

Crisis Of Conscience Raymond Franz

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.

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. *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." 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.

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

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.

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.

The tendency of religious authority to seek to dominate rather than serve, and the struggle of those who wish to prevent the erosion of their God-given freedom of conscience -- these form the heart of the very personal and candid account in *Crisis of Conscience*. Very few Witnesses themselves have any knowledge of the doctrine-forming and policy making processes of their own organization. The discussions of its word Governing Body are totally private. It is a unique account. It allows the reader a view of the decision-making sessions of a religion's inner council, and the powerful, sometimes dramatic, impact their decisions have on people's lives.

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 religious association of Jehovah's Witnesses has existed for about 150 years in Europe. How Jehovah's Witnesses found their way in these countries has depended upon the way this missionary association was treated by the majority of the non-Witness population, the government and established churches. In this respect, the history of Jehovah's Witnesses in Europe is also a history of the social constitution of these countries and their willingness to accept and integrate religious minorities. Jehovah's Witnesses faced suppression and persecution not only in dictatorships, but also in some democratic states. In other countries, however, they developed in relative freedom. How the different situations in the various national societies affected the religious association and what challenges Jehovah's Witnesses had to overcome – and still do in part even until our day – is the theme of this history volume.

Was Adam actually bisexual in the Garden of Eden? Will God use antimatter to clear away the bodies after Armageddon? What should you do when evil spirits possess a sewing machine? Dear Britta takes a breezy dive into the world of Jehovah's Witnesses for the answers. A second-generation Witness, Phillip Kuchman spent his first thirty years busily absorbed in the religion known for its door-to-door preaching. But when he stubbornly attended college- a forbidden step for good Witnesses- and started working as a trauma nurse, his world expanded in unexpected directions. Discover what the Witnesses on your stoop are getting up to in the bedroom, and why each one of them has a go-bag packed and ready, in the pages of this captivating memoir. Filled with references from such illustrious sources as Jehovah's Witness literature, Carl Sagan, and of course Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, it is a lighthearted, riveting drive-by of the little-known fundamentalist faith that flexes hard on the lives of its millions of followers.

This major new edition of Shakespeare's greatest tragedy of love argues that that play is ultimately Juliet's. The play text is expertly edited and the on-page commentary notes discuss issues of staging, theme, meaning and Shakespeare's use of his sources to give the reader deep and engaging insights into the play. The introduction looks at the play's exceptionally beautiful and complex language and focuses on the figure of Juliet as being at its centre. René Weis discusses the play's critical, stage and film history, including West Side Story and Baz Luhrmann's seminal film Romeo + Juliet. This is an authoritative edition from a leading scholar, giving the reader a penetrating and wide-ranging insight into this ever popular play.

Religious Studies: Made Simple presents an extensive examination of the religious beliefs and rituals. It discusses the principles behind the historical origin of Judaism. It addresses studies in the beliefs, teachings, and practices of Jewish beliefs. Some of the topics covered in the book are the examination of biblical evidence of Christianity; development of the Christian faith; developments within the Church in England; existence and nature of God; private and social aspects

of religion; pre-Islamic religion in Arabia; and the use of language in religion. The definition and description of morality, death, and immortality are fully covered. An in-depth account of the common features of Islamic beliefs social customs, and practices are provided. The influence of Islam is completely presented. A chapter is devoted to description and traditions of Hinduism. Another section focuses on the religious practices of the Sikh. The book can provide useful information to sociologists, philosophers, students, and researchers.

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

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

A naive young man named Brock Talon journeys to the World Headquarters of Jehovah's Witnesses in New York City, seeking a spiritual paradise. But things are not at all what he expects. Once there, he encounters a creature called The Hanger Man, a blubbery dude named Big Tex and a cute girl with epic breasts. He also chances upon the music icon Michael Jackson, an oddball named Mr. Coffee and various other denizens of that unique place called Bethel. Join Brock as he rubs shoulders with the powerful leaders of the faith, explores the mysteries of Armageddon, investigates the secrets of paradise and wrestles with the conundrum of sex, romance, drinking and sin. This nostalgic tell-all from the 1980s is an adventure that will keep you laughing and crying, as well as inspire you to reflect upon your own personal journey to God's House.

"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 Scolah 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, Scolah 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," Scolah'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, Scolah 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 Scolah 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. Describes the psychological techniques cults use to indoctrinate their members and discusses deprogramming.

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.

DOCUMENTED FACTS THE WATCHTOWER SOCIETY DOESN'T WANT YOU TO KNOW Fully documented with photocopies of statements from rare Watchtower publications, this book reveals many facts the Watchtower Society tries to hide from Jehovah's Witnesses and investigators of this religion. It provides a brief analysis of the Watchtower Society's New World Translation Bible, doctrines and practices and reveals the embarrassing history of the Watchtower's strange teachings and false prophecies. This book is a must-read for open-minded Jehovah's Witnesses and investigators of this religion. Jehovah God is the God of truth, and truth does not fear examination. If a religious organization or church cannot stand up under examination, it is not "the Truth," but is rather a counterfeit, and **LOYALTY** to a counterfeit is **DISLOYALTY** to Jehovah God.

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. 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.

Enjoy a fifty year odyssey of one person's journey into the bowels of the Watchtower Bible & Tract Society, otherwise known as the Jehovah's Witnesses. How has this same organization, has been instrumental in the death, suicides and insanity of thousands of people, many of whom are not even Jehovah's Witnesses? Find out what devastating tool this organization uses, to keep over eight million of their followers in line with their teachings and policies. Why do millions of their drone-like followers knock on doors every week looking for new converts? Find out why these people want you to join them in their soon to be paradise Earth. A paradise that can only take place after their god Jehovah kills off the vast majority of the Earth's population. A carnage they are looking forward to, that could even include many of their own family members. Find out what devastating problem could be the complete demise of the Jehovah's Witnesses and is costing their organization millions of dollars every year. Keith Casarona has written a telling account of his life, in and out of the Jehovah's Witnesses organization. Alternately humorous and painful, it is an intriguing educational read. --Jack Sutton Find out the real truth about the truth!

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.

Book written by former Governing Body Member of the Jehovah's Witnesses, Raymond Franz. This book was written to educate Jehovah's Witnesses about the early development of the religion and shares a behind-the-scenes look of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, including rare publication excerpts and information behind the closed doors of the organization in Bethel, and Brooklyn, New York, in an unbiased manner.

Business Analytics, Second Edition teaches the fundamental concepts of the emerging field of business analytics and provides vital tools in understanding how data analysis works in today's organizations. Students will learn to apply basic business analytics principles, communicate with analytics professionals, and effectively use and interpret analytic models to make better business decisions. Included access to commercial grade analytics software gives students real-world experience and career-focused

value. Author James Evans takes a balanced, holistic approach and looks at business analytics from descriptive, and predictive perspectives.

Maria Sibylla Merian, a German painter and naturalist, produced an innovative work on tropical insects based on lore she gathered from the Carib, Arawak, and African women of Suriname.

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

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.

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.

The establishment of Banking Union represents a major development in European economic governance and European integration history more generally. Banking Union is also significant because not all European Union (EU) member states have joined, which has increased the trend towards differentiated integration in the EU, posing a major challenge to the EU as a whole and to the opt-out countries. This book is informed by two main empirical questions. Why was Banking Union - presented by proponents as a crucial move to 'complete' Economic and Monetary Union (EMU) - proposed only in 2012, over twenty years after the adoption of the Maastricht Treaty? Why has a certain design for Banking Union been agreed and some elements of this design prioritized over others? A two-step explanation is articulated in this study. First, it explains why euro area member state governments moved to consider Banking Union by building on the concept of the 'financial trilemma', and examining the implications of the single currency for euro area member state banking systems. Second, it explains the design of Banking Union by examining the preferences of member state governments on the core components of Banking Union and developing a comparative political economy analysis focused on the configuration of national banking systems and varying national concern for the moral hazard facing banks and sovereigns created by euro level support mechanisms.

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