



THE TRAIN THAT NEVER RUNS OUT OF STEAM—OR FUEL (SINCE 1968)

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Though Jehovah's Witnesses annually hold district conventions around the world that are open to the general public, they usually don't seek attention. This year, that changed.

"Why now? Because we recognize **how close it is to the culmination of the entire world system**," said Peter Michas, the elder who encountered the Ballard woman last week.

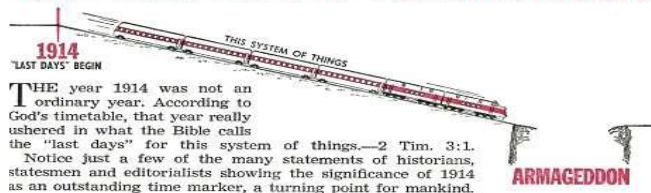
Wars, natural disasters and other tumultuous events around the globe indicate that **"the kingdom (of God) is like a freight train. It's on its way,"** he said.

Such discourse draws mixed reaction from the general public, said Chris Mahla, an elder with Michas at the North Park congregation in Greenwood.

"If I had to summarize the perception, I'd say that people who do **not know anything about the Bible probably think we're quacks going door-to-door**," he said. "People who know about the Bible probably respect our knowledge."

(NOTE TRAIN from **1968** Watchtower literature)

THE YEAR 1914 A TURNING POINT



THE year 1914 was not an ordinary year. According to God's timetable, that year really ushered in what the Bible calls the "last days" for this system of things.—2 Tim. 3:1. Notice just a few of the many statements of historians, statesmen and editorialists showing the significance of 1914 as an outstanding time marker, a turning point for mankind.

Normal times ended.

"The last completely 'normal' year in history was 1913, the year before World War I began."—Washington, D.C., *Times-Herald*, March 13, 1949.

However, is this not just an "American" view? No, it is the view of authorities all over the world.

"Security and quiet have disappeared from the lives of men since 1914. And peace? Since 1914, the Germans have not known real peace nor has much of mankind."—Konrad Adenauer, chancellor, West Germany, January 20, 1964. "In the year 1914 the world, as it was known and accepted then, came to an end. Far more than any year before or since was this the punctuation-mark of the twentieth century."—British author James Cameron in the book entitled "1914." "If . . . the human race survives, some historian in the next century may well conclude that the day the world went mad was August 4, 1914."—*London Star*, August 4, 1960.

August 4, 1914, World War I began developing. But did not World War II mark an even greater turning point? No!

"The first [world] war marked a far greater change in history. It closed a long era of general peace and began a new age of violence in which the second [world] war is simply an episode. Since 1914 the world has had a new character; a character of international anarchy. . . . Thus the first World War marks a turning point in modern history."—H. R. Trevor-Roper, British historian, August 1, 1954. "It is indeed the year 1914 rather than that of Hiroshima which marks the turning point in our time. . . . it was the first world war that ushered in the era of confused transition in the midst of which we are floundering."—*Scientific Monthly*, July 1951.

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Let's see: 38 years have elapsed since the freight train analogy was used. That means we should see another freight train from the Watchtower still "on its way" around the year 2044.