

## ARE YOU THINKING OF BECOMING A JEHOVAH WITNESS?



If you are, we warn you, this is a dangerous Cult! We begin with a Summary of some good, very wise and knowledgeable friends of mine on the subject:

We know about JW's...some of our family (aunts, and cousins) were in it...it is a cult, they do not believe in the Holy Ghost at all...they do not believe in the redemptive blood of Christ for Salvation, like all cults it is a "Gospel of Works" and they only believe that 144,000 people are going to heaven. (Kooky)! And they force people to submit to the authority of their leadership and follow their plan of "witnessing." And they say that there is NO Hell...Big Mistake! Why did Jesus die on the Cross, then??

They have predicted the return of Christ many times in the past and of course they have been wrong...they are a nutty cult but people have been drawn in into it, usually because relatives or friends get them involved.

They uphold their false beliefs by teaching snippets of the Word of God so they believe the Bible but ignore lots of it and since they are taught by certain leaders, they have a big darkness about the Bible as individuals. They are like Robots who only know how to quote what the leaders have taught them...Scary, Satanic, Kooky!

That's the Jehovah Witnesses...but they dress nicely and are very polite when they come over to your house...and they are taught to run away if someone witnesses to them the true Gospel to them...it's not easy to get someone out once they are in.

Further:

This our Battle Cry: "Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the Truth?" Galatians 4:16

The Jehovah Witnesses offer a Cunning mixture of Scripture verses and "almost" Christian Doctrines. Their approach like that of the Mormons, is to stress elements of their doctrine which avoid controversy. The rest comes later!

But they are really in an "organization of slaves" working desperately to "earn" eternal life. They seek salvation, not by grace, like the Bible says, but by becoming "Kingdom Publishers!

They devote their attention to an all-encompassing fascination with prophecy, and vindication of God's sovereignty.

They were founded in the 1870's by Charles Taze Russell, associates of Watch Tower and Tract Society's were known as Bible Students. In 1931, the Bible Students were given the name Jehovah adopted from Isaiah 43:10.

"You are my witnesses" is the utterance of Jehovah. as written in the New World Translation, 1984 false edition of the Holy Bible.

The witnesses are recognized and known for their unusual beliefs, they stand for, such as:

1. Refusing to celebrate birthdays
2. Refusing to celebrate any and every holiday such as Mother's Day, Father's Day, Christmas, and Easter.
3. Refusing blood transfusions
4. Their door to door preaching activities
5. Refusing to honor their country, the flag and national anthem or celebrate national holidays.
6. Their adamant stand in defending what they believe to be true as interpreted by the Watchtower and Awake magazines.

The Watchtower calls their Witnesses "Little Children."

Those expressions which made the Witness an individual before his recruitment into the Watchtower are gone and replaced with the child-like dependency...a little child who will be dependent on the Watchtower organization as his parent. Through the process of time, his life will be re-defined.

As a member you learn to view Jehovah as your father and the organization as your mother.

The danger of dependency is an unhealthy spiritual, emotional and physical environment opens the door to control and abuse. The individual's entire sense of what reality is will be re-defined by what he feels and needs: Acceptance and Fulfillment.

In the case of the Watchtower organization, Jehovah's Witnesses need their father (Jehovah) and mother (Organization) for validation, how and what to think, emotionally feel, and behave, because their sense of reality has changed. Is it really safe to entrust emotional, physical and spiritual health to an organization who keeps the identity of the Watchtower writers from the public eye who claims to be the Witnesses' mother?

The Watchtower uses threats to keep their Witnesses in the Watchtower Organization:

1. Stay close to the Watchtower organization...Armageddon is near!
2. Come to the side of Jehovah's organization if you want to live in God's New World!
3. Come to Jehovah's Organization for Salvation!

Jehovah's Witnesses MUST conform to the Watchtower teaching:

1. **OBEDIENCE** is the basic formula from which the Watchtower Organization operates.

2. **OBEDIENCE ALONE COUNTS!** At first, conformity seems unnatural, but it must be done: There is no other way according to them.

There are four key components to Mind Control (Thought Reform)

....Control of Behavior: Because the individual Witness believes who the Watchtower Society is said to represent, he is strongly urged to never question, dispute or believe anything contrary to what the Watchtower Society teaches. There is no room for disagreement!

....Control of Thought: In his eyes, the organization is perfect; and if any problem were to arise, he would assume responsibility for any imperfection. This is a critical place to be in emotionally. This may force the Witness deeper into the organization's control by self-imposed guilt. He feels he must think and work harder to please God through the Watchtower organization. He will accept the blame for the organization to protect its purity and integrity as he sees it.

Because of this, Jehovah's Witnesses are taught to fight and avoid independent thinking. Such emotional control as the Watchtower would have its Witnesses to grow hardens the hearts and minds of those who have dedicated themselves to the Tower organization. Their minds are geared to reject outside influence by their commitment to the Watchtower authority. In time, the Witnesses view of life and their world is through the lenses of Watchtower interpretation and not their own.

Control of Emotion: There are two forms of control the Watchtower will use to keep their Witnesses in line: guilt and fear. If the Watchtower is successful in creating guilt and fear in the hearts of their Witnesses, they will be able to better manage emotional control.

For example: by using fear as a tool, the Witness will...

1. Avoid relationships with non-Witnesses
2. Avoid thinking apart from Watchtower teaching
3. Avoid behavior the Watchtower has defined for him
4. Avoid reading non-Witness publications warning him of "demonic influence."
5. Be reminded of the penalties for violating the Watchtower's policies.
6. Be reminded of how dangerous it is outside of the organization
7. Be reminded of the penalties for keeping in contact with ex-Witnesses defined as apostates.
8. Be reminded of the coming Armageddon. It's safer in the Watchtower Organization.

Control of information: Information is the key to understanding the world unless the individual is shielded from the world around him. The control of information, (or lack thereof) is the final tool which serves to isolate and shield the Witnesses from the outside world. This is the tool used to drive the Witness to conformity.

The Jehovah's Witnesses are not allowed to read literature critical of their movement. Exposure to well-documented research may cause a mass exodus out of the Watchtower organization.

For those who ask their leadership questions which can't be answered, the Watchtower call them "weak ones." (They say to them, How can we help such weak ones?)

The Jehovah's Witnesses has two identities:

....Who he was before his recruitment into the Watchtower Society.

....The second, who he has become in his allegiance to the Watchtower organization: one of the Jehovah's Witnesses?an identity totally apart from who he was before his recruitment into the Watchtower.

The individual who the Witness was before will soon be replaced with what the Watchtower Society will conform him to be: one of Jehovah's Witnesses; not as an individual free to express his individuality, but as one of the Witnesses of Jehovah; member of controlled thought, void of expression.

Once his image changes from who he was before, his behavior will change toward those who are not part of what he has pledged himself to...regardless of who they are. These radical changes will soon be reflected in his thoughts and emotions as one of Jehovah's Witnesses. Once his thoughts can be controlled by the Watchtower Society, his obedience, behavior and feelings will shortly follow.

With this in mind, now the Christian has a much better understanding who the Witnesses are and will need to have a different approach in his witnessing strategy instead of arguing scripture.

The book, *Winning the Witnesses*, (Chick Publications, found on the internet) details effective witnessing strategies in helping the Christian overcome these strongholds holding the Jehovah Witnesses captive.

