

## Jehovah's Witnesses

Jehovah's Witnesses established by Charles T. Russell, an unordained, self-proclaimed pastor, without an education, convicted of perjury and without moral scruples, who held his own writings to be necessary to an understanding of Scripture and in many ways were superior to Scripture.

Judge Joseph Franklin Rutherford picked up Russell's anti-Christian crusade.

### JW Doctrines

- God is not a Trinity.
- The word or logos is a god who was made human as Jesus.
- His death was a redemptive price paid only for obedient men (works).
- The bible is the inerrant, infallible word of God.
- Satan was a rebellious angel.
- Accepts imputed sin but Christ redeemed us only from that sin (like Mormons).
- Christ's resurrection was spiritual only.
- The soul of man is mortal and can die
- Animals have souls, but man's is superior
- Hell as a place of torment does not exist. It is only *sheol*, a resting place awaiting the resurrection.
- Eternal punishment is a penalty without end, but annihilation (the 2<sup>nd</sup> death) is the destruction of penalized souls.
- Jesus Christ returned to earth in 1914. His return was not physical.
- He has now expelled Satan from heaven and is actively overthrowing Satan's organization.
- Human government is the visible representation of Satan's organization. Any allegiance to government is therefore against God's kingdom.
- Satan is the originator of the Trinity, a concept which only confuses the mind.
- Jesus cannot have died if he was God, because no one would be there to run the universe. He did die, therefore he was *not* God.
- Jesus was a created being inferior to God, the first created being.
- If Jesus was "sent," he was inferior by definition.
- The Holy Spirit is a moving, motivational force of God, not a person. *It* is therefore not equal with God. It is like a radar beam.
- Mary did have a virgin birth, but Jesus was not an incarnation of God. He was fully human, not fully God.
- Salvation comes by faith, which means obedience. It does not come by grace. And therefore salvation can be lost.