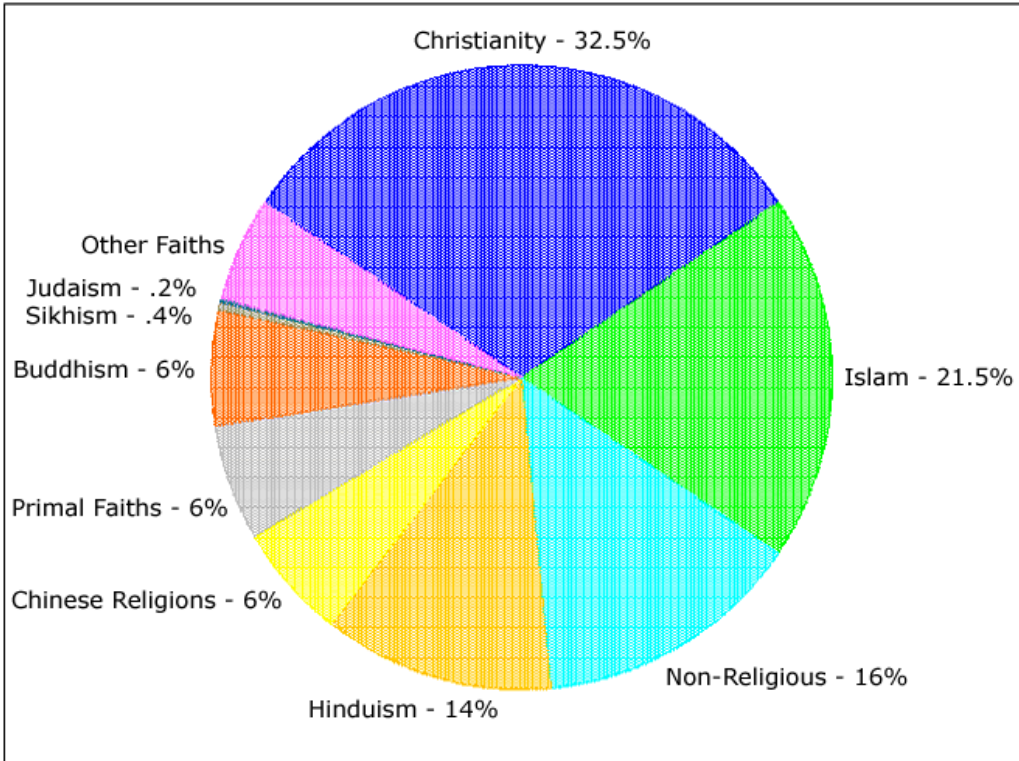


# INTERFAITH WITNESS

## Jehovah's Witness



**Official Names: Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York**

**Founder: Charles T. Russell (1852-1916)**

**Headquarters: "Bethel" Brooklyn, NY**

**Key Publications: The Watchtower Periodical, The New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures**

**Note: The NWT Bible reflects JW theology, especially its bias against the deity of Jesus Christ and the doctrine of the Trinity.**

## **What is a cult?**

**“A cult is any religious group which differs significantly as to belief or practices from those religious groups which are regarded as normative in the culture. A group of people gathered about a specific person or person’s mis-interpretation of the Bible.”**

**Walter Martin**

## **Their Belief in God**

**There is one God. His name is Jehovah.**

**“The dogma of the trinity is not found in the Bible, nor is it in harmony with what the Bible teaches. It grossly misrepresents the true God.”**

## **Our Response**

**The Bible teaches that the One God exists in three persons of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

**Matt. 28:19**

**1 Cor. 8:6**

## **Their Belief in Jesus**

**The first creation of God**

**He became the Messiah at his baptism**

**Before his birth he was the Archangel Michael**

## **Our Response**

**Jesus was not created but was deity from all eternity and coequal with the Father.**

**John 1:1**

**He came to earth in bodily form to reveal God’s glory and carry out His plan of salvation.**

## **Their Belief in the Holy Spirit**

**“Not a person but a powerful force that God emanates from Himself to accomplish His holy will.”**

**Holy Spirit is not ever capitalized in the NWT Bible**

## **Our Response**

**The personality of the Holy Spirit is evidenced in the New Testament.**

**Luke 12:12**

**John 15:26**

**1 Cor. 12:11**

## **Their Belief on Salvation**

**Requirements for salvation include faith, baptism by immersion, active association with the WBTS, righteous conduct, and absolute loyalty to Jehovah.**

**There is no assurance of Salvation, only hope for a resurrection.**

## **Our Response**

**Salvation is by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone.**

**Good works are the natural response to salvation, not its cause.**

**John 1:12**

**1 John 5:13**

## **Their Belief on Heaven**

**Only 144,000 faithful elect Jehovah's Witnesses, known as the Anointed Class, will go to heaven to rule with Jesus.**

**Most Jehovah's Witnesses hope to be among the "other sheep" or "great crowd" who will not go to heaven, but, after Armageddon and the millennium will live forever in Paradise on earth.**

## **Our Response**

**The Bible makes no distinction of classes of saved people.**

**All born again Christians will live forever in heaven.**

**John 3:16**

**John 14:3**

## **Their Belief of Final Judgment**

**After the millennium, Satan and his allies will be destroyed.**

**Faithful Jehovah's Witnesses will inherit everlasting life on perfect Paradise earth.**

**Those who have disobeyed Jehovah's law will be annihilated out of existence.**

**Hell is the final grace and not a place for eternal punishment.**

## **Our Response**

**All people will face the final judgment of God.**

**The eternal punishment of the condemned is a truth taught by Jesus Himself.**

**Matt. 18:8-9**

**Mark 9:43-48**