

CHART SUMMARISING THE DEVELOPMENT OF WCG DOCTRINES

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DOCTRINE	18 TRUTHS	DATE/ PERIOD	SOURCE	COMMENTS
Apostleship of HWA		1951	Herman L Hoeh – sermon during the Feast of Tabernacles	
Babylonian Mystery Religion	16. Identity of Babylon and Her Daughters	1930s?	Church of God (seventh day) and other groups	
Baptism (inc repentance, faith, overcoming and so on)		Late 1920s	Church of God (seventh day)	
Binitarianism	5. Who and What is God	Late 1930s?	Church of God (seventh day)	To my knowledge the CoG7 was mainly Binitarian in the 1930s and has continued in this doctrine since
Born again in the resurrection	11. Begotten now 12. Born again at resurrection	Late 1930s	Probably early literature by Church of God (seventh day), Russellites and EW Bullinger	Greatly expanded upon by HWA
British-Israel Identity	13. Identity of Israel 14. Identity Opens Up Understanding of Bible Prophecy	1927	Reverend Lincoln McConnell, pastor of the First Baptist Church of St. Petersburg, Florida & AH Allen's book	"See How Anglo-Israelism Entered the Churches of God", <i>Worldwide News</i> , 27 Feb 1996, by Ralph Orr for details
Christian calling – few called today	8. Firstfruits		Personal study	
Christian separateness from the world	18. Christian separateness	1930s?	Generic to sabbatarians etc	Greatly expanded upon by HWA
Church Eras		1930s?	AN Duggar (seventh day) and GG Rupert	Some information is contained within the book <i>True History of the True Religion</i>
Church Governance structure	4. Government	Early 1950s	Hegvold, Hoeh and Meredith	
Divorce & remarriage - original doctrine			Church of God (seventh day)	Probably further research led him to his position
Ezekiel's Message/Captivity doctrine		May 1941	Impressed upon his mind in the 1940s. Warning ministry of GG	Probably further information came via Herman L Hoeh. Source: January 1962

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			Rupert. Possibly the writings of AJ Ferris	<i>Plain Truth</i> in instalment 41 of "The Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong"
Gap theory		Possibly since late 1920s	Scofield Bible and possibly Church of God (seventh day)	
Genesis 6:9		1930s?	Bullinger and some BI literature	
Germany is Assyria		Early 1950s	Herman L Hoeh	HWA originally held the view that the Germans descended from Gomer. Yet in the early 1950's, he changed to accept the proven Assyrian origin of the Germans. (see "What is going to happen?", <i>Plain Truth</i> , June-July 1934, page 6).
Gospel of the Kingdom	1. True Gospel	Late 1920s?	Church of God (seventh day)	Greatly expanded upon by HWA
Healing		Late 1920s	Church of God (seventh day)	Greatly expanded upon by HWA
Hebrew Calendar		1930s	Church of God (seventh day)	Greatly expanded upon by HWA
Holy Days	3. God's Plan through the Holy Days	1934?	GG Rupert	Greatly expanded upon by HWA
Holy Spirit not a personage	10. Truth about the Holy Spirit	1930s?	Church of God (seventh day)	Greatly expanded upon by HWA
Laying on of hands		Late 1920s	Church of God (seventh day)	
Man's divine destiny	2. Purpose of God 6. What and why is man		Personal study	See <i>Global Church News</i> , Aug-Sept 1993: 11-12 for details
Military/war – non-involvement		Late 1920s	Church of God (seventh day)	
Millennium	9. Knowledge of what the Millennium is	Late 1920s	Church of God (seventh day)	Details came later from <i>Digest of Divine Law</i> by Howard B Rand and further studies.
Mortality of man/soul	6. What and why is man	Late 1920s	Church of God (seventh day) & EW Bullinger	
Pagan origin of Easter etc		Late 1920s	Church of God (seventh day)	Probably also EW Bullinger and the plethora of literature around on these subjects such as Hislop's
Passover on 14 Abib		Late 1920s	Church of God (seventh day)	Greatly expanded upon by HWA
Place of Safety		1940s?	Bullinger or Talbot. (It is interesting that in the 1940s Hoeh was familiar with the famous preacher Louis Talbot who wrote the book <i>I Saw</i>	Greatly expanded upon by HWA and HL Hoeh. The earliest reference to it in WCG literature that I can find is in the <i>Plain Truth</i> , March-April 1942

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			<i>Petra</i> according to Robert Macdonald who knew Dr Hoeh.)	
Prayer & Fasting		Late 1920s	Church of God (seventh day)	
Race Question		Late 1920s	Common knowledge at that time among Christendom and BIs	
Sabbath		Late 1920s	Church of God (seventh day)	
Salvation & Conversion are processes in 3 stages			Unknown	Probably further Bible research
Satan, Demons, Angels	17. Satan is the guilty party	Late 1920s	Church of God (seventh day)	Further details came in 1950s
Saturday resurrection		Late 1920s	Church of God (seventh day)	
Second Resurrection		Early 1950s?	Influence of Russellites	
Seven Thousand Year Plan		Late 1920s	Church of God (seventh day)	Possibly also Scofield and Darby
Spirit in Man	7. Spirit in man	Early 1960s	Unknown	Developed further in early 1970s by Robert L Kuhn
Tithing - First		Late 1920s	Church of God (seventh day)	Understanding of 2 nd and 3 rd tithes came later
Tithing – Second and Third	15. Second and Third	1940s-50s	Further study	
US of Europe		Early 1930s		Greatly expanded upon by HWA and other evangelists
Wednesday Crucifixion		Late 1920s	Church of God (seventh day) & EW Bullinger	Greatly expanded upon by HL Hoeh
WCG official seal		1963	Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints seal?	The seal of this group seems to have provided the inspiration for the WCG seal