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The Watchtower printed a magazine during the time of Judge Rutherford's reign as Watchtower president [1916-1942] called "The Golden Age." This magazine is still being printed by Jehovah's Witnesses with the new title "Awake!" Here are some quotes made by the second president of the Watchtower society.

Is *The Watchtower* a means or channel employed by God to transmit information to his people? No man can properly interpret prophecy, and the Lord sends his angels to transmit correct information to his people. [1]

No, neither God nor his loyal angels could possibly be responsible for such God-dishonoring messages. Who then are responsible? Which spirits could be the source of these messages? They are spirits, true, but of which kind? These are wicked spirits! Throughout the Bible they are referred to as demons. [2]

It is sometimes suggested that I attempt to interpret the Scriptures. I do not attempt to interpret the Scriptures. Any man who attempts to interpret the Bible gets into trouble, whether he be a clergyman or a layman. The Bible is not of private interpretation. [6]

To feed or teach his people the Lord has used the Watch Tower publications. No man is given any credit for the wonderful truths which the Lord has revealed to his people through the Watch Tower publications. [7]

This is proof that the interpretation of prophecy does not proceed from man, but that the Lord Jesus sends the necessary information to his people by and through his holy angels. [8]

QUESTION: Why do you Bible Students understand new things in the Bible which were never dreamed of one hundred years ago?
ANSWER: Because it is now the due time for God to reveal to the righteous many things which were heretofore hidden. [9]

QUESTION: Will reading the Bible through, give one a clear knowledge of the truth? ANSWER: No. The most valuable literature to assist one understand the Bible is published by the International Bible Students Association. [10]

It may not be out of place to ask: What became of the Garden of Eden? Scriptural proof is that it was surrounded by very high mountains... that it is and was in the vicinity of Mount Ararat, which has since been hidden under perpetual snow. It does not seem reasonable that the Lord would have destroyed Eden; but it seems more reasonable that the Lord would have preserved it so that in His due time He will exhibit it to man. Through His prophet Job, God said: "Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow?" (Job 38:22) Doubtless Eden is one of the treasures of the snow preserved by the Lord in perpetual snow and ice. The inspired writer of the Scriptures declares that with the second presence of the Lord He will bring to light the hidden things of darkness. (1 Corinthians 4: 5) The Lord Jesus himself said: "For nothing is secret that shall not be made manifest; neither anything hid that shall not be known." - Luke 8: 17. In the light of these scriptures it is reasonable for us to conclude that when God has restored man and brought the earth to an Edenic paradise, then He will unseal the secret treasures of the snow and exhibit to restored man his original perfect home. [11]

Here the record is that God came down to see their organization and their tower; and then, for the people's good, He changed their language. It will be noticed in the Hebrew (Genesis 11:1) that the people all had one lip. Their lip must have been shaped in the same general manner. [12]

Did you ever stop to consider how the radio is fulfilling a prophecy before our eyes today? When Jesus rode into Jerusalem... [He] was asked to reprove the children and bid them be silent, Jesus said that if these should hold their peace "the very stones would cry out". Today the clergy, who claim to be the foremost children of God, should be proclaiming the presence of earth's new King. But they are silent, and the very stones are actually crying out. Ask any radio builder and he will tell you that galena is used in most radio receiving sets. Galena is nothing but a piece of stone, with metal fixed through it. When people tune in on WBBR or WORD, or other stations now being used to disseminate the message of Messiah's incoming kingdom, they are witnessing and hearing the fulfillment of this ancient prophecy the stones are being used to cry out and herald forth the presence of the King of kings, because the clergy of Christendom refuse to do so. [13]

ONE of the Lord's promises to His followers was, "That which you have spoken in the ear in closets shall be proclaimed upon the housetops." This prophecy is being literally fulfilled by the Bible Students today, every time they use the radio. Their message is

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spoken in the ear of the microphone; it is done in the closet or studio fitted up for the purpose; the aerials are fitted upon the housetops. It is all just as the Master said. [14]

Every bedroom should receive at least two hours of sunlight every day as this will "kill tuberculosis and other germs." [15]

Radio may soon transmit "heat, light, vision, sound and power." [16]

They claimed the sun will never run out of "electricity" as electricity is not exhausted with use. It probably "goes the rounds of the universe from solar system to solar system and returns." When stars and planets become "saturated" with electricity, they probably give off their "surplus" electricity to other solar systems; "and so it goes, from one to the other, until it completes the immeasurable circuit." They conclude from this that "a corollary of this theory is that all the planets have atmosphere and are probably inhabited." [17]

God may soon cause a comet to be captured by the Earth. This may, they said, "bring about a radical change in earth's climatic conditions and transform the surface of our planet into a paradise, wherein disease and death will be no more." [18]

MANY have wondered how accidents would be avoided during Christ's kingdom, since we are told that nothing shall then hurt or destroy. Most accidents are due to gravitation and its effects. Falling from airplanes... etc., may be avoided by an individual negative gravity device. Scientists tell us that there is enough atomic energy in a finger-nail to propel a battleship. The people of the future may carry a little of this energy around with them, and if they fall down an elevator shaft they can let themselves down easy. Then they can turn a little more on and go back up. No danger of falling down stairs then. [19]

We do well to bear in mind that among the drugs, serums, vaccines, surgical operations, etc., of the medical profession, there is nothing of value save an occasional surgical procedure. Their whole so-called "science" grew out of Egyptian black magic and has not lost its demonological character. The medical profession sprang from demon-worshipping shamans. Medicine originated in demonology and spent its time until the last century and a half trying to exorcise demons. During the past half century it has tried to exorcise germs. [20]

Tonsillectomy is called a minor operation. If so, getting well is a double major. If any overzealous doctor condemns your tonsils go and commit suicide with a case-knife. It's cheaper and less painful. [22]

EVER since THE GOLDEN AGE began to be published I have been a constant and interested reader. I have marveled at the wonderful discoveries and progress made in the treatment of disease, as recorded in some of the articles therein.... One article appeared before my astonished gaze, "A Cure for Catarrh and Hay Fever.".... Then I turned to the GOLDEN AGE innovations, such as chiropractic and electronic treatments, only to meet with the same result. But now I find a cure, and it must be so because a contributor to the GOLDEN AGE says so.... Shall I try it?.... I buy an ounce of powdered bayberry bark, which THE GOLDEN AGE tells me to get and sniff up my nose several times a day to get rid of my hay fever.... Surely this is no idle dream, because I saw it in THE GOLDEN AGE.... I quickly take a generous pinch of the bayberry... I place it up my nostrils and give a vigorous sniff. Ouch! Help!! Murder!!! What has happened? Did a mule kick me on the beezers or was I merely electrocuted? Anyway, all the constellations of the heavens soon quickly pass before my raptured gaze. My hair seems to have jumped off my scalp. [23]

Appendicitis. Take one ounce each of elder blossom, peppermint and yarrow and simmer in three pints of water... take a wineglassful every fifteen minutes.... Do not be afraid of the perspiration caused, or if you vomit. You will be better off with an empty stomach. [25]

Vaccination never prevented anything and never will, and is the most barbarous practice. We are in the last days; and the devil is slowly losing his hold, making a strenuous effort meanwhile to do all the damage he can, and to his credit can such evils be placed. Use your rights as American citizens to forever abolish the devilish practice of vaccination. [26]

Thinking people would rather have smallpox than vaccination, because the latter sows the seed of syphilis, cancers, eczema, erysipelas, scrofula, consumption, even leprosy and many other loathsome affections. Hence the practice of vaccination is a crime, an outrage and a delusion. [27]

Human footprints seven feet long found in California. They were the "giants" mentioned in Genesis chapter six they said. [32]

"Air baths" are good for preventing colds. What you do is strip naked mornings and evenings and then bob up and down for a while. [33]

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The current agitation over birth control is evidence that the "New Age" is at hand. [34]

The white rulers of Britain have superior mental and moral abilities. Blacks however, are gaining ground. [35]

God wears clothes. [36]

The Flood may have been caused by all of the other planets being on one side of the earth at the same time. God may have inserted the "youngest" planet Neptune they said on the other side of earth to act as a gravitational corrective to make sure it doesn't happen again! [37]

In the future man will get his food directly from the sun. [38]

In the New World Abraham may be the ruler of New York City. Isaac may rule over Chicago and: "Perhaps Jacob will be put in London. His father-in-law, Laban, was a diplomat." [39]

"Shortly we believe, Abraham will come forth from the grave..." [40]

Spaniards "and other backward races" under the influence of Rome they said came to settle in America. [41]

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