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JEHOVAH'S WITNESS



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CHOOSE THIS DAY WHOM YOU WILL SERVE



Jehovah's Witnesses knock on your door, usually at an inconvenient time, and are keen to talk to you about the state of the world. Should you choose to listen to them, you will no doubt find yourself agreeing with much of what they say: 'Don't you think that the world is a scary place?' They continue, 'You know, the Bible tells us about a time when this would be the case.' Opening their Bible – a different version called the New World Translation – they read to you from Matthew 24:

You are going to hear of wars and reports of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for these things must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be food shortages and earthquakes in one place after another. All these things are a beginning of pangs of distress (NWT, verses 6–8).

Then they explain, 'Yes, bad news is everywhere, but there is some good news. Soon, and very soon, Jehovah will rid the earth of such lawless ones, and righteousness and peace will reign on a paradise earth. Don't you long for peace and security? Wouldn't you like to live forever on a paradise earth?'

THE GOSPEL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

As a former Jehovah's Witness, I used to go 'publishing' (the term they use for door knocking). I remember being so nervous the first time, but they told me all would be well as we were going to a 'nice area of Bradford' (yes, that exists) and the people there would be polite

to us. So, you can imagine my utter shock when, at the very first door, a householder launched an aggressive verbal tirade on the two sisters who knocked on the adjacent door. Fortunately, this was a rare occurrence. Most of the time we were met with one of three responses. Firstly, and most commonly, apathy: ‘Thank you, but I am not interested.’ Secondly, and occasionally, religion: ‘Thank you, but I have my own beliefs.’ Thirdly, and very occasionally, interest: ‘Thank you, would you like to come in?’

What do you do when Jehovah’s Witnesses knock at your door? That is what this book is about. It will hopefully encourage you to get from behind the sofa and open the door. It aims to equip you to make the most of the evangelistic opportunity on your doorstep. You can (and should) share the gospel with the Jehovah’s Witnesses at your door, as the Apostle Paul instructs us: *‘But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?’* (Romans 10:14).