

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES

On April 8, 2014, we received the following comment and inquiries concerning a January 15, 2014 Watchtower article:

“I cannot seem to get over last Sunday's study article: "Let your Kingdom Come. But When?"

"We UNDERSTAND that in mentioning 'this generation,' Jesus was referring to two groups of anointed Christians."

“I asked our local elder who is included in the "WE" since obviously I do not consider myself part of the WE who understood it. First of all, never in the stretch of my imagination had I thought that Jesus Christ was referring to 2 anointed Christians. When we were studying the bible back in the mid 80's, there was no mention whatsoever about it. [Watchtower] study articles would always drive the point that the end is near with the remnants of the anointed dwindling in no. (based on decreasing no. of Memorial partakers).

“If WE truly understood the interpretation, why even some of our elders and Ministerial Servants had to digest and re-digest? Even some of the intellectual ones in our congregation were discussing and figuring out after the [Watchtower] study session. The [Watchtower] could have cited examples to clarify the 2 anointed groups - instead of leaving the idea open to confusion, further explanation and re-interpretation by the brothers.

“Questions:

“Instead of We UNDERSTAND, why the [Watchtower] did not use the past tense UNDERSTOOD since they had already cited similar interpretation in April 15, 2010 edition of the [Watchtower]?”

“Why only after almost a 100 years since 1914 did the [Faithful and Discreet Slave] understand about the 2 anointed groups' significance on "this generation"?”

“As early as 1990s when new [Governing Body] member Mark Sanderson was already considered as anointed, the [Governing Body] could have realized the overlapping thing since substantial facts were already available for their consideration at that time. But it took them another 20 years to finally UNDERSTOOD it. Was the holy spirit not present during the stretch of 20 years to shed light on the [Faithful and Discreet Slave]? Or was the holy spirit really needed for the [Governing Body] to identify the 2 groups and clarify it just this year?”

“Somehow, one would think that with the changes in the members of the [Governing Body], teachings like this are just bound to change.

“As always, I would appreciate your kind reply and comments on the matter.”

To the author, thank you for your email. For the record, the subject article identifies 3 groups of anointed Christians, not 2. Don't forget the modern day group that is not included in the 2 groups!! (Sigh)

Brother, we share your sentiments. But we believe it is a waste of time to try to understand the babel coming out of the Watchtower Society. Their leadership is lost, blind, ignorant and arrogant. This study article unambiguously declares that. They have nothing good to offer anyone in their current state. Rather than being persecuted, they are creating their own tribulation and causing their own destruction.

It is not lost on us that the Governing Body is taking its most outrageous actions during Memorial season. They direct the congregations to study their foolish interpretations and they institute oppressive, and most likely illegal, financial schemes. Those who are not alert to these

machinations submit out of fear and confusion. Others are taking the bait and getting distracted from what is most important – uniting with the Christ in worship of the Father, and serving one another. We think this distraction is intentional.

We urge our brothers not to be distracted nor allow the foolishness of the Governing Body to dampen your spirit. You are free sons who have no obligation these men. You have no responsibility to explain their convoluted teachings. And there is no requirement that you assent to their financial schemes.

It appears to us that they are desperate ‘knowing they have a short period of time.’ Therefore, our suggestion to you, and to anyone who asks, is to ‘flee from her,’ ‘shake the dust off your feet’ and ‘let the dead bury the dead.’ Open your eyes, regain your spiritual balance, reclaim your self-dignity, and exercise your God-given freedoms. The solution is always the same – obey God as ruler rather than men, and you will prosper.

“Elaia Luchnia”
