



WHO ELSE DOES *THIS*, BESIDES JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES?

Internet discussion boards can be very entertaining. Awhile back I found an interesting thread at www.Touchstoneforum.com that started with the topic, "If you look for the bad..." (referring to criticism of the Watchtower Bible & Tract Society).

In **defense** of the Watchtower Bible & Tract Society/Jehovah's Witnesses, one of the posters was essentially saying, *Who Else is Doing the Following?* My own thoughts appear in **Brown font**:

WHO else?

...Is obeying the instruction to have no discrimination among the congregations and have forged a world wide brotherhood that ignores race, national origin or ethnicity? Does the following Watchtower quote ignore race, national origin and ethnicity, and forge a sense of brotherhood?

Refer to Watchtower, 2/15/04: Can the Ethiopian change his skin? "We answer no. But all will admit that what the Ethiopian cannot do for himself God could readily do for him....God can change the Ethiopian's skin in his own due time.

...Has already beaten swords into plowshares...It's true that Jehovah's Witnesses don't participate in war, and yet they actually look forward to the day when most of the world's population will be brutally slaughtered. Go to <http://www.cultbuster.info/default.htm> and click on the Shunning & Videos tab on the left side of the page. Then check out the video about halfway down the page entitled, "JWs "Neath the Tower of Fear." How can anyone listen to the Watchtower Society's own words and watch the images they have created and not feel that they are glorifying war and destruction, using it as a manipulative tool to garner fear and submission?

...Admits to errors and corrects their course even in the face of ridicule over the errors? I fail to see how they "admit to their errors" when they have placed their failed prophecies squarely on the shoulders of their members. Pointing to 1975, the Watchtower: 8/15/68, states: Are we to assume from this study that the battle of Armageddon will be all over by the autumn of 1975...It may involve only a difference of weeks or months, not years.

And then, accepting no responsibility, Watchtower: 7/15/76: But it is not advisable for us to set our sights on a certain date...If anyone has been disappointed through not following this line of thought, he should now concentration on adjusting his viewpoint, seeing it was not the word of God that failed or deceived him and brought disappointment but that his own understanding was based on wrong premises. If it's not advisable to set sights on a certain date, why did they print 1975 in their literature?

...Is united in teaching and has no division congregation to congregation worldwide? The only reason the Watchtower organization is united is because they excommunicate and shun any member who questions their authority. There are permanent, punitive consequences to dissention. That's not being "united." That's being held hostage through fear. Terrorists can achieve the same when they kidnap and impose demands. If they were truly united, they wouldn't have to levy threats against their members, would they?

Then another poster, assumingly a Jehovah's Witness, commented: As every single human being is imperfect, it stands to reason that even those who are leaders amongst us will make mistakes. If we show obedience to



them (bold added for emphasis)...how much more do we show Jehovah we will remain in obedience to his perfect rule. **Finally, a Jehovah Witness—perhaps unknowingly--admits that the membership is to show obedience to imperfect men.**

By the way, everything you've read above is what every Jehovah's Witness has been indoctrinated to say to nonbelievers. Like all cultic groups, they need to feel a sense of elitism in order to validate their belief that they alone have The Truth. I heard my mother use the same tired lines on potential converts over 40 years ago. I wish they would find some new material.

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