



James K. Walker

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James Walker, the president of Watchman Fellowship, is a former fourth generation Mormon with over twenty five years of ministry experience in the field of Christian counter-cult evangelism, apologetics, and discernment. He has been interviewed as an expert on new religious movements and cults on a variety of network television programs including *Nightline*, *ABC World News Tonight*, and *The News Hour* with Jim Lehrer. He has spoken at hundreds of churches, colleges, universities, and seminaries

throughout the United States and internationally.

Education

Rev. Walker holds a BA in Biblical Studies and an MA in Theology (*Summa Cum Laude*) from Criswell College in Dallas. He serves as an adjunct professor at Arlington Baptist College, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and Criswell College. He is an ordained Baptist minister and a member of the International Society of Christian Apologetics (ISCA), the Evangelical Press Association, and serves on the Board of Directors of Evangelical Ministries to New Religions (EMNR).

Media and Books

In addition to network television, Rev. Walker has been interviewed as an authority on alternative religions and cults on numerous nationwide Christian radio programs. These include *Truths that Transform* with Dr. D. James Kennedy; *Hope for the Heart*, with June Hunt, *OpenLine* with Kirby Anderson on the Moody Broadcasting Network, and *Point of View*. He is author of the book, *The Concise Guide to Today's Religions and Spirituality* and coauthor of *The Truth Behind "The Secret."* He is also a contributor to *The Popular Encyclopedia of Apologetics* and *Baker Dictionary of Cults and World Religions* (forthcoming).

Background

James Walker was born into a Latter-day Saint family in Jacksonville, Florida. As a fourth-generation Mormon, he was trained in their programs. At the age of eight he was baptized and received the “laying on of hands” for the “gift of the Holy Ghost.” In his teens, Mr. Walker participated in the baptism for the dead rituals in the Mormon temple in Salt Lake City. He also held the Mormon Aaronic Priesthood serving as Deacon, Teacher, and Priest. Mr. Walker left the Mormon Church and in 1976, he received Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. He and his wife, Jimmie, are members of Fielder Church in Arlington, Texas and have three grown children and eight grandchildren.

Ministry

Rev. Walker joined the staff of Watchman in 1984 and became the president in 1994. Watchman Fellowship is a nonprofit educational organization headquartered in Arlington, Texas. Watchman Fellowship is an apologetics and discernment ministry that provides research and evaluation on cults, the occult, and new religious movements from a traditional Christian perspective. Rev. Walker is directly involved with evangelism and apologetics in a variety of related fields including Mormonism, the New Age spirituality, Jehovah's Witnesses, Islam, Armstrongism, the Unification Church, Christian Science, Wicca, Satanism and the Occult.

He teaches and preaches throughout the United States and internationally in hundreds of churches, colleges, and universities. In addition to teaching, he has also organized and participated in evangelistic outreaches at Jehovah's Witnesses' Conventions, Mormon temple openings and pageants, and New Age events.

Because of his own background and his love for those in new religious movements and alternative faiths, James Walker has invested his life into reaching them with the true Gospel of Jesus Christ. His desire is to work together with local churches train and equip believers to reach out to those of other faiths by earnestly contending for the faith (Jude 3) while speaking the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15).