



JW HOME AT BETHEL in the UK.

A disfellowshipped JW went on a tour of Bethel, IBF House, Ridgeway in North London, stating he was a theological student of the bible.

He was nervous and fearful as he walked from the tube, especially as he was running late and therefore missing the start of the tour. The security guard asked him what he was doing there. He said he was going on the tour of Bethel.

Bethel was clean and tidy with chairs and tables in the waiting area. There was a 2 cabinets with records of the photo drama of creation, pictures Brother Russell and the 6 volumes. He wondered why they were in Bethel as it seemed to be not to be representative of the JWs.

He was shown around half of Bethel by a man with a South African accent whose parents were not JWs. He was shown around the watchtower printing press, where they are able to produce 30k copies per hour.

He was able to ask some questions;

Q. Do you know what Brother Russell Believed?

A. No as I have not read Russell's books

Q. Do you believe in the 1874 parousia as in the 1st Volume?

A. He did not know

Q. What kind of person was Rutherford?

A. He did not know. I said he was a hard man and drunk who took away many of Russell's doctrines.

Q. Did you know Rutherford said Armageddon would happen in 1925?

A. No as he had not read Russell's and Rutherford's books.



Later in the warehouse, he asked if he knew there were still Bible Students from Russell's time. The JW said they would be apostates. I said, how can it be apostate when Russell's will in the December 1916 said the watchtower should remain an editorial committee and continue to publish his writings? Rutherford went against the will and changed into an organization. The JW said the bible students must hate them. I said, 'no they still call you brethren'

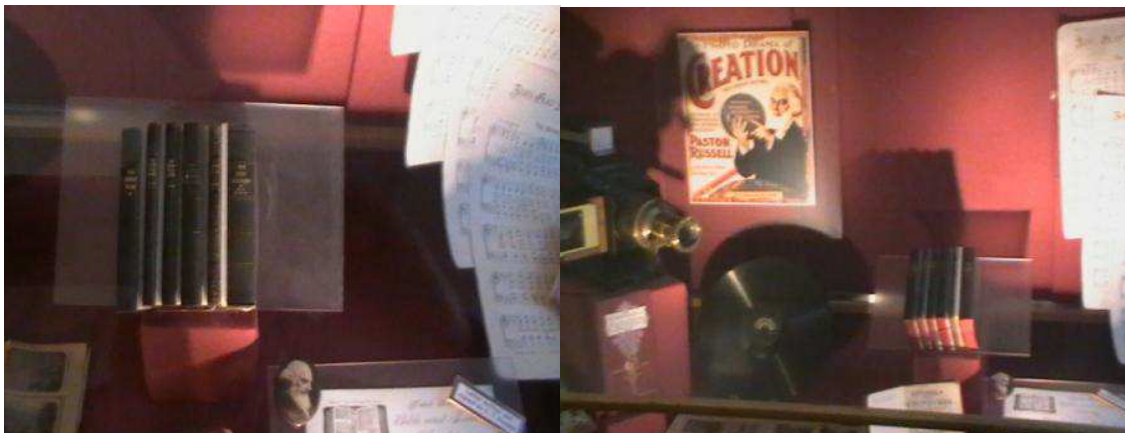
I also asked a lady downstairs at Bethel, how come you changed the generation of 1914 now that Armageddon has not come? Now in 2011 you are saying there is an overlap in generations and more people are claiming to be of the 144k.

Currently there is still 10k who takes the memorial.

They said the light is getting lighter and I, in a loving way that it is getting darker.

There was a friendly and caring guy in the bookroom, where it is more relaxed where I was able to ask about the most topical book on the JWs . I said 'Crisis of conscience' by Raymond Franz which is about injustices to ex JWs, hypocritical mistakes by the governing body about the 1975 predictions and the lack of any apology about that date.

They shook hands and he felt evangelical and not fearful about being disfellowshipped either. He had wished to do something extreme, like asking about paedophiles among the JWs, but that would not have been kind. He left the young man in a loving way.



Display cabinet of pastor Russellf