



# WYCLIFFE'S JOURNAL

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## ABOUT:

In this booklet are some of John Wycliffe's personal journal. I will only be covering the major events in John Wycliffe's life.

Year: 1345 – Date: unknown

I have decided to journal my thoughts and experiences. I should write some information about myself so I can remember how I was when I read this journal years later. Well, I am currently age fifteen and going to school in Oxford. I am studying the Bible and will pursue Theology. I would like to be a teacher someday. I believe that God is calling me towards this career. Well, that's all for today. This is me talking to myself, but silently through writing. How cool is that! Well, if anyone happens to read this, they will most likely think I'm absolutely insane or some sort. This journal will need be kept hidden and safe. Hmm... Once I think of a place to hide it in... I will write of it next time. I don't know how often I would be able to write, but I should probably keep this up to date with what's happening to me.

J.W

Year: 1353 – Date: unknown

(Fast forward to 1353)

Hello there my old journal. Another day, another year. I am now twenty-three years old, and still studying.

A major event happened recently. My father passed away. Oh my, how will things go from here? Since I am the man of the family now, I am the lord of the manor. I miss my father greatly. He was a good man. I look forward to seeing Him in heaven.

Since my father died, well, life has got to go on so I kept studying and by God's grace, I will soon finish and become a master and pursue teaching. This is rather short, but I can't seem to focus on anything I do lately.

J.W



Year: 1361 - Date: unknown

God has definitely been blessing me. After being a master at a college last year, today I received my master of arts!

(same year, different day)

I should probably journal what happened today. Here it goes. I got ordained for the See of Lincoln. Another milestone indeed. God is good.

J.W

Year: 1369 Date: -

Dear journal, I am now thirty-nine years old. Still healthy and still studying and learning. I have been teaching at colleges and preaching at churches. Today, I received my bachelor of Divinity. Praise God.

Year: 1372 Date: -

With further studying, today I received my doctorate of theology. I am now an official theologian. I preach in churches here in England and sometimes on the streets. I teach theology and philosophy at the Oxford university. And talk to anyone who has a question regarding the Bible.

J.W

Year: - Date: -

Today, I just want to write a prayer of mine so that I will remember it when I read back through this journal, if I forget it by any chance in the future.

Our most gracious Father in heaven,

Thank you for all the achievements you have allowed me to achieve. Without you, I do not know where I would be today. Thank you for your overflowing blessings. Thank you for using me in your work and giving me wisdom and knowledge to be of service to others and lead them to you.

I pray in your name, Amen.

J.W

Year: -1381 Date: -

I am now fifty-one years old. Still alive, healthy and serving the Lord. Today, I have just started on translating the Bible to the English language. Not many people today have read the Bible for themselves. Very few own one of their own. I have studied the Latin language in school since I was young. God has given me the ability to understand His Word and translate it to the English language to reach thousands of people. I pray to God that He will give me strength and wisdom to finish this work that He has called me upon.

J.W

Year: 1384

Hello dear journal, I am one of Mr. Wycliffe's former student. Today, Mr. Wycliffe asked me to write on his journal. You see, Mr. Wycliffe is suffering from a stroke. Its his second time to have a stroke actually. He can still communicate but as you can imagine, he is bed-ridden. He made me promise that I wouldn't read any of his past journals. It is really hard to do but I will keep my promise. Well, anyway, Mr. Wycliffe told me to write that the work that He has started (translating the Bible) will be finished by his aids. He hopes that it will be a great impact to Christianity. I personally believe that the work that He has started will be like a bright light in a dark world. It will be life-changing for many.

Year: 1384 Date: New Year's Eve

Mr. Wycliffe's former student here, I figured I should write down when he died. It is New Year's Eve and my beloved teacher passed away. I will never forget all that he has taught me and his work. May God use me as he did Mr. Wycliffe.