

# Crisis Of Conscience

## Raymond Franz

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*Millions Now Living Will Never Die!* - Joseph Franklin Rutherford 1920

[The Reluctant Apostate](#) - Lloyd Evans 2017-01-20  
Jehovah's Witnesses, well known for their enthusiastic

evangelism, are a global religious movement boasting over 8 million members. Despite being a familiar sight on doorsteps and street corners, little is known about their doctrines and practices. What are their expectations

regarding Armageddon, and who do they believe will survive? How do they justify their ban on blood transfusions? What happens to members who decide to leave? In this remarkably candid part-memoir, part-history guide, former Witness Lloyd Evans comprehensively explores the religion of his upbringing, charting the organization's metamorphosis from unassuming 19th Century brethren to global brand in the modern age. The Witness rules on sex are dissected, as are their far-reaching ramifications on the private lives of millions of devotees. Evans also delves into the controversies surrounding child abuse and the prohibition on blood transfusions with the aid of first hand accounts from those who have been personally impacted. Intertwined with the historical narrative and commentary is the story of the author's journey from devout Witness youth to outspoken ex-Witness activist and atheist. Evans lays bare the circumstances leading to his

"awakening" with startling honesty and reveals how the heartbreaking loss of his mother played a profound role in keeping long-held doubts suppressed. In the final chapters, the author discusses the various means by which Witnesses are controlled by their leadership. Evans analyzes the role of shunning (disfellowshipping) and the stigmatization of "apostates" in enforcing loyalty among Witnesses, and reflects on the indifference of society in general to human rights violations by high-control groups. The phenomenon of fundamentalist brainwashing, or "undue influence," is also scrutinized, and those in search of a new life free from its pervasive effects are given reasons for hope. Rather than being a sensationalist rant by an embittered ex-member, *The Reluctant Apostate* offers a relaxed, good-humored tour of Witness history and teachings supported by extensive references (to be found in the "Notes" section). Though written predominantly with the

non-Witness reader in mind, special boxes are also provided for Jehovah's Witness readers. Reviews "Both memoir and reference book, Lloyd Evans' work is an extensive compilation of Jehovah's Witness history and theology. In his honest and exhaustively researched expose, Evans has written what is sure to be the most important book on the religion in this century. The Reluctant Apostate is a must-read for Jehovah's Witnesses and anyone else who has been touched by the faith." -Scott Terry, author of Cowboys, Armageddon and the Truth "Insight only an 'insider' can bring to a subject difficult to understand for those who have never been part of this world, and unthinkable to contemplate for those inside its bubble. Lloyd does a magnificent job of speaking to both audiences and everyone in between. Compassion for the plight of those still held captive bleeds through every page." - Mike Rinder, former senior executive of the Church of Scientology, as featured on the

A&E series Leah Remini: Scientology and the Aftermath "A compelling and informative window on the world of the Jehovah's Witnesses that will be a vital and life changing resource for former members and many others too in forming an authentic understanding of this group, its beliefs, methods and effects on individuals and families." -Professor Rod Dubrow-Marshall, Ph.D. Co-Editor International Journal of Cultic Studies and co-founder RETIRN UK Dr. Linda Dubrow-Marshall, Ph.D. Co-founder RETIRN UK

**In Search of Christian Freedom** - Raymond Franz  
2007-01-01

A THIRD-GENERATION JEHOVAH'S WITNESS, RAYMOND FRANZ SERVED FOR OVER FORTY YEARS AT EVERY LEVEL OF THE ORGANIZATION'S STRUCTURE. HE SPENT NINE OF THOSE YEARS AS A MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY. A RARE LOOK INTO THE WORDS, ACTIONS AND ATTITUDES OF

A SMALL GROUP OF MEN  
WHO SERVED AS  
ADMINISTRATORS,  
LEGISLATORS AND JUDGES  
FOR JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES.  
Confessions of a Teenage Jesus  
Jerk - Tony Dushane  
2010-01-10

Gabe is a teenage Jehovah's Witness convinced God will kill him at Armageddon for masturbating. But Gabe's not alone: there's Peter, who writes swear words in the margins of his papers; Jihyun, the Korean kid who subsists on Ho Hos and Doritos; and Camille, who follows Gabe around, trying to be his girlfriend. There's also Gabe's mom, who sleeps sixteen hours a day, and his dad, an elder who decides the fate of sinners (like the married couple who confesses to accidentally having anal sex). There's Brother Miller, an elder with a Napoleon complex, who accompanies Gabe from door to door, encouraging him to knock with confidence, and Sister Feeney, who looks forward to the day she can move into a Spanish-style

house after its owner dies at the end of the world. Luckily for Gabe, there is Uncle Jeff, who used to tour with Santana and now gives Gabe the only valuable girl advice he ever receives. It's hard when school days are spent dodging questions about your weird religion and weekends mean preaching house to house. Life looks dreary until Gabe falls for Camille's beautiful older sister and begins to see her as the answer to his frustrations.

*The Orwellian World of  
Jehovah's Witnesses* - Heather  
Denise Harden Botting  
1984-01-01

Discusses the history and religious doctrines of the Jehovah's Witnesses and examines the parallels between the religion and George Orwell's novel, 1984

**Crisis of Conscience** -  
Raymond Franz 2018-03-04  
Author Raymond Franz, former member of the Governing Body of Jehovah's Witnesses presents his story of a struggle to prevent the erosion of his God-given freedom of conscience as well as that of

others, forming the heart of this very personal and candid account. Franz description of his journey in Crisis of Conscience is presented with sensitivity and compassion. The information nevertheless raises very fundamental questions that are both disturbing and conscience stirring. Starting in the 1870s as an independent Bible study group composed of a handful of persons in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Jehovah's Witnesses today number more than eight million in some 240 lands. In countries where they are active, few people have not had contact with the Witnesses as a result of their intense door-to-door activity. Yet for most persons the religion remains a near mystery. More remarkably, very few Witnesses themselves have any knowledge of their history or doctrine forming and policy-making processes of their own organization. The Governing Body sessions and discussions are totally private and not open to the rest of Jehovah's Witnesses. Yet that Body's

decisions are applicable and enforceable toward every Witness on earth. As a third-generation member, the author lived the first sixty years of his life among Jehovah's Witnesses, serving in various countries at nearly every level of the organizational structure. The final nine of those sixty years were spent on the central executive council, the Governing Body. Those years led to his crisis of conscience, which is the theme of this book. It is a unique account as it allows the reader a view of the decision-making sessions of Jehovah's Witnesses inner council, and the powerful, sometimes dramatic, impact that their decisions have on people's lives.

### **Jehovah's Witnesses Answered Verse by Verse -**

David A. Reed 1987-08-01  
No other book answers the Jehovah's Witnesses' misinterpretation of Scripture so immediately and shows how to use the same Scripture in leading Jehovah's Witnesses to Christ.

*Jehovah's Witnesses and the*

*Third Reich* - M. James Penton  
2004-01-01

Using materials from Witness archives, the U.S. State Department, Nazi files, and other sources, M. James Penton demonstrates that while many ordinary German Witnesses were brave in their opposition to Nazism, their leaders were quite prepared to support the Hitler government. --from publisher description

**Barbara Anderson**

**Uncensored: Eyewitness to**

**Deceit** - Barbara Anderson  
2018-04-23

This book is a candid narrative of a tireless warrior and her valor to protect children against the policies of a worldwide religion, one that most people have seen as harmless until now.

*The Gentile Times*

*Reconsidered* - Carl Olof  
Jonsson 2021-10-21

*The Gentile Times Reconsidered*, by Swedish author Carl Olof Jonsson, is a scholarly treatise based on careful and extensive research, including an unusually detailed study of Assyrian and

Babylonian records relative to the date of Jerusalem's destruction by Babylonian conqueror, Nebuchadnezzar. The publication traces the history of a long string of interpretation theories connected with time prophecies extracted from the Bible books of Daniel and Revelation, beginning with those from Judaism in the early centuries, through Medieval Catholicism, the Reformers, and into nineteenth century British and American Protestantism. It reveals the actual origin of the interpretation which eventually produced the date of 1914 as a predicted year for the end of "the Gentile Times," a date adopted and proclaimed worldwide to this day by the religious movement known as Jehovah's Witnesses. The importance of this date for the exclusive claims of the movement is repeatedly stressed in its publications. The Watchtower of October 15, 1990, for example, states on page 19: "For 38 years prior to 1914, the Bible Students, as

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Jehovah's Witnesses were then called, pointed to that date as the year when the Gentile Times would end. What outstanding proof that is that they were true servants of Jehovah!" The book contains a helpful discussion of the application of the Biblical prophecy regarding the "seventy years" of Babylonian domination of Judah. Readers will find the information refreshingly different from any other publication on this topic. *The Least of God's Priorities* - Bo Juel 2015-09-15

"Bo, you should know that if we lived in the old Israel two thousand years ago, you should have been stoned to death and I would have been the one who threw the first stone." Those words ended the first phone call Bo Juel shared with his beloved grandfather in over fifteen years, and they were the last words he would ever hear from the man. Bo's crime? Leaving the religion of Jehovah's Witnesses after suffering the worst cruelties any child could ever live through. *The Least of God's*

*Priorities* tells of one man's harrowing journey through unimaginable abuses, including years of sexual molestation at the hands of a congregation elder, physical violence, betrayal, lies, family secrets, and the most horrific loss a young father can face. With a foreword written by leading cult expert Steven A. Hassan, M.Ed., LMHC, NCC, author of *Combating Mind Control, The #1 Best-Selling Guide to Protection, Rescue, and Recovery From Destructive Cults*.

*In Search of Christian Freedom* - Raymond Franz 2013-04-05  
Finding a proper balance between freedom and responsibility is a problem that has faced every serious Christian. For those raised in a highly structured religious environment, balancing loyalties to a religious organization, family, and personal conscience may raise difficult issues. Raymond Franz's first-hand account of the issues with which he struggled forms the theme of his first book, *Crisis of*

Conscience. In Search of Christian Freedom, the sequel to Crisis of Conscience, provides even more comprehensive study. The issues and options discussed herein, although relating particularly to the structure of Jehovah's Witnesses, are not so very different from issues other Christians have faced and continue to face when they seek to reconcile considerations for conscience, loyalty, responsibility and freedom. This work will move readers — of any religion — to consider seriously how much they value Christian freedom and to ask how genuine their own freedom is.

**Crisis of Conscience** - Raymond Franz 1983-12-01

**Why You Should Believe in the Trinity** - Robert M. Bowman 1989

*The Finished Mystery* - Charles Taze Russell 1918

**Where is the "Great Crowd" Serving God?** - Jon Mitchell 1998-01-01

A discussion of Revelation 7:9-17, considered against a backdrop of events at the Watch Tower headquarters in 1980

Truth in Translation - Jason BeDuhn 2003

Truth in Translation is a critical study of Biblical translation, assessing the accuracy of nine English versions of the New Testament in wide use today. By looking at passages where theological investment is at a premium, the author demonstrates that many versions deviate from accurate translation under the pressure of theological bias.

*The "sign" of the Last Days - When?* - Carl Olof Jonsson 1987-01-01

Is Christ's return identified by unprecedented war, famine, pestilence, earthquakes, crime and other calamities? Evidence that this claim is based on a misunderstanding of Christ's own words; accompanied by historical facts demonstrating how surprisingly little the 20th century differs in these areas from past centuries.

The Jehovah's Witnesses' Bible

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- Giuseppe Guarino 2019-11-18  
The New World Translation (NWT) is the official translation of the Bible released by the Watch Tower, the Jehovah Witnesses' Directive Body. It's first English edition was presented to the public in 1950. The latest updated edition is the 2013's, now available online. It is a very peculiar version of the Bible. In this book I will direct the readers' attention to the evident mistakes that make of the NWT a unique literary phenomenon among the various attempts of translating the Bible. These mistakes are so many and so misleading on certain specific doctrines that I cannot help but wonder if we are looking instead of a translation at a deliberate attempt to manipulate the text of the Scripture. This the readers will judge by themselves. Giuseppe Guarino has written many books related to the original languages of the Bible, including a Biblical Greek manual. Visit his website for updates  
[www.giuseppeguarino.com](http://www.giuseppeguarino.com)

### **30 Years a Watchtower Slave** - William J. Schnell 2002-01-01

At first, the Watchtower Society seemed harmless to William J. Schnell, even valuable as a way to develop his faith in God and pass it on to others. This book is Schnell's fascinating account of his involvement with the cult, which effectively enticed him in the 1920s and continues to lure countless individuals today. Readers will learn, as Schnell did, that the Jehovah's Witness religion he had joined was anything but innocent. For thirty years he was enslaved by one of the most totalitarian religions of our day, and his story of finally becoming free is riveting. Readers will be alerted to the inner machinations, methods, and doctrines of the Watchtower Society, arming them to forewarn others and witness to their Jehovah's Witness friends, relatives, neighbors, and the stranger at the door. With more than 300,000 copies sold, 30 Years a Watchtower Slave is truly one of the classic

testimonies of freedom from a powerful cult.

**Witnesses of Jehovah** - Leonard Chretien 1988

Leaving the Tower - HJ Evans 2021-02-02

Jehovah's Witnesses are all over the world, claiming eight million followers. Do they have "The Truth," or are they just another religious sect? In this book, HJ Evans examines their beliefs closely and makes it clear that this "tower" is one that you should get away from. This book examines the Witnesses' attempts to explain Bible prophecy, their organizational failings, and how their beliefs hurt and endanger their members, all in an easy-to-read, conversational style.

**When Prophecy Fails** - Leon Festinger 2013-04-01

The study reported in this volume grew out of some theoretical work, one phase of which bore specifically on the behavior of individuals in social movements that made specific (and unfulfilled) prophecies. We had been forced to depend

chiefly on historical records to judge the adequacy of our theoretical ideas until we by chance discovered the social movement that we report in this book. At the time we learned of it, the movement was in mid-career but the prophecy about which it was centered had not yet been disconfirmed. We were understandably eager to undertake a study that could test our theoretical ideas under natural conditions. That we were able to do this study was in great measure due to the support obtained through the Laboratory for Research in Social Relations of the University of Minnesota. This study is a project of the Laboratory and was carried out while we were all members of its staff. We should also like to acknowledge the help we received through a grant-in-aid from the Ford Foundation to one of the authors, a grant that made preliminary exploration of the field situation possible.

**Cowboys, Armageddon, and the Truth** - Scott M. Terry 2012

Cowboys, Armageddon, and The Truth: How a Gay Child Was Saved from Religion offers an illuminating glimpse into a child's sequestered world of abuse, homophobia, and religious extremism. Scott Terry's memoir is a compelling, poignant and occasionally humorous look into the Jehovah's Witness faith-a religion that refers to itself as The Truth-and a brave account of Terry's successful escape from a troubled past. At the age of ten, Terry had embraced the Witnesses' prediction that the world will come to an end in 1975 and was preparing for Armageddon. As an adolescent, he prayed for God to strip away his growing attraction to other young men. But by adulthood, Terry found himself no longer believing in the promised apocalypse. Through a series of adventures and misadventures, he left the Witness religion behind and became a cowboy, riding bulls in the rodeo. He overcame the hurdles of parental abuse, religious extremism, and homophobia and learned that Truth is a

concept of honesty rather than false righteousness, a means to live a life openly, for Terry as a gay man."

**Crisis of Conscience** -  
Raymond Franz 1983

**Faith On The March** - A.H.  
Macmillan 1957

**The Time Is at Hand** -  
Charles Taze Russell  
2000-01-01

Crisis of Conscience - Tom  
Mueller 2020-09-29

"A call to arms and to action, for anyone with a conscience, anyone alarmed about the decline of our democracy." — New York Times-bestselling author Wendell Potter  
"Powerful...His extensively reported tales of individual whistleblowers and their often cruel fates are compelling...They reveal what it can mean to live in an age of fraud." — The Washington Post  
"Tom Mueller's authoritative and timely book reveals what drives a few brave souls to expose and denounce specific cases of corruption. He

describes the structural decay that plagues many of our most powerful institutions, putting democracy itself in danger." —George Soros A David-and-Goliath story for our times: the riveting account of the heroes who are fighting a rising tide of wrongdoing by the powerful, and showing us the path forward. We live in a period of sweeping corruption -- and a golden age of whistleblowing. Over the past few decades, principled insiders who expose wrongdoing have gained unprecedented legal and social stature, emerging as the government's best weapon against corporate misconduct-- and the citizenry's best defense against government gone bad. Whistleblowers force us to confront fundamental questions about the balance between free speech and state secrecy, and between individual morality and corporate power. In *Crisis of Conscience*, Tom Mueller traces the rise of whistleblowing through a series of riveting cases drawn from the worlds of healthcare

and other businesses, Wall Street, and Washington. Drawing on in-depth interviews with more than two hundred whistleblowers and the trailblazing lawyers who arm them for battle--plus politicians, intelligence analysts, government watchdogs, cognitive scientists, and other experts--Mueller anatomizes what inspires some to speak out while the rest of us become complicit in our silence. Whistleblowers, we come to see, are the freethinking, outspoken citizens for whom our republic was conceived. And they are the models we must emulate if our democracy is to survive.

**Spiritual Abuse Recovery Workbook** - David Henke  
2021-08-02

The *Spiritual Abuse Recovery Workbook* was written to facilitate healing and recovery for people who have experienced the destructive consequences of being spiritually abused.

**Marine Fisheries Review** -  
1973

*Jehovah's Witnesses and the United Nations* - Tami Dickerson 2011-10-11

This book is a one-stop resource detailing all the evidence regarding the Watchtower Society's affair with the United Nations. Not only did this affair deceive the United Nations, but it also deceived the worldwide membership of Jehovah's Witnesses. This book gives all of the source references so that the reader can verify the information for him or herself. It is a must-have for anyone who is investigating this matter in depth.

**Exiting the Jw Cult** - Bonnie Zieman 2015-05-14

Numerous books have been written by ex-Jehovah's Witnesses, exposing the false claims and practices of the cult or describing their personal challenges while leaving it. But when it comes to providing help to individuals in the process of exiting and recovering from the effects of membership in the cult, few compare with EXiting the JW Cult: A Healing Handbook.

Author Bonnie Zieman was born and raised as a Jehovah's Witness, leaving after thirty years to gain the higher education that she was denied and build a professional life as a psychotherapist. She knows firsthand what it's like to deal with the inhumane punishments inflicted on anyone who leaves the Watchtower organization- foremost among them, the complete shunning by family and friends. Drawing from both her personal and professional experiences, Zieman provides aid, advice, encouragement, and insight into the many challenges faced by current and former Jehovah's Witnesses who are struggling to extricate their lives from this all-controlling cult. This empowering healing handbook is designed to be used as a reference that individuals can take down off the shelf and use to help themselves during difficult moments along their path to healing emotional wounds and coping in an unfamiliar world.

**Apocalypse Delayed** - M.

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James Penton 2015-02-26

Since 1876, Jehovah's Witnesses have believed that they are living in the last days of the present world. Charles T. Russell, their founder, advised his followers that members of Christ's church would be raptured in 1878, and by 1914 Christ would destroy the nations and establish his kingdom on earth. The first prophecy was not fulfilled, but the outbreak of the First World War lent some credibility to the second. Ever since that time, Jehovah's Witnesses have been predicting that the world would end "shortly." Their numbers have grown to many millions in over two hundred countries. They distribute a billion pieces of literature annually, and continue to anticipate the end of the world. For almost thirty years, M. James Penton's *Apocalypse Delayed* has been the definitive scholarly study of this religious movement. As a former member of the sect, Penton offers a comprehensive overview of the Jehovah's Witnesses. His book is divided into three parts, each

presenting the Witnesses' story in a different context: historical, doctrinal, and sociological. Some of the issues he discusses are known to the general public, such as the sect's opposition to military service and blood transfusions. Others involve internal controversies, including political control of the organization and the handling of dissent within the ranks. Thoroughly revised, the third edition of Penton's classic text includes substantial new information on the sources of Russell's theology and on the church's early leaders, as well as coverage of important developments within the sect since the second edition was published fifteen years ago.

**Captives of a Concept  
(Anatomy of an Illusion) -**

Don Cameron 2013-03-12

Understanding the illusionary concept that holds millions of Jehovah's Witnesses captive by controlling how they think and act without them realizing it.

[Expose of Jehovah's Witnesses](#) -

Erich Grieshaber 1983-02-01

## **I'm Perfect, You're Doomed -**

Kyria Abrahams 2010-11  
A stand-up comedian who was brought up as a Jehovah's Witness describes how her childhood was haunted by perpetual doomsday prophecies about an imminent apocalypse in which her non-believing neighbors and schoolmates were doomed.  
Crisis of Allegiance - James A. Beverley 1986

## **Set the Trumpet to Thy**

**Mouth** - David Wilkerson 2001  
Wilkinson calls us to take the most honest look at ourselves and our nation that we've every taken--for the sake of the church, our country, and the world.

Reasoning from the Scriptures with the Jehovah's Witnesses - Ron Rhodes 2009-07-01  
Christians have great news to offer Jehovah's Witnesses. In this revised and updated version of the top-selling Reasoning from the Scriptures with the Jehovah's Witnesses (more than 90,000 copies sold), author and Bible expert Ron Rhodes helps readers delve

into the Bible and use practical tools to share God's truths with those who come calling. Convenient side-by-side comparisons of the New World Translation and the Bible, along with answers to each doctrinal error espoused by the Witnesses Point-by-point lists of the favorite tactics and arguments used by the Witnesses—along with effective, biblical responses to each Questions you can ask to challenge the Jehovah's Witnesses' confidence in the Watchtower Society With easy-to-understand helps, concise information, direct comparisons of beliefs, and a compassionate presentation, this resource from Ron Rhodes is ideal for personal and church libraries and for any reader who wants to confidently share the gospel.

Leaving the Witness - Amber Scora 2020-06-02

"A fascinating glimpse into the consciousness of being an outsider in every possible way, and what it takes to find your path into the life you'd like to lead."--Nylon A riveting memoir

of losing faith and finding freedom while a covert missionary in one of the world's most restrictive countries. A third-generation Jehovah's Witness, Amber Scorah had devoted her life to sounding God's warning of impending Armageddon. She volunteered to take the message to China, where the preaching she did was illegal and could result in her expulsion or worse. Here, she had some distance from her community for the first time. Immersion in a foreign language and culture--and a whole new way of thinking--turned her world upside down, and eventually led her to lose all that she had been sure was true. As a proselytizer in Shanghai, using fake names and secret codes to evade the authorities' notice, Scorah discreetly looked for targets in public parks and stores. To support herself, she found work at a Chinese language learning podcast, hiding her real purpose from her coworkers. Now with a creative

outlet, getting to know worldly people for the first time, she began to understand that there were other ways of seeing the world and living a fulfilling life. When one of these relationships became an "escape hatch," Scorah's loss of faith culminated in her own personal apocalypse, the only kind of ending possible for a Jehovah's Witness. Shunned by family and friends as an apostate, Scorah was alone in Shanghai and thrown into a world she had only known from the periphery--with no education or support system. A coming of age story of a woman already in her thirties, this unforgettable memoir examines what it's like to start one's life over again with an entirely new identity. It follows Scorah to New York City, where a personal tragedy forces her to look for new ways to find meaning in the absence of religion. With compelling, spare prose, *Leaving the Witness* traces the bittersweet process of starting over, when everything one's life was built around is gone.