Jehovah’s Witnesses Bibliography
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No attempt is made here to be exhaustive. Rather, this bibliography lists the most significant publications and other resources, pro and con, pertaining to Jehovah’s Witnesses (JWs), with annotations. I have avoided listing popular works that recycle earlier materials.

I. General Works

Works listed here cover a range of issues pertaining to JWs. See Part II for works on specific issues.

A. Primary Sources: Watchtower Publications

1. Books


*Reasoning from the Scriptures.* Brooklyn: Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, 1985. A-to-Z reference work of brief answers to various doctrinal questions and challenges to JW beliefs, designed for use in the field when JWs are proselytizing.

*What Does the Bible Really Teach?* Brooklyn: Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, 2005. The religion’s current doctrinal primer, which all persons becoming JWs must read and affirm.

2. Periodicals

*Awake!* A news and culture magazine published twice a month to reflect to a JW worldview.

*The Watchtower Announcing Jehovah’s Kingdom.* A teaching magazine published twice a month, which all JWs are required to study and discuss in weekly meetings.

3. Web site


B. Secondary Sources: JW

1. Books

2. Web sites


**C. Secondary Sources: Former JW but Not Evangelical**

1. Books


2. Web sites


*Jehovah’s Witness Discussion Forum.* [http://www.jehovahs-witness.net/](http://www.jehovahs-witness.net/). Forum populated especially by former JWs, some of whom are evangelical and some not.

**D. Secondary Sources: Evangelical**

1. Books


2. Web sites


E. Secondary Sources: Other

1. Books


2. Web Sites


*JW Facts* (Paul Gundry). [http://www.jwfacts.com/](http://www.jwfacts.com/). Former JW’s very informative and well-organized web site; Gundry provides some guidance for ex-JWs as to what options they have, while recommending they consider affiliating with no denomination at all.
II. Specific Topics

As with the general works listed in Part I, no attempt is made here to be exhaustive, either in the topics covered or in the works listed for each topic.

A. History of Jehovah’s Witnesses


B. The New World Translation


The New World Translation of the Christian Greek Scriptures. Brooklyn: Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, 1950. Abbreviated NWT (or NW). The first edition of the New Testament portion of the JWs’ Bible, of interest to those researching the NWT.


C. The Divine Name (YHWH/Jehovah)
BeDuhn, Jason David. “Appendix: The Use of ‘Jehovah’ in the NW.” In Truth in Translation: Accuracy and Bias in English Translations of the New Testament, 169-81. Lanham, MD: University Press of America, 2003. Argues that the JW’s are wrong to use “Jehovah” in the NT, while other translations are wrong to use the surrogate “LORD” in the OT.


Howard, George. “The Tetragram and the New Testament.” JBL 96 (1977): 63-83. Notorious article by a non-JW scholar arguing that the NT may have originally contained the name YHWH.

Kooten, Geurt Hendrick van, ed. The Revelation of the Name YHWH to Moses: Perspectives from Judaism, the Pagan Graeco-Roman World, and Early Christianity. Leiden: Brill, 2006. Collection of academic articles centered around the theme of the name YHWH.

Lundquist, Lynn. The Tetragrammaton and the Christian Greek Scriptures. 2nd ed. Portland, OR: Word Resources, 1998. Non-academic, thorough study critiquing the NWT use of “Jehovah” in the NT. Lundquist also thinks other English versions are wrong not to use the name in the OT.

McDonough, Sean M. YHWH at Patmos: Rev. 1:4 in its Hellenistic and Early Jewish Setting. WUNT 2.107. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 1999. Important monograph that shows the relevance of the divine name YHWH and the use of surrogates beyond the obvious, and discusses the factors that led to the use of surrogates. Includes criticisms of Howard’s view (60-61, 97-98).


Skehan, Patrick W. “The Divine Name at Qumran in the Masada Scroll and in the Septuagint.” Bulletin of the International Organization for Septuagint and Cognate Studies 13 (1980): 14-44. Provides documentation from the Dead Sea Scrolls showing that the practice of avoiding speaking the name Yahweh aloud dated back to at least the second century BC, and there are reasons to think it originated even earlier.


D. The Trinity


Bray, Gerald H. Creeds, Councils and Christ: The Continuity between Scripture & Orthodoxy in the First Five Centuries. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1984. Lucid, informative book showing that the orthodox creeds were a responsible theological development in line with the teaching of Scripture.

Erickson, Millard J. Making Sense of the Trinity: 3 Crucial Questions. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2000. One of the best introductions to the doctrine for those with little or no background.


E. Deity of Christ


Bowman, Robert M., Jr., and J. Ed Komoszewski. Putting Jesus in His Place: The Case for the Deity of Christ. Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2007. Wide-ranging study of NT Christology arguing that Jesus shares God’s honors, attributes, names, deeds, and seat (or throne); interacts frequently with JW arguments, including those of Greg Stafford. See the endnotes in this book for extensive additional resources on the deity of Christ, including numerous secondary sources pertaining to specific biblical passages of importance. See http://www.deityofchrist.com.


F. The Resurrection


G. General Eschatology


Hoekema, Anthony A. The Bible and the Future. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1979. Excellent textbook on eschatology (the study of last things), with especially good and relevant chapters on
immortality, the intermediate state, resurrection, the final judgment, eternal punishment, and the new earth.

Johnston, Philip S. *Shades of Sheol: Death and Afterlife in the Old Testament* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2002). Of special relevance to the doctrine of the intermediate state.


### H. Jehovah’s Witnesses’ Prophetic Chronology


### I. Testimonies of Former JWs

Note: These testimonies are from former JWs who did not become evangelical or orthodox Christians.

