

Our thought is, that 1925 is definitely settled by the Scriptures. As to Noah, the Christian now has much more upon which to base his faith than Noah had upon which to base his faith in a coming deluge.

The deluge came however, and Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob didn't, so we must conclude Noah based his faith on something (or should we say 'Someone') much more substantial than Watchtower interpretations of scripture.

The year 1925 is here. With great expectation Christians have looked forward to this year. Many have confidently expected that members of the body of Christ will be changed to heavenly glory during this year. This may be accomplished. It may not be. In his own due time God will accomplish his purposes concerning his people. Christians should no be so deeply concerned about what may transpire this year. (The Watchtower, 1/1/25, p. 3)

Finally, Rutherford concluded:

There was a measure of disappointment on the part of Jehovah's faithful ones on earth concerning the years 1914, 1918 and 1925, which disappointment lasted for a time. Later the faithful learned that these dates were definitely fixed in the Scriptures; and they also learned to quit fixing dates for the future and predicting what would come to pass on a certain date, but to rely (and they do rely) upon the Word of God as to the events that must come to pass. (Vindication, 1931, pp. 338, 339)

Would it be fair to conclude that "the faithful" didn't learn their lesson on not fixing dates very well in view of the 1975 episode?

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Honest Questions for an Honest Jehovah's Witness

Dear Jehovah's Witness, please take time right now to give some thought to these questions. Our desire is that you will seriously consider these matters, and take in accurate knowledge that can lead to eternal life. An honest-hearted student of the scriptures should not be afraid to look at facts. "Make sure of all things; hold fast to what is fine." (1 Thessalonians 5:21 NWT). Please keep the following Watchtower Society statement in mind as you read this tract:

"Men not only contradict God, they contradict one another. How can they be reliable guides—unless their words are based on God's words? But how can you know whether they are or not? By going directly to God's Word as your source of authority. Search for yourself and let God be true!" (Awake! May 22, 1963, p. 31).

1. What would you do if it could be shown from the New World Translation that Jesus is Almighty God? Almighty Jehovah God is the Alpha and the Omega (Revelation 1:8). Jesus is the First and the Last who was once dead and is now alive (Revelation 1:17, 18). Now turn to Revelation 22:12 which tells of one who is coming quickly. Who is this? Why it is Jesus of course. He says in vs. 13 *"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."* Certainly there can't be two Alpha and Omega's! Because the Alpha and Omega is Jehovah God we must conclude that Jehovah God is Jesus. Those who would claim that there must be 2 "Alpha & Omega's" and 2 "First & Last's" had better look at Isaiah 44:6 where Jehovah of armies says *"I am the first and I am the last, and besides me there is no God."*

2. How can it be said that the wicked dead are simply put out of existence when Jesus said of Judas, *"It would have been finer for that man if he had not been born."* (Mark 14:21)? If the end were no different from the beginning for Judas, why did Jesus speak of him in this way? Also, the fate of certain wicked ones is described in Revelation 14:11 (NWT) in this way, *"And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever, and day and night they have no rest ..."*

3. Matthew 28:19 (NWT) tells us "Go therefore and make disciples of people of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the holy spirit," Does this make sense? "... baptizing them in the name of the Father and of Michael the archangel and of the impersonal active force of God." This is exactly what you end up with when you substitute Watchtower teachings about the Son and Holy Spirit into this verse! Do you see the problem(s)? More information can be found in questions 5 and 6.

4. Can a person honestly say that he knows he has eternal (everlasting) life and still be scriptural? The answer is found in 1 John 5:11-13: *"And this is the witness given, that God gave us everlasting life, and this life is in him Son. He that has the Son has this life: he that doesn't not have the Son of God does not have this life. I write You these things that you may know that You have life everlasting, You who put Your faith in the name of the Son of God."* (NWT). Notice it says "know." Would you like to know you have everlasting life? You can if you have the Son of God in your life. If you know him personally through faith (see John 10:4,5 & 17:3) then you will have eternal life. Receive Him by faith today (John 1:12). Don't delay.

5. Would you agree that men and angels are only supposed to worship Jehovah God??

The NWT tell us in Luke 4:8, "... *It is Jehovah your God you must alone you must render sacred service.*" Isn't it interesting then that the NWT also declares in Hebrews 1:6 *"But when he again brings his First-born into the inhabited earth, he says: 'And let all God's angels worship him.'*" And wasn't Thomas really worshipping him when he said, *"My Lord and my God!"* (John 20:28)? If this was just an exclamation of surprise, then shouldn't Jesus have rebuked him for taking the Lord's name in vain? We see in the next verse that Jesus accepted the statement that Thomas made as a statement of fact. There was no argument from Jesus. He knew who He was!

6. Is the idea that the Holy Spirit is the impersonal active force of God even supported by the NWT? In Acts 13:2 we read: *"... the holy spirit said: 'Of all persons set Bar'nabas and Saul apart for me for the work to which I have called them.'*" Notice that the Holy Spirit was the One doing the talking, and that He used the personal pronouns "me" and "I". (It should also be pointed out that you can't grieve, quench, insult, or blaspheme the impersonal law of gravity, but you can the Holy Spirit. Why? Because He's a person!)

7. What is the gospel that you preach from door-to-door? There is a very important warning in Galatians 1:8 *"However, even if we or an angel out of heaven were to declare to You as good news something beyond what we declared to You as good news, let him be accursed."* So is the "Watchtower gospel" the same as the gospel (good news) that the Apostle Paul taught? In 1 Corinthians 15:1, 3-4 we read: *"Now I make known to You, brothers, the good news which I declared to You, ... For I handed on to You, a among the first things, that which I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that he was buried, yes, that he has been raised up the third day according to the Scriptures;"* (NWT). Look in the WTBS' Aid to Bible Understanding and see if the Watchtower gospel is the same as that of the Apostle Paul (who also gave the Galatians 1:8 warning).

8. Is it true that Christ's 1,000 year rule can not be reckoned from September of 1975 because there is a time lapse of unknown duration between the creation of Adam and the creation of Eve? AWAKE! (10/8/68, p. 14) tells us that the creation of Adam and Eve was in 4026 B.C.E.. All doubt should be eliminated (from the standpoint of Watchtower publications) by looking at two other books. The NWT (Genesis 5:3) declares: *"And Adam lived on for a hundred and thirty years. Then he became father to a son in his likeness, in his image, and called his name Seth."* The Aid to Bible Understanding (p. 538) ties the knot by stating: *"At the age 130 another son was born to her. Eve called his name Seth, ..."* Because Adam and Eve were both 130 years old when Seth was born, the time lapse had to be less than one year! We can only conclude then that The Watchtower (10/1/75, p. 579) has been proven wrong from other official publications when it said:

Does this mean, then, that mankind has now reached 6,000 years into the 7,000-year period that God 'blessed and made sacred' as his great 'rest day,' is to be reckoned from September 1975? - Gen. 1:27, 31; 2:2,3; Rev. 20:1-6

No, it does not mean that. Why not? Well, the Bible record shows that God's creations on the 'day' just preceding that 7,000-year 'rest day' did not end with Adam creation. It shows a time lapse between the creation of Adam and that of his wife, Eve. During that time, God had Adam name the animals. Whether that period amounted to weeks or months or years, we do not know. So we do not know exactly when Jehovah great 'rest day' began, nor do we know exactly when it will end.

9. Whatever happened to 1925? In the book Millions Now Living Will Never Die (1920, p. 88), by J. F. Rutherford, we read:

The chief thing to be restored is the human race to life; and since other Scriptures definitely fix the fact that there will be a resurrection of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and other faithful ones of old, and that these will have the first favor, we may expect 1925 to witness the return of these faithful men of Israel from the condition of death, being resurrected and fully restored to perfect humanity and made the visible, legal representatives of the new order of things on earth.

A few years later The Watchtower reemphasized the date when it stated: *"The date 1925 is even more distinctly indicated by the Scriptures than 1914."* (9/1/22, p. 262). If this was not enough, The Watchtower (4/1/23, p. 106) declared: