

The Watchtower had also predicted the world would come to an end in 1914, 1918, 1925, and 1941. The Watchtower also predicted that the world will come to an end before all the members of the 144,000 die. The places of the 144,000 were all filled from among those living in 1914! According to the Watchtower, therefore, the world will come to an end around the end of this century.

- b. Twelve to fifteen leaders departed from the Watchtower Society in 1980. Among those who departed were:
- (1) Rene Vasquez
    - (a) He served as a missionary for the Watchtower Society in Spain for 7 years.
    - (b) He became a leader of the Watchtower's Spanish work at Bethel headquarters in Brooklyn, N.Y.
    - (c) He was disfellowshipped because he became convinced through personal Bible Study that all Jehovah's Witnesses should be "born again" and have the hope of heaven.
  - (2) Raymond Franz
    - (a) He is the nephew of Frederick W. Franz, the President of the Watchtower Society.
    - (b) He was a member of the governing body of the Watchtower Society from 1971-80.
    - (c) He was one of the Watchtower's foremost scholars
    - (d) He was forced to resign from the governing body of the Watchtower by its leaders in 1980.
    - (e) He was disfellowshipped by the leaders of the Watchtower Society in 1981....

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For dining with his friend and employer, Peter Gregerson, who was officially regarded by the Society as an apostate.

According to Raymond Franz, however, he was disfellowshipped to keep him from talking with other members of the Society.