If there is a false doctrine that would establish that a religious group could demand unquestioned thinking from its followers, a leading candidate would surely be the Watchtower’s gospel and specifically its teaching on 1914. That year, the Watchtower claims, is “A Focal Point of Bible Prophecy”¹ and is “A Marked Year.”² Few doctrines have been so aggressively taught, yet so reworked and whitewashed over the decades. This demonstrates the depth and darkness of the spiritual blindness which is experienced by Jehovah’s Witnesses. It is a belief that is complicated and confusing — not only to those who are being deceived into accepting it, but to those who embrace and teach it.

Jehovah’s Witnesses maintain that the early followers of its group came to an understanding that the end of the Gentile Times would occur in the autumn of 1914. As spiritual enlightenment progressed, they later understood that Jesus Christ was enthroned in heaven as King of the Kingdom in that same year, 1914.”³ In its declaration, the Watchtower insists that this “Gentile Times” period was foretold by Christ (in Luke 21:24) and would occur between the end of the Davidic kingdom and the restoration of this kingdom under Christ.

The recent Watchtower book, What Does the Bible Really Teach? says, “DECADES in advance, Bible students (continues on page 12)