

**Jehovah's Witnesses
Proclaimers of God's Kingdom**

Chapter 1

Why Should Jehovah Have Witnesses?

1. What is the Universal Court Case referred to? (explain at least 2 scriptural references)
2. What does Jehovah want from you?
3. What was wrong with the fruit on the tree? If nothing than what was the big deal?
4. Jehovah created us how?
5. What is the issue Satan raised? Explain.
6. What is the other issue raised?
7. What are the different meanings of witness?
8. Why was Abel's sacrifice of greater worth than Cain's?
9. Even though Cain claimed to worship Jehovah why wasn't his sacrifice acceptable?
10. What does this mean for you and your relationship with Jehovah?
11. Why did Jehovah take Enoch?
12. Put yourself in Jehovah's place, how do you think he's feeling?
13. What is a hybrid race?
14. Noah was a righteous man, how was that shown? (watch Noah's video)
15. How long did it take to build the ark? (research)
16. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph did what to make Jehovah their own? (research) Give an example of each.
17. What was Pharaoh's opinion of himself?
18. Why did Pharaoh not want to submit to Jehovah?
19. Each plague that attacked Egypt's gods, what were these gods supposed to do for them? (research)
20. How long did Moses have to deal with Pharaoh?
21. What did Jehovah make clear to the Israelites and what special position did they have?
22. Humans need what from Jehovah?
23. Why was it necessary for Jesus to come?

Chapter 2

Jesus Christ, The Faithful Witness

1. Why did Jehovah pick Jesus to be the "royal seed" to clear his name?
2. What did it involve on Jesus' part?
3. Why was he born an Israelite?
4. What did Jesus bear witness to?
5. What is one way Jesus did this?
6. What was his primary purpose for his coming to the Earth?
7. Why did he need to make his purpose known to them?
8. Why did he need to make his purpose known to them?
9. When Jesus said, (John 14:9) "He that has seen me has seen the father," what did he mean?
10. How did Jesus' preaching differ from the Pharisees?
11. Why was Jesus not known as the "Miracle Worker?"
12. How did Jesus bear witness to God's Kingdom?
13. Was Jesus forced to serve Jehovah in heaven or on earth?
14. When did Satan attempt to hurt Jesus? (research- list many reasons)
15. What did Jesus accomplish by his death?
16. Why did he remain for 40 days after Jehovah resurrected him?
17. The establishment of the Messianic Kingdom of God would mark the start of what event?
18. Do you believe we are at the end of this system of things? List your reasons why?

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Chapter 3

Christian Witnesses of Jehovah in the First Century

1. What privilege did Jesus have and how did they prove Jehovah right?
2. What changes took place when Jesus told them "Go make disciples"
3. Was a Jewish person automatically a witness of Jehovah? When and why did that change?
4. What was unique about Pentecost 33 C.E. (describe)
5. What lands was Paul referring to at Colossians 1:23?
6. Why did the Jewish nation lose its position with Jehovah and how did the congregation change.
7. What is a clergy-laity distinction?
8. Besides preaching what other things set true Christians apart from others?
9. Why was Christianity sometimes called "The Way?"
10. How far reaching was love the Christians had for one another?
11. Why did the disciples need to be separate from the world?
12. What did Jesus mean at John 15:20? Give examples.

Chapter 4

The Great Apostasy Develops

1. Define apostasy.
2. Why do we know not all religions lead to the same place? (use scriptures)
3. How has Satan tried to silence witnesses? Should these catch us unaware? Explain.
4. Why are apostates so deadly and where do they get their followers?
5. Define gangrene.
6. Why did Paul and Timothy compare "divisive thinking to gangrene?"
7. What is an antichrist?
8. The 1st century Christians had what hope?
9. Where did Bishops come from?
10. What is a philosopher and should their beliefs be incorporated in the congregation?
11. What changes took place as apostasy took hold in the 1st century congregation? (list many and explain why the aren't right)
12. What religions use Bishops, Deacons and Priests?
13. What is the "sale of indulgences?"
14. What did the Reformation accomplish?
15. What did the "Origin of Species" teach?

Chapter 5

Proclaiming the Lord's Return

1. Write a Biography of Charles Russell (2 pages minimum typed, size 12 font) you may use other resources but make sure to give credit to them.
2. Why was Charles Russell called a pastor?

Chapter 6

A Time of Testing

1. Many in 1914 thought what would happen right away?
2. What is a Colporteur?
3. Why did Rutherford replace 4 men?
4. What would we call those today?
5. Look in a copy of "Finished Mystery" and find a quote that might have caused the opposition the clergy brought?
6. Why were Judge Rutherford and 7 others put in prison?
7. What does tar and feathered mean? Look in Atlanta newspaper microfilm at the library and see if you can find a newspaper article about this.

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Chapter 7

Advertise the King and the Kingdom!

1. What are 3 weapons of Satan?
2. When were the brothers released?
3. What happened to Brother Rutherford?
4. Where did Beth-Sarim come from and why?
5. How long was the Cedar Point Convention?
6. What was announced at the convention?
7. In the 1922 convention what was announced and how long was it?
8. Why was there a different explanation of Revelations from "The Finished Mystery" to the 1925 "Watchtower?"
9. Where did we get our name Jehovah's Witnesses from?
10. Why did the society establish a legal department?
11. What does consecration mean?
12. Who is the "Old Lady" that was exposed in 1937? Why was that changed later?
13. What was a phonograph?
14. What was spectacular at the 1941 convention?
15. List things that the brothers used to show we aren't against technology?

Chapter 8

Declaring the Good News Without Letup

1. Why did Brother Covington decline to serve further as vice president?
2. Even though gas was in short supply how did the brothers make sure they were spiritually fed?
3. What is a testimony card?
4. What were the brothers doing during and after WWII?
5. What unique school was started in 1943?
6. What was the name of the 1st theocratic ministry school book?
7. In 1946, what was released?
8. In August 1950, what was held and what was given out honoring Jehovah's name and how did it honor His name?
9. We have "The Reasoning Book" now, but what did Jehovah's Witnesses use prior to this book?
10. What is a Zone Overseer?
11. In July of 1958, "Paradise Lost to Paradise Regained" was released, see if you can locate one and compare it to our "You Can Live Forever in Paradise On Earth" book. Can you see any changes as the light gets clearer for us? Look at pictures.
12. In the 1960's, some had to be disfellowshipped, why?
13. Is this still a technique Satan uses today? (how)
14. Did the society say Armageddon would happen in 1975?
15. How did "The Truth that Leads to Eternal Life" book provide valuable help?
16. Why did they change from an "overseer" or "congregation servant?"

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Chapter 9

Jehovah's Word Keeps Moving Speedily

1. What did Paul find that helped him to successfully proclaim Jehovah's word?
2. How long is 3 decades?
3. Subtract the number of witnesses Brother Knorr saw in 1976 from when he began in 1942?
4. What major adjustment was made in 1976?
5. How has the society helped youths to obey 2 Timothy 2:22?
6. In the 1980's what problem came up and how did the brothers help us?
7. Do a biography on Brother Franz. (2 pages minimum, size 12 font, list resources).
8. Why was "Enjoy Life on Earth Forever!" created?
9. How has Jehovah made sure nobody is left out? (Rev. 7:9)
10. Do a graph combining the growth of pioneers, growth of the Bethel Family, Growth of congregations, and increase of Kingdom Proclaimers.
11. Why is there such an emphasis on training schools for the elders, Ministerial servants, and pioneers?
12. What is MEPS?
13. What happened to our brothers in Eastern Europe?
14. Do we worship the governing body?
15. Are we a sect?
16. Why do you personally think that no government or religious group has stopped the preaching work?

Chapter 10

Growing in Accurate Knowledge of the Truth

1. What makes us different than other religions? (2 paragraphs)
2. Why did brother Russell refer to things as "present truth?"
3. How many men wrote the bible?
4. How long did it take to write the bible?
5. How long is a century?
6. How many books make up the bible?
7. What accounts for the harmony throughout the bible?
8. What does our very well being depend on?
9. Why don't we believe in the trinity or immortality of the soul? Use scriptures and ill or logical reasoning.
10. Where do these beliefs come from?
11. Why do we need humility if we are going to continue to grow spiritually?
12. Why have the brothers had to correct beliefs? Illustrate.
13. What did the brother originally think about 1914, but what did they come to understand?
14. Are the Jews going to be a special nation for Jehovah again? Explain.
15. On page 143, what shows that no matter how long you've been in the truth, if you're not careful you can be led astray?
16. Use an example from pages 144-145 and write a skit about how someone could be led astray.
17. How do the decisions in the governing body mimic apostle times?
18. Why doesn't a brother's name appear on each magazine or book as an author?
19. What does "relative subjection" mean?
20. What is "Babylon the Great?"
21. What does "getting out of her" entail?
22. Why do we make adjustments?

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Chapter 11

How We Came to Be Known as Jehovah's Witnesses

1. What were some of the names that the early Christians congregations were called?
2. Where did apostates come from?
3. In time what did the word Christian come to mean?
4. Why didn't we like being called Russellites?
5. Why did we need to take Jehovah's name on?
6. What responsibility comes with our name?

Chapter 12

The Great Crowd To Live in Heaven? Or on Earth?

1. Most witnesses have what hope?
2. What is the "little flock" and how many are in it? What are they to do?
3. What happened to many of the brothers when they preached to the clergy?
4. Jehonadab = who?
5. Jehu = who?
6. Who does Jehovah approve of?
7. Do we decide who goes to heaven or lives on Earth?

Chapter 13

Recognized By Our Conduct

1. What does the statement of Samuel Miller mean on page 172?
2. Why do witnesses have morals and what does that mean?
3. Is sexual morality a private matter?
4. What is polygamy and what's Jehovah's opinion on it?
5. What is "incompatibility"?
6. How does Jehovah feel about divorces?
7. Why is honesty so important in family life?
8. What if you had been a thief but now you know that was wrong what would you need to do to get Jehovah's favor?
9. Why don't we participate in the lottery?
10. What word is derived from "pharmakia" that we use today?
11. Why is the saying, "using drugs only hurts me; it's my body," not reflecting Jehovah's feelings?
12. What is the Society's or Biblical view of drinking?
13. Why wouldn't we support the anti-salon League? (use scriptures)
14. Why wouldn't we abort a pregnancy?
15. Would we take blood if it means our lives? (use scriptures)
16. How has Jehovah's organization helped us in this regard?
17. How do the elders help keep the congregation clean and with what goals in mind?
18. What does putting on the new personality mean?

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Chapter 14

They Are No Part of the World

1. Why will Jehovah's Witnesses not adopt the holidays to make our religion acceptable to the world?
2. Why has Christendom been identified with "Babylon the Great?"
3. Why did one that desired to be a witness have to write a "letter of withdrawal" from their previous religion instead of not just leaving and never go back?
4. Does the Bible encourage disrespect of the government? Explain.
5. When would be the only time we would disobey the government?
6. What did the witnesses learn about neutrality causing what changes by WWII?
7. Look up in a yearbook and give an example of what some witnesses went through because of their neutrality stand?
8. Why wouldn't Jehovah's Witnesses say "Heil Hitler?"
9. Why won't we salute the flag or sing a song like "My Country Tis of Thee?"
10. Would we spit on a flag?
11. Why did the witnesses stop celebrating Christmas?
12. Are we against fun?

Chapter 15

Development of the Organization Structure

1. What is sectarianism?
2. What are some of the names the congregations were called and why?
3. Why was there a need for elders?
4. What do Branch offices do?
5. How come the society started supervising territories?
6. How did Jehovah correct the elders who thought not everyone should preach?
7. Answer all V. D. M. questions on page 215, except 20 and 21.
8. Why was making sure the congregation was "Theocratic or God ruled" important?
9. Why would the congregations not prosper with out central supervision? Where did they get the instructions to do so?
10. What happens if you don't keep up with the changes made because the light gets brighter?
11. What does brusque mean?
12. Did Brother Rutherford want to be a leader and have people look up to him?
13. What were pilgrims and what do we call them today?
14. How were pilgrims paid?
15. What qualities besides self-sacrificing would you say these brothers showed and why?
16. What divisions do we have today?
17. What are "zone assemblies"?
18. Define "Gestapo."
19. Locate Zimbabwe on a globe tell what latitude and longitude it is at.
20. Draw a picture of what you think a circuit overseer in Zimbabwe had to go through to get to the brothers?
21. Why should money not be a factor in being used in the organization?
22. Why is the Jehovah's Witnesses corporation known as International Bible Students in England?
23. As the society grew bigger, what challenges faced the brothers?
24. How have they tried to meet the challenges? (be specific-tell names of classes and what's involved in them)
25. Do we have different standards or teachings depending on where we live?
26. Find an old Aid to Bible Understanding, look in the back and copy the portable tabernacle or temple the Israelites had to move around the desert.
27. Why did the Governing Body see the need to make changes in the oversight of the congregations? In the Governing Body?
28. Why were these changes good?
29. How do you know that Jehovah through Jesus is directing our work?

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Chapter 16

Meetings For Worship, Instruction, and Encouragement

1. No matter where you are in the world you'll find how many meetings for how many hours?
2. In the beginning when there weren't many congregations, what did Brother Russell Urge followers to do?
3. What do we call that meeting now?
4. Tell how meetings have changed through the years.
5. What was special about Nisan 14 and how has the celebration changed through the years?
6. Even during WWII how did the brothers manage to celebrate the memorial?
7. How did the brothers come to realize they needed to take care of the young ones also?
8. Why shouldn't kids be separated from the adults at the meetings? (use scriptures)
9. How through the years has the society helped us with preaching?
10. Are Jehovah's Witnesses a secret society?
11. List and draw a sample of different things or techniques used to publish the good news.
12. Why don't we make ornate and pretentious places of worship?
13. Define ornate and pretentious.
14. When was the "Watchtower" introduced at the meetings?
15. Why was it important to get the congregations all studying the same information at the same time?
16. What are some things that some witnesses do to get to their meetings and why?

Chapter 17

Conventions Proof of Our Brotherhood

1. When were the first recorded assemblies?
2. Get a copy of a U.S. and world map and mark assemblies and their name, dates, how long it lasted, and when possible attendance at the assemblies.
3. What are some unique ways the assemblies have been broadcasted?
4. How have physical needs been cared for?
5. What is an international convention?
6. Mark on a map the international conventions by highlighting them in yellow.
7. While at these conventions what special arrangements were made for the visiting delegates, as regards to travel accommodations, food arrangements, sight seeing, and so forth?
8. Who pays for the visiting delegates accommodations?
9. Why should you ask before going to an international convention?

Chapter 18

"Seeking First the Kingdom"

1. Is the 1st sentence in this chapter in harmony with what you know? If so, prove it.
2. What is haberdashery?
3. What qualities do you see in a colporteur?
4. How were they provided for?
5. Define: Dengue fever, Malaria, Typhoid.
6. Are we forced to preach and what type of treatment do we expect?
7. Are any of Jehovah's witnesses exempt from field service?
8. Why did some elders think that they should not have to go out and preach?
9. Why should publishers qualify before going out in service?
10. What are the qualifications for becoming a publisher?
11. What does Jehovah consider about each of us?
12. Should we compare what we do with others?
13. Why is self-sacrificing not an excuse for neglecting our other responsibilities?
14. People who go to Bethel should expect what?
15. What is a special pioneer?

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Chapter 19

Growing Together in Love

1. How do you grow in love?
2. How is this different than the love showed by the world?
3. Is there anything wrong with using the services provided by the government?
4. Why would we use these provisions if we believe that only God's Kingdom will solve our problems?
5. If someone is infirm or elderly, how may assistance be given and in what order?
6. Look up in the June 15, 1989, Watchtower about what the brothers went through in the Mauthausen concentration camp in Austria. How did the brothers come to their aid?
7. What are repatriates?
8. Show how brothers helped despite different events? List examples.
9. Do they exclude others who aren't witnesses?
10. What have we done for our brothers who've been terribly persecuted?

Chapter 20

Building Together On A Global Scale

1. Where have brother met in the past?
2. Why do we call our places of worship Kingdom Halls?
3. What were a couple of them called in the past?
4. How have the building projects helped others come to know of Jehovah?
5. In 1987, how did the organization help organize the building work?
6. While some Kingdom Halls are built fast, what's always considered?
7. Why have Jehovah's Witnesses built some assembly halls?
8. Why have the witnesses had to go court?
9. What does the word Bethel mean?
10. Why have they constantly had to increase the Bethel sites?
11. How did the scriptures indicated this would happen?
12. How do Jehovah's Witnesses' work sites compare with worldly worksites?
13. Since witnesses aren't perfect, how did the brothers in Japan add a little humor to help brothers remember to show our Christian qualities?

Chapter 21

How Is It All Financed?

1. Why unlike other religions do we not pass collection plates?
2. Why don't we tithe?
3. Why do we take voluntary donations?
4. How have donations and voluntary offerings been used?
5. Why might the elders request you to write an amount you feel you will donate on paper without your name on it?
6. What does 2 Corinthians 8:14-15 mean?
7. Why doesn't the society go to banks?
8. At one time, why did the brothers and sisters suggest an amount to contribute for the literature?
9. In 1943, what did the Supreme court rule and why?
10. In 1990, what changes were made to our accepting money?
11. On your world map that you have already made, draw a little house where each Bethel house is located. (don't forget to add this to your legend)

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Chapter 22

Witnesses To The Most Distant Part Of The Earth

1. What ingenious ways have been used to spread the good news? (this covers the whole chapter)
2. Why do you think "the number began to dwindle" when told, to be a true witness you need to tell others about what you are learning?
3. What was special about the "Photo Drama of Creation?" What was it about?
4. What is a resolution?
5. On your map, mark Brother Cook's witnessing path with a Star, mark Brother Wright's and Brother Skinner's path with an *, mark Brother Brown's path with a ∴. (don't forget to add to your legend)
6. How do these compare with the amount of territory we have to cover today?
7. Part 3 What are some techniques witnesses used to preach even though persecution was terrible at the time?
8. Despite persecution and bans, what did the witnesses do to help make sure they met and had literature?
9. Part 4 What is animism?
10. What is amulets?
11. Give two examples of different ways of preaching that has paid off?
12. What are literacy classes?
13. Why did the society see a need to screen baptismal candidates?
14. Watch the video "New World Society in Action" and do a video report on it?
15. What does consternation mean?
16. What main religion keeps bringing persecution to the witnesses?
17. Why do you think the clergy had the government pass a law making it illegal to own a bible?
18. Even though the government and the clergy constantly imprisoned the witnesses to stop preaching, how did it backfire?
19. How did some witnesses copy Paul's example at 1 Corinthians 9:22-23, in Canada?
20. Part 5 Why do we keep going back to people?
21. Why work so hard to reach people with the good news?
22. What methods are being used to reach people with the good news?
23. How do we know every part of the Earth is being reached with the good news? (use scriptures and give examples)
24. Look in the latest magazine or yearbook and find out if we have expanded into other languages and lands?

Chapter 23

Missionaries Push Worldwide Expansion

1. What is Gilead School and how long does it last?
2. What is the cost?
3. What is the purpose of the class?
4. What happens after someone graduates from this school?
5. How many people go to a class?
6. What's the difference between Christendom's missionaries and our Gilead graduates?
7. What is life like when they get to their assignments?
8. What did they do to help students learn the new language?
9. Why go to so much trouble to learn the new language?
10. Why would it be important for Gilead students to learn local customs?
11. Write down your favorite experience from this chapter?
12. What's the difference between a colporteur and a missionary?
13. Why were they expelled from countries sometimes?
14. Who often instigated the persecution?
15. What is the MTS or Ministerial Training School?
16. Why do missionaries say the 1st year is the hardest?

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Chapter 24

By Human Power? Or By God's Spirit?

1. How do we know it has to be Jehovah's blessing our work?
2. Do you think we could preach to the whole world with out Jehovah's help?
3. The apostles Jesus chose had what kind of jobs?
4. What is unique about our religious organization?
5. How did Acts 5:38-39 prove true regarding Hitler's regime?

Chapter 25

Preaching Publicly and From House To House

1. What does preaching mean as Jesus meant it?
2. How did he demonstrate this in his life?
3. How did Brother Russell answer the objection "This is not preaching?"
4. Why did radio broadcasting help many?
5. In 1927, why did some leave the congregations?
6. What shows Jehovah approved of this?
7. What is a testimony card?
8. How were phonograph records used?
9. What was a sound car?
10. Where did people think the voice came from:
11. What is a placard?
12. Draw a picture of one.
13. In 1962, why were we encouraged to keep going back to people at their homes?
14. Why do witnesses find it necessary to find some way to share their faith?
30. Why do we need to be thorough in our record keeping?
16. Why don't we stop preaching even if the court says we have to?
17. Why did the brothers sell WBBR?
18. What does the Greek word for teaching mean?

Chapter 26

Producing Bible Literature For Use In The Ministry

1. Why didn't Jehovah just let us tell people his requirements by word of mouth?
2. Why did the brothers want to be free from commercial manufacturers?
3. What were some of the challenges the brothers had to deal with to keep printeries running?
4. What are some of the ways Jehovah has blessed the printing work?

Chapter 27

Printing and Distributing God's Own Sacred Word

1. What is the objective of most witnesses?
2. What does that motivate them to do?
3. Why doesn't the New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures have an authors name in it?
4. How many languages has it been translated into?
5. What accounts for differences in how some bibles read?
6. What's so special about the New World Translation?
7. How did the translators know where Jehovah's name should have been?
8. Why have so many bibles been printed?
9. How have computers helped the society?

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Chapter 28

Testing and Sifting From Within

1. What purpose does threshing and winnowing serve?
2. Why wasn't Jesus' teachings always liked?
3. Why didn't Brother Russell want to be called Father, Reverend or by any other titles?
4. When those who leave Jehovah's organization and start their own group always fail. Why do they always fail?
5. Give examples of those in the bible that have had to wait on Jehovah to explain things clearer to them?
6. Why should our faith not be shaken if we don't see something fulfilled when we think it should be?

Chapter 29

Objects of Hatred By All The Nations

1. Why were Russell's teachings such a threat to the clergy?
10. Why did the clergy's efforts to discredit Brother Russell not work?
3. What did they try next?
4. Watch the "Purple Triangle," "Stand Firm," and "Faithful Under Trial." Do summaries on these.
11. What did Jehovah's Witnesses have to wear on their uniforms when they were in the concentration camps? Describe the uniform and any thing on it. Draw a picture.
6. Why did Hitler not like Jehovah's Witnesses?
7. How can we learn from what our brothers and sisters went through during Hitler's reign?
8. According to Matthew 24:22, what should we do to prepare ourselves?
9. When Jehovah's Witnesses were in captivity during Hitler's rule, why did officials and others want only witnesses to do certain things for them? Give examples.
10. How did the witnesses show true love for each other?
11. Why did the efforts of the Nazis to separate the witnesses backfire?
12. What religion constantly instigated the riots against the witnesses?
13. Define a Jesuit priest?
14. What happened to Jehovah's Witnesses who refused to salute the flag?

Chapter 30

Defending and Legally Establishing the Good News

1. Define sedition.
2. How have the courts been used by Jehovah?
3. How have we proved to be like a swarm of locust?
4. What purpose did the Kings Theatre serve?
5. Was Adolph Hitler ever given a witness? If so, how?
6. How have the brothers helped their spiritual brothers when they were being persecuted relentlessly?
7. Why don't we go to seminaries to get theological degrees as ministers?
8. Why do we not need to ask for permission to preach the good news?
9. What have officials been forced to admit regarding liberties or rights in the courts?

Chapter 31

How Chosen and Led By God

1. Why did Jehovah perform supernatural signs for the Israelites?
2. Is Jehovah flexible in his standards of worship? (use scriptures)
3. How do we know that the Israelites are not his chosen ones anymore?
4. What would be the identifying mark of the true religion?
5. Did Brother Russell ever claim to be our leader?
6. How does Jehovah lead us today?
7. Why didn't Jehovah reveal all things to us back in 1914?
8. Is the "truth" changing? Explain