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WITNESSES FIGHT BAN ON BLOOD

Watch Tower Society faces court challenge.

A GROUP of Jehovah's Witnesses have come forward to challenge the Watch Tower Society's policy over blood transfusions.

Eight members of the Watch Tower Society's Hospital Liaison Committee, or HLC, have issued a press release which says that they are "eye witnesses" to numerous deaths that can be attributed to Watch Tower policies.

And, on an Internet site, they have produced a 300+ page report which tears the Watch Tower ban on blood to shreds.

Now they are calling on the Society to change its policy and provide clarification and Biblical support for the various

by Paul Bacon

rulings on blood components

In December the group sent a petition to the Watchtower Society in order to change its official policy on the blood issue.

Failing this, the group is also preparing to take the Society to court in the United States of America.

In the meantime the group will await the Society's response to its petition and will reveal the outcome on its web site on January 16th, 1998.

More details, see page 10

LATEST NEWS

The numbers calling keep on falling.

THE number of Jehovah's Witnesses carrying out door to door work in Britain has decreased during 1997.

According to figures, printed in the January 1st, 1998 issue of the Watchtower, there were 123,318 Witnesses at the end of December.

This was compared to 124,623 the previous year, a drop of 1,305.

But, in the United States, the number of Witnesses increased by 8,348 to 929,471.

Watch Tower opens its doors.

THE Watch Tower Society let TV cameras into a Kingdom Hall, for the first time in November.

It was part of a Channel 4 programme, called Cutting Edge, which showed life inside the cult.

New Light on Blood

The Difference Between Life and Death, and the Role of Blood in the Bible





Dear Reader,

WITH the start of the new year upon us, we at First & Last Ministries look forward to God's continued blessings on this vital outreach work to Jehovah's Witnesses

The news, that the number of Jehovah's Witnesses in Britain has fallen, yet again shows that the work we are all involved in is bearing fruit

In 1997 we had many reasons to praise the Lord. Let us look at a few examples

The year started off with the exciting news that ex-Jehovah's Witnesses living in Cornwall, had spoken out against the Watch Tower Society for the first time ever on British television

Although only shown in the south-west of England, the programme, on BBC2, certainly helped to raise public awareness about this harmless looking cult

Please keep praying that the BBC will show the programme nationwide

During the summer, we were pleased to announce the launch of the Danger at your Door campaign

The campaign, to provide households with stickers, asking Witnesses not to call on them, has been well received by many of you. An update on the progress of the campaign can be found in this issue of *Concern*

The autumn saw yet another leap forward for First & Last Ministries, as it entered the electronic world of the Internet

Readers are now able to contact us via e-mail. A system which allows people to send messages from one computer to another

And, in this issue, we are pleased to announce the launch of our new Internet website. (See pages 6 and 7 for details). So far over 200 people, from around the world, have learned about this ministry

The year also saw a number of other groups join us in this work

In the spring, former JW elder Larry

Grant set up a national network called Liberty Outreach, to help coordinate the work of counter-cult groups around the country

While, later in the year, Peter Stanton announced the setting up of the Kingdom Publishers Journal

Peter Stanton was also instrumental in reestablishing the Witnesses Now for Jesus convention, which was held in October (see report on back page)

Please keep these and all the other ministries in your prayers

What the coming year will bring, only the Lord knows

The news that a group of Witnesses is challenging the Watch Tower Society over its stance on blood transfusions (see front page) is certainly an issue that we will keep an eye on. Their website is at <http://www.visiworld.com/starter/newlight/home1.htm>

And you can be sure that *Concern* will strive to keep you abreast of any other news regarding the Society

If you have any articles or comments you wish to send us then they will all be most welcome

In the meantime, we wish each and every one of you a happy new year

**Les Kerr & Bill Bacon,
First & Last Ministries.**

Can You Help?

DO any of our readers have a copy of The Bible in Living English by Steven T Byington?

This Bible was once used by the Watch Tower Society and we are searching for a copy to add to our library

Alternatively if you have a copy you wish to keep, would it be possible to photocopy certain pages? If so would you please contact us at the address on page 3

Ex-JW Convention

LIBERTY Outreach has announced it is to organise a Witnesses Now for Jesus convention in the London area

The three-day event will be held at High Leigh Conference Centre, in Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire, on Friday April 3rd - Sunday, April 5th 1998

For more details contact Liberty Outreach on 0181-896 2654

TO THE EDITOR

HELLO and greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Many thanks for sending the latest issue of *Concern*.

I read with great interest your news report "Suicide Cult begins search for new converts". Please find enclosed an article which I wrote regarding this cult. Would it be possible to consider it for publication in your next issue?

Would it also be possible to be included on your register for your help-file?

I have also enclosed some other leaflets which I distribute to people during my lectures on cults.

I look forward to hearing from you with regards to registering with your help-file, until then may God bless the work of First & Last Ministries.

Warmest Christian wishes,
Simon Woodvine,
Blackpool. Lancs.

TO THE EDITOR

I RECENTLY phoned Premier Christian Radio and enquired about Jehovah's Witnesses. They told me to contact your organisation.

My best friend is becoming very interested in Jehovah's Witnesses and their teachings and I am not really sure whether this is a good thing or not.

Since I do not know enough about them I find myself losing arguments and making myself confused whenever she tells me something that contradicts what I believe.

I would be extremely grateful if you could help me by sending some information about the

Jehovah's Witnesses.

Thank you very much and God bless,

Nicola Holt,
Kenton, Middx.

TO THE EDITOR

PLEASE find enclosed subscription for further issues of *Concern*.

Could you please let me have the latest information on the 1914 issue? I believe, in a previous edition, this was on offer.

Is there also, any possibility of getting a copy of their latest Watchtower and Awake! magazines?

Is it also possible to have a recording of the BBC TV programme "Witnesses for the Prosecution? I have written to Nigel Kay and the Daily Mail for some extra help!

I haven't been doing anything for the JW cause (apart from asking for the Lord's help).

Thank you for all that you do. Sometimes it doesn't seem worthwhile, as there never seems to be any results with those I know and love. But, then, the Lord gives me a spur and then off I go again.

God bless you,
Marie Harrop,
Royston, Herts.

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TO THE EDITOR

I WAS informed about your newsletter, *Concern*, by a friend and would be most grateful if you could add my name to your mailing list as I would like to become a regular subscriber.

I would like to participate in your "Danger At Your Door" campaign, but at the moment I am not in a position to do so. However, hopefully in the near future I will be!

My interest in obtaining this literature from you is due to the fact that my son became a Jehovah's Witness five years ago. It is a long story - suffice to say that as we are a Christian family, this has caused tremendous distress and "Concern"

If you have a prayer list, could I ask that the names of my son (Gerard) his wife (Michelle) and my little grandson (Sam) be added?

They are awaiting the birth of another baby in December. I would really appreciate this.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

May the good Lord bless you in your wonderful work.

Your sister in Christ,
Kathleen Ellis,
Withington, Manchester.



DANGER AT YOUR DOOR

Update

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ith just over six months gone since the launch of our campaign we are pleased to announce that the first batch of 1,000 stickers, we had printed, have already been requested and sent out.

It seems, that with each passing week, more and more of these small, yet powerful, yellow stickers are appearing on the front doors of families all around the country

We pray that the Lord will use these stickers, not only to prevent the Jehovah's Witnesses knocking on doors, but also as an opportunity for Christians to present the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to the householder

Printed below, is a selection of views from our readers, regarding the stickers. If you have been using our stickers and have had some success in thwarting the visits of the Jehovah's Witnesses, then please write and let us know

Please remember that the stickers are not intended to be placed on a Christian's front door, but only those people who do not want Jehovah's Witnesses to call

What do you think?

"We were all most impressed - particularly with the "Danger at the Door Campaign" - hence our enclosed order for door stickers.

Since we try to reach out to all those deceived by false teachings we are interested in acquiring stickers that include the Mormons and wonder if this is possible?

If you have no plans to do this yourselves we would be very grateful if you would be willing to let us know details of the suppliers so that we may consider this extension of your excellent idea."

David Williams, Cardiff.

"I think the sticker campaign is excellent. Keep up the good work!"

Alison Barber, London.

"Love the idea of the stickers so will send for some."

Marie Harrop, Herts.

"I work as a window cleaner and recently a customer of mine asked me for a "No Visits by JW's" sticker. Her next door neighbour's sister saw it and also asked for one.

So now both the neighbour and the sister, plus the customer, all have a sticker on their door."

Edwards Roberts Jnr, North Devon.



WORLD NEWS

Witnesses see dramatic decrease in numbers in South Africa.

THE number of Jehovah's Witnesses in South Africa has been slashed thanks to the witness of one man

Colin Meano, married to a JW and now, after seven years of "living hell" is going through a divorce, started off by showing one black JW the false prophecies, other lies and the deceptive methods of the Watch Tower Society

This black man (Lucas) then started talking to other black JWs who all left and they in turn really spread the news

The combined effect of all their efforts is as follows, in various black and other towns

- Kagiso Township - 460 JWs left - Kingdom Hall closed down
- Beckersdal Township - 385 JWs left - Kingdom Hall closed down
- Fochville Town - 285 JWs left
- Ventersdorp Town - 385 JWs left
- Potchefstroom Township - 125 JWs left

Total JWs leaving WTS in about three months = 1640

The Watch Tower was so concerned about this that they sent an official to speak with Colin, requesting him to stop what he was doing. Needless to say he said that he could not, and if the WTS feels it has the truth then it should not be worried or have a need for a request of this nature

Now Colin is planning a meeting with all the ex-JWs to discuss things with them and bring them the true Gospel of our Lord and God Jesus Christ

Please pray for this effort. Incorporate these needs in your prayers of praise, petition and thanks!

Information received from the Cult Information and Evangelization Centre - a counter cult ministry in South Africa.

New outreach ministry to Jehovah's Witnesses launched in UK.

THE Kingdom Publisher's Journal and Watchtower Observer has been set up by former Jehovah's Witness Pete Stanton

The ministry runs a 24-hour helpline with a recorded message and prints an eight-page A4 newsletter - The Kingdom Publisher's Journal

For more information on the ministry, or to receive a copy of their latest newsletter, send a first-class stamp to

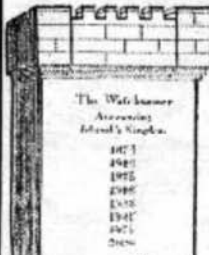
The Kingdom Publisher's Journal
P O.Box 708,
Willenhall,
West Midlands,
WV12 5GH.

SEVEN cassette tapes featuring talks and presentations from the 1997 Witnesses Now for Jesus convention are now available

Each tape costs £2 but the whole set, which covers both days, is available for £12


Please send cheques, payable to P Stanton, to the above address, adding £1 for postage

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Come Out From Among Them

by Dorothy Banks



Send a cheque for £11.95 + £1 p&p to
126 Oaks Lane, Kimberworth Park, Rotherham, South Yorkshire S61 3WE.



WONDER WEB

SOMETHING incredible has happened to First & Last Ministries over the past three months.

Thanks to the wonder of the Internet, in this small period of time, our ministry has become accessible to literally millions of people around the world.

In our last issue of *Concern* we announced that anyone with a computer and modem could now contact us via e-mail.

Now, we are excited to announce that the official First & Last Ministries Web Site has been launched.

For those people who don't know one end of a modem from the other, this article will explain just some of the potential benefits our presence on the World Wide Web will have



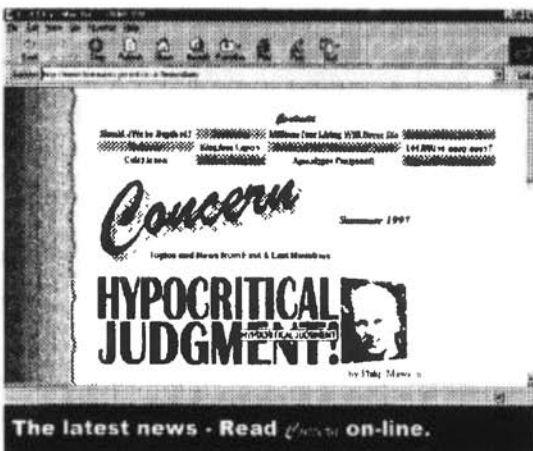
What Is the World Wide Web?

The World Wide Web (or WWW for short) is made up of millions of interconnected computers all over the world.

Computer users, around the globe, are able to connect to the Internet via a phone line and access millions of pages of information.

So, for example, someone in Britain could access a computer in the U.S.A. just by pressing a button.

So what difference will a website make for First and Last Ministries?



To visit the our Web Site visitors must know our address which is - www.homeusers.prestel.co.uk/firstandlast/
Visitors are presented with number of options at our site As well as a brief description of who we are, and what we do, visitors will be able to find out just what the Jehovah's Witnesses believe and how to evangelise effectively to them



Find out what JW's really do believe.

Another section gives details of all the tracts and other literature we produce, and there is also a on-line edition of *Concern* to read

Because of the anonymity of the Internet even a Jehovah's Witness could visit our page without fear of being visited by the elders

So, a section that enables people to contact us and request literature is also made available

Our use of the Internet will also mean the pages of *Concern* will contain the latest news about the Watch Tower Society

An example of this can be seen in this issue with the latest news from the USA that members

of the Watch Tower are questioning the Society's prohibition on blood transfusions

Please pray that God may use these pages of information for His glory

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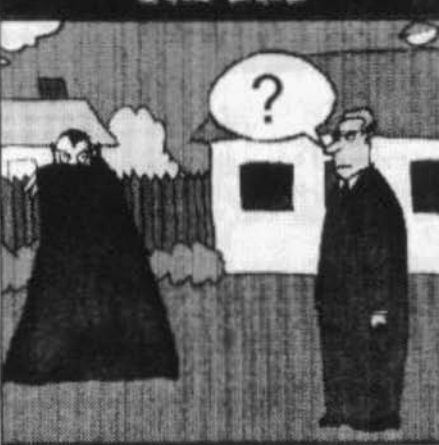
IF you've ever stood on your doorstep and found yourself wanting to close the door on a visiting Jehovah's Witness then this challenging booklet is for you

Containing 16 pages of helpful advice on witnessing to the Witness, *Will You Share Jesus?* is written by Bill Browning (a JW himself for 23 years) of New Malden, in Surrey

Bill is also the co-author of *Awake!* to the Watchtower, which is published by Reachout Trust

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KINGDOM CAPERS



"Are you sure that you're from the Jehovah's Witnesses?"

A Christian Response to the Watchtower Article

"What Do the Scriptures Say About the Divinity of Christ?"

THE Watchtower magazine of January 15th, 1992, printed a four page article aimed solely at stripping Jesus of His divinity.

In the last issue of *Concern* Tom and Ella McCrea began to look at this article and examine what Scriptural proof, if any, the Watch Tower presented to its readers to back up its claims.

We print the second part of their findings below, starting with the Society's claim that the Scriptures do not support the idea of the divinity of Christ.

IN looking at this most peculiar statement we find, as usual, that Watch Tower material contradicts itself. For example, in the Watch Tower booklet "Should you Believe in the Trinity?" (pages 25 and 27), they quote references from various translations in support of their views -

"He - truly of divine nature" Friedric Pfafflin p 25

"and the word was a divine being"

"and the word was divine"

"and of a divine kind was the word" etc p27

These translations are declaring the divinity of Christ

The article begins on page 20 of this Watchtower and of the seven Scriptures mentioned, four are incorrectly translated in their version of the Bible, called "The New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures" (NWT)

1 John 8:58 - "Before Abraham came

Part Two by Tom and Ella McCrea

into existence, I have been" (NWT)

Here the words are the same words used by Jesus in John 10:11, John 15:1 etc and are correctly translated "I am"

This is how The Bible in Living English, printed in 1972 by the Watchtower Society reads, "Before there was an Abraham I am"

2 John 1:1 "The Word was a god" (NWT)

No reliable translation agrees with this rendering. Indeed the Watch Tower's The Bible in Living English reads, "The Word was God"

3 Philippians 2:5-7. (NWT) The Scripture starts off correctly by saying Jesus existed in God's form (note, not in the form of a god) but goes on to say he "gave no consideration to a seizure, namely that he should be equal to God" This is a misleading translation. If Jesus existed in the form of God, we cannot then say He didn't seek to seize what was already His!

The Bible in Living English reads, "who, when he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as a prize"

This whole passage is about humility, that this One in God's form didn't prize all that he had so highly, that he held on to it but that he was willing to leave heaven and identify with mankind even to the point of dying a cruel death for our sin (Matthew 1:21, 1 Timothy 1:15)

4 Colossians 1:13-16 - "... because by means of him all other things were created" (NWT)

Here again we have an addition to the Word of God. The Bible does not say Jesus created all OTHER things, but that He created ALL things

Only God can create Isaiah 44 24,
Psalm 96 4,5

Page 21 of the Watchtower has a section entitled "Not divine on earth" in which they deny the incarnation Jesus, they say was a human But if Jesus was the one who left heaven then it is obvious that he had to be both Son of God and Son of Man

To teach otherwise is to deny Scripture and make Jesus an entirely new person And not the Lord from heaven Luke 1 35, Matthew 16 16, John 1 34 (note Jesus did not become son of God or Christ at His baptism - Luke 2 11, 26 also Luke 2 49)

This fact does not contradict that Jesus was indeed man on earth

Consider the case of an influential king, who decides to leave his beautiful palace, with its many servants, and live for a time in the city slums as a beggar He chooses to live like his poorest subjects, becoming dependant on others and so can sympathise with their problems Certainly he has lowered his station, but he is still the king!

In the same sense the one who existed in heaven in god's form, sharing His glory (John 17 5) was willing to come to our world, to become a little baby and to grow up with the limitations of the flesh He was dependent on others to feed Him, clothe Him and care for Him The creator becoming as one of His creatures, yet still the creator (John 1 10)

1 Corinthians 15 47 - "The first man is of the earth, earthly, the second man is the Lord from heaven"

Colossians 2 9 says "In Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily" (AV)

"In him all the fullness of deity is resident in bodily form" The Bible in Living English

"Because in him dwells all the fullness of the Deity bodily" Emphatic Diaglott (also published by Watch Tower Society)

If Jesus had been nothing more than a man, His death could only have redeemed one perfect man (Deuteronomy 19 21) but the Bible says Jesus would save His people from sin Matthew 1 21, Matthew 20 28

Babylon The Great is Falling!

WITH the news that the number of JW's in Britain has fallen yet again, Philip Mawson looks at the excuses given by the Watch Tower Society.

AS one reads the two study articles that accompany the 1997 statistics published in the January 1st, 1998 issue of the Watchtower magazine, it becomes obvious that the Governing Body is concerned about the various currents within the organisation, which are responsible for the general downward trend and negative figures etc

But, in all this, the rank and file JW is urged to "strive to rejoice and cultivate a joyful spirit"(p 6) How sick this is for us to read

The JW needs to hear the Good News that joy is a fruit of the Spirit, you can't "strive for it", "work it up" or manufacture it You either have it or you don't (Gal 5 22)

Finally, as one ploughs through the despondent reading material, "forces" said to be responsible for the prevalent "spirit" within the organisation are as follows

- Satan (p 6)
- The World (pp 7,8)
- Disillusioned or tired of waiting for Armageddon (p 9)
- Apostates (pp 10,11)
- Personality problems (p 11)
- Entertainment and leisure (p 11)
- Vicious, false propaganda and legal action (p 14)

(No examples of this are given The reader is left in the dark again!)

We praise God for all those JW's who have come to Christ over the past year Let's be encouraged to witness and expose the WTS over the next year, and see an even greater decrease in those Watchtower figures

Oh, I nearly forgot The so called "anointed" figures has increased by 38!



NEW LIGHT ON BLOOD

A look at the Watch Tower Society's medical doctrines.

EVER since 1951, when the Watch Tower Society's issued its decree that blood transfusions were unscriptural, members have had no other choice but to risk death in a medical emergency or be disfellowshipped.

But now, following the recent challenge from members of the Society's Hospital Liaison Committee, or HLC, over the issue, it seems that the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society has to do something drastic if it wants to maintain its authority over members.

The doctrine over blood transfusions is just one of a number of views the Watch Tower has taken concerning medical issues.

While all of these doctrines have been made in the name of Jehovah, the Society later reversed them and left it to the "individual's conscience."

Quack Medicine

The Watch Tower Society first revealed its dim view of doctors in the Golden Age (now Awake!) of Aug. 5th 1931 when it announced that the medical profession sprang "from the same demon worshipping shamans (doctor priests) as did the doctors of divinity."

Again the Golden Age magazine, in 1925, told readers not to take a bath until two hours after eating a meal, nor closer than one

hour before.

In an advert, carried in the April 22, 1925 edition of the Golden Age, disease, it claimed, came from "wrong vibrations", and the WTS even marketed a special machine called the *Electronic Radio Biola*, which claimed to heal patients by sending special "radio waves" into the person to correct the vibrations.

Even more astonishing than the quack science involved was the direct link to occult practices in this machine. The claim that the medical profession has descended from "demon worshipping shamans" becomes quite ironic when we see how this *Radio Biola* worked. The patient was told to write his or her name on a piece of paper. A tiny piece, only a dot, of this paper was put into the machine. The machine (or rather, the operator) then somehow answered "yes" and "no" to questions about the patient's health, reading the electronic oscillations of the patient's organs based on this dot of ink.

If you think this sounds like a fancy Ouija Board, then you are quite correct.



Indeed, one "Bible Student" of the time, Roy Goodrich was able to write a warning article in The Golden Age, saying that the machine was a clever spiritistic trap. However, the WTS leadership disagreed and Mr. Goodrich found himself disfellowshipped.

Vaccinations & Transplants

Although the Watch Tower Society didn't announce a ban on vaccinations until the 1930s, the practice had been frowned upon earlier.

The Golden Age of Jan. 5th 1929 had this to say: "...the practice of vaccinations is a crime, an outrage, and a delusion."

Even earlier in 1923 the same magazine of January 3rd, said "Vaccination never prevented anything and never will, and is the most barbarous practice..."

Use your rights as American citizens to forever abolish the devilish practice of

vaccinations "

In 1952, after thousands upon thousands of Jehovah's Witnesses had died refusing vaccinations the Watch Tower changed its mind. And, in the December 15th, edition of Consolation (the interim name of the Golden Age) in answer to a question from readers it said

"The matter of vaccination is one for the individual that has to face it to decide for himself. our Society cannot afford to be drawn into the affair legally or take the responsibility for the way the case turns out."

Not one word of apology was made

In 1967 it was the turn of organ transplants to be condemned by the Society

Again, in a question from readers, regarding the accepting of transplants, The Watchtower of November 15th, 1967 says *"Those who submit to such operations (transplants) are thus living off the flesh of another human. That is cannibalistic."*

To back up their views the Society again resorted to quack science claiming, in the September 1, 1975 issue of the Watchtower, that recipients of organ transplants began to take on the characteristics of the donor

For the next thirteen years, until 1952, JWs were faced with the decision of accepting a transplant or upsetting Jehovah

Blood

In 1951, with the vaccination ban still in effect, Jehovah's Witnesses found themselves facing

another dilemma - should they or should they not accept a blood transfusion?

The Watchtower of July 1st, gave them the answer *"Jehovah made a covenant with Noah following the Flood, and included therein was this command, 'Flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat' (Genesis 9:4)"*



As well as a few scriptures, taken out of context, the Watchtower of July 1st 1951 likened transfusions to eating blood

"A patient in the hospital may be fed through the mouth, through the nose or through the veins. When sugar solutions are given intravenously, it is called intravenous feeding so the hospital's own terminology recognizes as feeding the process of putting nutrition into one's system via the veins. Hence the attendant administering the transfusion is feeding the patient blood through the veins, and the patient receiving it is eating it through his veins."

But is this analogy a fair one? Not really, because

alcohol and blood are very different fluids. Alcohol is already in a form that can be utilized by the bodies cells and absorbed as a food or nutrient. Blood, on the other hand, is completely different. Once transfused, it is not digested or utilized as a food. It remains the same fluid tissue with the same form and function.

In an attempt to back up its stance, the WTS has appealed to certain doctors to support their ideas that blood transfusion is eating.

Quoting from the book *"Hemorrhage and Transfusion"*, author George W Crile A.M., M.D. quotes from a letter by Denys, French physician and early researcher, who says *"In performing transfusion it is nothing else than nourishing by a shorter road than ordinary..."*

What the Society does not tell its readers, is that this doctor, Jean Baptiste Denys, lived in the 17th century!

Why has the Society found no evidence to support its peculiar idea among the more recent medical experts? Because there are none! Not even the medical doctors who are themselves Jehovah's Witnesses will ruin their reputation by supporting this claim.

Until the WTS overturns the ban on blood transfusions, millions of Jehovah's Witnesses face the risk of an unnecessary and early death.

We pray that the efforts of these few men from the HLC will be enough to change the Society's mind

Convention Report

Witnesses
Now for
Jesus 1997

EX-JEHOVAH'S Witnesses, from all over the country, gathered in Walsall to attend the "Witnesses Now for Jesus" convention last October

The two day convention, which was held on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th October 1997, was organised by Peter Stanton of the Kingdom Publishers Journal

Among the speakers were Ray and Dorothy Banks, who gave a short presentation outlining the Watch Tower presidents and their failed prophecies, whilst Ray and Helen Descombes asked "Are Jehovah's Witnesses a destructive cult?"

Ex-Jehovah's Witnesses, who were on hand to give their testimonies, included, Bob Boulton-Lear, third generation JW Esther Brannigan, Maureen Reed, Bill Winstanly, Danny Lewis and Linda Birt - who was featured in the BBC2 TV programme "Witnesses for the Prosecution"

Ex-JW Elder, Larry Grant, looked at the Watch Tower Gospel and

compared it to that found in the Bible, while Earl Brannigan examined the psychology of the Watch Tower Society, and asked is Big Mother watching you?"

Peter Stanton told *Concern* that he was delighted with the way the event went

He said "It was a total success and I'm thrilled about it all

"If I'd had my way I would have liked it to go on all week!"

Now Peter is busy organising next year's convention

He told *Concern* "I'm hoping that we will be able to get David Reed, of Comments From The Friends, over from the United States"

● **Tapes from the convention are available from The Kingdom Publishers Journal. For more details see page 5.**



Peter Stanton



Larry Grant



Dorothy Banks

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