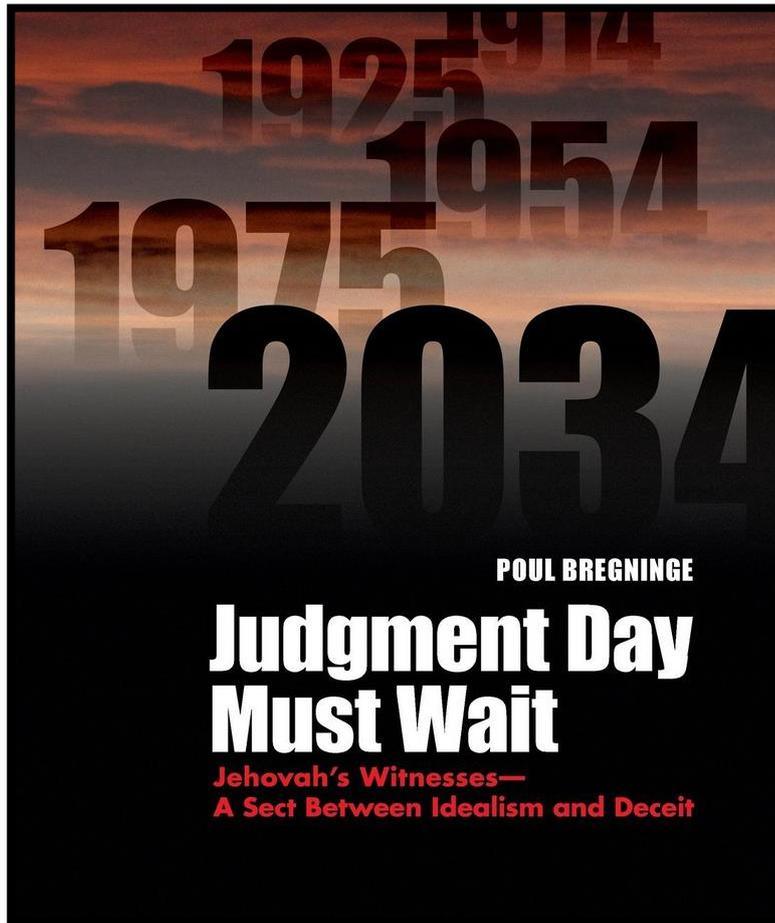


# Judgment Day Must Wait

**Jehovah's Witnesses—  
A Sect Between Idealism and Deceit**

**By Poul Bregninge**

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Fear of the apocalypse that never comes! That is what holds a Jehovah's Witness power-bound by the Watch Tower Society of Brooklyn. Armageddon is always just a little way around the corner.

Poul Bregninge presents a complete history and ideology of the Society and the reasons why it keeps a keen focus on the Day of Judgment. He tells of multiple "days of reckoning" that pass uneventfully and how each failure of Christ to reappear is reevaluated by the Society to foretell of yet another apocalypse still to come.

The fear of that moment keeps Witnesses firmly in the fold. Judgment Day is the carrot dangled before them.

Everyone knows the Jehovah's Witnesses, right? Those somber people who appear at our doors, offering literature and the everlasting salvation of our souls? What do we know about them? What we see at our door are the facades, their Society-devised disguises, directed to convert anyone willing to follow their Witness-ways of believing and living. In this book you will confront the thinking that motivates those beliefs.

Poul's book provides a comprehensive view of JW history, its upheavals and struggles, and a raw demonstration of the manipulation and cruelty dealt to those it charges with expanding its membership. By keeping Judgment Day ever coming, the Watch Tower Society ensures a ready supply of workers to proclaim the ever-coming coming.

The author dismantles their main biblical storage battery, Matthew 24, from which the movement takes their many "signs" of the impending end. His interpretation is a virtual bomb beneath the understanding the Watch Tower finds in those key biblical texts.

Poul Bregninge was born and presently lives in Copenhagen. He was raised a Witness but informally left the movement in 1959. In 1964 he published several letters, articles, and features about the Society that the Witnesses deemed unacceptable. A three-man committee expelled Poul. Two years later he published his first book, *Jehovas Vidner under anklage* (Jehovah's Witnesses Accused) in Danish. This book, *Judgment Day Must Wait*, is a massive reworking (two and one half times its size) of his first book, propelled by years of continuing investigation that brings the history to the present.

Included in JDMW is a forgotten pamphlet that the Watch Tower Society headquarters in New York has belittled since it was first published in 1903. This pamphlet can now be read in its entirety in JDMW.

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## **About the book**

*JDMW* is a comprehensive account of Jehovah's Witnesses' history that has to be seen in the light of the Adventists' so called "Great Disappointment" in 1844. The Adventists believed that Christ would come again in 1844, but nothing happened and the movement collapsed afterwards. Thirty years later, out of the reorganized revival movement's smoldering embers stepped a young man, Charles Taze Russell, the founder of Russellism. Russell's ideas attracted many people who saw him as the "wise servant" in Matthew. 24:45; that this role was difficult to fill is deepened by means of a virtually unknown pamphlet, which the founder's wife released against her husband in 1903. Jehovah's Witnesses leadership has since made every effort to suppress this pamphlet, which almost succeeded. Until today it was unknown, but no longer. Bregninge publishes its complete content in this new book.

## **Rutherfordism**

After Russell's death in 1916, Judge J. F. Rutherford, a lawyer, immediately seized control of the founder's various companies and secured his new presidential position for life. Critics called Rutherford's reorganization "Rutherfordism." Result: around 1931, 70 percent of the original Bible Students left the organization. Russell's original idealistic movement developed under its successor headed toward dictatorship and regimentation, a circumstance that has continued up to the present time.

## **The Doomsday Machine**

Following the 1914 failure, when Judgment Day *again* didn't come, new timings for the world's destruction were identified to occur in the years: 1925, 1954 and 1975, and now 2034—and Armageddon—lurks on the horizon. What the movement's leaders would do without this "doomsday machine," is a good question. The alternative is decreasing growth of membership. The theme of the world's end continues therefore to be the pattern and method necessary to keep the movement going.

## **Arbitrary fundamentalism**

Professor Mogens Müller, the University of Copenhagen, says about *Judgment Day Must Wait*: "Poul Bregninge's background as a former member makes him an especially sensible analyst of a mentally isolated and paranoid universe only sustained by its own logic. His patient reading in the literature is extensive and his attempt to confront the interpretations of the Witnesses with a historical-critical reading of the Bible is innovative and shows how the whole construction of their universe is possible only because they have replaced a historical understanding of the Bible with an arbitrary fundamentalism."

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## **Availability**

*Judgment Day Must Wait* is available at: <http://ybkpublishers.com/#Judgment>

and from Amazon.com at: <http://tinyurl.com/kbsdheb>

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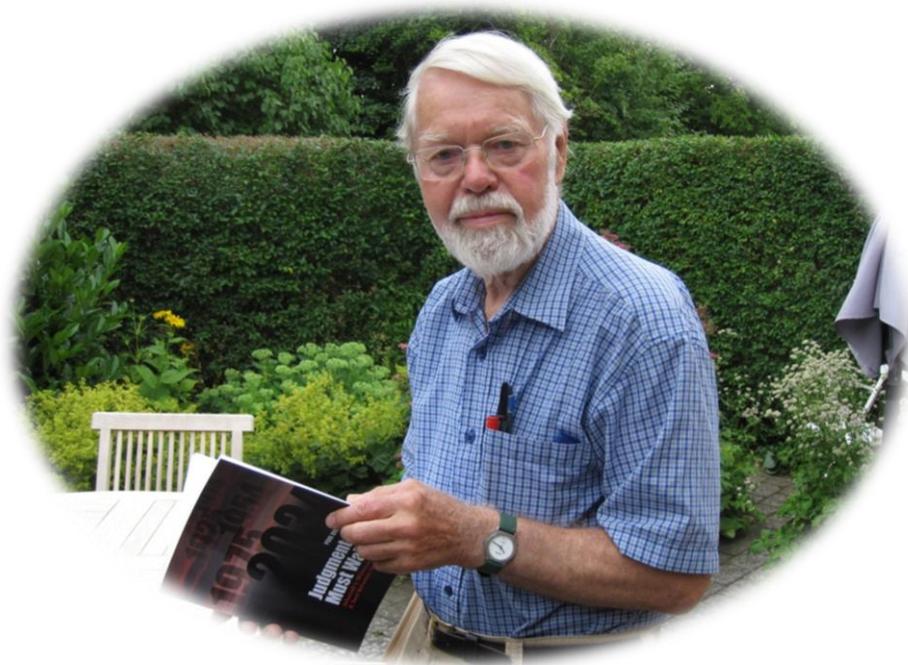
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### **Poul Bregninge**

The author, Poul Bregninge, was born in Copenhagen in 1936. He was trained as a lithographer and graphic designer. In 1938 his parents joined the Jehovah's Witnesses (JW). In 1954, his mother died after having refused a blood transfusion.

In 1964, Poul was ostracized by a judicial committee because he wrote articles on JW for the press. However, he recorded everything on his hidden tape recorder. Poul published subsequently his first book in Danish, *Jehovas Vidner under anklage* (Jehovah's Witnesses Accused).

In 1990 he got the idea to reissue the old book. But it became a brand new one, that is, *Judgment Day Must Wait*, which first was published in Danish in 2006. Afterwards, from 2007 to 2011, Poul translated *JDMW* into English.

Simultaneously he explored his subject further and found explosive news on Jehovah's Witnesses' history. In 2011 he presented the manuscript to YBK Publishers but it was rejected because of linguistic imperfections. In short: it needed Americanization. This was carried out by Dawn Johnson, Word Edge, Stillman Valley, Illinois. After that, YBK Publishers was again presented the manuscript and it was immediately accepted.

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