

Challenge Ministries

be ready always to give an answer
I Peter 3:15

earnestly contend for the faith
Jude 3

Jehovah's Witnesses Challenged

June 2007

Free Trinity Booklet

As we mentioned last month we're offering a few copies of Peter's *Trinity* booklet that has been sold out for several years. One of our supporters mailed us 8 photocopies of the original.

They are actually rather good photocopies that have been assembled and stapled similar to the original. To the first 8 requests we'll send you a free copy postage paid. Just mention you would like to receive a free "Trinity" booklet mentioned in the newsletter.

Free Tracts

2 years ago we handed out tracts at the district Jehovah's Witness convention here in San Diego. We designed 2 tracts specifically for JW's that we felt would prove the Watchtower is NOT directed by Jehovah God. These tracts also included the true gospel message.

We are encouraging you to help us distribute them. As a token of our sincerity, we're offering 10 copies of each one for FREE, 20 total. We'll even pay the postage. You must ask for them specifically and mention this offer. One is entitled, "JOHN 20:28" and the other "Absolute Proof, the Watchtower is NOT God's Organization."

Free Case of Books

We are committed for at least the next year to send out 1 case per month (40 books) of Peter's 220 page book, "The Watchtower in Light of Scripture". These will be donated where we feel they will do the most good. Struggling ministries or other sources that we feel will honor God. As a matter of fact, we invite your suggestions as we seek to honor God in these gifts.

If you are aware of a ministry to the Jehovah's Witnesses that you feel would benefit by these books please write us with the name of the ministry, a little about them, how they can be contacted with their mailing address.

This month we donated 1 case to "Evangelical Bible Book Store" in San Diego. We knew that this Godly Book Store was having difficult times and we had hoped this would help them as well as spread the word on the danger of the Watchtower and it's distorted gospel message. We told John, the owner, that he was welcome to sell or give the books away at his discretion. John told me that if they receive something for free that they would likewise give

it away for free. This is very admirable since the books would retail for over \$400. I know that God will bless his sensitive heart.

We also recently sent 10 additional copies without cost to a man who said he would personally deliver them to 10 churches. Praise God for faithful doers of the Word.

As the name of this section says, "Jehovah's Witnesses Challenged" we MUST challenge the witnesses. The idea is not simply to show the error of the Jehovah's Witnesses, but to

challenge witnesses to give good reasons why their doctrines have changed. Why have they prophesied falsely? Why are their doctrines opposed to a correct understanding of scripture? Why do they follow leaders who consistently change their views and expect witnesses to follow?

Why do they follow doctrines which will damn their souls. They must be challenged if we truly care for them.

**When was the last time you
"Challenged" a Jehovah's Witness?**



Jerry witnessing to the hot dog ladies.
The one with a pony tail is a Jehovah's Witness.

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Fishers of Men

Matthew and Mark's gospel record the words of Jesus as he chooses his disciples and tells them to follow Him that he will make them "fishers of men."

They would be given the words of life and teach others to do the same. What a privilege and honor it truly is to boast in our Lord, King, and Savior.

Nearly 300 years ago, Charles Wesley wrote one of Christendom's favorite hymns, "And can it be that I should gain." It's hard to read the words without sensing the grand truth of the Almighty Sovereign Lord, humbling Himself as a servant to do the Fathers will and bear the sins of His people that we might go free. What an exchange that took place. Our sins for His righteousness.

And can it be that I should gain

An interest in the Savior's blood?

Died He for me, who caused His pain—

For me, who Him to death pursued?

Amazing love! How can it be,

That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

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May's outreach was a parade in Lakeside, California. Just a little over a half dozen "fisherman" walked the parade route offering folks a million dollars with the million dollar question. This time there were 3 very young fisherman (6,8, and 10 years old) putting their childlike faith to action. Dianna walked with these young warriors for Christ and they delighted in giving a gospel tract to young and old. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we were to capture that enthusiasm and delight in our Christian walk.

Although most everyone took the material, upon entering a "religious" conversation, many weren't interested in talking. What I noticed once again is that those who didn't want to discuss their eternal destiny in any depth, were the very ones that claimed to be Christians. Of all our outreaches, this was perhaps the highest percentage of Christians to whom we spoke. I spoke with perhaps 20 or so at length, and found that nearly half said they were believers.

As in other outreaches where we speak with those who say they are believers, most will NOT mention repentance and faith in Jesus and His blood that was shed at the cross of Christ as the

heart of the why they are going to heaven. I spoke with one elderly woman, who claimed she was a good person and never lied, stolen, looked with lust, taken the Lords name in vain, or coveted. When I asked her if she had obeyed the greatest of all the commandments perfectly which was to love the Lord thy God with all thy heart soul and mind she admitted she had not. I pointed out that she had broken the first commandment which meant that she had placed other things before God. Even though she admitted she had not obeyed that commandment, she refused to admit that in and of herself she was a guilty sinner before God. She was adamant that she was a good person on her way to heaven. At this point the conversation ended.

How tragic that many do not see themselves as they truly are and the tremendous contrast between them and the Holy One.

"The amazing Ricky" (I love calling him this because I'm always amazed how eager he is to talk to people about Jesus), had a good talk with some LDS missionaries waiting on the parade route. Ricky shared some excellent verses that proved that God has always been God and there is but one God. Strangely, the missionaries were more concerned with people that would criticize their faith than the fact that the criticism was true. Spiritual blindness will grasp at any defense rather than admit the truth.

I came along part way in the conversation and asked one of the M&M's (Mormon Missionaries) to step aside and answer some questions which left Ricky time to talk one on one with a single missionary. More about this discussion in "Mormonism Challenged" in the next section.

I ordered a hot dog from 3 ladies and gave each a million dollar bill telling them they were doing a great job. We began a conversation about

God's law and how everyone had broken it. It turned out that one of these ladies was a JW. When I asked the 3 if they would go to heaven or hell for being guilty at judgement day, the witness was quick to state "there is no hell." Immediately I said you're a Jehovah's Witness aren't you. With surprise she said yes. Then I asked her specifically, if you stand before God as guilty of many sins, would you live forever on a paradise earth or be annihilated? She could obviously see I was familiar with her doctrines and may have mistakenly thought I was an ex-JW and was to be shunned. Without a word she turned and left. This time she may not have gotten to hear the good news, but she certainly heard clearly she stood before a Holy God as guilty and deserved to be punished. Perhaps someone else will complete the story for her or perhaps she's heard before. We must simply leave these matters in the hands of a just and righteous God.



Joel, James, John, 6,8,10 waiting for a response to the million dollar tract they just gave these men.

Mormonism Challenged

What do you think of when you hear an adjective or adverb such as “earnestly.” Can’t say I’ve heard it very often but when I do I sense this isn’t a mild action word.

According to Webster to be EARNEST is to be intense. Very serious. With great zeal. Zealous and sincere. Not petty or trivial. In a serious or determined manner.

Have you ever been earnest about something? So determined that nothing would stop you from striving to accomplish your objective? Willing to sacrifice much to gain something of great importance? Not haphazard. Not willing to quit easy or to cease striving for but with great determination and zeal?

I think this is what is meant in the command to believers in that little New Testament book, Jude:

“...earnestly contend for the faith that was once delivered to the saints” (Jude 3).

It would seem that it goes without saying that this should be our lifestyle. Unfortunately, we have to be reminded because our nature is that we all seem to get comfortable and need stirring from time to time.

Here’s a challenge for you this coming month. Share a clear presentation of the gospel with an unbeliever or stranger this next month.

As an example, here’s my goal. I’ve noticed some LDS missionaries riding bikes as I come home from work. They seem to be in the general area a lot, perhaps their missionary home is near. I’m going to attempt to try and talk with them about the true God and how they can be right in his sight this next month.

Obviously, this is not where I pray and ask God for an opportunity, but rather this is where I ask God, how can I MAKE AN OPPORTUNITY to share the faith.

Missionary Encounter

As I mentioned in the “Fishers of Men” section, Ricky and I were speaking with a couple of M&M’s. I personally believe if you can separate them and speak to each one individually, you will have a greater impact. Ricky was sharing about the character of God, and I decided to respond to the missionaries comment that they don’t criticize other religions.

I asked the missionary if it wasn’t the first purpose of the missionary lessons to convince the contact taking the lessons that his church is wrong and only the LDS church is the true church?

He answered yes.

Then I asked, doesn’t LDS scripture state that “all the churches are wrong and all their creeds and professors corrupt” (Pearl of Great Price, Joseph Smith History 1:18,19)

Again yes.

I asked that doesn’t 65,000 missionaries proclaiming this message taken from their own scripture prove that the LDS church attacks all other churches?

Shockingly, the answer was, NO!

It seems that the LDS church can claim to be the only true church on the face of the earth, all other churches are false and corrupt, you must leave your church which is false and join the only true church (the LDS church), and yet...the LDS church does not criticize other churches.

If someone documents an LDS inconsistency or points out a doctrine not in harmony with the Bible, your are attacking their church and a bigot.

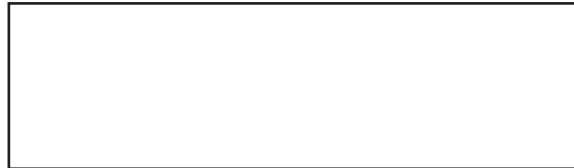
Although this seems ludicrous to you and I, we must remember that only the Spirit of God can make alive a dead heart and open the mind to the truths of God.



John giving a couple the million dollar tract.

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Will we be at the JW Convention June 2007???

For several months we have been prayerfully considering once again going to the Jehovah's Witnesses district convention here at Qualcomm stadium in San Diego.

We've personally asked dozens of people and have mentioned it several times in this newsletter. We've even posted this opportunity in the lobby of *Evangelical Bible Book Store* here in San Diego.

However (until this morning), no one has been willing to go. These final days of May someone has indicated an interest with 2 of his friends.

Our prayer is that this will come about and that God will prepare the hearts of some to hear the truth of his Word.

Convention dates are June 9,10. You should have this newsletter in your hands just a few days before the actual convention.

Please pray that we would see God's will for us in this outing. If this is NOT in His will, pray that our Lord will direct us in another area.

Thank you for your prayers and kind support.

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