

Watchtower Society Contradicts The Bible – Where & Why?

God's Word certainly warns anyone who would dare, or be so audacious to deliberately *change, twist or distort* His Holy Message of Truth by saying:

"Every saying of God is refined. He is a shield to those taking refuge in him. **ADD NOTHING** to his words, that he may not reprove you, and that you may not have to be **PROVED A LIAR.**" – Proverbs 30:5, 6

As we progress in our discussion below, we will see just how appropriate such words spoken of above, are for our day and time, as it affects Jehovah's Witnesses today.

Referring specifically to the "operation of error" and it's horrible effect upon the "Man of Lawlessness," and those who follow him, **2 Thessalonians 2:11, 12**, in the *New World Translation*, specifically says:

"So that is why GOD LETS an operation of error GO TO THEM, that they may get to believing the lie, in order that they all may be judged because they did not believe the truth but took pleasure in unrighteousness." -- *New World Translation*

Millions of Jehovah's Witnesses have been taught by the Watchtower Society, the "operation of error" is permitted to go forth from Satan, as Jehovah "lets" this happen to the "Man of Lawlessness." And this particular understanding of prophecy is even suggested in the actual wording of the *New World Translation* itself, since as shown above, the translation clearly says 'God LETS...LETS an operation of error go to them.'

However if you are one of Jehovah's Witnesses, had you ever considered the possibility it was Jehovah himself who actually SENDS [not "lets go"] this "strong delusion" (*English Standard Version*) or "powerful delusion" (*New International Version*), or "operation of error" upon these wicked people, His Own People in fact?

Would that thought surprise you?

Many keen students of scripture have noticed to date, *no other* bible translation on record so far, other than the *New World Translation* itself, renders **2 Thessalonians 2:11** in this peculiar manner. In fact upon investigation we find, it is a *unique* Watchtower rendering, this 'letting go' the operation of error itself. Perhaps, you may have noticed this too in your personal bible study and research. Yes, it seems all other bible translations available to date, all render the expression as saying:

God SENDS...SENDS

the "operation of error" or "powerful delusion" upon the "Man of Lawlessness" and his wicked followers. Were you aware of these facts?

Therefore, if the above bible renderings cited above of this verse (verse 11) is more accurate, more correct, then this would automatically mean, Jehovah himself is taking an ACTIVE ROLE in blinding this nefarious entity, the "man of lawlessness," explicitly for the express purpose of **PERMANENTLY BLINDING** these people because as it says,

"in order that they ALL MAY BE JUDGED,"

just as the verse says, "... because they did not believe the truth but took pleasure in unrighteousness," no doubt, even refusing it when it was repeatedly offered to them. Think about it! -- 2 Thessalonians 2:11, 12

Even though such a drastic action upon God's own part may seem surprising to many Jehovah's Witnesses themselves, still such a scenario is not without biblical precedence, that is Jehovah taking an *active role* in blinding his own people. Apparently, He has done this before. For instance we have Jesus' own words at:

John 12:39, 40, where Jesus does actually say, JEHOVAH HIMSELF, yes Jehovah, purposely blinds his own people, when they deliberately turn a deaf ear to his prophetic message of truth.

John 12:39, 40 (*New World Translation*) says:

"The reason why they were not able to believe is that again Isaiah said: He [Jehovah, and not Satan] has blinded their eyes and he [Jehovah] has made their hearts hard, that they should not see with their eyes and get the thought with their hearts and turn around and I should heal them."

Also please consider God's direct actions upon the wicked false prophet as shown at **Ezekiel 14:9, 10** which says:

"And as for the prophet, in case he gets fooled and actually speaks a word, I MYSELF, JEHOVAH, HAVE FOOLED THAT PROPHET; and I will stretch out my hand against him and annihilate him from the midst of my people Israel. And they will have to bear their error. The error of the inquirer will prove to be just the same as the error of the prophet."

Does not Jehovah say above, he himself has taken this direct action against the false prophets among His Name People? That point is quite clear, isn't it? We can see clearly exactly who is taking this Divine Action against these wicked prophets among His People. -- See also **1 Kings 22:19-23** where Jehovah is said to have put "a deceptive spirit into the mouths" of all the false prophets among His people.

THE REAL REASON FOR THIS ACTION ON GOD'S PART

We must keep in mind, the real reason for God's drastic action here is shown for us in Acts 28:27 which says:

"For the heart of this people has grown unreceptive, and with their ears they have heard without response, and ***they have shut their eyes***, that they should never see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn back, and I should heal them." -- *New World Translation*

You will notice above, Paul points out these individuals have deliberately "shut their eyes," so that they would never, ever see with any understanding of the message from God. They are doing this, deliberately! Is it any wonder, in all such cases Jehovah chooses to deliberately blind such individuals, on a permanent basis. This is because they have blatantly refused the truth, from God's own hand in fact. Think about it.

Therefore after considering the above situation, if we consider the possibility that Jehovah Himself is actually blinding these people, and actually "SENDS" ... SENDS [instead of "lets go"] this "operation of error" to them, we can better understand His actions here, since ALL of these people have been righteously "Judged" by Him for deliberately refusing the truth and worse, "taking pleasure in unrighteousness" before Him.

At this time, it would be good for us to seriously examine other bible translations, OUTSIDE of the *New World*

Translation itself, to get a more accurate rendering, yes to really get at the truth of the matter.

For example, the *New International Version* renders **2 Thessalonians 2:11, 12** more correctly by saying:

"For this reason **GOD SENDS THEM** a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness."

Clearly, Jehovah takes this action (sending a powerful delusion) because these wicked individuals "refused to love" and believe the truth (verse 10) and have instead taken pleasure in outright "wickedness" and falsehoods before God. In other words, they prefer "wickedness" over righteousness and truth. Think about it!

Therefore, Jehovah "SENDS" this "powerful delusion" upon the "Man of Lawlessness," as a righteous recompense for "taking pleasure in unrighteousness." -- 2 Thessalonians 2:12 *New World Translation*

The apostle John advised first century Christians to always, "test" every inspired expression, to see if this really came from God. Thus, Jehovah's Witnesses today, should be willing to also "test" every saying, every so-called "inspired" saying (found in a particular translation of the bible, like the *New World Translation*), even those expressions coming forth from the mouth of the Watchtower Society. No, the Watchtower Society and the *New World Translation* itself, is not exempt from this kind of examination, isn't that so? Still, we notice many, many Jehovah's Witnesses actually refuse to do this, repeatedly, to their own harm in the end. In other words, they publicly display to all they are NOT "Beroeans" actually, as they should be. -- See Acts 17:11; 1 Thessalonians 5:21; 1 John 4:1.

THE ACTUAL GREEK WORD "PEM'PO" USED IN THE NEW WORLD INTERLINEAR TRANSLATION AND IT'S MEANING

Therefore, taking John's counsel to heart at **1 John 4:1**, let's examine 2 Thessalonians 2:11 very closely, as recommended at James 1:25. Upon close examination, we find the Greek word, *pem'po* (Strong's Concordance #3992), translated "let go" in the *New World Translation* in verse 11, is defined to mean:

"pem'po," (a primary verb) means to dispatch, transmit, bestow or wield; SEND, thrust in.

Therefore we notice, all bible translations *other than* the Watchtower's *New World Translation* to date, accurately render this Greek word (*pem'po*) properly as "sends" rather than "lets ... go" which means God personally takes some direct action against this "Man of Lawlessness" before handing him over to Satan, for the final death blow and trip to the land of no return, spiritually-speaking. In this way, Jehovah does exactly what Paul said he did with Hymenaeus and Alexander, when he handed such wicked men (Man of Lawlessness) "over to Satan" for the "destruction of the flesh." Think about it. -- See 1 Timothy 1:20; 1 Corinthians 5:5.

In fact, it may be shocking for most Jehovah's Witnesses to find out, the Watchtower's OWN, their own *New World Interlinear Translation* clearly shows in their literal rendering of this Greek text, the Greek word in question (*pem'po*), should be rendered LITERALLY, as "sending." Did you know this??? [Please see our diagram [HERE](#) or look below.]

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καὶ ὑμεῖς ἐν αὐτῷ, κατὰ τὴν
and you in union with him, in accord with the undeserved kindness of our God and of the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Ἐρωτῶμεν δὲ ὑμᾶς, ἀδελφοί, ὑπὲρ τῆς παρουσίας τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ καὶ ἡμῶν ἐπισυναγωγῆς ἐπ' αὐτόν, 2 εἰς τὸ μὴ ταχέως σαλευθῆναι ὑμᾶς into the not quickly to be shaken ἀπὸ τοῦ νοῦς μηδὲ θροεῖσθαι μήτε nor through πνεύματος μήτε διὰ λόγου μήτε δι' ἐπιστολῆς ὡς δι' ἡμῶν, ὡς ὅτι ἐνέστηκεν ἡ ἡμέρα τοῦ κυρίου.

3 μὴ τις ὑμᾶς ἐξαπατήσῃ κατὰ μηδένα τρόπον· ὅτι ἐάν μὴ ἔλθῃ ἡ ἀποστασία πρῶτον καὶ ἀποκαλυφθῇ ὁ ἄνθρωπος τῆς ἀνομίας, ὁ υἱὸς τῆς ἀπωλείας, 4 ὁ ἀντικείμενος καὶ ὑπεραιρόμενος ἐπὶ πάντα λεγόμενον θεὸν ἢ σέβασμα, ὥστε αὐτὸν εἰς τὸν ναὸν τοῦ θεοῦ καθίσει, ἀποδεικνύοντα ἑαυτὸν ὅτι ἐστὶν θεός· 5 Οὐ μνημονεύετε ὅτι ἔτι ὦν πρὸς ὑμᾶς ταῦτα ἔλεγον ὑμῖν;

6 καὶ νῦν τὸ κατέχον οἴδατε, εἰς τὸ ἀποκαλυφθῆναι αὐτὸν

2^a Jehovah, J^{17,18}; the Lord, NBAVg.

and you in union with him, in accord with the undeserved kindness of our God and of the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 However, brothers, respecting the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we request of you 2 not to be quickly shaken from your reason nor to be excited either through an inspired expression or through a verbal message or through a letter as though from us, to the effect that the day of Jehovah^a is here.

3 Let no one seduce you in any manner, because it will not come unless the apostasy comes first and the man of lawlessness gets revealed, the son of destruction, 4 He is set in opposition and lifts himself up over everyone who is called "god" or an object of reverence, so that he sits down in the temple of The God, publicly showing himself to be a god. 5 Do you not remember that, while I was yet with you, I used to tell you these things? 6 And so now you know the thing that acts as a restraint, with a view to his being revealed

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ἐν τῷ αὐτοῦ καιρῷ· 7 τὸ γὰρ μυστήριον ἤδη ἐνεργεῖται τῆς ἀνομίας· μόνον ὁ κατέχον ἀρτι ἕως ἐκ μέσου γένηται.

8 καὶ τότε ἀποκαλυφθήσεται ὁ ἀνομος, ὃν ὁ κύριος Ἰησοῦς ἀνελεῖ τῷ πνεύματι τοῦ στόματος αὐτοῦ καὶ καταργήσει τὴν ἐπιφανεῖαν τῆς παρουσίας αὐτοῦ, οὗ οὐκ ἐστὶν ἡ παρουσία κατὰ ἐνέργειαν τοῦ Σατανᾶ ἐν πάσῃ δυνάμει καὶ σημεῖοις καὶ τέρασιν ψεύδους 10 καὶ ἐν τῇ ἀπάτῃ ἀδικίας εἰς τὸ πιστεῦσαι αὐτοὺς τῷ πλάνῳ εἰς τὸ πιστεῦσαι αὐτοὺς τῷ ψεύδει, 12 ἵνα κριθῶσιν πάντες οἱ μὴ πιστεύσαντες τῇ ἀληθείᾳ, ἀλλὰ εὐδοκῆσαντες τῇ ἀδικίᾳ.

9 οὐκ ἐστὶν ἡ παρουσία κατὰ ἐνέργειαν τοῦ Σατανᾶ ἐν πάσῃ δυνάμει καὶ σημεῖοις καὶ τέρασιν ψεύδους 10 καὶ ἐν τῇ ἀπάτῃ ἀδικίας εἰς τὸ πιστεῦσαι αὐτοὺς τῷ πλάνῳ εἰς τὸ πιστεῦσαι αὐτοὺς τῷ ψεύδει, 12 ἵνα κριθῶσιν πάντες οἱ μὴ πιστεύσαντες τῇ ἀληθείᾳ, ἀλλὰ εὐδοκῆσαντες τῇ ἀδικίᾳ.

13 Ἡμεῖς δὲ ὀφείλομεν εὐχαριστεῖν τῷ θεῷ πάντοτε περὶ ὑμῶν, ἀδελφοί ἠγαπημένοι ὑπὸ Κυρίου, ὅτι

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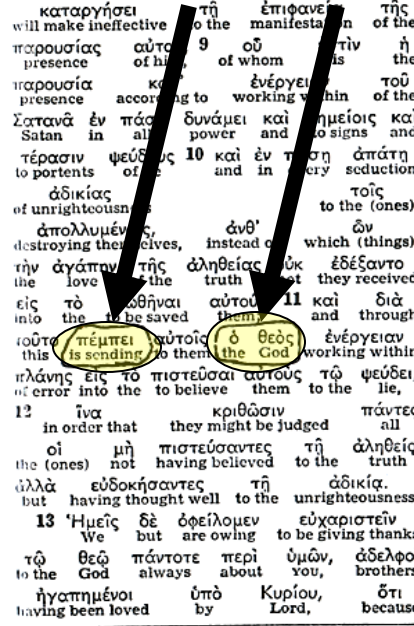
8^a See Appendix under 1 Corinthians 16:17. 13^b Jehovah, J^{17,18}; the Lord, NBA; God, VgJ^a.

in his own due time. 7 True, the mystery of this lawlessness is already at work; but only till he who is right now acting as a restraint gets to be out of the way.

8 Then, indeed, the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will do away with by the spirit of his mouth and bring to nothing by the manifestation of his presence.^a 9 But the lawless one's presence is according to the operation of Satan with every powerful work and lying signs and portents

10 and with every unrighteous deception for those who are perishing, as a retribution because they did not accept the love of the truth that they might be saved. 11 So that is why God lets an operation of error go to them, that they may get to believing the lie, 12 in order that they all may be judged because they did not believe the truth but took pleasure in unrighteousness.

13 However, we are obligated to thank God always for you, brothers loved by Jehovah,^b because



So that means, even the Watchtower Society themselves acknowledges this indisputable fact. And yet, to the surprise and horror of many, they arbitrarily, yes deliberately render the Greek word (pem'po) as "lets go" in the New World Translation, apparently to support their own faulty theology on the "Man of Lawlessness." Did you know this?

In so doing, the New World Translation bible itself, becomes a work of shame for the Watchtower Society. In so doing, yes, they are openly "twisting" the scripture, distorting its true meaning, to make it mean something Jehovah did not intend. (See 2 Peter 3:16 New World Translation Large Print Reference Bible footnote for "twisting" which literally means "distorting" God's message.) There can be no question, this is a blatant example of INTELLECTUAL DISHONESTY on the Watchtower Society's part, in translating verse 11 of 2 Thessalonians 2nd chapter, to deliberately "twist" or "distort" God message of truth. Think about it!

We recall, the latter part of 2 Thessalonians 2:10 additionally gives the real reason why God takes a direct hand in this matter. We are reminded it says:

"... They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved," (NIV)

or, as the *New World Translation* renders it,

"...those who are perishing, as a retribution because they did not accept the love of the truth that they might be saved."

The operative word here in verse 10, is "refused" or "did not accept" the love of truth. They "refused" the truth, when it was presented, no doubt, repeatedly. Therefore, Jehovah "sends" them the "operation of error" or a "strong delusion" in this instance, as these ones (the "Man of Lawlessness" and followers) had already made their final choice, on their own volition, and this choice proved to be a clear rejection of God himself and His Sacred Message of Truth. So, in keeping with their own desires, Jehovah takes direct action against them, in harmony with their own desires.-- See Romans 1:25, 26.

The *Bible Knowledge Commentary New Testament*, page 720, explains it this way:

"They choose to believe the lie and GOD SENDS THEM the delusion that is inherent in their choice. This powerful judgment from God is justified by the unbelievers' decision to refuse the truth."

"... GOD DOES NOT ACTUALLY "SEND" THE "OPERATION OF ERROR"???"

In review, we recall according to Watchtower Society publications, Jehovah merely "allowed" or "let go" (by means of Satan) the "operation of error" to go to the clergy of christendom ("Man of Lawlessness") at approximately the same time they were "revealed," back in the 4th century.-- See "God's Kingdom of a Thousand Years Has Approached," pg 381-384 par 40-43.

Amazingly, a direct quote from the 1975 *Watchtower* magazine, page 271, paragraph 4 makes this blatant statement in full contradiction of the inspired contents of **2 Thessalonians 2:11**:

"God **DOES NOT DIRECTLY SEND** this 'operation of error,' but lets it go to the deceived ones in order to prove that it is what they really want.(Compare Hebrews 4:12) In this way all honest-hearted persons can see that God is just in his judgment."

Were you aware of such a statement published in the Watchtower magazine on this topic?

As stated above, this published statement shown above by the Watchtower Society, is an absolute CONTRADICTION of what verse 11 actually says, even as noted in their own *New World Interlinear Translation*. In other words, they are blatantly and brazenly contradicting the bible itself on this matter. And the proof for this is their own interlinear rendering itself. Now, how wicked is that?

Obviously, the Watchtower Society doesn't have much confidence in the bible scholarship of rank & file Jehovah's Witnesses, as well as their full readership of their magazines, nor in their ability to reason, proving them (Jehovah's Witnesses) to be a most, pitiable people, so opposite of ancient Bereans of Paul's day.-- See Acts 17:11.

So, as noted above, the Watchtower Society openly teaches the "operation of error" (NWT) or "strong delusion" (NIV) was simply "allowed" to go to these people who are unfortunately under the control of the Man of Lawlessness. Yes, Jehovah simply "allows" Satan to cause this to happen, but He does not actually do this himself. ***In this way, the Watchtower Society can teach, the "operation of error" emanating from Satan has gone forth to the churches of christendom (centuries ago) resulting in demonic teachings like the trinity and hellfire to be taught to their members. And of course, the people of the churches of christendom, need the invaluable help of 7 million Jehovah's Witnesses, to***

liberate them from these demonic teachings, with help from Almighty Jehovah God. See how it works? Think about it.

So, if such a scenario were true, then could Jehovah's Witnesses teach Jehovah has merely "allowed" this "operation of error" or "strong delusion" to emanate from Satan for centuries now, until such a person trapped in the churches of christendom, could be rescued, or recovered from it with of course, Jehovah God's Almighty help. And certainly, we can conclude this to be the case since many, many former members of christendom felt they have been rescued from teachings like hellfire and trinity, with Jehovah's help using the door-to-door preaching of Jehovah's Witnesses, resulting in their becoming Jehovah's Witnesses themselves. Isn't that so?

Now if the above viewpoints are correct, then it would seem one could recover from the "operation of error" or "strong delusion" that God Almighty "let go" by the hand of Satan, and did not personally "send" Himself. They could be recovered from these "strong delusions," with the help of Almighty Jehovah. But if, as we assert, this "strong delusion" (NIV) or "operation of error" (NWT) is sent directly by Jehovah himself, then we know, it would be *impossible* for anyone to recover from it. It is Jehovah's final judgment upon those wicked individuals.

Which viewpoint do you think is more reasonable? Do you think Jehovah simply "lets" the operation of error go to individuals by the hand of Satan? Or do you think, as the bible plainly says, Jehovah directly "SENDS" the operation of error to such ungodly persons? Which viewpoint do you prefer? (Please see below scanned copies of the 1994 edition of ***The "REPORT" Book, Volume 1***, pages 172-175 which covers the above topic in detail. Please **Click HERE** to see or see at the bottom of this article.)

If you prefer the former viewpoint, then think: *If the "operation of error" or "strong delusion" comes directly from Jehovah, and additionally had gone out centuries ago as the Watchtower Society asserts, then we know it would have been impossible for Jehovah's Witnesses to have converted any member of Christendom to become one of their members and leave any false teachings, it would have made the preaching work of Jehovah's Witnesses, completely invalid and futile.*

Think about it.

Therefore at this time, it would behoove all Jehovah's Witnesses to pay note of this most important point, namely If the "operation of error" (NWT) or "strong delusion" (from Jehovah), has not been sent out as of yet, when will it be sent out? And upon whom will such be "sent" out, we must ask ourselves? Remember, the bible plainly says, it comes directly from Jehovah Himself, and is "SENT" [not "let go"] by Him to the "Man of Lawlessness" and his followers, as a FINAL JUDGMENT upon these wicked ones clearly, for "refusing" or "not accepting" divine truth from God's Own Hand. **Verse 12** clearly says of wicked ones, namely the "Man of Lawlessness" and his wicked followers,

...they did not believe the truth but took pleasure in unrighteousness

Therefore, they were "judged" by God, and that final "judgment" is still before us. Yes, please remember, the "SENDING" out of the "operation of error" or "strong delusion" from God upon these people, is still a future event, a future happening for all to see. Yes, such a thing will come upon such a wicked one that would openly and blatantly "twist" God's word to their own destruction, namely the "Man of Lawlessness" and all of his followers. -- Ezekiel 14:9, 10; 2 Peter 3:16

This judgment is just, and becomes the fulfillment of the holy words of **Revelation 22:18, 19** which say,

"I am bearing witness to everyone that hears the words of the prophecy of this scroll: If anyone makes an addition to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this scroll;

and if anyone takes anything away from the words of the scroll of this prophecy, God will take his portion away from the trees of life and out of the holy city, things which are written about in this scroll." -- *New World Translation*

Think about it!

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- 3) Doesn't the identification of this particular "God" help pinpoint which "temple" that's being misled? Doesn't it?
- 4) Further, since the "man of lawlessness" has been presiding over the "temple" of "The God," Jehovah, since the fourth century, why has it taken Jesus so many years, 17 centuries to be exact, to take action against him? This all the more so since Jesus has been ruling over the Christian congregation since 33 C.E.

Remember, the Bible account says that it is before the return of the Lord, his *parousia*, that the "man of lawlessness" gets "revealed." In Paul's day, some Christians were misleading others by saying that the resurrection had already occurred. Paul cleared this misunderstanding up by demonstrating to the brothers that the resurrection would not occur until the rebellion or apostasy and the revealing of the man of Lawlessness happened first. These events are contemporary. Now, again, if the great apostasy and the "revealing of the man of lawlessness occurred in the 4th century, why would Paul use this situation as a "sign" to identify the time when Christians would receive their reward of a spiritual resurrection. No, that event would be some 17 centuries in the future, according to the teachings of the Watch Tower Society. Surely, no one in the Christian congregation at that time would even be alive to see this great apostasy, in order to use it as a sign that the spiritual resurrection would now take place.

Therefore, the man of lawlessness gets revealed just before the Lord's Parousia. According to Paul's words, this is the same time that the spiritual resurrection is to occur. Therefore, the events need not be separated from one another; the "apostasy", the revealing of the Man of Lawlessness, his destruction, and the spiritual resurrection of heaven bound Christians, all these events are associated with the Lord's *Parousia* or second "coming." Think about it.

THE "OPERATION OF ERROR"

However, if the above information is not enough to convince an individual, let's consider another fact. In **verses 11 and 12** of Thessalonians, we read:

"So that is why God [lets] an operation of error go to them,

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that they may get to believing the lie, in order that *they all may be judged* because they did not believe the truth but took pleasure in unrighteousness."

These verses have proven to be problematic for the Watch Tower Society. There is very little written about them in explanation as to how this happens. But let's examine this for ourselves.

First, you may have noticed that we put in brackets the word "lets." That is because,

this word, "lets," is a special rendering by the Watch Tower Society.

How do we know? Well, if you check the *Kingdom Interlinear*, also published by the Watch Tower Society, the English transliteration of the actual Greek word here is "is sending." This is according to the Society in this publication! Further investigation reveals that all modern translations of the Greek render this verse the same, namely:

God "sends" this "operation of delusion" or "error."

We have not, as of yet, found any modern translation of the Bible that renders the verse as God "lets it go to them." However, let's notice an even more shocking, direct statement by the Watch Tower Society on this very verse. They say:

"God *does not directly send* this 'operation of error,' but *lets it go* to the deceived ones in order to prove that it is what they really want. (Compare Hebrews 4:12) In this way all honest-hearted persons can see that God is just in his judgment." (1975 *Watchtower* pg. 271 par. 4)

Did you notice their comment that "God *does not directly send* this operation of error?" No, but He "lets" it go to the wrongdoers. How can they say that? That is a *direct contradiction* of what the Scriptures actually say! And to further demonstrate their disrespect for God's Word, they have adjusted 'their' translation, the *New World Translation*, to say "lets" instead of what should properly be there, namely the word "sends." Shocking indeed!

Nevertheless, let's insert the proper word and reread the verses in

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question. [Please reread.] Now, what did you find? Why, you found that Jehovah himself "sends" the operation of error as a recompense because they "did not accept the love of the Truth." (verse 10) No, God did not "let" it come to them, as would be the case of Emperor Constantine's fusion of religion and state — across hundreds and hundreds of years. No, but Jehovah "sends" the operation of error to those who do not "love truth."

Actually, changing the wording from "sends" to "lets go" really changes the focus from a specific to an indefinite time period. If we use the word "sends" here, we are forced to address the question: When did Jehovah "send" the operation of error? Yes, when???

Now, if Jehovah "sends" (or "let's go") the "operation of error" to Christendom as the Society teaches, then He must have "let it go" it during the 4th century when the "man of lawlessness" revealed himself. Right??? Therefore, teachings such as Trinity, Hellfire, Immortality of Soul, etc. would constitute this particular "operation of error," wouldn't you think?

If that were the case, then we would also expect the latter portion of the scriptures to be true also, namely:

"that they may get to believing the lie in order that they **ALL** may be judged..."

Yes, they (Christendom) will get to 'believing the lie' and 'get judged' — all of them! Now, if the "operation of error" has been "sent" to Christendom some 17 centuries previous, the members of Christendom are beyond hope. Yes, the Watch Tower Society's explanation of matters would mean that "all" of Christendom's *parishioners*, the fake 'temple' has been "judged." They are beyond hope because Jehovah has already 'sent' an "operation of error" to them. They cannot be helped because they are hopeless — they have been "judged" by the Almighty himself!

But Jehovah's Witnesses, ask yourself the following questions:

Why are you personally going out in field service?
And to whom are you preaching?

Isn't it a true fact that you are preaching to those who are in the

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churches of Christendom? Actually, from where did the 5 million membership of Jehovah's Witnesses come from? Is it not true that Jehovah's Witnesses themselves are actually made up almost exclusively of ex-Christendom membership?

Now surely the "operation of error" had not affected these individuals from the churches of Christendom, had it? Think about it.

No, but even down to this day, Jehovah's Witnesses are still witnessing to Christendom, the 'fake temple,' the ones the Society claim have received the "operation of error," the ones that have "all" been "judged." And yet, amazingly, some of these same 'judged' people have become Jehovah's Witnesses. Yes, if they have **all** been "judged," then how do you explain this situation? Actually, the way the Watch Tower Society teaches this particular doctrine is really a paradox. Let's notice the following.

PONDER THIS:

When we think about it, we cannot separate the time when God "sends the operation of error" and when the people "all get judged," can we? The scripture specifically says this happens *at the same time*. Right???

Yes, the perpetual belief in the "lie," is the consequence of receiving the "operation of error," thus showing that the individuals in question have "all" been "judged." Right??? Now, if someone should say that the "operation of error" is destined to go to Christendom, in the near future, by the hand of God — then we are left to understand that such teachings as the Trinity, Immortality of the Soul, Hellfire, etc do not constitute an "operation of error" from God. Yes, the "operation of error" that was supposed to go to them during the 4th century when the "man of lawlessness" "revealed" himself, has been delayed.

And if we say that the "operation of error" was indeed "sent" or 'let go,' if you prefer, in the 4th century, then the churches of Christendom and it's clergy must have 'all been judged' then. Yes, judged in the 4th century. In that case, there could be no room for repentance. They are past that point because Jehovah has judged them; no, He has 'let go' or 'sent' the "operation of error." If this is the case, then, we are forced to ask ourselves: