



THE JEHOVAH WITNESS CHILD: A LIFE OF 'DO NOT'S'

Message: Don't spend any time with people who are *not* Jehovah's Witnesses

Don't associate with outsiders (non-Jehovah's Witnesses). You are too busy for that!
Watchtower, 2/1/74, p.93.

Association with non-Jehovah's Witness kids should be limited to trying to convert them. *Your Youth-Getting the Best Out of It*. 1976, p. 65.

Remember, you are to have "no association" with non-Jehovah's Witness friends or relatives. If they are honest and moral, that still does not make any difference. *Watchtower*, 2/15/60, pp. 112-113.

BEING A JEHOVAH'S WITNESS, RULE OUT SCHOOL SPORTS!

Listen! "it is expected" that you will have no extra-curricular activities outside of the Watchtower. Such activity is a "danger" and "worldly". *Organized to Accomplish Our Ministry* 1983, p. 133.

To play sports with children that are not Jehovah's Witnesses is definitely "unwholesome!"
School and Jehovah's Witnesses, 1983, p.23.

You are reminded that involvement in after-school sports tie you down, requiring you to spend evenings and weekends playing on a school team. You are expected to be at the lectures at the Kingdom Hall. "Any recreation you take outside of school should not be with worldly youths."
Watchtower, 9/1/64, p.535.

IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING SOME HOBBY CLUB, THINK OF ALL THE WORLDLY PEOPLE YOU WOULD HAVE TO BE AROUND!

Hobby clubs lead to immoral character and might keep you away from the Kingdom Hall. *School and Jehovah's Witnesses*, 1983, pp.24.25.

They become "worldly alliances". The Watchtower asks you, is it "wise to enjoy hobbies with worldly people?" And "would it be proper to share hobbies with worldlings?" *Watchtower*, 9/1/64, p.536.

REMEMBER, THE LIMITATIONS INCLUDE THE GIRLS TOO!

Cheerleaders lead people into "frenzied cheering ... hero worship ... glorifying humans." *School and Jehovah's Witnesses*, 1983, pp.23-24. Never become a homecoming queen! This would 'set up womanhood upon a pedestal.' *Watchtower*, 6/15/64, p.381.

IT WON'T HELP TO CRY TO YOUR PARENTS OVER CELEBRATIONS!



Birthdays, Christmas, Easter, Mother's Day and National Holidays are all condemned. School and Jehovah's Witnesses, 1983, pp. 17-21.

In fact, the month Of May of Mother's Day is understood to be named after Maia, a demon worshiped by the pagans. . . ." (Awake 5/8/1956, p. 25)

MUCH OF WHAT WE DO IS PAGAN AND TO BE AVOIDED

Wedding rings have possible pagan origins." (WT 1/15/1972 p.63)

"We all need to face up to the fact that Christmas and its music are not from Jehovah, the God of truth. Then what is their source? ... Satan the Devil."(WT 12/15/1983, p. 7)

THIS IS GOOD!

Non-team competition you can play includes hiking, handball and badminton or pitching horseshoes. Your Youth-Getting the Best Out of it 1976, p. 123.

DO NOT GO OUT FOR LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL!

The Watchtower Society agrees with the psychologist who says little league baseball should be avoided, too competitive. (Your Youth-Getting the Best Out of it 1976, p. 118.)

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We can see the control that is exhibited over others lives all for God.

DO NOT PLAY CHESS. IT IS LIKE WAR!

The real danger of playing chess is it's military nature, the equivalent of the maneuvers enacted by little boys with toy soldiers. *Awake !*, 3/22/73, pp.12-14.

WHY DO YOU NEED SELF-DEFENSE?

Karate, judo or other martial arts is a violent measure and would bring you under the judgement of the elders. Pay Attention to Yourselves and to All the Flock 1981, p. 150.

DO NOT GO TO THE ZOO!

Zoos are cruel punishment and a prison to animate. You would not want to go gawk at the animals. *Watchtower*, 11/15/49, p.349; *Awake*, 5/8/73, p. 18.



HIGHER EDUCATION IS BAD!

No Jehovah's Witness should want to go to college. Rather, work in the Watchtower *Organization!* Watchtower, 9/1/75, p.543; Pay Attention to Yourselves and to All the Flock, 1977, p. 105..

Do not pursue higher education. There is very little time left! Make pioneer service, the full-time ministry with the possibility of Bethel or missionary service, your goal. WT 3/15/1969, p. 171

What about professional careers? The position has not changed. If you are a young person thinking about a career-forget it. The end will be "in a few years". Do you remember expecting the end by the mid-1970's. *Awake!*, 5/22/69, p. 15.

Professional people, doctors and lawyers are often "inconsiderate of others" due to their undesirable higher education. *Awake!*, 9/18/68, p.10. It is foolish to want to be a doctor or a lawyer. *Watchtower*, 8/1/75, p.451.

NO TAKING A BLOOD TRANSFUSION TO SAVE A LIFE

"In view of the seriousness of taking blood into the human system by a transfusion, would violation of the Holy Scriptures in this regard subject the dedicated, baptized receiver of blood transfusion to being disfellowshipped from the Christian congregation?" "The inspired Holy Scriptures answer yes." (The Watchtower, January 15, 1961, p. 63)

"Similarly, God's command to 'abstain from blood' rules out ingesting it by the mouth as well as through injections into the veins. Furthermore, the Bible makes it clear that the divine law was not to be ignored even during an emergency that could threaten life. (1 Sam. 14:31-35) Many of God's approved servants have been willing to face dangers and even death rather than violate Scriptural principles and their integrity to Jehovah." (The Watchtower, June 15, 1978, p.24)

... "So their everlasting destiny is tied up in their faithfulness to Jehovah. This includes their being obedient to what he says about blood." (The Watchtower, June 15, 1978, p.24)

IF YOUR FAMILY IS SPLIT FROM THE KINGDOM HALL, HATE YOUR FAMILY!

CHILDREN ARE SEPARATED FROM THEIR PARENTS

Children should get away from disfellowshipped parents as soon as they are old enough to leave. (*Watchtower*, 11/15/52, p. 703.)

If a child of someone is disfellowshipped from the Kingdom Hall, the parent is to refuse to listen to the child's reason. (*Organization for Kingdom-Preaching and Disciple-Making* 1972, p. 173.)

Disfellowshipped children, legally of age will be kicked out of the home. (*Watchtower*, 11/15/52, p. 703.)



ADULTS ARE TO BE REJECTED

"If a JW joins another religion, an announcement is made to the congregation to stop associating with him." (WT 10/15/1986 p.31)

Jehovah's Witnesses are to hate people who do bad. *Watchtower*, 7/15/61, p.420.

If someone used to be a Jehovah's Witness, "We must hate in the truest sense, which is to regard with extreme ~ active aversion, to consider as loathsome, odious, filthy, to detest." *Watchtower*, 10/1/52, p.599.

a disfellowshipped relative who does not live in the same home, contact with him is also kept to what is absolutely necessary ... even curtailed completely if at all possible. *WT* 7/15/1963, p. 443

They are to be hated "in the sense of avoiding them as we would poison or a poisonous snake." *Watchtower*, 6/15/80, p.8.

"in order to hate what is bad a Christian must hate the person" *WT* 7/15/1961, p. 420

UNEDITED COMMENTS FROM A CHAT ROOM (ONLINE) FROM REAL PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN THERE

[Re: Why is the Watchtower Society so cruel to teens?](#) ☐ 21-Nov-06 12:36Nov 21,

Reading this post is getting me angry, looking back on my teen years too. It is unbelievable how stupid the WTS is. They set the kids up for failure from the very first step. They take away all the fun things to do like join Brownies, make them look like goof balls for sitting during the Pledge of Alligance and not voting for student council and sitting in a classroom by themselves during pep-rallies. Then they are punished at holidays by being the only one who doesn't get any candy or a cupcake for birthdays.

They ask the kids to make a lifetime commitment at puberty. Because as everybody knows, puberty is the time in a person's life that they have the best the clearest thinking and has learned all of their important life lessons. If a kid is past 15 years old and not baptized he might not be a good influence on the other kids, so the pressure is doubled. So now you have a bunch of kids who have nothing to do so of course they are going to do dumb things. But that is the point of being a kid! Acting like a kid! But not for JW's. One dumb thing could spell your destruction, or you have to face the humiliation of a JC*. So you have these kids filled with guilt and they haven't even done anything wrong.

Every convention and assembly they complain about how many young people are leaving the orginazation. And the only way for them to survive this old system is to pioneer. But do they ever tell you how to support yourself and buy a car and burn gas 70 hours a month on a no-skill, minimum-wage, part-time job? More guilt. Jehovah is not happy with you because of you



selfishly work full-time to buy unnecessary food, and clothing and auto insurance. This is why the kids leave!

Sorry, that was a bit of a rant, I feel better now. Thanks.

-Amber

Amber is right on target. They take away everything and give you nothing. They take the lives & innocence of the young with their anti-blood transfusion stance & their protection of pedofiles. They take your youth. They take your joy. Worst of all they take your family.

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You are so right sweetie! I know how it was when my kids were growing up in the org. They are to act as little adults when young and there is no allowance for mistakes being made by teens (unless one is an elder's kid who has been prompted as to what to say to get off the hook so Daddy can remain an elder).

I've personally known of so many young people who are acting one way at the Hall and like normal kids growing up outside the Hall.

This thread brings tears to my eyes because it hits so close to home and the emotional damage that I've had to deal with with my kids.

Juni 🌹

As a child I seem to remember hearing about moulding them like a piece of clay. I believe that was the society's intention and this was taught to our parents. (Much like Hitler's motives)

YES, the WBTS is cruel to teenagers, but they are worse to young children, beating a child is smiled upon. I can remember being at an assembly just 3 years ago and seeing a mother whip her children in their seats, they were not making any noise, but maybe fidgeting or god forbid a yawn. She had a small whip stick and used it unmercifully on those poor children right behind us.

If I was ever to attend an assembly again, I would film these parents and turn them in to the state for child abuse.

If I had it to do over again, I would have ripped it out of her hands and used it on her own fat ass.



This above scenerio sets teenagers up for a life of misery. And if anyone disagrees I beg to differ as a recipient of this same treatment.

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I totally agree, there is no activities for the kids, except to go out in service. When you attend other churches you see how they have so much going for the kids. My friends 17 year old daughter had the opportunity to go to mexico and help the orphans for a week. What a great experience that must have been for her. All the elders did with my kids, is make them feel bad and unwelcome. I wish I did not put my kids through this. They missed out on alot.

Joanne

*JC = Judicial Committee: If you are perceived “guilty of sin,” you are hauled before a judicial committee of three Elders (leaders—men) to confess your wrongdoing (in detail) and if you do not as well as repent, you are excommunicated and shunned by family and friends (Jehovah’s Witnesses) for as long as you remain a non-Jehovah Witness. You are not allowed to bring anyone to this meeting to speak on your behalf. They are your judge and jury.

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