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"GOD'S SONS OF LIBERTY" DISTRICT ASSEMBLY
In all probability, Jehovah’s Witnesses have been among the most misunderstood and misrepresented religious groups. Jehovah’s Witnesses are right to expect their critics to agree with them and absorb common misunderstandings. A conversation between a householder and Witness might go as follows:

**HOUSEHOLDER:** "Is it true the Bible says: "WITNESSES ARE A FUNDAMENTAL輛 THINKER"?"

**WITNESS:** "Many people make the mistake of considering Jehovah’s Witnesses a fundamentalist religion. A fundamentalist is a person who takes the Bible as an absolute authority, presupposing that no other sign was seen in heaven, and, look! a great fiery-color dressed like a man with ten horns and upon her heads seven crowns and upon her head a diadem and a great cloud with a fiery-lit dragon with seven heads and ten horns and upon the head of the woman a crown of precious stones given by the inspired writer. In fact, he cleans up the matter by starting with the 'great' one. Then, verse 9 that follows, 'then saw I another sign in heaven, by stating it is the 'original serpent,' then verse 11 that follows, 'and Serpent who is misleading the whole inhabited earth.' So the Bible itself speaks in another passage and in that verse the words have not been directly understood to be Satan the Devil."

**HOUSEHOLDER:** "The fundamentalist is of the belief that every word in the Bible, including its parables, has a literal meaning. It seems that you are interchanging expressions of various prophecies as contained in the book of Revelation. The Bible is saying that Jehovah’s Witnesses do not accept Jesus as a divine being, and the Witnesses use symbolic expressions and Jehovah’s Witnesses are not the only group of many of the illustrations that he used. Hence, they are not a fundamentalist."

**WITNESS:** "No, the whole truth is, we reject the historical accounts of the Bible as being myths or far-fetched stories, and all the accounts, such as that of creation, are not meant to be taken beyond the modern day. The detailed accuracy of the Bible’s accounts concerning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, the Noahic flood, and the全国各地版 find and the Bible records have proven true. We accept the entire Bible as the inspired Word of God."

**HOUSEHOLDER:** "Is YOUR SUNDAY MORNING DOOR-TO-DOOR MISSIONARY ACTIVITY PERMITTED SO AS TO DECLARE THE GOOD NEWS FROM ATTENDING CHURCH?"

**WITNESS:** "Definitely not. Sunday School is not a Bible class. It is to be the time when most of Jehovah’s Witnesses would feel free to engage in the public ministry and it is proving to be a time wherein most of Jehovah’s Witnesses come back home. Our interest in calling at the door is not to promote the command of Jesus recorded at Matthew 28:19-20. It is also the time when most of the kingdom will be preached in all the inhabited earth for a witness to all the nations and then the end will come. In the name of God, it is.advice for our neighbor, it is a loving gesture on our part to call at the door to get to know them better with them. We believe very firmly that God’s kingdom will bring a world order of peace and happiness to this earth, and that means that Jehovah’s Witnesses have much that have interest in mind, and they do not wish to lose what the Bible has to say about it."

**HOSUEHOUSE:** "WHY DO YOU SEND YOUR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL WITH THOSE MAGAZINES? IS IT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR SYM-PATHIES?"

**WITNESS:** "No, we do not neglect our child as a neighbor. Rather, we have a scriptural obligation to train them in the things of righteousness. The principle is, a matter of salvation. We must train our children as youths for great work in life and as adults. A parent who wants his child to be proficient in music or Bible knowledge, the younger gen- eration is only two or three years away from this. They must know how to be a blessing to their fellow man and able to make a contribu- tion to the kingdom community in right conduct. When they call on the aged or sick or whoever, they are being both trained and prepared to be a blessing to the rest of part that is life helping other people. More than anything else, the Bible tells us to be like our Almighty God Jehovah. If they recognize and acknowledge the following:"

**WHO IS GOD?**

The Almighty God is Jehovah. His name is Jehovah. Jehovah is the AUTHORIZED (KING JAMES) VERSION Bible. Jehovah is referred to as Jehovah and 3:18. In the original Hebrew "Jehovah" occurs over 6,900 times.

Jehovah is not a nameless God, but a God with a name, a nameless Messiah. By his name, Jehovah, he is the God-given name of all the gods of heathen- dom.

**WHO IS JESUS CHRIST?**

Jesus Christ, a created indivi- dual, is the second greatest work of God in the Bible. Jesus was formed countless millen- niums ago as the first and only direct creation by his father, Jehovah. (Colossians 1:15-17). Be- cause of his infinite divinity, Jesus was appointed as the Father’s Third and Chief Agent of life toward mankind. (Ephesians 1:22-23) Philippians 2:5, 10; Acts 4:12) Jesus is Jehovah’s Chief Witness and is the key to the Revelation 2:14, "the faithful and true wit- ness of Jehovah's mission as the crea- tion by God."

**WHAT IS JEHOVAH'S?**

A witness is one who has knowledge of something and tells others about it. Like Jesus, Jehovah’s name in Hebrew means Jehovah. Jehovah is the name of the modern Witnesses of Jehovah’s Witnesses. Jehovah is the only name that Jehovah’s Witnesses use as the one Almighty God. They do not claim that Jesus act- ually teach his Word as the only true guide to godly living. And, like their Father, Jehovah and Jesus Christ, the modern Wit- nesses do not claim to have the lives to their service and their spiritual mission. Jehovah is the name Jehovah’s Witnesses use. **WHAT IS TRUE CHRISTIAN WORSHIP?**

True worship means to have and to exercise accurate knowl- edge of the identity of Jehovah and his Son, Christ Jesus. (John 17:3). To experi- ence true worship is doing what the everlasting life, a human must be engaged in activities of this kind. So, it is right to understand that this kind of problem as juvenile delinquents. But, Jesus said, "Do not suppose that I have come to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I have come to fulfill the Law (Matthew 5:17).

They are the only ones to receive the mortal man, besides this "little flock" Jesus declared. "And I have other sheep that are not of this fold; those also I must bring, and they will listen to my voice, and they will become one flock, one shepherd." — John 10:16.

So, with the church Jesus referred to as a "new home," they are referred to as faithfult Witnesses. At Isaiah 43:10, 20-21 it is written: "You are my witnesses, says Jehovah; you have been from my ear since I have formed you. . . . I, Jehovah, and I am God." Hardy would one refer to the only re- members having the name of the Bible as being as a new religion. Jehovah’s Witnesses are also referred to as "the faithfult Witnesses." In truth, Jehovah’s Witnesses are also referred to as "the faithfult Witnesses." You will be witness- of me . . . to the most holy name of Jehovah (Isaiah 43:18, 20). "The modern-day history of Jehovah’s Witnesses goes back to the latter part of the 19th century, when a person called Charles Taze Russell founded the Watchtower, has been in continuous circulation for the past 87 years."

**HOUSEHOLDER:** "I AM TOLD THAT PEOPLE ARE GROWN ANICATS!"

**WITNESS:** "Webster's dictionary contains the definition of a fanatic as one who is unreasonably enthusias- tic or overly zealous! This is not true of Jehovah’s Witnesses because they are really, really zealous on their approach and belief in their religion. They are more realists than other religious groups but it is within reason in that such a religious group to the ministry to the extent that his present circumstances. Some are able to spend only a few hours a month in the ministry, whereas others are able to devote many more Al- though, they are not all of the same degree of faith and put forth much more effort than many others do, they do not do as much as the expense of neglecting their own family responsibilities and the caring for financial needs for their own families and in- ternal pursuits within the family. They are a happy, normal people that have full faith in God's Word."

**Hosuehouse:** "Some of Jehovah's Witnesses as fanatics would mean Jesus, the apostles and early Witnesses were fanatics. Rather, they were dedicated to the carrying out of the commandments of Jehovah and Jehovah’s Witnesses seek to comply with the New Testament, and conscientious Christians. I hope that some misunderstandings have been cleared up in your mind."
The problems of living in this second half of the twentieth century are not confined to any one group.

The rise of crime, the plague of delinquency, the corruption of government, all threaten to the welfare of the people, not only to anyone’s conscience. There is a common grounds upon which all people in any activity that makes a forthright appraisal of and at-tack the seriousness of the problems. No one conscious of the needs of his country, his issues can afford to disregard and any area of potential improvement.

Let us consider some of the problems of the day to which we all need an answer:

**Do there any useful purpose be served in trying to promote better understanding of the moral code?** Appearance appears to be the accepted norm?

It is commonly argued that Bible principles of chastity and morality are too extreme. A clergyman recently stated when questioned about pre-marital sex relations, “I prob-ably would say go ahead. I don’t think God’s going to get his blessing but it’s gone mine.” Would it not be better to draw support from the principles of morality held by the same kind of people we would respect? How much change is there of effecting any of them? Are they worth preserving?

May we illustrate this with another example? The Bible is condemned by the Bible, yet there is still plausibility if you go about it. Would it be reasonable to contend that since there has never been a society that put no point in trying to maintain lawfulness, society is no common sense we all make it a lawful and accep-table custom?

Obviously our economic system is not going to continue to be enjoyed and dishonesty, especially in government, were ever sanction activities. Again the certain requirement of law and morality had better, but no and there is not a very sound reason for abandoning.

The same is true of sexual morality. While the Biblical routes have been observed, this does not prove that they are not the proper rules.

The history of nations proves the contrary. Great powers as the Romans, which flourished during the period when families were kept to-gether and united. When vice and shamelessness has snared the vitality of the people, their governments went into a de-cline and eventually perished. The so-called “new morality code” is hardly new when history shows it to have the same pattern of morality that ruined Rome 16 centuries ago. It is really an old and discredited product repackaged and label-ed.

At the personal level, sexual immorality has led to spiraling figures for venereal diseases, especially among teen-agers. High school pregnancies have reached the point of overcrowd-ing all facilities for their care. Consider the toll in broken lives of these young women. And what about the thousands of unwanted babies born to live out their lives in orphanages and foster homes. As they get into the same delinquent pattern of im-

morality. And so society be-comes increasingly burdened with a cost that is quite capable of caring for it-self or becoming established.

Would it not be better to draw support from the principles of morality held by the same kind of people we would respect? Are they worth preserving?

The happy faces of these Christians prove true joy and unity are obtainable. You and I can enjoy friendship and love by being present at the C.N.E. Fairgrounds, June 22-26.

**What is the convention means to you?**

Those Canadians who have been close to the matter of development of civil liberties in this country recognize that the enactment of the Charter of Rights is in large measure due to the untiring efforts of Jehovah’s Witnesses to keep open the right of freedom. With the coming of the Charter the struggle in Quebec during the decades of the 1960’s and 1970’s brought home to thinking Canadians the necessity of protecting their freedom.

The Toronto Daily Star said concerning the Bill of Rights, “The development of this legislation is obvious when one considers the long battle that has had to be fought. For years, the Bill of Rights has been the law of the land — for example in the case of Group of Eight.”

The battle reached its height following World War II when over the years of that war a ten-year period. When the at-tack was made, Jehovah’s Witnesses were at their highest point. The then Bill of Rights to protect them.

Protection for Civil Liberties has been obtained at the cost of taking some action, Jehovah’s Wit-nesses fought through the courts to protect their own liberties. The treasurers have been taken through all the courts to the nation’s highest tribunal, the Supreme Court of Canada.

The first major case was Bouvée v. The King, which arose out of a charge of sedi-tious libel. The case was argued twice in the Supreme Court and resulted in a decision in favour of Jehovah’s Witnesses that overruled and made obsolete the standard legal references. So important was the victory that Dean Bowker, head of the Uni-verse and China Law School, stated: “A judgment like Bouvee v. The King is worth a dozen declarations of the right of free speech.”

Hard on the heels of the above case came the decision in Summ v. Quebec, where the Su-preme Court again maintained the argument of Jehovah’s Wit-nesses and granted an injunction against a censorship law of the City of Quebec that demand-ed that religious literature be approved by the chief of police before it could be distributed. This injunction against censor-

ship was another decision that protected freedom of press and of worship.

In the further case of Chapt. v. Rowan, Jehovah’s Witnesses again successfully appealed to the Supreme Court, and the Que-bec Provincial Police were roundly condemned for interfer-ing with freedom of assembly and freedom of worship.

The unbroken string of victo ries continued in the next ap-peal, Lamb v. Benoît, where the Supreme Court confirmed un-lawful and discriminatory police action. In a second decision re-nowned in the book (January 27, 1959), Maurice Duplessis, dictator-atorial premier of Quebec, was condemned personally to pay his morality, but it is part of the dismal picture that has too often been exposed in Quebec in rec-ept years. Miss Lam, another Jehovah’s Witness, was illegally arrested, held over the week end without any charge being laid against her, not allowed to tele-phone a lawyer, and then offered her freedom on condition she sign a document releasing the police from all responsibility for the way they had treated her. When reading such a story one can believe that innocent victims have been simi-larly treated by the police but have not found the courage and the backing to push the matter through to final victory—in this instance 12 years after the ar-rest had taken place. We should be grateful that we have in this country some victims of state control who are determined to protect their rights. Their victory is the victory for us all.”

The same writer said later, “Five of the victims whose cases reached the Supreme Court of Canada in the last decade, and who have contributed so greatly to the clarification of our law, were Jehovah’s Witnesses.” An- other legal commentator writing in the FACULTY OF LAW REVIEW, University of Toronto, described Jehovah’s Witnesses as “the group most responsible for buttressing the privileges of citizenship.”

It becomes clear from state-ments of recognized authori-ties that Jehovah’s Witnesses, as a minority, fighting against great odds, have by their cour-ageous stand made a major con-trIBUTION TO CANADIAN freedom, to the extent that their victory is a victory for the liberty of the people of Canada. Freedom of worship, press, speech, and assembly have all been protected through the cases of Jehovah’s Witnesses.

Never underestimate the con-trIBUTION OF A RELIGIOUS MINORITY that sticks to its principles. The very Bill of Rights, which is a protection to all Canadians, has largely resulted from the work of Jehovah’s Witnesses.

DELINQUENCY AT BOTH THE ADULT AND JUVENILE LEVELS WHAT IS THE FELON OF THE DAY, WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT IT?

Delinquency is defined as “falling in duty.” At the juvenile level it is seen in the figures of crime, violence and irresponsibility. “The world owes me a living” is a commonly accepted concept.

When juvenile delinquency is condemned, let us not lose sight of the fact that “in this in duty” is not confined to the young. How much can we ex-pect of the young when older ones set a bad example? What can we expect of young or old, can be shown where they are delinquent (falling in duty) there must be recogni-tion of the existence of “duty.” “Duty” is not confined to strict legal requirements. There are principles of honesty, decency and straight dealing which are personal duties best remembered and adhered to by a sense of personal responsibility to an ever-living and all-powerful God. His requirements and rights paramount and cannot be overruled. If we would be a reminder of the need to im-

prove — not to lower — our standards.

Jehovah’s Witnesses as a group prove that delinquency can be defeated by adherence to Bible principles.

Come and see for yourself at the C.N.E. Fairgrounds the members of clean, responsible and serious judges who are a pleasure to be with. Family training and discipline speak for themselves by the visible results. They have been taught what duty is.

Similarly among the adults. You will find here intelligence and quiet efficiency that has become a byword in every city where a large convention of Jehovah’s Witnesses is held. No collection is ever taken up and no one is ever charged. Yet everything is done smoothly, rapidly and with a feeling of “falling in duty.” Come and see for yourself at the C.N.E. Fairgrounds the con-trIBUTION OF FAITH and the prac-tical value of adhering to God’s Word.

This convention has some-thing for everyone — old and young, all members of society.
The two large red-brick buildings (upper right) are located at 124 Columbia Heights in Brooklyn, New York. They cover the better part of two city blocks and are 12 stories high. These buildings house the world headquarters of Jehovah's Witnesses and the “Bethel Home”, residence of about 700 men and women who are engaged full time in the Watch Tower Society’s educational work. Every resident is an ordained minister who has dedicated his life to God’s service. They receive their meals and lodging at Bethel, and all, regardless of their assigned duties, receive a $14 per month allowance for personal expenses.

Administrative offices, from which the work of 1,034,263 ministers of Jehovah’s Witnesses is directed through 96 branch organizations in 197 countries and islands throughout the world, are accommodated in the building at the left (rear). World statistics for 1965 list 24,158 congregations. The L-shaped building at the right was built as an annex to the other structure in 1960 to care for the rapid expansion of the preaching work. To reach the entrance, one enters through a wrough-iron gate and proceeds down a 125-foot walk that leads through a beautiful garden decked with a profusion of multi-colored flowers. The name “Bethel” means “House of God”.

Leaving the skyscrapers of Lower Manhattan to enter Brooklyn, either by the Manhattan or Brooklyn Bridges, one will see the two large cream-colored, green-trimmed buildings shown immediately above with the unusual signs, “READ THE WATCHTOWER and Awake!” and “READ GOD’S WORD THE HOLY BIBLE DAILY.” Ideally located, overlooking the New York harbour and close to the best shipping lines in the world, and where they can be seen by thousands of persons every day, these printing factories of Jehovah’s Witnesses daily produce hundreds of thousands of Bibles, books and magazines. In addition to their work as teachers, most of those who live at “Bethel” work here.

Covering two city blocks, the two factories, nine and thirteen storeys high, are joined at the sixth floor by a bridge that spans the street and have a combined floor space of 354,900 square feet. In addition to 16 large rotary presses, they house many smaller printing presses, tintotypes, lindows, material makers and other composing room equipment; graphotype and mailing machines, direct-pressure matrix machines and complete plate-making equipment and bindery facilities. Manured only by volunteer workers, this equipment last year produced 901,209 Bibles; 4,774, 406 books; 10,792,513 booklets; 154,805,296 advertising leaflets and 90,978,333 tracts, calendars and miscellaneous printing.

In addition to the above, the 18 rotary magazine presses printed 141,412,715 copies of the WATCHTOWER and Awake! magazines, consuming 9,828 tons of paper and 157 tons of ink in the process. The fact that Bibles and literature are produced in 164 languages further emphasizes the worldwide activity of Jehovah’s Witnesses.

Addressing the 100 students who formed the first class, the president of the Watchtower Society, N. H. Knorr, on February 1, 1948, in commenting on the above text and in part: “The course of study at the college is for the exclusive purpose of preparing you to be more able ministers in the territories to which you go... Your principal work is that of teaching the gospel of the Kingdom from house to house as did Jesus and his apostles. When you shall have found a hearing ear, arrange for a back-call, start a home (Bible) study, and organize a company of all suitable ones in a city or town... you must help them to understand the Word, strengthen them... when they are strong and can go on their own and take over the territory, you can deport to some other city to proclaim the Kingdom.”

In 1941 when the school was moved to the world headquarters, 3,638 students from 85 countries had completed its five month course and had been sent to more than 100 different countries. In the course of years they were joined by literally thousands of fellow ministers who responded to the message. The above picture taken at the school is representative of the international nature of the class.

N. H. KNORR
PRESIDENT
WATCH TOWER
BIBLE & TRACT
SOCIETY

Jehovah’s Witnesses last year conducted Bible studies every week in homes of interested persons. The number of ministers engaged in door-to-door work had increased from 57,064 in 1956 to 102,000 in 1965. In the 12-month period 58,600 new Witnesses were baptized and the organization was reporting 171,087,444 hours in calling house-to-house making 90,147,413 return visits on interested persons. Like first-century Christians, the story of Jehovah's Witnesses is one of growth persecution and martyrdom. Many a father of the Watchtower School of Gideon has been persecuted, mob action and lynching. Some have sealed their faith with their lives. Last summer 24,708 Jehovah's Witnesses friends met at Yankee Stadium to hear Stanley E. Jones tell them of his experiences during seven years of solitary confinement in a Chinese communist prison; he had just been released.

At least 100,000 Jehovah's Witnesses are known to be faithfully carrying out the preaching of the good news of Christ's kingdom and working underground in "Iron Curtain" countries. The number of missionaries has increased steadily for many years. The publishing work is rapidly expanding with the need for additional workers. Recently the Watchtower Society has purchased a total of 51 acres of land at 730 Third Avenue, New York, for the future use of the school. The expansion of the building facilities is now being planned. Interspersed with the signs are photographs of students and faculty members completing the five month course.
BRANCH AND FACTORY IN TORONTO

The lighted tower below is a familiar sight to the tens of thousands of motorists who pass it each day on Highway 401 near the Dufferin turnoff. Most know that The Watchtower magazine is printed in this building and some know that it houses the Canadian Branch of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Pennsylvania. However, few know that a staff of about 45 men and women live and work here. The living quarters, laundry, "family" dining room and kitchen are in the east end of the building. About half of the staff work in the factory printing magazines and shipping these and other literature to congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses and individuals. A high-speed rotary press turns out 620,000 copies of The Watchtower and Awake! each month. In addition to the magazines sent all over Canada, this branch also prints and ships them to Australia, New Zealand and the Commonwealth countries of the Caribbean. Part of the office staff supervises the actual preaching activity of Jehovah's Witnesses, coordinating the work as directed by the world headquarters in Brooklyn, N.Y. The building is also the registered office of the non-profit organization, International Bible Students Association of Canada, the legal corporation for Jehovah's Witnesses in Canada.

Thus it is the nerve center for the public ministry of more than 42,000 Jehovah's Witnesses in this land. From here the activity of these "ministers to the home" is organized in 907 congregations from Louisbourg, N.S. to Queen Charlotte, B.C. and from Prince Edward Island to Yellowknife, Northwest Territories. Each congregation has its local presiding minister to oversee the ministerial service of his associate ministers.

Organization

To keep this personal evangelism under good and progressive supervision, these congregations are grouped into 64 circuits of approximately 15 congregations each. A circuit is presided over by a circuit supervisor, a full-time minister, who routes himself to consecutively visit each congregation, a week at a time, every four months. These are weeks of intensive training both in the field and by means of instructive talks. Thus it follows the early Christian organizational method of having mature men visit local congregations to strengthen them and teach them "publicly and from house to house." (Acts 5:20; 20:20) Group and personal counsel is lovingly provided for any in need.

Every six months all the congregations of a circuit meet together for two and one-half days of special training. A program of field ministry, demonstrations of effective ministerial methods, talks, and prayer is directed by a district supervisor. Ordinarily he serves at such a circuit assembly every other week. The week in between he spends with a circuit supervisor, as the latter serves a congregation in his circuit, so that training and counsel for improvement may be given to circuit ministers as in early Christian times. (1 Timothy 4:15, 16) There are seven districts in Canada.

History of Growth

The good effect of this highly organized work is seen in the fact that it produces the same beneficial results in spiritual and numerical growth as it did in the first century of our common era. (Acts 11:21) Prior to 1918 the work was directed from the Brooklyn headquarters. A small branch began operating in Winnipeg in 1918, but was transferred to Toronto in 1920. From just about 1,200 active ministers in 1920 the number grew to 6,000 in 1940 and to over 42,000 at the present time. That is a 600 per cent increase in 26 years!

HEADQUARTERS

Jehovah's Witnesses last year conducted 770,385 Bible studies every week in homes of interested persons. The number of ministers engaged in the work had increased from 559,666 in 1933 to 1,384,268. During the 12-month period 64,383 new Witness ministers were baptized and the organization had devoted 177,347,844 hours in calling from house to house, making 60,165,475 return visits on interested persons.

Like first-century Christians, the story of missionaries of Jehovah's Witnesses is one of triumph despite persecution and martyrdom. Many of the graduates of the Watchtower School of Gilead have suffered persecution, mob violence and imprisonment. Some have sealed their faith with their lives. Only last summer 2478 Jehovah's Witnesses and their friends met at Yankee Stadium to hear missionary Stanley B. Jones tell them of his personal experiences during seven years of solitary confinement in a Chinese communist prison; he had just been released. At least 100,850 Jehovah's Witnesses are known to be faithfully carrying out their work of preaching the good news of Christ's kingdom while working underground in "Iron Curtain" countries.

"BETHEL" AND WATCH TOWER FACTORY

Upper left: The artistic stai rwell, facing Highway 401, lighted at night. Inset: Kenneth A. Little, Canadian Branch Manager, Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society of Pennsylvania. Above: Living quarters (extreme right) for the staff; lobby, library and Kingdom Hall (center section); Factory (far left). The building contains approximately 65,400 square feet of floor space and is attractively situated on four acres of ground. Left: Entrance to the offices on Bridgeland Avenue (just West of Dufferin Street).
RESPONSE FOR BUTTESSING THE PRIVILEGES OF CITIZENSHIP

You may not have noticed, but it is a good sign that a family of Jehovah’s Witnesses lives next door to you or down the street in your block; for in Metro Toronto, there is about one Witness family for every 200 households.

That may not seem much by itself but it takes on significance when you consider that the average Witness makes more calls upon their neighbors in the interest of Bible education than possibly any other group. Of the community, the religious authority said they are most “responsible for the progress of the privileges of citizenship.”

Another authority, in observing the Witnesses, was prompted to say that they are “getting thirty times as many conversions as any other religious group in their zeal, only one Witness of Jehovah in your community amounts to a lot, especially when it comes to witnessing in behalf of their faith.

Yet, have you ever considered the many benefits Jehovah’s Witnesses have advanced for your community in addition to the preserving of individual freedom in the community as a whole.

One of the outstanding contributions Jehovah’s Witnesses have made in the community is the educational uplift that they promote. Although this is primarily from the standpoint of Bible education, yet it broadens their general education and interest. They are often better acquainted with the Bible and other fields of knowledge than the average people in the community. The interest in the education of their children takes on greater meaning for the parents. Generally speaking, they get to know their community better and are able to express an interest in others for good because Bible knowledge and understanding of its principles has broadened their concern for “neighbors as well as themselves.”

The center for this educational program is the local kingdom hall. Possibly there is one in your backyard. You might have wondered what goes on there and how it does serve a good purpose.

The kingdom hall is their “church” building in which they hold their regular meetings. Many of these meetings are open to the Witness for the purpose but increasingly the world is inviting, and even the non-believers are invited. Although attractive and suitable in appearance, the kingdom halls are yet simple and functional. Sometimes a building or theater is rented and renovated to serve as a kingdom hall of Jehovah’s Witnesses. More frequently, a new building is erected, as is illustrated by the photograph on this page of the Mimico Kingdom Hall in Metropolitan Toronto. In most cases, the Witnesses themselves contribute to the building, renovating and maintaining the meeting places.

They contribute their time and talent nearly always on a voluntary basis. It is during construction time to see a business executive carrying cement blocks or a shop foreman mixing cement. Housewives are among the children share by providing and offering meals to the workers.

Jehovah’s Witnesses have a busy schedule of meetings. On Sunday in each congregation there is a one-hour discourse on a subject presented by a qualified speaker. This is followed by a congregational study of the Word of God, the Bible. The Watchtower magazine is used as a study guide and provides the theme for each week’s study. This study is conducted by a question and answer method. Everyone in the congregation, including children, has an opportunity to contribute individual answers. Youngsters can give intelligent responses because Jehovah’s Witnesses accept and apply the Bible’s counsel to bring their children to religious assemblies and let them learn religious instruction there. In addition to these two-hour meetings on Sunday, congregations of Jehovah’s Witnesses include two or more one-hour meetings at some time during the week in their kingdom halls. One of these is the “service meeting” where each member of the congregation is instructed on how to become a better minister of God’s Word. The other is the “service meeting” where instruction is demonstrated to the congregation on the effective ways of presenting the Bible message, as well as providing up-to-date instruction in teaching techniques. Each congregation of Jehovah’s Witnesses is divided into study groups of approximately ten persons. Individual groups meet in homes at convenient locations one evening each week for a “Bible Study”. Here again the Bible is studied together with one of the books published by Jehovah’s Witnesses. The interest of Jehovah’s Witnesses in these meetings is reflected in the fact that there is, on the average, over 75% of the congregation in attendance at all the five meetings.

A collection plate is never passed at any gathering. Jehovah’s Witnesses never ask for money. Their congregations do not maintain good religious relations. Segregation and all former conflicts or enmities, based on racial and religious prejudice, readily disappear among Jehovah’s Witnesses. They have an “attractive characteristic of racial equality,” according to U.S. Catholic writer William Whalen. “Negros who become Jehovah’s Witnesses know they will be welcomed as full human beings.” All are regarded as brothers and sisters and act as such. They are guided by the Psalms’ words when he said, “How good it is for brothers to dwell together in peace and unity.”—Psalms 133:1.

What other contributions have Jehovah’s Witnesses made in their communities? What is the example of good racial relations they bring under the command, to render to “Caesar,” the state, all things belonging to the state this means to let the laws of the state to be the law of the land to the letter, provided such laws do not conflict with the law of God. This means that there is a moral as well as a legal duty. As one newspaper put it, “They bend over backward to observe all laws of the township as faithfully as possible.”

Jehovah’s Witnesses encourage complete honesty in all dealings with their neighbors. They support the local community of living by the strict moral code that the Bible sets forth. There are many proof that these things are true, although the forgiveness of the increasing break-up of family life in the community, the increasing in juvenile delinquency throughout the world are evidence of need for a return to basic Bible principles concerning family life, erroneously termed “old fashioned.” So many parents today are confused as to what their obligations are, but the Scriptures show clearly that parents teach children to obey the laws of God. And when children fail, if every parent to do. Who does accept the Bible’s premise in this respect in the family, and we shall. Memory word in the “Sermon on the Mount,” it has been said, “and one who comes when a time would come the meek or the righteous ones would inherit the earth.”

Who is there among us who would like to be, as Jesus said, “blessed, especially in these critical times” Jehovah’s Witnesses want to help others to get a glimpse of God’s principles. They want to tell them that living according to God’s Word is the only way that God has made for man to live on this beautiful earth under perfect conditions free from all the strife and war. They believe that in our modern world, people should be talking about God’s purposes for the earth, they say, in order to bring the greatest community service that anyone possibly can. After all, who can think of any better gift to offer than the opportunity of living in a paradise in peace, and happiness forever?

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Jehovah’s Witnesses and Family Unity

There is a growing trend of compromise in the field of marriage and family life, as people are speaking out in favor of a "new morality" code. Instead of seeking to arrest the trend by lowering of moral fibre, clergymen in greater numbers are urging acceptance of the code. Whether it is for good or bad they are not certain and they are not in agreement among themselves.

One thing certain is that they do not know where it will eventually lead.

On the other hand, Jehovah’s Witnesses have found that adhering to high standards of the Bible has proven to be an answer to this problem. They have also one that leads to real happiness and peace of mind. Because the Bible advocates this they are why they have chosen to do so. They are not doing this to be untrue and being guided by Bible principles. They have united within the family and an earth-wide organizational unity among the Witnesses.

This was to be so as shown in the Bible; for God’s powerful counsel reaches right into the private lives of those responsive to it, uniting them and changing their conduct for good. For example, note the words of the inspired Bible writer, Paul, at Titus 3:6, 7: "...they may recall the young women to their sound conduct and to love their children, to be in sound mind, chaste, workers at home, good, who bring up their own families, who are not slanderers, but, servantable in every way..."

The word “family” is essential for the happy and contented life a family life is seen in the many who have experienced its problems. And it is noticeable in the family, those home-ship at the kingdom halls where Jehovah’s Witnesses congregate. Children are brought up within, with their parents and are not segregated into different families, as many themselves. This is as was done in Bible times. As stated at Deut. 6:7, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord; and ye shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might." And in order that they may learn, as they must learn to feel Jehovah your God and take care to carry out the words of this law." The announcement of Christ’s "Cape- perbell" succinctly put it this way. 

Families are wisely selected in their meetings as little clusters of father, mother and children.

Take the Vigo S. Linck family of 3183 Thirty Avenue, Fort Credit. "No leaving the young- at home for me," says Vigo S. Linck, and I find that the taking of our five children to the kingdom hall meet- ings is not the only right thing to do. Just as Jesus the Bible re- commends. Vigo is 17 years old; Vinvi, 16; Mirah, 8; Joel, 6 and little Sue-An is only 18 months old. Although in differ- ent families in the congregation and children take an interest in the meetings and enjoy them as they attend cer- monies in the hall. The three older ones take an active part in the Bible study and work, and the younger ones feel a part of it. But this interest works out, and they are looking forward to the right example we, as par- ents, set and our doing things together...

The Lincks have an ex- cellent reputation in the congregation in Toronto early in 1951 from Delaware, Pennsylvania, and were shipped off to Africa and spent better than four years in Kenya. A rush move! No. It was in response to an appeal of moving across the ocean by one of the brethren to increase our joy of activity in spreading the "good news" of God’s kingdom! Notwithstanding the fact that the Lincks, with three young children then, were only able to pull up roots, move to a country un- der emergency rule and a totally different environment. The Lincks spent a year at Nairo- bi, then moved to the town of Na- kuru where there was a need for establishing a congregation. They stayed there for two years and received many of their political upheaval? Not many.

The Lincks were not disturbed. It was the knowledge of the true God and the Word that propounded them! Knowledge that His spirit was with them unquestion- ingly providing the needed assur- ance. Vigo said that time and again he and his family drew upon the words at 1 Peter 5:7 for guidance. Peter said “throw all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.” This passage gave them much needed comfort and encouragement. Even the children, progres- sed spiritually. It was because of this that they had under a varied and regular attend- ance at congregational meetings was never neglected. The Lincks returned to Tor- onto in 1958.

Even the children share in the ministry. It gives them a sense of security, of sharing, of progressing and of belonging. It helps them to learn to rely upon their God Jehovah. It gives them the confidence and conviction that only the truth of the Scriptures can give. It comes.

"TRAIN UP A CHILD ACCORDING TO THE WAY HE IS...
No widespread juvenile delinquency with Jehovah’s Witnesses

Juvenile delinquency, in just the last decade or two has skyrocketed to such a degree that much more become a major problem throughout the world. The fact that crime and delinquency have grown several times faster than the population growth is alarming. However, many an honest inquirer has in a concerned way said if all persons would live by the "golden rule", or the Bible, then delin- quency would be diminished. Although one cannot expect such changes to occur under the present conditions it is generally known that crime and delinquency practically do not exist among Jehovah’s Witnesses. The reason is that 177 families of all races and speaking hundreds of languages are active members. They ask the question: "Why?" How is this possible, especially on such a large scale? It is because Jehovah’s Witnesses have love for God and love for their fellow man. This love prompts them to treat their neighbors according to the Bible principles. It is this love that gives them the drive to join together and attend congregational meetings each week. It is the kind of love Jesus spoke of to his disciples at John 13:35. "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love among yourselves."

To be sure, children tend to make mistakes or mishapen at times. But here again, Bible principles apply. Even though not all have the child raising agree among themselves, the Bible principles in Proverbs 22:6 makes sense in saying: Do not hold back discipline from the more boy. Parental discipline, tempered with justice, love and parental wisdom, brings about respect for the parents and in the long run, brings blessings.

To show that it has immens- ible benefits, a publisher of seven New York City neighbour- hood papers had this to say of a Yankee Stadium convention of Witnesses: "One of the many things I like about Jehovah’s Witnesses is the order and quietness in the stadium. I like to see children take an in- terest in religion and just look at them here. I told my church committee we should be like Jehovah’s Witnesses—have meet- ings for the whole family." A French couple received a letter from a worker in their St. Etienne, France who reported to his parents: "Madame, Monsieur: I am still under the charm of the long conversation I had this morning with your two children, Pierre and Paul, and since I am appreciative of all that is beautiful and up- Family Worship: A Must:

The "SPIRITUAL CEMENT" THAT HOLDS A FAMILY TOGETHER

Like a cancer that grows and destroys cells in the fere that leave families apart. Today, an ever-growing men of families are literally pulled apart—simply because there is lack of family worship. Family worship is the “spirit- ual cement” that holds a family together. It involves the worship of the Father, a spiritual bond, and a continuous growth of each family member in spirit and truth. Prayer, study of the Bible and Jehovah’s Witnesses, in assembling at congregational meetings are basic essentials in this fundamental activity that helps to experience God’s blessing. Fam- ily worship subsequently brings about a cooperation within the family circle. It builds up a confidence among family members and a mutual interest in each other. It helps to build a well-being and happiness that is vital if one is going to prosper.

How does one achieve it and where does one begin? It is easy to say, but it is hard to do. But family members already set in ways or habits that feel so seemingly impossible task.

However, begin one must! An incentive is to be provided this month in the form of the special issue of "Lib- rty" District Assembly of Jehovah’s Witnesses. Yes, in that its entire program will consist of talks, seminars, forum discussions de- signed to instruct those in attendance, to "join" in membership or feel ob- ligations to what they already believe. The basis of the appeal is the taking in of knowledge of the only true God Jehovah—"Jesus" (John 17:3). It is the taking in of knowledge of Jehovah’s Word that will provide the urge or incentive to worship togeth- er. The district assembly will be upbuilding to say the least.

Attending at the C.N.E. Fair- grounds brochure for all ages, young and old, including kids- in-arm. Close to 30,000 dele- gates from the 47 states of the United States and 14 other territories, and in and itself and one that will be ex- ceptial in knowledge of the Word of God. Do you want to learn about family worship? Then attend and learn about family worship. God’s Witnesses present a brochure of family worship.

Do you desire to share in family worship? Let the "God’s Sons of Liberty" help you. Let them help you and your family! It may be the means of motivating your family to truly experience family unity.

Are you taking this liberty of writing to your, their, to—shall we say—counsel, together them? "Truly, I never remember having heard children express their interest in religion and with so much conviction and in- telligence. The values or future values are falling apart, it is comforting to meet values that the Bible holds true. To bring to maturity and fruition. I do not know what is going on by my children, you must be interested in your children’s activities. Jehovah’s Witnesses believe that Bible principles work since they are based on the Bible. One reason than they continue to apply these principles to their lives. When the "God’s Sons of Lib- erty" and Jehovah’s Witnesses convets June 22, you will see thousands of children and teenagers. It is because the truth of God’s word applies to all people. We serve our interest and attentiveness. It will help you to place your children together, and yourself, together. I am appreciative of all that is beautiful and up-
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