

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES

On August 29, 2014, we received the following comment and inquiry:

“[I have] a couple of other questions.

“1.) Is your only grievance with JW.ORG over the two-tiered Christian hope?

“2.) I saw that you have a sister site called the Christ Experiment. My understanding was that you still believe in JW.ORG and are hoping for reform. The Christ Experiment site seems like a very big step away from JW.ORG and maybe a toe in the pool of forming your own religion, or movement. Do I have it wrong?

“The maybe a general comment: I saw from your questions from readers that someone wondered why you would demand the [Governing Body] acknowledge your site. I also read your response. Perhaps arrogant is too strong of a word to use, but I would ask you to be cautious. I also don't know about you signing your letters as the two witnesses. If you really feel like you are the two witnesses of Revelation I would encourage you to step back and really consider that course. Wishing the best for you and hoping to continue our conversation at your convenience.”

To the author, thank you for your email. We are happy to respond.

You asked: **Is your only grievance with JW.ORG over the two-tiered Christian hope?**

Our ministry is only concerned with salvation issues – matters that prevent a person from gaining personality survival after death of the physical body. Doctrines and misunderstandings about various facts do not concern us greatly. As Paul wrote at *1 Corinthians 3:10-15*, what matters is having the right the foundation. What we build on that foundation will be tested by fire and if what we build does not survive, we can still be saved. We wrote about this in the article **Fitly United in the Same Mind**.

So there is patience for our doctrinal errors such as ‘is God a trinity,’ ‘is there a Hell,’ ‘should we celebrate holidays,’ etc. In each of these instances, whatever the truth is about those matters does not prevent us from survival. Whereas failing to have faith in Jesus as ‘the way, the truth, and the life’ (*John 14:6*), failure to follow in his footsteps (*Matthew 16:24*), failure to ‘eat and drink of him’ (*John 6:53*), failure to follow his way dealing with one another (*John 13:35*), these things can prevent our survival. The two-tiered hope requires millions of Jehovah’s Witnesses to reject eating and drinking of the Christ, to reject the heavenly abodes he prepared for us (*John 14:2*), and to reject confessing union with him as his brothers. (*Matthew 10:32-33*) This is fatal and that is why this issue is our primary grievance.

However, keep in mind that once a person understands the true hope and his true relationship with the Father and Christ Jesus, many other matters take care of themselves. There is a domino effect that automatically and organically cures many of the doctrinal and policy errors of the Watchtower Society. This is being demonstrated now in congregations where a large number of Jehovah’s Witnesses accept sonship and reject the death dealing earthly hope. In the article **Defending Our Living Hope**, we highlighted one particular congregation in Reno, Nevada where practically the entire body of Elders, the Circuit Overseer and the District Overseer and the majority of publishers accept the heavenly hope and the dramatic changes that positively affected the overall spirit and affairs of the congregation.

You also stated: [I saw that you have a sister site called the Christ Experiment. My understanding was that you still believe in JW.ORG and are hoping for reform. The Christ Experiment site seems like a very big step away from JW.ORG and maybe a toe in the pool of forming your own religion, or movement. Do I have it wrong?](#)

We do not believe in JW.ORG or the Watchtower Society. In fact, we do not believe in any particular religious organization. Jesus said that the time had come where the Father was not concerning Himself with which religious ‘mountain’ we worship in. The key was that we worship the Father with spirit and truth. (*John 4:21-24*) Our faith and hope is in the **individuals** in the organization, so our efforts are designed to reach the **individual**.

Nevertheless, we must recognize and acknowledge that the Governing Body continues to have a strong hold in the faith of millions. So a ministry that can effect change in the Governing Body, or reveal them as misguided in a way that Jehovah’s Witnesses can accept and respond to, is the quickest and most efficient way to awaken the individual.

As for **The Christ Experiment site**, it is indeed a step away from traditional Christianity. It is an adventure into possibilities and it is not for the faint of heart. Thus, many Christians are not quite ready for it, which we openly admit. And we have only begun developing that site. We intend to progressively propose bolder and bolder possibilities in an effort to get our brothers and sisters of all denominations to think outside the box that formalized and crystallized Christianity exists in.

And, no, we are not forming our own religion. We are proposing the idea that we do not need authoritative religions. We need Christians to develop spirituality and then practice their spirituality in association with one another. We explain this in more detail in the article **A True Christian Fellowship**.

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As for the **question from reader August 2, 2014**, we did not demand that the Governing Body acknowledge our site. The reader advised that he would report us to the Governing Body if we did not abandon our website. We simply let him know that we have no problem with him reporting us to the Governing Body, in fact we welcome it. Our ministry is to all men, including the men of the Governing Body. And as a matter of fact, they are already well aware of our site and read it quite regularly. And we understand that they know who we are and how to locate us. This is surprising to many who visit our site because of the fear that has been instilled into them by various talks and articles. So our response was intended to dismantle any assumption that we are afraid of the Governing Body.

Some may characterize our response as arrogance, but we see it as confidence. We boldly and faithfully stand with Christ and promote HIS teachings and ministry. We are not unsure of our hope and we do not doubt his promises. We are doing what Paul counseled at *Galatians 6:1* to readjust those who are taking a false step. And we do our best to do so with mildness and deep respect. (*1 Peter 3:15*) If you have a chance to read the **Open Letters** we have written to the Governing Body, you may discern that.

And finally, you stated: I also don't know about you signing your letters as the two witnesses. If you really feel like you are the two witnesses of Revelation I would encourage you to step back and really consider that course.

Yes, we sign our articles as “Elaia Luchnia” which has been interpreted by some to mean that we declare ourselves to be the Two Witnesses of Revelation. That is an inaccurate assumption. We responded to a similar question in **Question and Response 9/6/13** where we wrote:

“At the end of most of our articles, we sign off “Elaia Luchnia” which means “olive trees and lampstands.” It is taken from the 4th chapter of Zechariah where the prophet speaks of Two Witnesses. We chose that designation because there are indeed two of us and we are certainly bearing witness to the Father and his Christ, and are trying to be a source of illumination to the congregations and to the world. Practically every Christian picks a name from the Bible that serves to identify what they do. So have we. And, before you ask, we know that the book of Revelation makes reference to Two Witnesses, but whether we are part of the symbolic drama of Revelation is a matter far beyond our knowledge.”

We hope these responses satisfactorily answer your questions. But if you continue to have questions, please do not hesitate to write us again. And, we likewise, wish you the very best.

“Elaia Luchnia”
