

MAJOR CULTS

I. Jehovah's Witnesses

A. History of Jehovah's Witnesses

1. Charles Taze Russell

- a. Born ^a February 16, 1852 in Allegheny, Pa.
- b. Published Magazine - Zion's Watchtower and Herald of Christ's Presence - July 1, 1879. Later the name of the magazine was changed to The Watchtower and Herald of Christ's Presence (1909); then to The Watchtower and Herald of Christ's Kingdom (1939); and then to The Watchtower Announcing Jehovah's Kingdom (1939)
- c. Founded Zion's Watchtower Tract Society (1881)¹⁸⁸¹
- d. Incorporated Zion's Watchtower Tract Society (December 13, 1884). Later the name was changed to Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of Pennsylvania (1896)
- e. Emphasized Bible study.
- f. Authored a seven volume set entitled "Studies in the Scriptures" - The first volume - The Divine Plan of the Ages - was published in 1886.
- g. Was responsible for the acquisition of a building in Allegheny, Pa. (1889) which served as the headquarters for Zion's Watchtower Tract Society for the next twenty years.
- h. Wasn't beyond reproach
 - (1) He didn't tell the truth. He was guilty of lying about some of the places where he spoke.
 - (2) He was guilty of misrepresentation. He misrepresented the "miracle wheat" he advertised in his magazine.
 - (3) He had marital difficulties. He was separated from his wife (Maria Francis Ackley) in 1897, and she sued him for divorce in 1913 on the grounds of con-