

the state rather than God takes the course leading to certain destruction.

An image, as defined by the Scriptures, means a 'representation, a figure, a symbol; that is, something that stands for and in the place of another.' It is defined by Webster thus: 'Something that represents another; a symbol; a representation.' 'Bowling down,' as used in the Scriptures, means to do reverence, obeisance, to worship. It is the purpose of the Devil to cause men to reproach God's name that destruction of man may result. For the specific protection of those who have agreed to do God's will the Most High gives this commandment: 'Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me' (Exodus 20:3-5).

The salute to the dictatorial ruler, as above mentioned, the bowing down to images or worshipping such, attributes to whatsoever that image represents the quality of protection and salvation, and is therefore a clear violation of God's law; and hence the one devoted to Jehovah cannot obey and will not obey a law of the state that requires him to violate God's law."

The words "Heil Hitler" mean -- I ascribe my salvation and protection to Hitler as a person, but Jehovah's witness does not do that; he ascribes his salvation to Almighty God, and he is not going to worship and bow down or do obeisance to any individual in the country.