I am not here to tell you I have all the answers but rather

To introduce you to some new questions!

## GEORGE HUTCHINSON

A person of interest.

#### Hutchinson's Statement

"About 2am 9th (the morning of the murder) I was coming by Thrawl Street Commercial Street and just before I got to Flower and Dean Street I met the murdered woman Kelly and she said to me 'Hutchinson will you lend me sixpence.' I said I can't I have spent all my money going down to Romford she said Good morning I must go and find some money, she went away towards Thrawl Street. A man coming in the opposite direction to Kelly tapped her on the shoulder and said something to her they both burst out laughing. I heard her say all right to him and the man said 'you will be all right for what I have told you' He then placed his right hand around her shoulder. He also had a kind of small parcel in his left hand with a kind of strap round it. I stood against the lamp of the Ten Bell (deleted and Queens Head inserted above it) Public House and watched him. They both came past me and the man hung down his head with his hat over his eyes. I stooped down and looked him in the face. He looked at me very (end of first page of statement, signature at bottom of page George Hutchinson) stern. They both went into Dorset Street I followed them. They both stood at the corner of the court for about 3 minutes. He said something to her. She said all right my dear come along you will be comfortable. He then placed his arm on her shoulder and gave her a kiss. She said she had lost her handkerchief he then pulled his handkerchief a red one out and gave it to her. They both then went up the court together. I then went to the court to see if I could see them but could not. I stood there for about three quarters of an hour to see if they came out they did not so I went away.

Description age about 31 or 35, height 5ft 6 complexion pale, dark eyes and eye lashed dark (deleted) slight moustache curled up each end and hair dark very surly looking. dress long dark coat collar and cuffs trimmed astracan and a dark jacket under. light waistcoat dark trousers dark felt hat turned down in the middle button boots and gaiters with white buttons, wore a very thick gold chain, white linen collar black tie with horse-shoe pin. Respectable appearance, End of second page and statement signed at bottom 'Geo Hutchinson' walked very sharp, Jewish appearance. Can be identified

### The Creed of the Investigator

- A Accept nothing
  - B Believe no-one
- C Check everything

### Where it all happened.



## Spot the people!



### Street Lighting

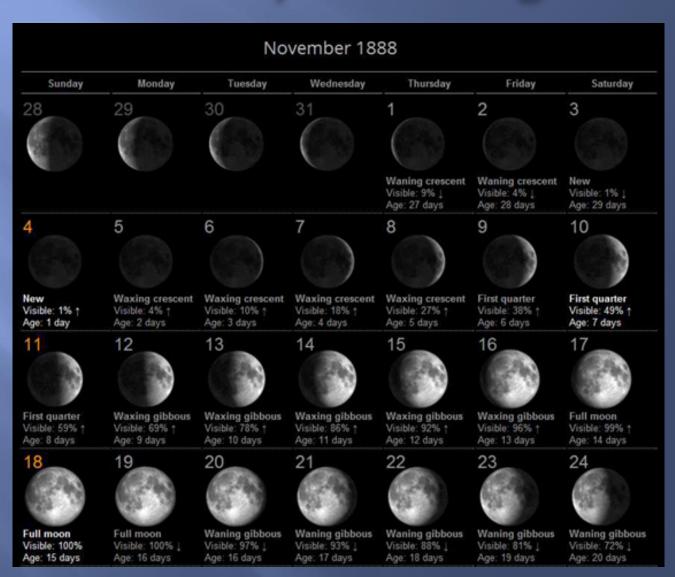
On 26th November 1888 the Lamps Committee minuted:

'The Chairman suggested the importance of an inspection of the **lighting** of the whole District; and after consideration it was resolved that arrangements be made to ascertain the condition of the **lighting** of the District by actual inspection of the several streets of the District'.

After the first inspection (carried out on 3rd December 1888) they reported back:

'That a communication be addressed to the Commercial Gas Company complaining of the dirty state of the lamps generally throughout the District and of the defective condition of the burners and broken glass in lanterns.'

## Ill met by moonlight?



### Weather Conditions 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> November 1888

Overcast with rain all night. Cold with minimum temperature 3° Centigrade Fourth day of new moon.

### **EXCUSE ME WHILE I STARE!**



# HUTCHINSONS STATEMENT - FAIL

- I. Hutchinson walking North could not have seen what was happening behind him.
- 2. The lack of illumination and other people would have made it impossible for him to have seen more than a very few feet.
- 3. He would not be able to hear what was said at that distance.
- 4. He would not have been able to stoop down as he claimed.
- 5. It is impossible to see so much in such a short glance.
- 6. He would not have been close enough in Dorset Street to hear their conversation.
- 7. He would not have been able to tell what colour the handkerchief was.

# HUTCHINSON'S STATEMENT - IMPLAUSIBLE

- The weather was close to freezing and it was raining - a miserable night. No one with such a warm overcoat would leave it open to the elements displaying not only his jacket but his waistcoat as well.
- No one with such obvious wealth would leave it so openly on display in such a dangerous area.
- The red handkerchief and small parcel part of the statements echo earlier statements made by previous witnesses about earlier murders.
- Why would anyone wearing such an overcoat carry a small parcel - he would just put it in his pocket.
- The whole description is far too theatrical.

### Where was Hutchinson going?

# Why did he take so long to come forward?

#### Comments on the statement

**Sir Robert Anderson:** 

"I will only add that the *only person* who ever had a good view of the murderer.....

#### Macnaghten:

"No one ever saw the Whitechapel murderer" (unless possibly it was the City PC....")

# Will the real George Hutchinson please stand up?



#### The Strange Family Hutchinson

