



Happy Halloween: The Jehovah Witness Mask of Deception

What do witches, pirates, ghosts, Snow White, princesses, kitty cats, and Spiderman have in common? Children (and adults) in costume, knocking on your door, enthusiastically beaming “trick or treat.” As most people know, Jehovah’s Witnesses don’t celebrate Halloween because of its pagan origins. So with this tradition just a couple weeks away, and because so many people do not know the origins of the Jehovah Witness religion, I thought it might be insightful to point out the ridiculous, sometimes dangerous beliefs promoted by the leaders (all paraphrased)*, namely:

Appendicitis—it’s caused by the biting of worms

- A black man can turn white!
- Pacifiers are the cause for diseased and enlarged tonsils
- Grapes cure cancer because they are 'magnetic' and rejuvenate your mind with the sun's healing 'vibrations'
- Intravenous drug use would become common during the millennium. It would be used by Jesus and the 144,000 to help mankind become perfect and free of all diseases.
- Constipation causes disease, not germs
- Vaccination has never saved a human life; “abolish the devilish practice of vaccination”
- Electronic Radio Biola diagnoses and treats diseases by the use of electronic vibrations
- All human ailments have their start in the intestines
- The black race’s origins were the result of a curse
- Smallpox did not really exist
- We should avoid pasteurized milk because Louis Pasteur is a fake
- Stop chewing gum as you need saliva for your food
- Aluminum cooking utensils are hazardous to your health
- Sunbathe “forenoon” because the ultraviolet rays are healing
- Man cannot by rocket “get up above the air envelope which is about our earthly globe and in which man breathes” (written in 1943 before the we landed on the moon)
- Education is one of the devil’s ‘crafty acts’ (from a recent talk)

The Governing Body, the leaders at the top of the pyramid scheme who run the Watchtower Bible & Tract Society, aka the iron fist to which all Jehovah’s Witnesses must bow, would like everyone to think that the organization has always closely adhered to Biblical principals since their inception. That they



have the only true faith and are chosen by Jehovah God himself. But are they? Oh, if the members only knew the *real* Truth and could stop being “tricked!”

But then again, does truth really matter to them? Case in point: A few years ago I told my father about the Watchtower’s two-witness mandate for sexual child abuse and asked him how he felt about it. The mandate goes like this: Jehovah Witness children who have been sexually abused must produce two eye witnesses when reporting the allegation in order to be believed by the leaders (elders) of the group. If the perpetrator denies the crime, nothing happens. The CRIMINAL remains a member in good standing. My father denied that this “ridiculous” (his words) expectation even existed. He said, “We wouldn’t believe that—that doesn’t even make sense! When I produced Watchtower literature to prove this and then followed up with him a few weeks later, his response was, “Don’t send stuff like that to us anymore. It upsets your mother.” I said, “Dad—It should upset both of you! There are countless news stories proving that *your* religion protects pedophiles. His response, “I don’t care about things that don’t concern me directly.” Head in the sand.

Even after Ray Franz, a Governing Body member, left the organization in 1980, wrote *Crisis of Conscience* and gave readers an insider’s eye into all the hypocrisy, slight-of-hand deceit and corruption at the top, even *that* didn’t shake the faith of most devout Witnesses worldwide. I guess that’s because although **the truth** is oftentimes presented to Jehovah’s Witnesses, they frequently prefer to live in a world of fantasy vs reality.

When you think about it, Jehovah’s Witnesses put on a mask every single day before they go out into the world, knocking on doors, mimicking the “pagan practice” that they condemn. Otherwise, how could they smile and say that they have good news to share with you? Think about it. Their ‘good news’ involves God slaughtering the majority of the world, including innocent children, and only they (of course) will survive. *Who* does this purported “good news” benefit? If I wanted to offer someone good news, I wouldn’t walk up to them and say, “I have good news. You just won the lottery and *I* get to keep all of the money.” Isn’t that what they’re doing? And with a smile on their faces, nonetheless?

As a Jehovah’s Witness survivor who lost my own childhood to this authoritarian group, I can’t help but think about the millions of innocent Jehovah Witness boys and girls who will feel ostracized by their peers because they *won’t* be allowed to don a Superman cape or a ballerina costume this month, knock on doors for one night and ask for a simple candy donation. Why? Because it’s considered evil, a sin worthy of excommunication (disfellowshipping) and shunning. Instead they *will* be forced to knock on doors every week for the rest of their lives, don a fake smile and ask for a donation to peddle propaganda for an publishing empire worth millions. An organization that baits countless unsuspecting families with the sweet, delectable fruit: “And... We don’t pass a collection plate like the churches.” Beware the poison apple, my friends. Remember Snow White.

* All of these “old truths” come from the following publications: *The Truth Shall Make you Free*, 1943, 1953; *The Watchtower*; *Watchtower Reprints*; *Zion’s WatchTower* [later renamed *The Watchtower*]; and *The Golden Age* [later renamed *Awake!*]. Detailed references and actual passages provided upon request.

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