

The Watchtower teaches that the Governing Body's (or greater Faithful slaves') Authority **succeeds** from the earlier appointment of the Slave in 1919. (The WT April 1, 2007 p. 22).

In that article it is stated that Christ Jesus came in 1918 to

Examine all Churches, whom he rejected with one exception.

A faithful remnant who Christ found:

Tested ,

Refined as with fire &

“who since 1879 had been using this journal and other Bible-based publications to provide spiritual ‘food at the proper time’ ”

(The WT 01/15/2004 p.18) defines **spiritual food** as publications that are **accurate, timely, richly satisfying** and **provided** by **Jehovah** through His “slave”.

After this Process Christ **approved** of them and then:

“He acknowledged them as his collective Instrument, or “slave,” and in 1919 entrusted them with the management of all his earthly belongings.” (The WT April 1, 2007 p. 22).

To examine what Christ Jesus would have inspected, I chose to study the most current up to date book published by the Watchtower Society from that time. **The Finished Mystery** (published 1917).

I am providing you with a PDF copy of that book (I own an original copy if you would like to verify it). Also I am listing many of the teachings within that book that I will need to discuss (along with their references).

As you read, ask yourself “What would Christ Jesus do”? Really ?

Please keep an honest heart.

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Exploring “The Finished Mystery” of The Watchtower Society

Biblical Fulfillments that Apply to Russell’s Writings

1. The "**Seven thunders**" of Rev 10:3 refers to the "**Seven volumes of ‘STUDIES IN THE SCRIPTURES’**" (p. 167).
2. The Seventh Volume of STUDIES IN THE SCRIPTURES, **Divinely provided** (p. 145).
3. The "**winepress**" of Rev. 14:20 is "**The Seventh Volume of Scripture Studies**, the work that will squeeze the juice out of the ‘Abominations of the earth’" (p. 229)
4. The 1600 furlongs of Rev 14:20 represented the distance from Scranton, Pennsylvania (where The Finished Mystery was authored) to Brooklyn, New York (Watchtower Headquarters). However, to obtain this mileage, it was necessary that you travel by way of the Lackawanna Railroad and the Hoboken Ferry (p. 230).
5. the "**seven angels**" of Rev. 15:1 are "**The seven volumes of Studies in the Scriptures**" (p. 231); the "seven angels" of Rev. 15:6 are "The seven volumes of Scripture Studies" (p. 235); the "Till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled" in Rev. 15:8 refers to "Until the seven volumes of Scripture Studies were written, published and circulated" (p. 236); the "Saying to the seven angels" in Rev. 16:1 refers to "The seven volumes of Scripture Studies" (p. 237); etc.
6. On page 224, Rev 14:13 Russell claimed Divine Inspiration for his writing of chp.9, volume 3. Studies In The Scriptures.
7. The Finished Mystery was "**The great hail out of Heaven**" prophesied at Rev 16:21 (p.258)
8. **The Finished Mystery is the Seventh Angel from Rev 17:1** (p.259)
9. Russell states that God assumes responsibility for the entire volume of Studies in the Scriptures (p.295).

Biblical Identities & Fulfillments that directly apply to Charles Taze Russell

1. **Charles Taze Russell** was “**The messenger to the Church of Laodicea**” spoken of in the Book of Revelation. (p. 3)
2. “**The one that *cries with a loud voice***” in Rev 10:3 (p. 167).
3. **The other angel** of 10:1 is the same one that **cries with a loud voice** in 10:3
4. “**The special messenger to the last Age of the Church**” Rev 3:14(p.53)
5. “**God's watchman**” Spoken of in Ezekiel 3:17 (p. 387).
6. “**The Seventh Angel**” Rev 10:7(p.169) This fact is revealed to be the “Finished mystery” according to an advert in the back of the book.
7. Was given “a super-abundance of gifts” (p. 385)
8. The Lord's “**Special Servant**” to give the “**Household of Faith**” “**meat in due season**” (p. 4).
9. The **Faithful and wise servant**. Rev 1:1(p.11) see with Rev 22:6 (p.334)
10. **Divinely** ordained. (p.532).
11. Ezekiel, **typing** Pastor Russell (means that Ezekiel foreshadowed Russell) (p. 421)
12. A true priest of the Almighty (p. 368).
13. When Russell understood the full import of God's Word, he took a firm stand. The spirit, power and influence of God entered him, never to leave (p.377)
14. Russell was “the most prolific writer of Biblical Truth that ever lived” (p.65).
15. In fulfillment of Ezekiel 24:15-19, God took away Russell's desire for his wife by putting a spiritual plague over her which made her “dead” in the eyes of Russell (p.483, p.484)
15. Russell had a Clear, Beautiful & Complete comprehension of the Plan of God (p. 235).
16. Jesus gave Russell the **key** to understanding God's mysteries in the last days (p.6)

It should be noted that these claims are far stronger than those made by most O.T. Prophets or N.T. Apostles. While we believe those men were inspired, they did not claim to be angels or take a shotgun approach to selecting previous prophecies that were fulfilled in them or their writings. Clearly Russell was not merely a humble Bible student, not only does he repeatedly claim authority & inspiration through these titles but even proclaims himself to be The Seventh Angel of Revelation.

Further Teachings in The Finished Mystery (Jehovah's "Divinely Provided" Winepress, Seventh Angel & Hail out of Heaven)

The Watchtower Corporation is also an **angel** Rev 8:3 (p.144)

Russell **continues to lead** the Watchtower's work even though he is **dead** (p. 144 & 256).

Jesus is the Almighty! (p. 15)

Christ returned in 1874 (invisibly of course) (p. 60, 167, 368, 386).

Michael the archangel is the **Pope of Rome** and Michael's angels are the **Pope's Bishops!** Rev 12:7(p.188).

William Miller (Millerite leader & false prophet) was the "Voice from the golden altar" of Rev 9:13 (p.163).

The great company of angels of Rev 5:11 is numbered to be 411,840,000 (p.103).

The Great Crowd or Other Sheep will be about 20,736,000,000 (p.323).

The Leviathan from the book of Job is the steam locomotive (p.84-86).

The Apostle Paul replaced Judas (p.18), however the book of Acts list Matthias as the replacement.

Arius, Waldo, Wycliffe & Luther were each: one of the seven angels along with Russell (p.30, 37, 45, 48 & 53).

Jesus died on a Cross (p. 100).

Those in "soul sleep" **were** raised in 1878 (p.118-119).

All seven Epochs or ages were complete by 1918 (p.72).

Babylon (Christendom) would be destroyed in 1918 (p. 129, 164, 285, 398, 404, 468, 484, 485, 513 & 542)

World anarchy with the worlds republics and Kingdoms disappearing in 1920 (p.258, 542)

The Great Pyramid is "**The other Angel**" of Rev 14:15 (p.226)

13 years after Babylon's destruction the Theocratic Kingdom would establish in 1931(p. 569)

The "Time of the End" started in 1799 (p.171)

The clergy are like dumb dogs because they prefer to remain silent rather than accept one single "Truth" from Russell's precious writings (p.238)

WATCHTOWER SOCIETY QUOTES BEFORE & AFTER THE CLAIMED APPOINTMENT

"Charles Taze Russell, thou hast by the Lord, been crowned a king; and through the everlasting ages thy name shall be known amongst the people, and thy enemies shall come and **worship** at the feet." (WT Dec 1, 1916)

"No doubt Satan believed the Millennial Kingdom was due to be set-up in 1915...Be that as it may, there is evidence that the establishment of the Kingdom in Palestine will probably be in 1925, ten years later than we once calculated." (Studies In The Scriptures, Vol 7, The Finished Mystery, p. 128)

"Even the republics will disappear in the fall of 1920. And the mountains were not found. Every kingdom of earth will pass away, be swallowed up in anarchy." (The Finished Mystery, 1917 edition, p. 258)

"Pastor Russell's mission, in large part, was to advise Christendom of its impending end, in the time of world-wide trouble. It is the Divine judgment upon the nations. ... There will be no chance of escaping from destruction, through the nations. ... The trouble is due to the dawning of the Day of Christ, the Millennium. It is the Day of Vengeance, which began in the world war of 1914 and which will break like a furious morning storm in 1918." (The Finished Mystery, 1917, p. 404)

"Also, in the year 1918, when God destroys the churches wholesale and the church members by million, it shall be that any that escape shall come to the works of Pastor Russell to learn the meaning of the downfall of Christianity. (The Finished Mystery, 1917 edition, p. 485)

"Therefore we may confidently expect that 1925 will mark the return of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and the faithful prophets of old, particularly those named by the Apostle in Hebrews 11, to the condition of human perfection." (Millions Now Living Will Never Die, p. 89)

"The indisputable facts, therefore, show that the "time of the end" began in 1799; that the Lord's second presence began in 1874." (The Watchtower, March 1, 1922)

"We have no doubt whatever in regard to the chronology relating to the dates of 1874, 1914, 1918, and 1925. It was on this line of reckoning that the dates 1874, 1914, and 1918 were located; and the Lord has placed the stamp of his seal upon 1914 and 1918 beyond any possibility of erasure. What further evidence do we need? Using this same measuring line.... it is an easy matter to locate 1925, probably in the fall, for the beginning of the antitypical jubilee. There can be no more question about 1925 than there was about 1914." (Watchtower, p. 150, May 15, 1922)

"This chronology is not of man, but of God. Being of divine origin and divinely corroborated, present-truth chronology stands in a class by itself, absolutely and unqualifiedly correct...." (Watchtower, July 15, 1922 p. 217)

"Without a doubt Pastor Russell filled the office for which the Lord provided and about which he spoke, and was therefore that wise and faithful servant, ministering to the household of faith meat in due season." (The Harp of God **1927 edition** p. 239)

"So, does Jehovah have a prophet to help them, to warn them of dangers and to declare things to come? These questions can be answered in the affirmative. Who is this prophet?...Today they are known as Jehovah's Christian witnesses." Awake, April 1, 1972

I have many questions but here are **10**:

1. Why does the current Watchtower Society not present an accurate picture of Russell, Rutherford & the Societies' teaching at the time of the supposed inspection of 1918?

2. Is it realistic that Christ Jesus would examine, inspect, consider refined as with fire and then approve of these teachings?

3. If Christ considered these teachings to be "**spiritual food provided by Jehovah**", why are they not followed today? Can the uninspired & fallible Governing Body overrule what Christ approved?

4. Were they false teachings?

5. If the Slave's appointment is based on the **Truth** of this book, is the claim of an appointment credible?

6. If the inspection and appointment is not realistic then how can the Governing body claim to be Russell's successor?

7. If Truth keeps changing, is not the Organization built on shifting sand?

8. If the original appointment is not credible, then how would later "New Light" **based on that appointment** be credible?

Proverbs chp. 4, speaks of a Father's advice to his son, to live righteously and pursue wisdom.

9. Should a single verse be taken out of context to support an organization's changing "truth" thousands of years later?

10. Is the future of your loved ones worth the cost of examining the claims of the Watchtower?

