



**MIND CONTROL TACTICS USED
ON JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES**
(Brenda Lee's Comments Appear in Red)

How much control does the Governing Body and the Leaders of the Watchtower Society have over the average Jehovah's Witness? I think they answer this question pretty well in their own literature:

The Watchtower, January 1, 1942, Page 5: God uses The Watchtower to communicate to his people; it does not consist of men's opinions. (THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF SACRED SCIENCE. IDEOLOGY IS SACRED: REVERANCE IS DEMANDED FOR LEADERSHIP.)

The Watchtower, February 1, 1952, Pages 79-80: If we do not see a point at first we should keep trying to grasp it, rather than opposing and rejecting it and presumptuously taking the position that we are more likely to be right than the discreet slave. We should meekly go along with the Lord's theocratic organization and wait for further clarification.... (THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF SACRED SCIENCE. IDEOLOGY IS SACRED: REVERANCE IS DEMANDED FOR LEADERSHIP.)

Qualified to be Ministers Book (Published in 1955), Page 156: If we have love for Jehovah and for the organization of his people we shall not be suspicious, but shall, as the Bible says, 'Believe all things,' all the things that the Watchtower brings out, in as much as it has been faithful in giving us knowledge of God's purposes.... (THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF SACRED SCIENCE. IDEOLOGY IS SACRED: REVERANCE IS DEMANDED FOR LEADERSHIP. NOTICE HOW THEY TRY TO MANIPULATE YOU INTO BELIEVING THAT IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE 'ALL THINGS' YOU DON'T LOVE GOD.)

The Watchtower, June 1, 1955, Page 333:today the power of appointment of all servants in congregations rightfully rests with the governing body of the "faithful and discreet slave" class, which is under the direct supervision of Christ Jesus at the temple. (THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF SACRED SCIENCE. IDEOLOGY IS SACRED: REVERANCE IS DEMANDED FOR LEADERSHIP.)

The Watchtower, June 1, 1956, Page 345: Newcomers must learn to fall in line with the principles and policies of the New World society and act in harmony with them. Sometimes it becomes rather difficult for some of our new associates to make the change. They are prone to be a little rebellious or unruly. But to become genuinely a part of the New World society it is imperative that proper respect for theocratic arrangement and order be shown. A humble, obedient mental attitude is required. (THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF SACRED SCIENCE. IDEOLOGY IS SACRED: REVERANCE IS DEMANDED FOR LEADERSHIP.)

The Watchtower, November 1, 1956, Page 666: Who controls the organization, who directs it? Who is at the head? A man? A group of men? A clergy class? A pope? A hierarchy? A council? No, none of these. How is that possible? In any organization is it not necessary that there be a directing head or policy-making part that controls or guides the organization? Yes. Is the living God, Jehovah, the Director of the theocratic Christian organization? Yes! (NOTE THEY USED THE WORD "CONTROLS," NOT "LEADS" AND THEIR ASSERTION THAT JEHOVAH CONTROLS THE ORGANIZATION IS IN DIRECT CONFLICT WITH THEIR STATEMENTS ABOVE. IF THIS WERE NOT THE CASE—THAT MEN DON'T CONTROL THIS ORGANIZATION-- THEN A JEHOVAH'S WITNESS COULD LEAVE THE ORGANIZATION AND WORSHIP JEHOVAH GOD ON HIS/HER OWN, INDEPENDENT OF THE GROUP, AND NOT BE CONSIDERED A DEFECTOR.)

The Watchtower, May 1, 1957, Page 274: We must recognize not only Jehovah God as our Father but his organization as our Mother. Pages 283-285: Showing respect for Jehovah's organization really resolves itself down to our attitude toward God's visible channel and the trust that we place in our proved, faithful brothers. If we have become thoroughly convinced that this is Jehovah's organization, that he is guiding and directing his people, then we shall not be unsettled by anything that happens. We will not 'forsake our mother's teaching' by immediately beginning to criticize and find fault.....gratefully and willingly show our respect for Jehovah's organization, for she is our mother and the beloved wife of our heavenly Father.... (THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF SACRED SCIENCE. IDEOLOGY IS SACRED: REVERANCE IS DEMANDED FOR LEADERSHIP. WHAT THEY ARE SAYING HERE IS THAT NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, EVEN IF CHILD MOLESTATION OCCURS REGULARLY WITHIN THIS ORGANIZATION AND IS NOT HANDLED PROPERLY—AND IT DOES--YOU SHOULD CONTINUE BELIEVING THAT THIS IS GOD'S ORGANIZATION AND KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT.)

The Watchtower, June 15, 1957, Page 370: Respond to the directions of the organization as you would the voice of God. (THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF SACRED SCIENCE. IDEOLOGY IS SACRED: REVERANCE IS DEMANDED FOR LEADERSHIP.)

The Watchtower, August 1, 1960, Page 474: Jehovah's witnesses, though international, are 'one heart and soul,' of the 'same mind' and the 'same line of thought.' (THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF DEMAND FOR PURITY. EVERYONE MUST BE OF ONE THOUGHT.)



The Watchtower, June 1, 1967, Page 338: ...in Jehovah's organization it is not necessary to spend a lot of time and energy in research, for there are brothers in the organization who are assigned to that very thing....(THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF MILIEU CONTROL—CONTROL OF YOUR ENVIRONMENT—WHAT YOU READ.)

The Watchtower, August 1, 1967, Pages 469-470: It is true that some points are difficult to grasp at first, but instead of complaining or arguing about them.... it may be better to leave it alone for a while, waiting further clarification.....we must avoid complaining even about small things.... (THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF MILIEU CONTROL—CONTROL OF YOUR ENVIRONMENT—WHAT YOU DISCUSS.)

The Watchtower, October 1, 1967, Page 587: ...the Bible cannot be properly understood without Jehovah's visible organization Page 590: [Jehovah's Witnesses] must recognize and accept this appointment of the "faithful and discreet slave" and be submissive to it. (THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF SACRED SCIENCE. IDEOLOGY IS SACRED: REVERANCE IS DEMANDED FOR LEADERSHIP.)

The Watchtower, August 1, 1972, Page 458:the Watchtower study conductor, who presides over this meeting, has an important responsibility. This study enables all to be united in the same line of thought. (THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF SACRED SCIENCE. IDEOLOGY IS SACRED: REVERANCE IS DEMANDED FOR LEADERSHIP AS WELL AS DEMAND FOR PURITY—TRYING TO GET EVERYONE TO THINK THE SAME.)

The Watchtower, August 1, 1980, Page 19: Thus, the one who doubts to the point of becoming an apostate sets himself up as a judge. He thinks he knows better than his fellow Christians, better also than the 'faithful and discreet slave,' through whom he has learned the best part, if not all that he knows about Jehovah God and his purposes. (USING THE WORDS 'APOSTATE' AND 'FAITHFUL AND DISCREET SLAVE' IS AN EXAMPLE OF *LOADING THE LANGUAGE AND DEMAND FOR PURITY*. THE JEHOVAH WITNESS WHO READS THIS IMMEDIATELY THINKS OF THE APOSTATE AS EVIL AND THE "FAITHFUL AND DISCREET SLAVE" AS GOOD. THIS LANGUAGE ESTABLISHES 'CLASSES' FOR THESE INDIVIDUALS AND ENCOURAGES BLACK AND WHITE THINKING (GOOD VS EVIL.)

The Watchtower, June 1, 1982, Page 20: At times, some bring to the attention of the "slave" class various doctrinal or organizational matters that they feel ought to be revised. Certainly, suggestions for improvement are proper, as are inquiries for clarification. The proper spirit after offering suggestions is to be content to leave the matter to the prayerful consideration of the mature brothers directing the work in Jehovah's organization. But if those making the suggestions are not content with that and continue to dispute the subject in the congregations with a view to getting others to support them, what then? That would create divisions, and could subvert the faith of some. So Paul counsels: "Keep your eye on those who cause divisions and occasions for stumbling contrary to the teaching that you have learned, and avoid them." Paul also counseled Titus to "reprove those who contradict," adding: "It is necessary to shut the mouths of these, as these very men keep on subverting entire households by teaching things they ought not.... For this very cause...keep on reproving them with severity." (THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF *CULT OF CONFESION*. SPY ON AND REPROVE OR REPRIMAND DISSENTERS.)

The Watchtower, January 15, 1983, Page 22: Avoid Independent Thinking Avoid.... questioning the counsel that is provided by God's visible organization. How is such independent thinking manifested? A common way is by questioning the counsel that is provided by God's visible organization. Page 27:some who point out that the organization has had to make some adjustments before, and so they argue: "This shows that we have to make up our own mind on what to believe." This is independent thinking. Why is it so dangerous? **Fight against independent thinking.** (THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF MILIEU CONTROL—CONTROL OF YOUR ENVIRONMENT—WHAT YOU DISCUSS WITH OTHERS AND YOURSELF—IT IS INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION CONTROL.)

The Watchtower, June 1, 1985, Page 20: Although walking with confidence in Jehovah's leadership may not be easy at times...To turn away from Jehovah and his organization, to spurn the direction of the 'faithful and discreet slave,' and to rely simply on personal Bible reading and interpretation is to become like a solitary tree in a parched land. (THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF *MYSTICAL MANIPULATION: YOU WILL SUFFER IF YOU LEAVE*)

The Watchtower, March 15, 1986, Page 12: Do you wisely destroy apostate material? Page 14: Why is reading apostate publications **similar to reading pornographic literature?** (THAT IS, DON'T READ THIS ARTICLE!) Page 17: Beware of those who try to put forward their own contrary opinions. (THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF MILIEU CONTROL—CONTROL OF YOUR ENVIRONMENT—WHAT YOU READ.)

The Watchtower, February 1, 1987, Page 19: First of all, there is the matter of being obedient and ready to respond to encouragement. When direction and encouragement come from the proper source, it is only right that we should respond readily. We also remember that one feature of 'the wisdom from above' is being 'ready to obey.' (James 3:17) These are qualities that all Christians are encouraged



to put on. Due to background and upbringing, some may be more given to independent thinking and self-will than others. Perhaps this is an area where we need to discipline ourselves and **'make our mind over'** so that we can perceive more clearly what the 'will of God' is. Romans 12:2. **(THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF MILIEU CONTROL—CONTROL OF YOUR ENVIRONMENT—WHAT YOU DISCUSS WITH OTHERS AND YOURSELF—IT IS INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION CONTROL.)**

The Watchtower, September 15, 1989, Page 23: In the world, there is a tendency to reject leadership. As one lecturer said: ;'The rising education level has improved the talent pool such that followers have become so critical that they are almost impossible to lead.' But a spirit of independent thinking does not prevail in God's organization, and we have sound reasons for confidence in the men taking the lead among us." **(THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF SACRED SCIENCE. IDEOLOGY IS SACRED: REVERANCE IS DEMANDED FOR LEADERSHIP.)**

The Watchtower, July 1, 1994, Pages 12-13: As loyal servants of Jehovah, why would we even want to peek at the propaganda put out by rejecters of Jehovah's table.... **(THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF MILIEU CONTROL—CONTROL OF YOUR ENVIRONMENT—WHAT YOU READ.)**

The Watchtower, September 15, 2002, Pages 16-18: Rather than being critical, let us maintain a spiritually healthy view of the information received through personal study and congregation meetings. **(THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF MILIEU CONTROL—CONTROL OF YOUR ENVIRONMENT—WHAT YOU DISCUSS WITH OTHERS AND YOURSELF—IT IS INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION CONTROL.)**

The Watchtower, October 1, 2002, Page 16: Strong faith, in turn, fortifies us to obey Jehovah, even when his requirements seem to go contrary to human reasoning. **(THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF DOCTRINE OVER PERSON. YOUR EXPERIENCE DOESN'T COUNT, EVEN IF SOMETHING SEEMS MORALLY OR ETHICALLY WRONG.)**

AND...THE MOST UNBELIEVABLE MILIEU CONTROL EVER

Kingdom Ministry, September 2007: Does the faithful and discrete slave endorse independent groups of Witnesses who meet together to engage in Scriptural research or debate? No it does not.

ATTENTION *SERIOUS* BIBLE STUDENTS: THE WATCHTOWER ORGANIZATION IS SAYING THAT YOU AREN'T ALLOWED TO EVEN STUDY THE BIBLE WITHOUT THEIR OVERSIGHT!

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