

## Chapter 2 And The Holy Spirit

Paragraph 16 of Chapter 2 in the KNOWLEDGE book states:

...The Bible itself says that "prophecy was at no time brought by man's will, but men spoke from God as they were born along by holy spirit," or God's active force...<sup>1</sup>

The KNOWLEDGE book states the Holy Spirit is God's active force as fact, but does not elaborate further so we must turn to other WTBS sources for more information.

Reasoning from the Scriptures states:

The correct identification of the holy spirit must fit *all the scriptures* that refer to that spirit. With this viewpoint, it is logical to conclude that the holy spirit is the active force of God. It is not a person but a powerful force that God causes to emanate from himself to accomplish his holy will. – Ps. 104:30; 2 Pet. 1:21; Acts 4:31.<sup>2</sup>

The WTBS book Insight on the Scriptures, Vol. 2 also has this to say about the Holy Spirit:

It may thus be compared to radio waves that can transmit a message from a person speaking into a microphone and cause his voice to be heard by persons a distance away, in effect, 'speaking' the message by a radio loudspeaker. God, by his spirit, transmits his messages and communicates his will to the minds and hearts of his servants on earth, who, in turn, may convey that message to yet others.<sup>3</sup>

The WTBS booklet, *Should You Believe in the Trinity?*, further states:

The Bible's use of "holy spirit" indicates that it is a controlled force that Jehovah God uses to accomplish a variety of his purposes. To a certain extent, it can be likened to electricity, a force that can be adapted to perform a great variety of operations."<sup>4</sup>

Why does the WTBS believe as noted above? And what objections do JW's raise against Christianity's doctrine of the Holy Spirit as a divine person? These objections are addressed in the sections that follow:

- 2A: The Holy Spirit Fills, Etc.
- 2B: The Holy Spirit & Inanimate Objects
- 2C: The Holy Spirit & Personification
- 2D: The Holy Spirit & Matthew 28:19
- 2E: The Holy Spirit & No Personal Name
- 2F: The Holy Spirit & Neuter Pronouns
- 2G: The Holy Spirit & The Definite Article

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[1] Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of New York, Inc. KNOWLEDGE that Leads to Everlasting Life, 1995.

[2] Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of New York, Inc. "Entry for 'Spirit.'" Reasoning from the Scriptures, 1985. Pp. 380, 381.

[3] Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of New York, Inc. "Entry for "SPIRIT."" Insight on the Scriptures, Volume 2, 1989. P. 1020.

[4] Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of New York, Inc. *Should You Believe in the Trinity?*, 1989. P. 20.

2H: The Holy Spirit Speaks...Or Does He?  
2I: The Holy Spirit & Stephen's Glimpse of Heaven  
2J: Why Believe in the Personality of the Holy Spirit?  
2K: Why Believe in the Deity of the Holy Spirit?  
2L: Pneuma & the NWT