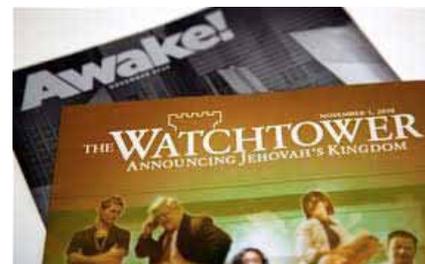


33 REASONS WHY

You might choose not to become a

Jehovah's Witness

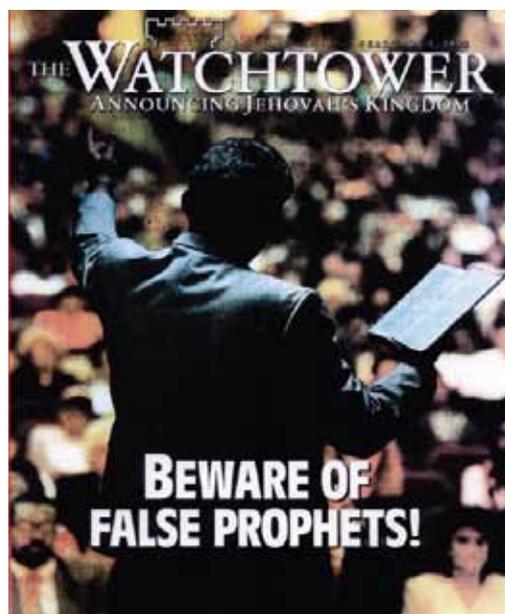


Maybe you have recently had another visit from the Jehovah's Witnesses. They were promoting the publications from the Watchtower Society of New York, and their rather unorthodox religious teachings and practices.

As a concerned neighbour you might be interested in the reasons why people join this religious organisation, as well as the restrictions placed on their members.

If you decide to join this organisation there are rules for members - here are some which might interest you.

1. **You cannot celebrate holidays** such as Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving, Mother's Day, Father's Day or any national holiday.
2. **You must not take an oath of allegiance** to your country, join the military, vote, or support any political party.
3. You can if you wish **collect unemployment or welfare benefits**. This is encouraged if possible because you will have more time to go door-to-door with their Society's magazines.
4. **You cannot celebrate birthdays.**
5. **You cannot clink glasses** together.
6. **You cannot throw rice or confetti at weddings.**
7. **Large gatherings are frowned upon** by the Watchtower Society unless organized by them for Bible studies. *(Usually the Bible is not used much, their other books are claimed to be "better" to learn from.)*
8. **You must not associate socially** with anyone not a Witness except to conduct a Bible (*book*) study.
9. **Your children must not associate** with other children unless they are Witnesses.
10. **Your children cannot join organisations** such as the Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, Red Cross, S.P.C.A, Boys



An interesting issue of the Watchtower magazine which was sent to us by one of their members. Will they take their own advice? How will they know if they aren't permitted to read anything that investigates the Watchtower Society's doctrines & practices?

or Girls clubs, team sports at school or elsewhere. Their time is considered better spent distributing the Society's magazines and books.

11. **Adults may not join groups** such as volunteer fire brigades, the YMCA etc. or service clubs, in order to avoid "worldly associations."
12. A minimum of **10 hours a month** is encouraged for **door-to-door selling** of the Society's books and magazines on a contribution basis. Monthly reports must be filled in. *(Jehovah God will apparently consult these to see if you are worthy to survive Armageddon.)*
13. On public holidays **you must still attend meetings** and sell literature where possible.
14. **You must not read any literature** published by Christian churches or other religious organisations. These are claimed to be from Satan.
15. **You must not acknowledge the Cross** as a Christian symbol. It is considered to be of pagan origin.
16. **Jehovah Witnesses provide no Sunday school** for your children. You must provide four hours per month studying with them from the Watchtower Society's publications.
17. **You must** make sure you have time off from your job to **attend all the Watchtower conventions**, held three times a year. If you miss them you will be frowned upon.
18. **There are certain rules of conduct** to follow in your bedroom. You may check with the elders for more information. If you disobey you may be disfellowshipped (*expelled*).
19. **Certain forms of birth control are unacceptable.** This is not your decision, check with the elders first.
20. **Beards are frowned upon** as they reflect a rebellious and independent attitude. Moustaches are okay.
21. If your family members are not J.W.'s **you must have little or nothing to do with them.** If any have been expelled, have NOTHING to do with them or you will be shunned too.
22. Make sure that **all your magazine and book studies** are done and underlined each week.
23. **All meetings must be attended.** There are only five per week, on three different days. If you don't attend you must have good reason. Sickness is NOT always a good reason.
24. You must view **all people who are not J.W.'s as "worldly" and part of Satan's organisation.** They will all perish at Armageddon and only J.W.'s will be saved, so why bother associating with them?
25. If by chance after you join you ever decide to leave, **all your new "friends" will shun you**, even if you are not "disfellowshipped". You will also get frequent calls of

“encouragement” which may be viewed as harassment. If you were ever to attend a Christian church for any reason (*including family weddings, funerals, etc.*) you will be automatically disfellowshipped.

26. **You must never disagree with the Society** or it will be said that you are disagreeing with God, because the Watchtower Society claims to be the ONLY organisation on earth that has been chosen by Him to guide his people.
27. **You will not have the free choice of conscience.** You give up that right when you become a Witness. The Society will make almost all decisions for you.
28. **You will be forbidden to give or take a blood transfusion** or blood products. You must not even store your own blood for a transfusion as it is said this belongs to God. If your child requires a transfusion, it is your duty to try and prevent the doctors from transfusing the child even it means stealing the child from the hospital and letting him or her die.
29. **You may not partake of the bread and the wine** during communion (*or Eucharist*), unless you are one of the 144,000 who are the only ones who may go to heaven.
30. **All above rules are subject to change without notice** and without recourse. Be in constant expectation of “New Light” which could reverse everything.
31. **If you disobey any of the above rules**, and refuse to turn around from your rebellious course, you will be disfellowshipped, and an announcement will be made to the whole congregation. All members worldwide will shun you, even family members, so expect no invitations to family weddings, funerals or reunions etc.
32. **If you wish to be reinstated**, you must do as the elders tell you: attend all meetings, coming in after the opening song and prayer, sitting at the back of the hall, talk to no one, have no participation, leave before the final song and prayer and have no contact with other members. You may have no part in field ministry until reinstated. Depending on your offence the time of punishment may last up to a year or more.
33. **You must not pray for disfellowshipped ones.** They are dead in God’s eyes.

If this is the religion you want to be part of and you join it, expect to be very busy in activities sponsored by the Watchtower Society of Jehovah's Witnesses. If you can't keep up, expect to be plagued by guilt and fear for failing the Watchtower Society. In fact, several medical research studies over the past thirty years in Europe and North America show that serious mental and emotional problems among Jehovah's Witnesses are between ten and 16 times above the population averages.

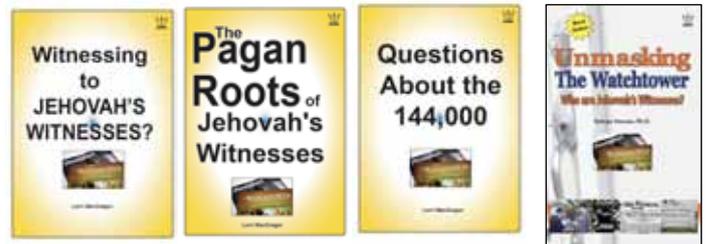
Conclusion: The Watchtower Society is so easy to get into, and there is no honourable way out! Perhaps you should think very carefully before committing yourself to an organisation like this.

To the Jehovah's Witness: A sincere faith misdirected away from the God of the Bible will not save you. Become a seeker of the truth about the real Jesus Christ.

To the Ex-Jehovah's Witness: We know you were told there is no hope or help for you outside the Watchtower Society. **They were wrong!** There are hundreds of thousands who have left the Watchtower and received help. Some are now available to help you, along with others who have studied this and similar cults. Please feel free to contact us, in confidence. Please don't give up on Jehovah God because of the errors of the Watchtower Society. We especially recommend that you renounce the false baptism you may have had because of the spiritual ties and bondages this brings on members.

To Christians & others who care: If you have a burden to reach Witnesses and inform the public about the real doctrines of The Watchtower, we need your help. We have materials to share. All donations are used without personal gain. People deserve to have complete and accurate information before making decisions that will determine their eternal destiny! If something is true it can stand being questioned. If it is not true it needs to be questioned!

(The above information reflects current teaching of the Watchtower Society at time of printing) For further information on the Watchtower Society of Jehovah's Witnesses, we recommend the resources shown below.



"Witnessing to Jehovah's Witnesses" (Book)

"The Pagan Roots of Jehovah's Witnesses" (Book)

"Questions About the 144,000" (Book)

"Unmasking the Watchtower - who are the Jehovah's Witnesses?" (Book, CD & DVD)



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