

# Reference Document

**“The Archive That Shuns”**  
*Every Claim, Source, and Verification Status*

## How to Use This Document

Each entry identifies a specific factual claim made in the video, the source it is based on, where to verify it, and any notes on confidence level. Claims are organized in the order they appear in the video.

### Verification levels:

- **PRIMARY** — Sourced from court rulings, legislation, official Watchtower publications and JW.org pages (including the live JW.org video library), peer-reviewed research, or other government/regulatory records. Primary sources can stand on their own.
- **SECONDARY** — Sourced from established advocacy or legal resource sites, academic researchers, or reputable investigative journalism. Secondary sources support claims and are most defensible when paired with a primary or another independent secondary.

A note on live web pages: several claims in this video describe what is currently on JW.org. Live pages can change at any time. Those claims reflect the pages as captured in June 2026, and the video dates them on screen.

## SECTION 1: The Edited Graduation

**Claim: The JW Broadcasting—December 2023 program (154th Gilead Graduation) currently appears in the Monthly Programs section of JW.org’s video library.**

- **Source:** JW.org Online Video Library (live site): Library → Videos → JW Broadcasting → Monthly Programs
- **URL:** <https://www.jw.org/en/library/videos/>
- **Verification:** PRIMARY — Watchtower’s own official website.
- **Note:** Live page; reflects the library as captured in June 2026.

**Claim: The version of the 154th Gilead Graduation on JW.org was revised: graduates Anthony and Ali Sanseri were edited out of the concluding segment, and their “The Inside Story” interview was deleted from the program. The original footage is archived.**

- **Source:** AvoidJW, *Videos Removed from JW.org* catalog (entries: “Concluding Talk and Assignments” and “The Inside Story,” 154th Gilead Graduation)
- **URL:** <https://avoidjw.org/video/videos-removed-from-jw-org/>
- **Verification:** SECONDARY — Established archival project documenting each removal with a preserved copy of the original.
- **Note:** The archived original is downloadable at the source for a direct side-by-side comparison with the version currently on JW.org.

## SECTION 2: The People Who Stopped Existing

**Claim: AvoidJW maintains a running catalog, “Videos Removed from JW.org,” documenting videos Watchtower has removed or revised, with archived copies of the originals.**

- **Source:** AvoidJW, *Videos Removed from JW.org*
- **URL:** <https://avoidjw.org/video/videos-removed-from-jw-org/>

- **Verification:** SECONDARY — The catalog itself; each entry includes the original file.

**Claim: Nine “Sing to Jehovah” music videos (songs 142 through 150) were removed from JW.org; the catalog attributes each removal to a person featured in the video leaving or being expelled.**

- **Source:** AvoidJW, *Videos Removed from JW.org* (entries for songs 142–150)
- **URL:** <https://avoidjw.org/video/videos-removed-from-jw-org/>
- **Verification:** SECONDARY — Item-level documentation with archived originals.
- **Key quote / Direct text:** “removed from JW.org because a person featured in the video left the religious group”

**Claim: Additional videos were removed with the same attribution (a featured person left or was expelled), including: “The Bible Saved Our Marriage,” “Johny and Gideon: Once Enemies Now Brothers,” the Cameroon Branch Construction Report, “Continue Preaching ‘Without Letup,’” the Courting and Dating segment (JW Broadcasting, August 2016), “Be a Courageous Youth,” “Preparing for Marriage Part 2,” “Please Be Convinced,” and “A Place That Will Bring You Praise.”**

- **Source:** AvoidJW, *Videos Removed from JW.org* (individual entries)
- **URL:** <https://avoidjw.org/video/videos-removed-from-jw-org/>
- **Verification:** SECONDARY — Item-level documentation with archived originals.
- **Note:** The video treats the stated reasons as the archivists’ attributions and separately acknowledges that some subjects may themselves have requested removal — a possibility the video explicitly sets aside before drawing conclusions.

**Claim: A full February 2016 broadcast (featuring Kenneth Flodin) was removed; the archivists’ assessment is that the removal was temporary, pending an edit to cut a participant who left the faith, after which a revised version would return.**

- **Source:** AvoidJW, *Videos Removed from JW.org* (entry: JW Broadcasting – February 2016)
- **URL:** <https://avoidjw.org/video/videos-removed-from-jw-org/>
- **Verification:** SECONDARY — The archivists’ own stated assessment, presented as such in the video.

## SECTION 3: Which Anthony Morris Are You Allowed to Find?

**Claim: On February 22, 2023, Watchtower announced that Anthony Morris III was no longer a member of the Governing Body, with no explanation given.**

- **Source:** JW News announcement (jw.org), February 22, 2023, as documented and quoted by AvoidJW, *Anthony Morris III Removed from the Governing Body of Jehovah’s Witnesses*
- **URL:** <https://avoidjw.org/news/anthony-morris-removed-from-the-governing-body-of-jehovahs-witnesses/>
- **Verification:** SECONDARY — Contemporaneous documentation quoting the official announcement verbatim.
- **Key quote / Direct text:** “no longer serving as a member of the Governing Body of Jehovah’s Witnesses” (Watchtower’s own wording)

**Claim: After Morris’s departure, his videos were documented coming off JW.org — including his Morning Worship catalog (among them the talk in which he burns a match to characterize the organization’s critics, and the talk that opens by announcing a discussion about money), an Annual Meeting 2020 segment, and instructional videos — and the video “A Name That Defines Us” was re-edited to remove him and then restored to the site.**

- **Source:** AvoidJW, *Videos Removed from JW.org* (dated entries for Anthony Morris III items)
- **URL:** <https://avoidjw.org/video/videos-removed-from-jw-org/>

- **Verification:** SECONDARY — Item-level documentation made as the removals occurred, with archived originals.
- **Note:** The video makes no claim about the day-by-day timeline of removals or restorations; it compares the documented removed items with what is on the live site today.

**Claim: Six Anthony Morris talks currently appear on JW.org’s Talks page: “Let Each One Keep Watching How He Is Building”; “In Showing Honor, Take the Lead”; “Organized to Do God’s Will”; “Glorify Jehovah—The One to Whom Every Family Owes Its Name”; “Jehovah’s Servants Will Be Persecuted”; and “We Protect Our Children.”**

- **Source:** JW.org Online Video Library (live site): Library → Videos → JW Broadcasting → Talks
- **URL:** <https://www.jw.org/en/library/videos/>
- **Verification:** PRIMARY — Watchtower’s own official website.
- **Note:** Live page; reflects the complete Talks listing as captured in June 2026.

**Claim: Stephen Lett’s talk “Honor Jehovah With Your Valuable Things” (33 minutes) currently appears on JW.org’s Talks page, including its discussion of the organization’s finances and the appeal for donations.**

- **Source:** JW.org Online Video Library (live site): Library → Videos → JW Broadcasting → Talks
- **URL:** <https://www.jw.org/en/library/videos/>
- **Verification:** PRIMARY — Watchtower’s own official website.
- **Note:** I downloaded and reviewed the full talk in June 2026; the financial content, including the statement that more funds were going out than coming in, is intact in the version hosted on JW.org today.

**Claim: The full JW Broadcasting May 2015 monthly program, in which that segment originally aired, is among the monthly programs no longer listed on JW.org.**

- **Source:** AvoidJW, *Videos Removed from JW.org* (entry: JW Broadcasting – May 2015)
- **URL:** <https://avoidjw.org/video/videos-removed-from-jw-org/>
- **Verification:** SECONDARY — Item-level documentation with the archived original program.

## SECTION 4: The Case, the Claim, and the Videos That Vanished

**Claim: The video “Loyally Uphold Jehovah’s Judgments: Shun Unrepentant Wrongdoers” — a dramatization in which parents decline a disfellowshipped daughter’s phone calls — was shown at Watchtower’s 2016 regional conventions, published on jw.org in September 2017, and removed from jw.org in October 2024 without announcement.**

- **Source:** AvoidJW, *Videos Removed from JW.org* (entry with publication and removal dates)
- **URL:** <https://avoidjw.org/video/videos-removed-from-jw-org/>
- **Verification:** SECONDARY — Item-level documentation with the archived original video.

**Claim: Its companion video, “Loyally Uphold Jehovah’s Judgments: Be Forgiving,” was also removed from jw.org.**

- **Source:** AvoidJW, *Videos Removed from JW.org*
- **URL:** <https://avoidjw.org/video/videos-removed-from-jw-org/>
- **Verification:** SECONDARY — Item-level documentation with the archived original video.

**Claim: The archivists who preserved the two videos state that they were removed to keep evidence of shunning direction away from the Norwegian courts. The video presents this as their assessment — not as established fact — and relies on the documented dates instead.**

- **Source:** AvoidJW, *Videos Removed from JW.org*

- **URL:** <https://avoidjw.org/video/videos-removed-from-jw-org/>
- **Verification:** SECONDARY — The source’s own stated assessment, explicitly attributed in the video.

**Claim: In 2022, the County Governor of Oslo and Viken revoked the registration of Jehovah’s Witnesses in Norway and blocked their State grants; on March 4, 2024, the Oslo District Court upheld the government’s decision.**

- **Source:** JW.org News, *Jehovah’s Witnesses to Appeal Unconstitutional Ruling in Norway* (March 2024)
- **URL:** <https://www.jw.org/en/news/region/norway/Jehovahs-Witnesses-to-Appeal-Unconstitutional-Ruling-in-Norway/>
- **Verification:** PRIMARY — Watchtower’s own account of losing at the district court.

**Claim: Jehovah’s Witnesses eased disciplinary guidelines within two weeks of the Oslo District Court ruling.**

- **Source:** CNE.news, *Jehovah’s Witnesses ease shunning rules after blow in Oslo court* (April 2024)
- **URL:** <https://cne.news/article/4220-jehovahs-witnesses-ease-shunning-rules-after-blow-in-oslo-court>
- **Verification:** SECONDARY — European Christian news service reporting on the timing.
- **Note:** AvoidJW’s Norway coverage dates the adjusted practices to March 15, 2024 — eleven days after the March 4 ruling.
- **Key quote / Direct text:** “came within two weeks after the decision of the Oslo District Court”

**Claim: In August 2024, the Watchtower magazine retired the term “disfellowshipped” in favor of “removed from the congregation,” and a simple greeting of removed ones is now permitted.**

- **Source:** *The Watchtower* (Study Edition), August 2024, Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society; available in the Watchtower Online Library (Publications → The Watchtower → 2024)
- **URL:** <https://wol.jw.org/>
- **Verification:** PRIMARY — Watchtower’s own publication.
- **Note:** The change is also acknowledged in a footnote of the current JW.org FAQ cited below.

**Claim: The Governing Body announced the adjusted approach in a 2024 Governing Body Update video, which remains available in the News and Announcements section of JW.org’s video library today.**

- **Source:** JW.org Online Video Library (live site): Library → Videos → JW Broadcasting → News and Announcements
- **URL:** <https://www.jw.org/en/library/videos/>
- **Verification:** PRIMARY — Watchtower’s own official website; the Governing Body Update series 2020–2026 is listed in full.
- **Note:** Live page; reflects the listing as captured in June 2026.

**Claim: In 1981, the Watchtower taught that even saying hello to a disfellowshipped person was a dangerous first step.**

- **Source:** *The Watchtower*, September 15, 1981, page 25; available in the Watchtower Online Library (Publications → The Watchtower → 1981)
- **URL:** <https://wol.jw.org/>
- **Verification:** PRIMARY — Watchtower’s own publication.
- **Key quote / Direct text:** “Would we want to take that first step with a disfellowshipped person?” (original spelling retained)

**Claim: Watchtower’s current FAQ states that members do not socialize with a person who has been removed from the congregation but do not ignore him completely; that he may be greeted at religious services; that the terminology change is acknowledged in a footnote; that a separate**

**footnote withholds even a greeting from one who leaves and actively works against the organization; and that its assurance about continuing family life is framed for family members living in the same house.**

- **Source:** JW.org FAQ, *How Do Jehovah's Witnesses Treat Those Who Used to Belong to Their Religion?*
- **URL:** <https://www.jw.org/en/jehovahs-witnesses/faq/removed-from-the-congregation/>
- **Verification:** PRIMARY — Watchtower's own official website, live as of June 2026.
- **Key quote / Direct text:** "we do not socialize with someone who has been removed"

**Claim: Watchtower's 2023 "Exercise Patience" regional convention program included video material on loyalty when a family member is disfellowshipped, instructing that affection for the disfellowshipped relative must not exceed affection for God; convention video material from that program was later removed from jw.org.**

- **Source:** AvoidJW, *Watchtower rewrote the story. The Internet Remembered* (May 20, 2026), and the *Videos Removed from JW.org* catalog (entry: "A Pattern of Exercising Patience – The Prophets")
- **URL:** <https://avoidjw.org/history/watchtower-rewrote-the-story-the-internet-remembered/>
- **Verification:** SECONDARY — Documented with archived convention material.
- **Note:** The line is quoted verbatim on screen in the video directly from the archived convention video.

**Claim: On April 29, 2026 (announced April 30), the Supreme Court of Norway ruled, by a 3–2 majority, that the decisions denying Jehovah's Witnesses registration and State grants were invalid. The case concerned the practice of social exclusion and its effect on children's rights and the right to withdraw from the community; the majority ruled on whether the State had met the legal bar for those penalties, and the minority would have upheld the State's decisions.**

- **Source:** Supreme Court of Norway, judgment *HR-2026-1009-A* (case no. 25-089326SIV-HRET), April 29, 2026; the Court's official English summary is reproduced at the URL below
- **URL:** <https://hrwf.eu/norway-the-supreme-court-dismisses-all-accusations-against-jehovahs-witnesses/>
- **Verification:** PRIMARY — Court judgment; the linked page reproduces the Supreme Court's official summary. The judgment is also available from the Supreme Court of Norway (domstol.no) under case HR-2026-1009-A.

**Claim: On May 8, 2026, JW.org published an article presenting the ruling as a vindication, quoting Scandinavia Branch Committee member Jørgen Pedersen on the treatment of former members.**

- **Source:** JW.org News, *Norwegian Supreme Court Issues Significant Ruling in Favor of Jehovah's Witnesses* (May 8, 2026)
- **URL:** <https://www.jw.org/en/news/region/norway/Norwegian-Supreme-Court-Issues-Significant-Ruling-in-Favor-of-Jehovahs-Witnesses/>
- **Verification:** PRIMARY — Watchtower's own official website.
- **Key quote / Direct text:** "loving, kind, and dignified manner"

**Claim: Watchtower teaches that the entire world outside the organization — including governments and courts — lies in Satan's power.**

- **Source:** 1 John 5:19, *New World Translation* (Study Edition), jw.org; the teaching is stated throughout Watchtower's own publications, including JW.org's Bible Questions Answered section ("Who Really Rules the World?")
- **URL:** <https://www.jw.org/en/library/bible/study-bible/books/1-john/5/>
- **Verification:** PRIMARY — Watchtower's own Bible translation and doctrinal material.
- **Key quote / Direct text:** "the whole world is lying in the power of the wicked one"

**Claim: The 2017 video "Russian Supreme Court Renders Unjust Decision!" currently appears in the News and Announcements section of JW.org's video library.**

- **Source:** JW.org Online Video Library (live site): Library → Videos → JW Broadcasting → News and Announcements
- **URL:** <https://www.jw.org/en/library/videos/>
- **Verification:** PRIMARY — Watchtower’s own official website.
- **Note:** Live page; reflects the listing as captured in June 2026.

## SECTION 5: The Rules of the Archive

**Claim: A speaker’s segment in the video “The Earth That Will Endure Forever” was revised, with a portion of his on-camera appearance replaced by graphics, and the revised version placed on jw.org without any notice of the change.**

- **Source:** AvoidJW, *Videos Removed from JW.org* (entry: “The Earth That Will Endure Forever”)
- **URL:** <https://avoidjw.org/video/videos-removed-from-jw-org/>
- **Verification:** SECONDARY — Item-level documentation with the archived original for comparison.

**Claim: The cover image of the video “A Gift in Hand to Jehovah” originally depicted a child placing money in a donation box at a Kingdom Hall; after public criticism, the cover was changed to an elderly woman’s hand.**

- **Source:** AvoidJW, *Videos Removed from JW.org* (entry: “A Gift in Hand to Jehovah”)
- **URL:** <https://avoidjw.org/video/videos-removed-from-jw-org/>
- **Verification:** SECONDARY — Item-level documentation preserving the original cover.

## SECTION 6: The Self-Portrait

**Claim: As of June 2026, JW.org’s Monthly Programs page lists a continuous run of monthly programs back to September 2021; before that date, exactly eight full programs remain — three Annual Meetings and five Gilead graduations — and the list ends entirely at December 2017.**

- **Source:** JW.org Online Video Library (live site): Library → Videos → JW Broadcasting → Monthly Programs
- **URL:** <https://www.jw.org/en/library/videos/>
- **Verification:** PRIMARY — Watchtower’s own official website.
- **Note:** Live page; the video dates this claim on screen and shows the page as captured.

**Claim: The large-scale removal of pre-2021 monthly programs was reported on May 20, 2026.**

- **Source:** AvoidJW, *Watchtower rewrote the story. The Internet Remembered*, by Miss Usato (May 20, 2026)
- **URL:** <https://avoidjw.org/history/watchtower-rewrote-the-story-the-internet-remembered/>
- **Verification:** SECONDARY — The report that first documented the change, with ongoing recovery of the original files.
- **Note:** The video treats the bulk removal as context only — expressly allowing that it may be format consolidation — and rests its conclusions on the individually documented removals in the sections above.

**Claim: JW Broadcasting launched on October 6, 2014.**

- **Source:** JW.org, *From Our Archives: Broadcasting the Good News*
- **URL:** <https://www.jw.org/en/library/series/from-our-archives-1/Broadcasting-the-Good-News/>
- **Verification:** PRIMARY — Watchtower’s own published history of the channel.

**Claim: Watchtower itself reported that each monthly program was watched more than two million times in its release month.**

- **Source:** *2016 Yearbook of Jehovah's Witnesses*, "Setting Up JW Broadcasting," jw.org
- **URL:** <https://www.jw.org/en/library/books/2016-yearbook/highlights/setting-up-jw-broadcasting/>
- **Verification:** PRIMARY — Watchtower's own publication.
- **Key quote / Direct text:** "watched over two million times during that month"

**Claim: The pre-2020 content remaining in the News and Announcements section of the video library consists overwhelmingly of persecution coverage (Russia, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, and related items) and disaster-relief reports (Nepal, Liberia Ebola, Cyclone Idai, and others).**

- **Source:** JW.org Online Video Library (live site): Library → Videos → JW Broadcasting → News and Announcements
- **URL:** <https://www.jw.org/en/library/videos/>
- **Verification:** PRIMARY — Watchtower's own official website.
- **Note:** Live page; reflects the complete listing as captured in June 2026.

**Claim: A video describing HuB — the internal computer system linking every branch to world headquarters and holding personal data relating to millions of current and former members — was removed from JW.org.**

- **Source:** AvoidJW, *Videos Removed from JW.org* (entry: "HuB (Headquarters – unity – Branch)")
- **URL:** <https://avoidjw.org/video/videos-removed-from-jw-org/>
- **Verification:** SECONDARY — Item-level documentation with the archived original video.

## SECTION 7: The Forbidden Library

**Claim: The video "Choose Your Apps Wisely" was never made publicly accessible on JW.org; it was played at congregation meetings, was accessible only to congregation elders, and discourages members from accessing websites and applications critical of the organization.**

- **Source:** AvoidJW, *Videos Removed from JW.org* (entry: "Choose Your Apps Wisely")
- **URL:** <https://avoidjw.org/video/videos-removed-from-jw-org/>
- **Verification:** SECONDARY — Item-level documentation with the preserved video.

## SECTION 8: Additional Supporting Sources

**The investigative report on Watchtower's video removals and the Norway ruling**

- **Source:** AvoidJW, *Watchtower rewrote the story. The Internet Remembered*, by Miss Usato (May 20, 2026)
- **URL:** <https://avoidjw.org/history/watchtower-rewrote-the-story-the-internet-remembered/>
- **Verification:** SECONDARY — Established research and archival project on Watchtower.
- **Contains:** The full analysis connecting the removed shunning videos, the language rebrand, the Norway litigation timeline, and the warning to members against outside websites.

**Watchtower's account of the appellate stage of the Norway case**

- **Source:** JW.org News, *Court of Appeal Unanimously Overturns Unconstitutional Ruling in Norway* (March 2025)
- **URL:** <https://www.jw.org/en/news/region/norway/Court-of-Appeal-Unanimously-Overturns-Unconstitutional-Ruling-in-Norway/>
- **Verification:** PRIMARY — Watchtower's own official website.
- **Contains:** The March 14, 2025 Borgarting Court of Appeal decision, after which the State appealed to the Supreme Court.

### **Watchtower's five-year retrospective on JW Broadcasting**

- **Source:** JW.org News, *JW Broadcasting Reaches Five-Year Mark*
- **URL:** <https://www.jw.org/en/news/region/global/JW-Broadcasting-Reaches-Five-Year-Mark/>
- **Verification:** PRIMARY — Watchtower's own official website.
- **Contains:** The organization's own account of the channel's growth, languages, and original content since the first broadcast in October 2014.

### **Independent coverage and case archive of the Norway Supreme Court decision**

- **Source:** AvoidJW, *BREAKING: Verdict In – Norway Loses Case to Jehovah's Witnesses* (April 30, 2026)
- **URL:** <https://avoidjw.org/news/breaking-jw-vs-norway-norway-state-loses/>
- **Verification:** SECONDARY — Contemporaneous coverage aggregating Norwegian press reaction.
- **Contains:** Reaction from Norwegian media, including Vårt Land, and links to the full multi-year case archive.

### **The Supreme Court of Norway**

- **Source:** Norges Høyesterett / Supreme Court of Norway, official site (case HR-2026-1009-A)
- **URL:** <https://www.domstol.no/en/supremecourt/>
- **Verification:** PRIMARY — The court itself.
- **Contains:** Official information on the Court and access to its decisions, including the English summary of judgment HR-2026-1009-A of April 29, 2026.

### **The current JW.org FAQ's closing endorsements**

- **Source:** JW.org FAQ, *How Do Jehovah's Witnesses Treat Those Who Used to Belong to Their Religion?* (section: comments from legal experts)
- **URL:** <https://www.jw.org/en/jehovahs-witnesses/faq/removed-from-the-congregation/>
- **Verification:** PRIMARY — Watchtower's own official website.
- **Contains:** The FAQ's concluding quotations from non-Witness legal figures, including the High Court of Justice of England and Wales and a former judge of the European Court of Human Rights, offered in defense of the removal practice.