

Biography For

Donald Curtis Burney

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Donald was born (**February 18th, 1953**) in Bessemer, Alabama but grew up in Tallahassee, Florida where his family moved in 1955 when he was 2 years old. At a young age, he became quite familiar with the teachings of Jehovah's Witnesses as his parents, Robert Earl Burney (1915 - 1992) and James Ennis Wynn (1916 - 2010), had been loyal Jehovah's Witnesses since 1948. They dutifully taught this religion to their 7 children, 3 daughters and 4 sons, from which Donald, being the youngest member in the family, benefited greatly.

Donald progressed through elementary school (John G. Riley), Junior High (Griffin, FAMU Jr. High), High School (Amos P. Godby) from which he graduated in 1971. He then attended a Technical College (Lewis Lively) completing a 1-year course in Graphic Arts in 1972.

Donald (or "Don" as he was commonly called) began to be fascinated with the teachings of the Bible and those of Jehovah's Witnesses in early adolescence. As a youth, he always had many, many questions about the Bible and what it actually taught. Most adults who knew him at that time observed that he continually asked question after question of them during "field service" [the public ministry of Jehovah's Witnesses] and in private conversations with leading members of the faith, when he came in contact with them. As the years passed, he continued to progress in his knowledge of Holy Scripture and decided to become a dedicated, baptized member of the Griffin Heights Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses on **May 18, 1968**. He was 15 years old at that time and was in the 9th year of his schooling. Little did he realize that this particular action would prove monumental in his **lifelong search for Divine Truth**.

Beginning in the year of **1972**, when he was 19 years old, he began to ponder the world scene and the things that were happening around him. He begins to give serious consideration to life itself and what seemed to be its many unanswered questions and follies. He began to wonder if any among mankind possessed the answers to the problems of life. Donald felt that the Jehovah's Witnesses did have some answers, but not as many as they lay claim to or believed they had. It appeared to him, regrettably, that they were under some form of self-delusion that they had inflicted upon themselves. And so, for this and other troubling reasons and concerns found within this faith that he had known "from infancy," Donald began a very intense and serious study of the scriptures. (2 Timothy 3:15) He made a close comparison and analysis of the ways and teachings of the Jehovah's Witnesses religion in the light of what the bible actually taught. Happily, this search and quest to find Divine Truth

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continues even down to this very day, over 50 years from the date of his baptism in 1968.

Because he made such rapid progress within the organization, in **1973** the elders approached him about becoming a "**Ministerial Servant**" [Greek: *Diakonos*, Deacon] in the congregation, and this when he was 20 years old. He, of course, accepted this new challenge. Thus for most of the years since **1973** and up to his official departure from the faith on **May 1, 1991**, Donald served in some official capacity of leadership within some **8 congregations** located in 3 different states.

During this time, Donald often engaged in the Full-time Service as Jehovah's Witnesses call it, spending the majority of his time teaching the bible to those who were interested in learning about the teachings and practices of Jehovah's Witnesses. He also took advantage of the opportunity to serve "where the need was greater," that is, doing voluntary missionary or bible teaching work in areas where the congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses were small and in need of help to carry out their preaching assignment. In two of these congregations that he was helping, Donald was asked to serve as the Presiding Overseer.

His first appointment as "Elder" came in **April 1978** when he was only 25 years of age. During this same year, in the fall, while serving in the congregation located in Monroeville, Alabama, he was asked to be the Presiding Overseer. Donald served in Alabama for five years total, from 1975 thru 1980. Then Donald moved to Wakulla County, Florida and served in the Medart, Florida Congregation for five years. In the year of 1983 when he was 30 years old, he was appointed an Elder in this Congregation.

In the **Spring of 1985**, Donald then moved to the state of Georgia and served there for 5 years in three different cities and three different Congregations. For example, while serving in a small congregation in Hazlehurst, Georgia, he was asked to become its Presiding Overseer. This was in **September 1985**, when he was 32 years of age. Then next, Donald moved to Fort Valley Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses in Georgia and was appointed an Elder there also. During most of these years, Donald also served as a "Regular Pioneer," teaching God's Word to many within the respective communities of each congregation that he served. These were all privileges that, even to this date, he cherishes as grand privileges from Jehovah God and Jesus Christ.

Then in **1990**, while serving in the Montezuma, Georgia Congregation, Donald began to notice serious discrepancies within the taught doctrine of the Jehovah's Witness Faith. He also began to observe serious inconsistencies between what the leadership practiced and what they taught the rank and file. With all of his years of association with this organization, he was all too familiar with the dogmatic beliefs and viewpoints of the leadership, both at the local level and among those who headed this organization. He, therefore, made the weighty decision to leave the Jehovah's Witnesses Faith and Organization in **May 1991**, as he could not continue in good conscience to teach or preach information he knew was not correct nor was pure truth in God's sight. It was also during this time,

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along with a few relatives and friends who left the faith around the same time and for similar reasons as he did, that Donald began to compile a written record of the false doctrines being taught by the leading teachers of the Jehovah's Witnesses. He has, down to this day, continued this exposé and this material has been compiled in a series of publications known by many as: [The "Report" Book Series](#).

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**“Then, in heaven, the Temple of God was opened and
the Ark of his covenant could be seen inside the Temple. Lightning flashed,
thunder crashed and roared; there
was a great hailstorm, and the world was shaken by
a mighty earthquake.”
(Revelation 11:19 - *New Living Translation*)**