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Topics and News from First & Last Ministries

LIARS!

PROOF - society misled court.

THE Watch Tower Society has shown it cares nothing for the truth after it perjured itself before the European Commission on Human Rights.

The commission, which operates under the authority of the World Court, received a false and misleading application from the Watch Tower Society regarding the government of Bulgaria's decision not to grant it legal recognition.

In a press release issued by the commission, it soon becomes clear, to anyone familiar with the Watch Tower Society, that its officials have lied. Here is one key paragraph regarding children and the blood issue:

"As regards the alleged involvement of children the applicant association submits that children cannot become members of the association but only participate, together with their parents, in the religious activities of the community. In respect of the refusal of blood transfusion, the applicant association submits that there are no religious sanctions for a Jehovah's

SPECIAL REPORT

Witness who chooses to accept blood transfusion and that, therefore, the fact that the religious doctrine of Jehovah's Witnesses is against blood transfusion cannot amount to a threat to "public health". Emphasis ours.

It is not unheard of for children to be baptized, and to become members of the association before reaching the age of ten.

As for a Witness who accepts one of the banned blood products, or a whole blood transfusion, the society's position has been quite clear.

"...the receiver of a blood transfusion must be cut off from God's people by excommunication or disfellowshipping...if in the future he persists in accepting blood transfusions he must be cut off therefrom by disfellowshipping." - The Watchtower 15/1/1961 pp. 63, 64

Court action looms over society.

The Watch Tower Society has snubbed "reformers" who are calling for it to alter its policy of not accepting blood transfusions.

In the last issue of *Concern*, we reported how eight members of the society's Hospital Liaison Committee have challenged the society over its policy, not to accept blood transfusions.

In December, the group sent the society a petition and gave it sixty days to change its policy.

But three months later they have yet to hear anything from the Governing Body.

Now the "reformers" are accepting that the only way to get the society to alter its stance is by taking it to court.

A statement on their Internet site, which can be found at: <http://www.visiworld.com/start-er/newlight/index.htm>, says:

"Over recent months it has become evident that internal pressures alone will likely be insufficient to bring about reform of the society's blood doctrine. It is our belief that the continued efforts of the reformers coupled with external pressures in the form of litigation may well be the combination needed to end the needless suffering and death."

The group is now asking anyone, who has been affected by the blood policy to contact them.

Concern will keep you informed of any future developments.

INSIDE -
Lying
Watchtower Style

WELCOME

Dear Reader,

THE news that the Watch Tower Society lied in court is just one example of how corrupt the leaders of this deadly organisation are

And, indeed, it should come as no surprise to anyone who has taken the time to study its checkered history

In its time, "God's" organisation has been busily covering up the past mistakes of its leaders, re-writing its embarrassing history and foisting upon its followers false doctrine after false doctrine

But the fact that the society feels it can flout the law is worrying

How far will the society go to ensure that it gets its own way

We particularly think of child custody cases and snatching children and members from hospitals to avoid them having blood transfusions

How many courts have been duped into believing this is just another harmless group?

Now we have the news that the group of 'reformers' in the USA are looking to take the society to court over its blood transfusion policy

Here at First & Last Ministries we wish the 'reformers' well, but we are not surprised that they are having to take this course of action

The group quotes from the Watchtower magazine of December 15th, 1952, as support of its action. Here the society changed its views on vaccinations because of fear of legal action against it

But the society of 1998 is a changed animal. Back in 1952, under the leadership of "plodding" Nathan Homer Knorr, the society was still developing. Its influence, although strong, was nothing compared to today

Legal gurus and advisors surround the governing body and their message to these ageing men is to stick to its guns or face ruin

The society has much to lose if it admits it was wrong on such an emotive doctrine

No, the society will have to be dragged into a legal battle before it will change its colours

And, as we have so far seen, what does the society have to fear from a court when it can quite simply lie to get a result?

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

NEWS

Rare Watch Tower books available on CD-Rom.

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The CDs are available from the US at \$50 each. If we can get a total order of 10+ CDs from any interested readers then we can get the CDs for just \$35. If you are interested contact us now.

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TO THE EDITOR

I VISITED your website and thought you did a great job with it !!

I would like to request some of the literature that you produce

If you can mail some to me and also let me know what the cost is for it I would greatly appreciate it

I am going to add you to my e-mail address book and I hope that we can keep in touch I look forward to hearing from you

Todd Mitchell,
Via e-mail.

TO THE EDITOR

I HAVE recently halted my studies with the JW's I found out that the Watchtower employed a spiritist, Johannes Greber, to translate their first NT-NWT

Greber claimed that spirit beings helped him translate the Bible. He and his wife are professed spirit mediums I know what the Bible says about spiritism

I want more info on this man before I make a permanent decision.

I have one article. Awake April 1st 1983-Q&A I would appreciate any info or sources of info you can provide

Rick,
Via e-mail.

TO THE EDITOR

PLEASE send me some information, as well as the current issue of your magazine

I am a former member of another cult (The Way International), and so have an interest in cult activity, especially "Biblical" cults

Mike Straw,
Via e-mail.

TO THE EDITOR

I WOULD like to thank you for your literature on JW's

I thought you might be interested in this article "Millennial Dawn" which goes to show all the JW's dates have had to be revised. Hardly the truth!

Interestingly, the date of publication is 1911, so near 1914. I hope you can use it in exposing the Watchtower Society's error.

Yours by God's Grace in Christ,

Paul Trout,
Crowle,
West Lincs.

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Letters

TO THE EDITOR

THANK you so much for keeping in touch you have been a great strength to me over the past year or so

I have just recovered from a serious back complaint But life is looking good once again, I thank the good Lord

My girlfriend was disfellowshipped about four months ago But she is in great need of spiritual healing as a result of her involvement with the JW organisation

But she is doing so well and is so much happier Unfortunately her family have more or less shunned her. Please pray for her

Also please pray for her family, that I may bring the true message of the Gospel to them, by means of the Holy Spirit

Please continue your good work, I am sure you have helped so many spiritually and emotionally

God bless you and all those with you

Donal Corry,
Dublin, Ireland.

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My Testimony... It is Finished

The testimony of Thomas Ridsdale

I WAS born and brought up in a non-Christian house but my search began in my late teens

My search for God started on Sunday, 13th September 1987, I went along to the Marist Brothers in Islington, London

The Marist Brothers are a Roman Catholic religious order which I wanted to join

But before I could join as a religious brother I had to be baptised and confirmed

That day was on the 31 January 1988 at St Joseph's Bunhill Row.

My search still didn't end because my new found Catholic faith had so many **unbiblical** teachings

I left the Roman Catholic church with my heart so empty and I was so disillusioned and I started to go to an Evangelical Church and there I found a Biblical based fellowship

I started to realise my faith was tied to what Jesus did for me on the cross of Calvary, not what I can do for Him

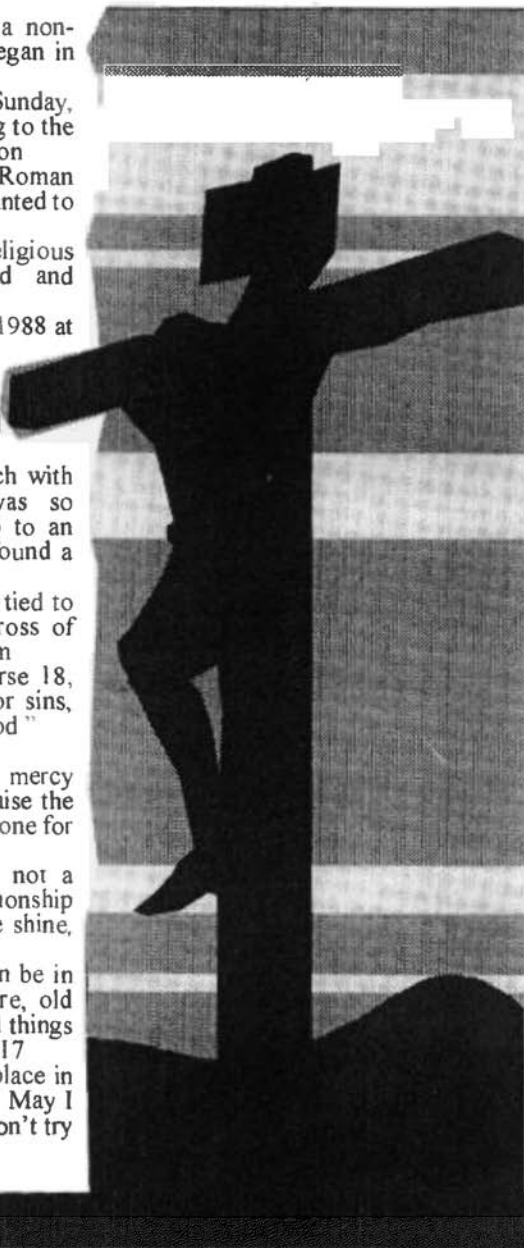
It say in 1 Peter chapter 3, verse 18, "Christ Himself died ONCE for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God" It is finished

On January 3rd, 1992, God had mercy on me and I was born again I praise the Lord Jesus for everything He has done for me and continues to do for me

I've learnt that Christianity is not a religion, not a church, but a relationship with Jesus Christ that restores the shine, vitality and meaning to life

"Therefore if any man or woman be in Christ he or she is a new creature, old things are passed away, behold, all things are become new" 2 Corinthians 5 17

This verse sums up what took place in my life when I became a Christian May I recommend Jesus Christ to you Don't try anything, try Jesus





WORLD NEWS

Jehovah's Witnesses swap Bible bags for tool bags.

WHEN it comes to preparing Qualcomm Stadium for the '98 Super Bowl, San Diego's city leaders are enlisting a little spiritual aid

In an innovative contract, the Jehovah's Witnesses have agreed to renovate stadium offices and repair locker and lunch rooms to the tune of \$383,000 before the game.

The bulk of their payment -- \$329,000 worth -- won't be in cash but in stadium rent credits for their future annual conventions

It turns out, that for three years the religious denomination has been making repairs and helping maintain the stadium as a trade-off for rental fees

This brings new meaning to one NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue's favorite oxymoronic descriptions of the Super Bowl as "The most sacred secular event."

From the "San Diego Union Tribune" of Thursday, Nov. 13, 1997.

Dad chooses wife's health over religion.

A NEW father in Melbourne believes he has given his life to save his wife

Yesterday he chose the life of his wife over his Jehovah's Witness religion, which forbids blood transfusions.

The man's wife gave birth to the couple's first child last Friday, but refused a blood transfusion before lapsing into unconsciousness after losing litres of blood

The 21-year-old woman, who cannot be identified, suffered complications after the birth and continued to bleed until most of her blood was lost

Soon after the birth, she was transferred from the Mercy Hospital for Women to

the intensive care unit of another hospital

She has not regained consciousness since then. Her distraught husband has been keeping a bedside vigil, but yesterday gave his wife a chance at life by turning his back on his religious beliefs

A relative of the couple who also does not wish to be named, said the father had agonised for days because he feared being ostracised by his church

"He said he wanted to save his wife's life but he lost himself, because he is not going to go to heaven," he said

Yesterday morning he gained an emergency order allowing doctors to administer a vital blood transfusion

The distressed husband yesterday said the most important thing to him was that his wife recovered

"She is getting better now," he said tearfully.

The husband said it was the most difficult decision of his life

The father and his relatives collected his healthy new son from the Mercy Hospital yesterday

The couple was baptised in the religion last year and signed over their medical power of attorney to the local pastor

A relative said members of the church had attended the hospital, telling the father not to weaken from his original decision not to start legal proceedings

"He is scared they might retaliate against him," he said

A spokesman for the Jehovah's Witness Church in Melbourne said he was not aware of the case and was reluctant to comment, but said "We do not ostracise anybody"

The spokesman said the edict against blood transfusions was not something decided by the Jehovah's Witness religion "It's in the bible"

February 25, 1998 - Brisbane Australia

by Carolyn Alexander - Courier Mail, page 2.

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Make sure you send your new address to us as soon as possible if you don't want to miss future issues of *Concern*.



Millennial Dawn

A Counterfeit of Christianity

PART ONE

BY PROFESSOR WILLIAM G. MOOREHEAD, D. D.,
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FIRST published in 1886, *Millennial Dawn*, was the earliest work of Jehovah's Witness founder Charles Taze Russell.

Although much of the book's content is an embarrassment to present day Witnesses, it still contained many unscriptural notions and false prophecies.

In 1911, just three years from Armageddon, Professor William G. Moorehead gave his opinion on the book.

Now, in the coming issues of *Concern*, you can read just what the professor had to say regarding Mr. Russell's writings.

INTRODUCTION

SIX rather bulky volumes, comprising in all some 2,000 pages, are published by the "Watch Tower and Tract Society" of Brooklyn, N. Y.

The author of this work is Mr. Charles T. Russell.

Formerly his publications issued from "Zion's Watch Tower", Pittsburgh, Pa.

They then bore the somewhat ostentatious title, "*Millennial Dawn*," (1886) - The volumes now bear the more modest inscription, "*Studies in the Scriptures*", (1911).

Why the change in the title is made can only be conjectured. Some rather severe criticism and strictures of the views advocated in these books have brought *Millennial Dawn* into disrepute in the minds of many people, and accordingly we think the former title has been dropped and the later and less objectional one substituted for it.

SUSPICION

Some color is given to this conjecture by the fact that certain evangelical terms are applied to the movement of which Mr. Russell is the head, as, e.g., "People's Pulpit of Brooklyn", "International Bible Students' League", "Brooklyn Tabernacle", "Bible House and Tract Society", (Our Hope. Feb., 1911).

"It is conceivable that he (Russell) is self-deceived, as some think..."

"Personally, however, I feel Mr. Russell is being used of the Evil One."

The later title and the various names now freely used tend to allay suspicion and to commend the propaganda of Mr. Russell and his followers to the Christian public.

In the introduction to the first volume we are told that "our Society, realizing the need, is seeking to do all

in its power to lift 'the Lord's standard for the people'".

It has prepared six sets of Bible studies for Christian people of all denominations. These are supplied at bare cost"

PERVERSION

The whole six volumes, "bound in cloth, embossed in silver", sell for the ridiculously small sum of \$2.25 or 37½ cents each! The object is to scatter this literature throughout our country, Canada, and other lands, for we are assured that it is translated into no less than a dozen different languages. So it is asserted in the first volume.



Some idea of the circulation may be had from the statement made in the title page of each of the first three volumes: "Series I 3,358,000 edition", "Series II 1,132,000 edition", "Series III. 909,000 edition".

The enormous circulation of the books serves to show how industriously "Our Society" is propagating its literature, and the vast number of readers it is reaching, i.e., if these figures tell the truth! That the teaching of Dawnism has done immense harm is certain; that it is calculated to subvert the faith of Christians by substituting for the truth of Jesus Christ the calamitous doctrines of Mr. Russell cannot be denied; for the whole system is anti-Scriptural, anti-Christian, and a deplorable perversion of the Gospel of the Son of God.

In the discussion of the system it is the doctrines of Millennial Dawn that

are arraigned, not the author, Mr Russell.

SELF-DECEIVED

It is conceivable that he is self-deceived, as some think, and that he believes that what he has published is the truth of the Bible. This is within the range of possibility, of course

Personally, however, the present writer withholds his assent to this opinion. That Mr. Russell is being used of the Evil One to subvert the truth of God, that the Christ he commends to men as an object of trust, love, and worship, is not the Christ of God, is the profound conviction of not a few who are familiar with his views

This is a grave indictment, but it is deliberately made.

To establish it beyond peradventure and contradiction is the aim of this paper.

A summary of the chief errors and heresies embodied in Millennial Dawn is here submitted.

Next Issue:
The Creature - Christ the Lord.

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A Christian Response to the Watchtower Article

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

Part 3- by Tom and Ella McCrea

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

In the last issue of *Concern* Tom and Ella McCrea continued their examination of this article and asked what Scriptural proof, if any, the Watch Tower Society, presented to its readers to back up its claims.

We print the third part of their findings below.

THE next section (page 21 of this Watchtower) has the heading "Do not read too much into Bible texts" However a more accurate title would be "Do not accept what the Bible says!"

Genesis 1:26 is discussed "Let us make man in our image" - no mention is made of verse 27, "So God created man in his own image" Also Genesis 5:1

We know God could not have been speaking to a created angel as JW's are led to believe. There can be no comparison between Creator and creature as he said "in our image"

The article speaks of Jesus as God's Master Worker as if Jesus helped in creation. However the Watchtower teaching is that the Father is Creator and that Jesus was not even co-creator (See Watchtower publication "Insight on the Scriptures" volume 2, page 52)

Baptism

There follows a discussion of Jesus' baptism account and the baptismal formula of Matthew 28:19. We are told JW's recognise Jehovah (father) as

Almighty God, Jesus as the Messiah and ransom, and the holy spirit as God's active force to which they must submit.

Oddly, in recent years, JW's at their baptism do not pledge allegiance to submit to the Holy Spirit but rather to a spirit directed organisation (ie the Watchtower Organisation). In this same Watchtower magazine 15/1/92, page 29, JW's are told "Christians must stick close to their celestial parents, Jehovah and his wifelike organisation." On page 12 Jesus is described as "the happiest creature of the Creator of the whole universe."

So JW's, rather than accepting the plain formula of Matthew 28:19, 20 are baptised in the name of God, of a creature and an organisation!

Miracles

Jesus' miracles are next discussed and we are told they were no different from miracles performed by men. It is true that men were able to do miracles by God's power and in Jesus' name (Acts 3:6, 16 etc) but there were so many things Jesus said and did that set Him apart

- He could read men's hearts - something only God can do
John 1:47,48, Luke 9:47
1 Kings 8:39
- He could control nature
Mark 4:39-41; Psalms 89:8-9
- He spoke as the Lord
Matthew 5:43,44
- He claimed oneness with the Father.
John 10:28-30
- He forgave sins
Mark 2:5,7
- He accepted worship
Luke 24:52

Next we are told, even though Isaiah 9:6 calls Jesus Mighty God, we must not believe he is God (Note The Watchtowers own New World Translation does not say "mighty god") So rather than JW's having one God - they have one Almighty God and one Mighty God, the latter becoming "a god" in their New Testament

The Bible says in Isaiah 43:10 concerning God - "Before me there was no God formed (Hebrew "yatsar" - same word as used of God forming man - Genesis 2:7) neither shall there be after me"

The simple truth here expressed is that, contrary to Watchtower teaching, God never created any god to come after him. Men make gods, worshipping these and calling upon them for help. But God condemns such worship. He does not tolerate sharing worship of himself with any god. The Bible knows nothing of relative worship! 1 Kings 18:21, Exodus 20:5 NWT.

Yet this Watchtower says the Word was "a god" created by Jehovah (the Father) and that Jehovah produced human gods mentioned at Psalm 82:6,7.

Psalm 82 is referring to human judges - the same word "Elohim" is used at Exodus 22:8,9. These judges as a body represented God. As such they were to be respected and obeyed but were never worshipped. Compare Romans 13:1-7 with Exodus 22:8,9.

Often human magistrates, mayors and such are addressed as "your worship". In court they are respected and the court stands when the judge enters. But none of these men are worshipped. They are human, fallible. Only God inherits the nations and exercises true judgement. Psalm 28:8, John 5:22, 1 Timothy 4:8

Continued in the next issue

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Lying for God

The deceptive practices of the Watch Tower Society.

OUR front page story, which clearly shows how the Watch Tower Society has purjured itself in the World Court, should come as no surprise to those who regularly study the teachings of the Society.

In fact the Society actually teaches Jehovah's Witnesses to cover up or lie about certain facts.

They call this tactic Theocratic War Strategy - I suppose lying doesn't sound too good.

The Watch Tower Society instructs Jehovah's Witnesses that, "As a soldier of Christ he is in theocratic warfare and he must exercise added caution when dealing with God's foes. Thus the Scriptures show that for the purposes of protecting the interest of God's cause, it is proper to hide the truth from God's enemies."

Thus we find the Watch Tower Society practicing its own belief that it is proper to deceive people. But they say this really isn't lying.

Did you know that the Watch Tower has a different definition of "lying" than most of us. In their book, Aid to Bible Understanding, under the word "Lie", we read, "Lying generally involves saying something false to a person who is entitled to know the truth."

Obviously, they feel that courts don't deserve to know the truth.





Jehovah's Witnesses & Hitler

THE Jehovahs Witnesses are proud of their war-record, and are today writing articles about how they were the only church resisting Hitler and his Nazi government.

They are proud of being represented in the Holocaust Museum, and claim that "nearly" 10.000 Jehovahs Witnesses were murdered by Hitler in the concentration camps.

The fact is, they can't be trusted. To say it bluntly, they are flat out lying regarding this.

According to their own Yearbook 1974 there were 203 JW's that were executed. Nothing more, nothing less.

What they do not say, is that the Watchtower leaders tried to compromise with Hitler, and supported him in most issues. Even his Jew-policy.

They sent him letters, made Declarations of Facts, etc. Read the following for yourself, from the 1934 Yearbook of Jehovah's Witnesses, and make up your mind. Is this a record of integrity to be proud of, or is it a record that they try to hide as good as they can.

Page 134: "The greatest and the most oppressive empire on earth is the Anglo-American empire. By that is meant the British Empire, of which the United States of America forms a part. It has been the commercial Jews of the British-American empire that have built up and carried on Big Business as a means of exploiting and oppressing the peoples of many nations. This fact particularly applies to the cities of London and New York, the

stronghold of Big Business. This fact is so manifest in America that there is a proverb concerning the city of New York which says: The Jews own it, the Irish Catholics rule it, and the Americans pay the bills."

Page 135: "The present government of Germany has declared emphatically against Big Business oppressors and in opposition to the wrongful religious influence in the political affairs of the nations. Such is exactly our position:"

Page 136: "Instead of being against the principles advocated by the government of Germany, we stand squarely for such principles, and point out that Jehovah God through Christ Jesus will bring about the full realization of these principles and will give to the people peace and prosperity and the greatest desire of every honest heart."

Page 137: "A careful examination of our books and literature will disclose the fact that the very high ideals held and promulgated by the present national government are set forth in and endorsed and strongly emphasized in our publications and show that Jehovah God will see to it that these high ideals in due time will be attained by all persons who love righteousness

Page 138: "Let us remind the government and the people of Germany, that it was the League of Nations compact that laid upon the shoulders of the German people the great unjust and unbearable burdens. That the League of Nations compact was not brought forth by the friends of Germany."



DANGER AT YOUR DOOR *Campaign Update*



MORE and more households are being protected from the danger of visits by Jehovah's Witnesses

In Rotherham, South Yorkshire, Dorothy Banks of the Help Jesus Ministry, has recently started to distribute stickers on her local housing estate, and is receiving a favourable response from almost everyone she talks to

She told *Concern*, "I've been out about four or five times around the estate and so far have covered five different roads

Most people I spoke to were eager to take the stickers, and only a couple of people said that they didn't need a sticker to get rid of the Witnesses!

"I now regularly get stopped by people asking me for stickers for other members of their families," she said

At first Dorothy found that even when householders did take the stickers, some had not placed them on their door when she walked past them a couple of days later

Dorothy told us, "When I give the person the sticker I also offer to stick it on their door there and then. That way it doesn't get forgotten"

Dorothy also found that the stickers had other benefits

"It also gave me a good chance to share the Gospel with householders," said Dorothy.

"I think the stickers are a very good idea and I recommend them to other Christians."

**Have you found the stickers effective?
Write to us and let us know.**



Maybe they should have used a First & Last Ministries door sticker.
To order yours write to the address on page three NOW.

IMMORALITY ? AND THE DANCE CALLED THE "TWIST"



IN an attempt to control the lives of its members the Watch Tower Society will go to extraordinary lengths to make seemingly innocuous activities out to be an affront to God.

One way the society does this is by deeming the activity pagan ie Christmas, Easter and birthdays.

But, just when you thought the Watch Tower Society had learnt to be sensible, along comes another example of madness

For in the Watch Tower magazine of February 15th, 1969, on page 113 of the bound volume, it says,

"For example, when dances like the "twist" and all its later developments are introduced, the young accept them eagerly and without question, while their parents raise their eyebrows or smile indulgently for a while and then take them up with almost equal fervor, ostensibly in order to project the youthful image themselves. **What they fail to realize is that such dances have their origin in pagan fertility dances** that were performed in times past as a part of immoral religious rites "

This is a classic example of what happens when a religion assumes too much authority or claims that it has some type of appointment from God?

What about the dance called the "Charleston" from the 1920s era, I suppose that it's origins are also from pagan fertility dances, because of the immorality that prevailed at that time period?

While Jehovah's Witnesses may vehemently defend the writings of the society in this case, First and Last Ministries can exclusively reveal that JW's all over the world are guilty of practicing pagan customs.

The information we have received from the Daily Mail newspaper of November 10th, 1997, reveals that any JW who has eaten a Baked Bean has taken part in a pagan festival.

In a regular question and answer section of the paper the following question is asked. What type of bean is used to produce tinned baked beans?

While the expert from H.J Heinz replies that the bean is of the haricot variety, they also reveal some more information about these innocent looking food items

"The first record of this type of bean comes from the Middle East in about 7,000BC. The ancient Greeks had a God of Beans and held 'bean feasts' in honour of Apollo, their Sun God."

So there you have it, by the Watch Tower Society's own warped reasoning, Jehovah's Witnesses should stop eating baked beans immediately or face God's wrath.

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