THE NEXT THREE PAGES SHOW HOW PASTOR RUSSELL, AND THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE JEHOVAH WITNESSES, CALCULATED THE TIMES AND DATES CONCERNING THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS CHRIST. BELIEVE IT OR NOT, THEY TOOK MEASUREMENTS FROM AN EGYPTIAN PYRAMID, AND CONVERTED THE INCHES INTO YEARS. THIS IS HOW THEY CAME UP WITH THE YEAR 1874, AS THE TIME OF CHRIST'S SECOND COMING. THE WITNESSES LATER CHANGED THE DATE TO 1914, WHICH THEY STILL ACCEPT TO THIS DAY.

PASTOR RUSSELL IS BURIED IN PITTSBURGH PA. IN NORTH HILLS. RUSSELL HAS A SMALL HEADSTONE WITH HIS PICTURE INSCRIBED IN IT. HE ALSO HAS A 7 FOOT PYRAMID IN FRONT OF HIS GRAVE, WITH HIS NAME, AND THE WATCH TOWER BIBLE AND TRACT SOCIETY INSCRIBED IN IT.

ON THE NEXT THREE PAGES, YOU WILL SEE A DESCRIPTION OF HOW PASTOR RUSSELL, AND THE WITNESSES, CAME UP WITH THE DATES OF CHRIST'S RETURN, THROUGH MEASUREMENTS OF AN EGYPTIAN PYRAMID. YOU WILL ALSO SEE PICTURES OF PASTOR RUSSELL'S HEADSTONES.

NOT EVEN 200 YARDS AWAY FROM PASTOR RUSSELL'S GRAVE STANDS THE NEW MASONIC TEMPLE. JEHOVAH WITNESSES SAY THAT PASTOR RUSSELL WAS NOT A MASON, AND IT'S JUST A COINCIDENCE THAT THE MASONS BUILT THEIR TEMPLE DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM PASTOR RUSSELL'S GRAVE. NOTICE, LOOKING AT THE PICTURE OF THE TWO HEADSTONES AND THE TEMPLE, THAT THE CENTER OF THE TWO HEADSTONES LINE UP PERFECTLY WITH THE LEFT CORNER OF THE TEMPLE. COULD THESE LINE UP TO MAKE A 33<sup>rd</sup> DEGREE ANGLE? THERE IS A LOT OF EVIDENCE SUPPORTING THAT PASTOR RUSSELL WAS A 33<sup>rd</sup> DEGREE MASON.

# WOULD YOU SAY THIS IS STRETCHING THE TRUTH? \_\_\_\_\_

a fixed date to mark upon the downward passage. This measure is 1542 inches, and indicates the year B. C. 1542, as the date at that point. Then measuring *down* the "Entrance Passage" from that point, to find the distance to the entrance of the "Pit," representing the great trouble and destruction with which this age is to close, when evil will be overthrown from power, we find it to be 3416 inches, symbolizing 3416 years from the above date, B. C. 1542. This calculation shows A. D. 1874 as marking the beginning of the period of trouble; for 1542 years B. C. plus 1874 years A. D. equals 3416 years. Thus the Pyramid witnesses that the close of 1874 was the *chronological* beginning of the time of trouble such as was not since there was a nation—no, nor

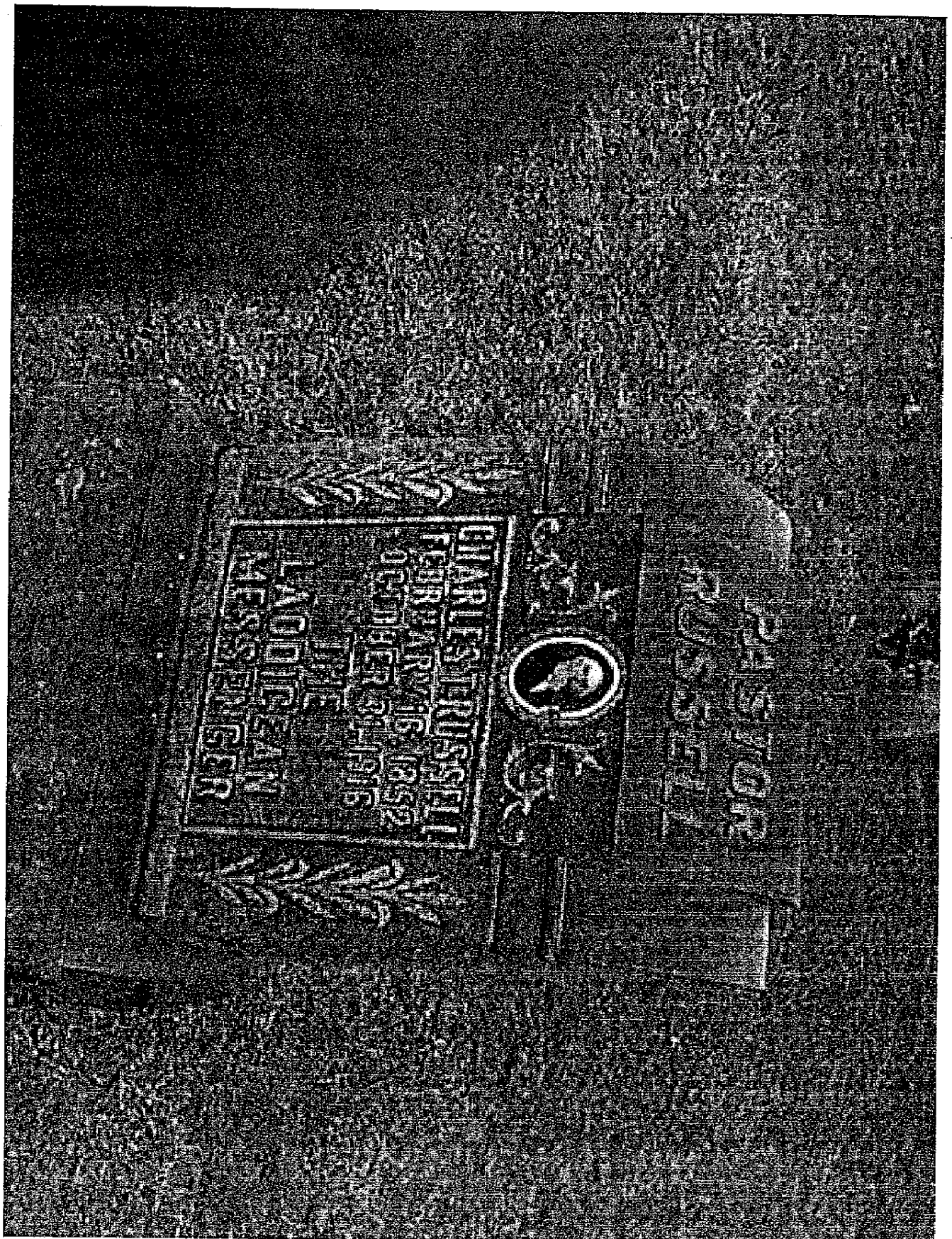
By this enlarged reproduction from page 342 of Vol. 3 (early edition), the reader may see that the Great Pyramid proves that the world's greatest trouble was due to begin in 1874. In the edition of 1923, the same Pyramid proves it was due to begin in 1914. If the war would not fit the Pyramid, the Pyramid must be made to fit the war — easy enough if you know how.

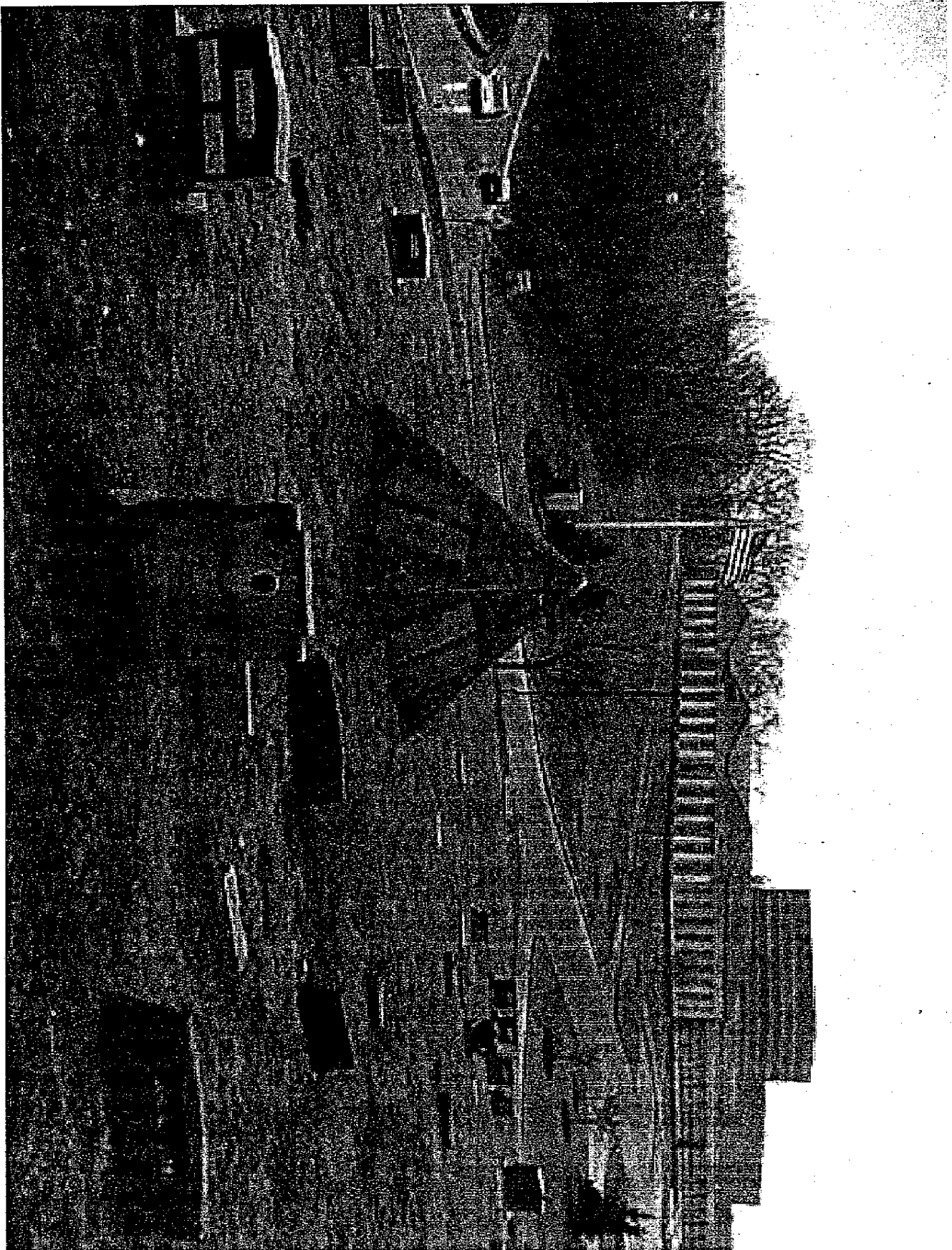
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The Egyptians are very careless with their pyramids and leave them out in the hot sun, but I do not believe that pyramid warped in Egypt after the "Dawn" people mis-guessed the war by 40 years. This reproduction from the edition dated 1923 indicates that the pyramid was stretched in the U. S. A. Both editions prove their claim by "very accurate measurements" made in 1872.

**ACTUALLY NEITHER MEASUREMENT IS CORRECT. THE EXACT LENGTH IS 3384.904 INCHES. RUSSELL WAS OFF 31 INCHES IN 1889 EDITION - 72 INCHES OFF IN THE 1905 EDITION.**

**PYRAMID DISCOURSE - 1929 Morton Edgar**



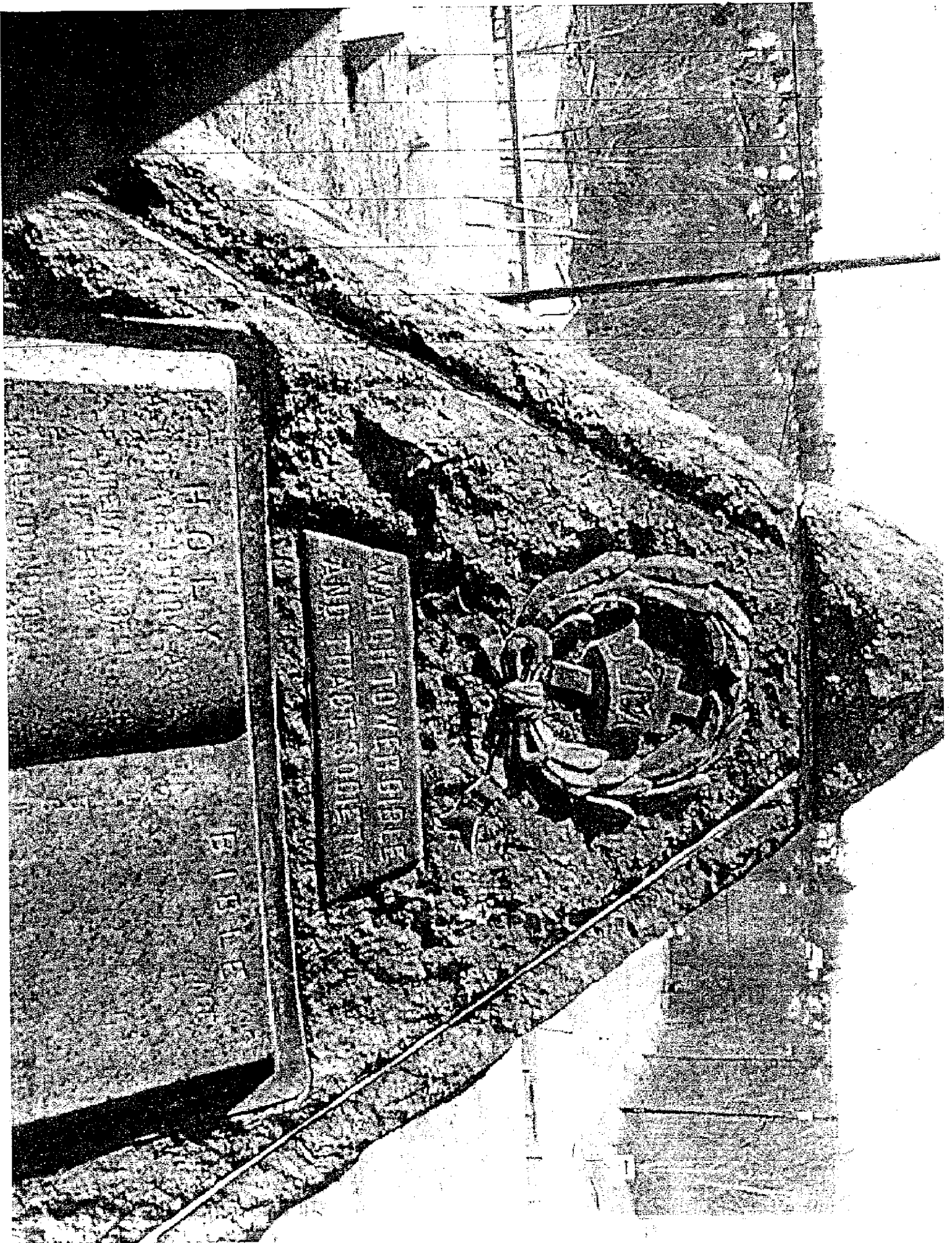


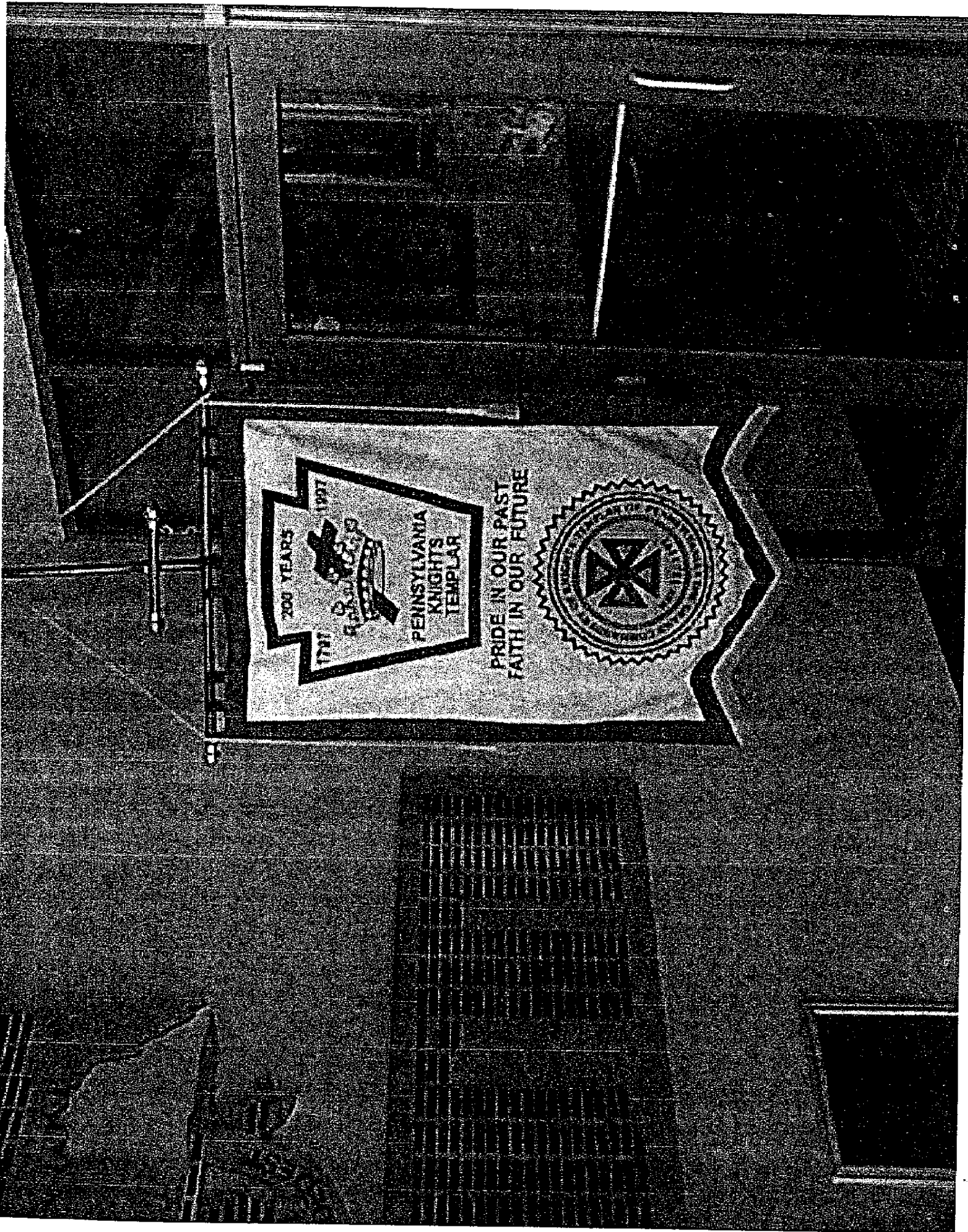
THE NEXT AND FINAL THREE PAGES SHOW A CLOSE UP PICTURE OF PASTOR RUSSELLS PYRAMID HEADSTONE. YOU WILL NOTICE AN INCRPTION OF THE WATCH TOWER TRACT SOCIETY, AND THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR SYMBOL OF THE CROWN SURROUNDING THE TILTED CROSS. THE KNIGHTS TEMPLARS ARE A FACTION WITHIN THE MASONS, AND HAVE BEEN ACCUSED OF EVERYTHING FROM SATIN WORSHIP, TO SATANIC RITUALS, FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS.

AFTER TAKING A PICTURE OF PASTOR RUSSELL'S PYRAMID HEADSTONE, WE FOUND A SIGN HANGING IN THE FOYER OF THE MASONIC TEMPLE, WHICH HAD THE SAME EMBLEM FOUND ON PASTOR RUSSELL'S GRAVE. THIS SIGN HAD THE CROWN SURROUNDING A TILTED CROSS, WITH THE WORDS, P.A. KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, WRITTEN UNDERNEITH. YOU MAY ASK WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? WELL, IF YOU TAKE INTO ACCOUNT, THAT THE MASONIC TEMPLE WAS BUILT FAIRLY RECENTLY, YOU MAY HAVE TO COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE MASONS BUILT THE TEMPLE ACROSS FROM PASTOR RUSSELLS GRAVE TO HONOR HIM. OR, PERHAPS PASTOR RUSSELL HIMSELF IS BURIED IN A GRAVE ON LAND OWNED BY THE MASONS. NEVERTHELESS, THIS PROVES THAT PASTOR RUSSELL HAD TIES TO THE MASONS, WHO ARE WELL KNOWN TO BE INVOLVED IN THE OCCULT.

AFTER WALKING INTO THE MASONIC TEMPLE, WE TOOK A PICTURE OF A SIGN HANGING ON A WALL INSIDE THE TEMPLE. IN THE CENTER OF THE SIGN YOU WILL SEE THE INVERTED PENTAGRAM, WHICH IS A COMMONLY USED EMBLEM IN SATANIC RITUALS.

WHEN I QUESTIONED JEHOVAH WITNESSES CONCERNING ALL OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS HANDOUT, I WAS TOLD THAT GOD GRADUALLY REVEALED THE TRUTH TO JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES, AND THAT MANY MISTAKES WERE MADE ALONG THE WAY. THEY SAID GOD GRADUALLY MADE THE LIGHT BRIGHTER AND BRIGHTER AS THE YEARS WENT ON. UNFORTUNATELY FOR THE WITNESSES, THEIR CLAIM THAT JESUS HAS ALREADY RETURNED, AND PLACED PASTOR RUSSELL IN CHARGE WOULD MEAN THAT JESUS PICKED A RACIST FALSE PROPHET, AND A MASON, I DON'T THINK SO.







IF YOU ARE A JEHOVAH WITNESS, DO NOT BE ALARMED, JESUS CHRIST IS FAITHFULL, AND HE WILL FULLFILL ALL HE HAS PROMISED THROUGH HIS WORD. IF YOU ASK HIM, HE WILL LEAD AND GUIDE YOU INTO ALL TRUTH. DO NOT BELIEVE ANYTHING I TELL YOU, OR ANYTHING ANYONE ELSE TELLS YOU. SEEK THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND ASK FOR GUIDANCE, AND CLARITY. I AM CONFIDENT THAT GOD WILL TRULY REVEAL HIMSELF TO YOU, IN JESUS CHRIST. HE WILL DELIVER YOU, AND EXPOSE THE JEHOVAH WITNESSES FOR WHAT THEY ARE, A CULT.

*1 Thess 5:21-24*

*21 Test everything. Hold on to the good. 22 Avoid every kind of evil. 23 May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.*  
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IF YOU ARE A CHRISTIAN, AND HAVE FAMILY MEMBERS, NEIGHBORS, OR ACQUAINTANCES WHO ARE JEHOVAH WITNESSES, YOU MUST PREPARE YOURSELF FOR BATTLE. THE APOSTLE PAUL SAID WE DO NOT WAGE WAR AS THE WORLD DOES. THOSE WHO KNOW CHRIST, MUST INGAGE IN SPIRITUAL BATTLES TO PULL DOWN STRONGHOLDS. STRONGHOLDS ARE FALSE TEACHINGS, WHICH SATAN USES TO SEPARATE US FROM THE TRUE WORD OF GOD. SATAN HAS SENT FALSE TEACHERS TO DECEIVE THE MULTITUDES, AND THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WANTS EACH PERSON, WHO HAS A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM, TO STAND AGAINST ALL FALSE TEACHINGS. THIS IS OUR DUTY AS CHRISTIANS, TO SPREAD THE WORD OF GOD, IN CHRIST, AND TO DEMOLISH STRONGHOLDS. HOWEVER WE MUST BE ROOTED AND GROUNDED IN THE WORD OF GOD IN ORDER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT TO USE US TO REACH OTHERS WITH THE TRUTH.

*10:1 By the meekness and gentleness of Christ, I appeal to you-I, Paul, who am "timid" when face to face with you, but "bold" when away! 2 I beg you that when I come I may not have to be as bold as I expect to be toward some people who think that we live by the standards of this world. 3 we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. 4 The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, (they have divine power to demolish strongholds). 5 We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.*

NIV 2 Cor 10:1-4

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