

P R

Wednesday, December 7, 2016
@ 11:25 PM

Read the Royal Commission doc

You are doing such a service here! I hope many people are set free from their fear and pain when they realize they are not alone and there are people to help! I'm praying for the survivors all over the world ~ The ones who live terrified every day, who suffer in silence or who are further victimized by poor practices or shunning in this cult. The True God is magnified and glorified when sin is put to an end; He is not "besmirched."

Alex

Saturday, October 15, 2016
@ 8:50 PM

Aftermath of a high control group.

This group has destroyed my family and it is the Governing Body members who are responsible. They are truly evil people.

OP

Monday, August 29, 2016
@ 3:37 PM

Thank you!

Hello! This is wonderful website! Thank you very much for what you do.

Smithf889

Sunday, August 14, 2016
@ 4:07 PM

I'm not that much of a online reader to be honest but your blogs really nice, keep it up! I'll go ahead and bookmark your site to come back later. Cheers

pennlive

Wednesday, June 15, 2016
@ 3:17 AM

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http://www.pennlive.com/news/2016/06/child_sex_crimes_abuse_clergy_1.html

KK

Tuesday, May 24, 2016
@ 5:20 AM

keep on doing what is right

I was shocked by those news of sexual abuse. They should have done something about it.

D.H.

Saturday, February 13, 2016
@ 10:06 PM

Rape and the congregation

I was a JW and raped at 15. I did not want to talk with the elders about what happened to me, so I was DF'D. My parents said I was ruined and no one would want to marry me. I was denied couciling unless I wanted to talk with the elders. So, since I was told I was ruined, I just went nuts and got pregnant by 16. I left at 16 and never went back.

George K

Thursday, January 28, 2016
@ 5:00 PM

Great work

Former pioneer with Watchtower 23 years. Left many years ago and sponsored nation 800 # outreach. I appreciate your work and wish to be helpful to you financially and otherwise. Limited resources but want to contribute. You took an approach that was unique and undeniable. Thank you. George

DAL

Sunday, November 29, 2015
@ 4:38 PM

40 yrs passed since 1975

It is now a long time since the end of this system was to come. They have also changed the view of 1914CE! More confusion shows they are false. I having been a JW ,over 24yrs, (elder, pioneer, bethel member),they look forward to when Jehovah destroys all non baptized people including children, yet protect child molesters?! Absurd and disgusting, it doesn't make sense! DAL

DAL

Saturday, November 14, 2015
@ 2:43 PM

They are confused!

This morning some stressed out JWS came into the coffee shop,again they ignore me-having been a former elder-leaving after exposing child abuse of which they never reported to the police. Yes they are the blind leading the blind. Their dates and prophecies failed to come true. All the best to you and God bless,DALCanada Vancouver island.

avid reader

Saturday, October 17, 2015
@ 6:07 AM

Jehovah Witness testimony before Australian Royal Commission referenced in 'Short Overview of the Federal Tax-Exempt Organizations Societal Requirements Proposal'

Jehovah Witness testimony before Australian Royal Commission referenced in 'Short Overview of the Federal Tax-Exempt Organizations Societal Requirements Proposal' Page 3 The Findings section is important to support and justify this legislation and to document, if possible, the magnitude that some organizations attempted to covered up criminal behavior. The findings should be part of the bill instead of as a separate Congressional report. As part of the legislative process to pass this bill the Congress (or special investigative committee) should investigate institutional responses by applicable American non-profit corporations like Australia is doing and the United Kingdom will be doing shortly. ----- The Australian Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse has/is investigating organizations in Australia. As part of any Congressional hearings, the case studies should be reviewed to learn how organizations behave in Australia and America. Case Study 29 is very illuminating into the lengths that leaders in an organization with its world-wide headquarters in New York will go to commit perjury in a government inquiry. -----

----- [https://www.dropbox.com/sh/lbrkte086omivtt/AADc1eqIJ6OI1IWklfSNfgDBa/Overview%20of%20the%20Federal %20Tax-Exempt%20Organizations%20Societal%20Requirements %20Proposal%2020151011.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/lbrkte086omivtt/AADc1eqIJ6OI1IWklfSNfgDBa/Overview%20of%20the%20Federal%20Tax-Exempt%20Organizations%20Societal%20Requirements%20Proposal%2020151011.pdf?dl=0) -----

[https://www.dropbox.com/sh/lbrkte086omivtt/ AADN7PQHNYlsdKwbltjHxBUea?dl=0+](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/lbrkte086omivtt/AADN7PQHNYlsdKwbltjHxBUea?dl=0+).

sunny808

Sunday, September 27, 2015
@ 7:46 PM

I was abused by my JW elder ex husband

Abused physically and emotionally by my ex who was an elder at the time. I stayed with him 14 yrs until I could no longer take the way things were going. I took my children and left. I later found out from my son that we was molested by a teenager in the same cong. (My ex and the kid's dad are best friends). When the molestation was uncovered, my son was told NEVER to tell anyone about it and nothing was ever done to the molester. A sad situation all around. The two men are STILL elders.

IJM

Sunday, September 6, 2015
@ 3:55 PM

Looking for help

Recently I found out that my daughter was molested by her step-grandpa, a member of a congregation in Thompson Falls, Montana. This is the same man who molested my brother and sister - whom were accused of lying when we tried to bring it to the elders. Thank you, so much for putting together this resource. It is so deeply needed.

Swiss

Wednesday, July 29, 2015
@ 4:24 PM

What a brave person

I have just seen a documentary and seen what Bill Bowen has done. As a former Jehovah's Witness , you have

decided to leave the JW to let the public know what terrible child abuse happens within there. Bill Bowen, you are a brave person!

rm

Sunday, July 26, 2015
@ 8:36 PM

Such a relief

I came across this site after watching the Dateline story and became filled with relief that I was not the only one who had experienced the pain that comes from molestation being swept under the rug. It took years to be able to talk about the abuse and I was asked what I had done to "entice" my abuser. When I asked how someone could be enticed by a child (I was 5 when it started), the brothers took that as an admission of guilt and told me to ask for forgiveness and "keep it between us so the congregation doesn't become tainted." I now work for CPS and help victims of all types of abuse. Knowing that I am helping children who have been through similar situations gives me more peace than I had ever thought I could have, and seeing that there are those who won't allow the organization to silence them in matters such as these brings joy to my heart. I truly believe that children are a gift from God and should be treated as such. It is our responsibility to ensure that they are protected and their voices are heard. Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do in this endeavor.

NC or Meredith

Saturday, July 25, 2015
@ 5:00 PM

The sister's comments from this letter to the Watchtower Society in 2002 resonated with me as it was around this time that I began being awakened by what was happening in my religion. My thoughts and feelings were so similar, particularly the part where she wanted to hang her head in shame. And it was the courage that I saw demonstrated by so many on this website, through tv and the media, that gave me the courage to ditch it like it was a piece of rubbish. It was the march that particularly got to me. I just wanted to cry for those poor brothers and sisters who had suffered so much and they were met by a cruel regime that just locked the gates before them. That said it all for me. I do hope many others will open their eyes and ditch jw.org too.

Dal

Saturday, July 11, 2015
@ 3:19 PM

Viewed as fanatics

A lot of JWS come into the restaurant where I have coffee and shun me. I, being a former Elder who brought up molestation cases to fellow elders didn't make me liked. It angered them, and they began telling lots of lies about me being an apostate. They are highly controlled, I thank God I got out. Now living a happy Godly, free life. Gods blessing to All, DAL

Sister Georgia

Tuesday, May 5, 2015
@ 4:32 PM

Civil Lawsuit Report for the state of Georgia, USA

There will be a retroactive civil window open for 2 years to anyone who has a claim to bring forward against their perpetrator if they were locked out of courts due to Georgia's current short statute of limitations. That window will open on July 1, 2015 and close on July 1, 2017.

Smithd515

Thursday, April 30, 2015
@ 4:01 AM

I like the valuable info you provide in your articles. I will bookmark your blog and check again here regularly.

Mark

Saturday, March 28, 2015
@ 10:16 PM

Airport attacker was a Witness

Richard White who attacked people in the New Orleans airport last week with a machete, molotov cocktails and insect spray, was a Jehovah's Witness. <http://jwsurvey.org/news/jehovahs-witness-new-orleans-airport-machete-attacker-dies>

Joe

Tuesday, March 17, 2015
@ 11:37 PM

PBS then NIGHTLINE ABC have so far exposed Watchtower's Governing Body clowns in 2015. They and all the rest of the pedophiles are so arrogant I hope they lose all their billions of dollars. The victims need the money more for lifetimes of therapy.

NC

Wednesday, February 18, 2015
@ 4:37 AM

Mainstream Publicity

Just wanted to say that I hope that the truth comes out to the media mainstream instead of just being a localised or ex-Witness site to bring it up. The repercussions of the Conti court case are far reaching. It goes right to the top. I certainly hope this runs its course with the law and does not get ignored while millions are deceived. May God's will be done on earth just as it is done in Heaven.

C T

Friday, January 2, 2015
@ 1:09 AM

Highly appreciated

I just want to express very much my appreciation that the administrators of this site take the time and effort to collect and post all the instances of JW child abuse and JW.ORG coverups, so we can see just how bad the problem actually is. And how rotten through and through is the organization. Many of these cases, convictions get none or only local publicity so most JWs around the world like ostriches think that child abuse is not happening. Seeing all these cases here all together one can easily see just how big the problem is. Hopefully the message is sinking in to the GB that they can't keep covering this up. Great work Silentlambs

Mary McKenzie

Sunday, November 2, 2014
@ 10:56 PM

Thank you

Well I wrote a long message and I deleted it. I will sum it all up by Thank you so much for talking with me yesterday Bill! YOU HAVE HELPED ME MORE THAN WORDS CAN EXPRESS! Sending everyone that has suffered as I have my love and any support I can offer. We all need to have each others backs. The healing is a long and painful process.

Sophie Emma

Thursday, September 25, 2014
@ 12:32 PM

To Kate

Hello, Kate, I am so sorry about what you have been going through in your life! It is so unfair that you have been subjected to all that abuse. To you and others I just want to say, please do not let yourselves be manipulated, intimidated, and threatened by these so-called religious leaders - - these things are called bullying, and you, none of you, have to take that! Please don't let yourselves be cowed by such treatment. Stay strong in your resolve to do the right thing no matter what the elders and/or people in your congregations might say to you. If you feel that you are being bullied, then that is probably exactly what is happening to you. Please don't take it. And hang in there. Please keep your faith in God - - He is not the one doing these things to you.

Annual Reporter

Saturday, September 20, 2014
@ 5:44 PM

Report on Civil lawsuits

Hawaii Has extended the amount of time that victims of child sexual abuse have to file civil lawsuits; until 2016 if the date of their claim had already passed the statute of limitations Massachusetts Extended civil SOL to Age 53, retrospective Minnesota The Minnesota Child Victims Act may be able to help you. Act before May 2016 if you're a survivor of child sexual abuse.

Kate

Friday, September 12, 2014
@ 8:08 AM

Capable of Committing Child Abuse in Different Ways

I am a child abuse victim from the Philippines. Before I have experienced those traumatic events, my mind was completely shut to the probability that these things could ever happen inside the organization. I am a child who loves Jehovah and trusted his org as well but what I came through has tested my faith in him extensively. My story is different though, I wasn't abused sexually but I can assure you that the pain and suffering I went through isn't any less than those who were abused in that way. Currently I have filed a criminal case against my former elders who abused me and tortured me mentally for years but it doesn't stop there... I want to speak up and share my story to the world so that these hypocrites wouldn't feel that they are so untouchable. I want to let the public know that JW's aren't only capable of one kind of abuse rather they can commit different kinds of crimes too. The most painful part for me is that despite all the things they did to me, I trusted that things will change and someone there would listen and protect me. Unfortunately nobody cared, not the CO's or DO's or ZO's and even the Governing Body totally neglected me and even mocked me. I was forced to go to court to ask for justice and protection. Currently I am suffering from severe trauma and a lot of mental issues because of the torture that I have gone through but I'm trying to hang on because I can never let them go free and hurt me again. I am living in fear everyday of my life as long as I know they are running free. My relatives and congregation members all sided with them AS EXPECTED. Only God knows now how this thing will end. I hope God intervenes because too many damages have been inflicted and so justice should be served.

Sophie Emma

Sunday, September 7, 2014
@ 2:37 PM

Good for you!!!

I just want to say congratulations to those of you who report pedophilia to CPS and/or the police. It takes courage to put yourselves on the line in order to do the right thing! I admire and applaud all of you advocates for the children who are the victims of sexual abuse. What you do for these children is what counts, not the pedophiles and their reputation and not the pearly white image any religion tries to maintain by not reporting pedophilia to the correct authorities and tries to cover up such heinous abuse for its own sake. It is the sakes of the children that matter. More power to all you who report the abuse to the right people, that is to say, CPS and the police. When a religion says that reporting the abuse of children to the authorities is bringing reproach on God, Jehovah, the Lord, whatever a religion chooses to call our heavenly Father, I think it is just the opposite. For one thing, God can most certainly take care of Himself. Just as when a person is told that they must say Jehovah when they pray to God, or their prayers might go to Satan or something (which I was told many years ago), which makes God sound developmentally disabled or something. If God knows our hearts and minds better than we do, I certainly think he knows when prayers are directed to Him! Sheesh. Anyway, when people don't report pedophilia to the proper authorities because the so-called leaders of a religion threaten them with marking, disfellowshipping, whatever, it is THEMSELVES, the 'leaders' who are bringing reproach on THEMSELVES. If they care more about an 'image' than they do about the victims, who wants to be a part of that religion, anyway? Hang in there, you wonderful advocates, and stay brave. :-)

Sophie Emma

Saturday, September 6, 2014
@ 2:06 PM

The media

How quickly news seems to become 'yesterday's news', old news, stale news. The children, the victims of pedophilia don't stop suffering, perhaps for life, but their plight, once reported in the media and creating a flurry of intense attention for a while, disappears from the media. However, the misery of the victims never disappears. Keep the abuse in the news. Don't let it 'die down'. Because the children's suffering doesn't die down - - ever. And pedophilia continues.

jb

Saturday, August 30, 2014
@ 1:53 AM

Threatened

I'm feeling better because Jehovah gave me the strength to report this case of child sexual abuse to CPS, I hope they investigate and protect these children. I did the report against the elder's will, because they told me to keep the matter between them me and the abusers, just to keep the peace of the congregation. They told me I should not talk about child sexual abuse to others in the congregation, because they could start having doubts. And if I keep on, I will be marked. They also threatened me by saying that the abusers can sue me for defamation. And this last threat: I can be disfellowshipped for reading about and supporting these apostate organizations as they call it. They are really showing Satan's spirit.

DAL

Saturday, August 23, 2014
@ 6:01 PM

Going to the police is best

Reporting such cases is the best course sometimes, as they will investigate and make arrests, instead of going to the elders. I failed to do this a long time ago when my daughter told me. When I confronted the elder he said he never even remembered being in my house, and made like he was my best friend. Redeeming factor, he is now in a care home and doesn't remember who own wife is. Dementia. Bless all of you.

Wt reader

Sunday, August 17, 2014
@ 2:57 PM

Nov. 15, 2014 watchtower

Amazingly how eerily the photo on p.26 of the November 15th issue of the 2014 Watchtower magazine is to me. It triggered memories of being traumatized in the basement of a private home being used as a Kingdom Hall at the corner of Rt 421 and Rt 67 Mountain City, TN in 1972/1973. The Watchtower magazine (Study Edition) November 2014 - <http://www.jw.org/en/publications/magazines/w20141115/now-gods-people/> (See paragraphs 16-18) The photo was so similar, the open ceiling joists, the steel columns. I never could understand the intense fearful sensations I had when the pedophile who attacked me seven years earlier would walk so close behind me at the literature counter after the Thursday night meeting, my body would go into 'automatic high alert mode'. And then the climax, at sixteen years of age, being assigned to read the Watchtower on a Sunday, standing just a few feet from my molester Elder, who was conducting the Watchtower Study. Oh how I dreaded that assignment 'by Jehovah', but I didn't complain, as that would have been showing disloyalty. There certainly was no, "Jehovah's protection" internally for me at that 'organized congregation'. Thank God, Jehovah realized what a poor job I did, I was so nervous, he never gave that assignment to me again. That photo in my opinion is a form of psychological child abuse! <http://s18.postimg.org/bzbr5c3eh/834d02jyy.jpg> Notice the tight grip the young girl has of the chair in front of her, in the lower right hand corner of the photo. The fearful and insecure look on her face. Jehovah Witness children who look at that girl will pick those subtle clues up, and will internalize those insecurities. Children should see pictures of happy and content children in religious literature, not scared little boys and girls. Shame on Jehovah Witness Writing Dept.

jb

Wednesday, August 6, 2014
@ 1:49 AM

I personally have known of three cases

In my own family my ex husb now, he is a sexual abuser and the elders knowing about it, they allowed him to get baptized, and he is in good standing in the congreg. Second case a woman sexually abuse her three children, I went to the elders to report her , I moved Congr. After a few months I hear she got baptized. And this most recent case a baptized woman and her studing husband, they have been abusing all of their children according to her words, she confess to me about it, i talked to elders ,the couple confesed to the elders, and same results NO PUNISHMENT FOR THEM, I dont know what to do , this is killing me, I feel hopeless, I have to help these poor children, I pray to Jehovah : Let your Kingdom come!

Louis

Wednesday, July 30, 2014
@ 11:22 PM

just want to share my experience and testimony here..my name is Louis from UK i was married for 6 years to my husband and all of a sudden,another woman came into the picture.. he started hailing me and he was abusive..but i still loved him with all my heart and wanted him at all cost?then he filed for divorce..my whole life was turning apart and i didn't know what to do..he moved out of the house and abandoned the kids.. so someone told me about trying spiritual means to get my husband back and introduced me to a spell caster?so i decided to try it reluctantly..although i didn't believe in all those things? then when he did the special prayers and spell, after two days, my husband came back and was pleading..he had realized his mistakes..i just couldn't believe it.. any ways we are back together now and we are happy..in case anyone needs this man, his email address dr extremelovespell5@yahoo.com, his spells is for a better life.

JC

Wednesday, July 30, 2014
@ 9:53 AM

Alice in Wonderland

I wonder if my mother in law knows the damage she has inflicted on her son by stripping away holidays and the like and alienating him away from everything safe and familiar. His estranged sense of faith and hatred towards religions reflects some of the damage he has incurred from her leap to the watchtower gang. The abuse of instilling fear of death by god lingers and flows over into everyday life. A life that is still haunted by memories of "what was done". At a time when his eyes should be wide open to the current events of the world he closes them tight as if trying to keep her teachings out. For those whom have suffered at the hands of their tormentors, I hope they find comfort here.

Angie

Thursday, June 26, 2014
@ 4:39 AM

Victim

I am a victim of sexual child abuse at the hands of a JW. He is my father. I, like many others went to the elders for help...they did NOTHING!!!! My father admitted to everything...and they did nothing. He didn't even get DF!!! I plan on going forward and pursuing a case now hoping that more victims have a voice....by the way..my parents are still active JW....and are some of the worst people you could know....the situation is sad!!!

Prudence

Sunday, May 25, 2014
@ 9:18 AM

You are a what?

A Jehovah Witness had managed to gain access into my apartment that I was renting & he was hearing from God to use my abode for his needs. He pulverized me. his wives, mistresses called and said Arthur, the intruder, did the same to them. I am not a JW, I did not hear any angelic voices for a calling into becoming a Jehovah Witness and am perturbed that this Arthur, who is unfortunately now my neighbor, was never convicted. The judge said I was his spouse and to expect battering, adding that I was a child prostitute. I was essentially a slut. I was utilized as a sex toy when I was 3 years old or least that is the earliest that I remembered.

F-B

Thursday, May 8, 2014
@ 8:19 PM

Resigning at JW

I have been reading with great interest Silent Lambs, and I agree that these are terrible situations that young girls/boys have had to deal with. I also agree with your dispute on the WTC standing on this. I resigned 18 years ago, before I would be put out of JW's on the hearsay of my ex husband/another elder, who had put 2+2 together and got 10. No one would listen even though I was a baptised member before them. I am at present trying to get back, I would have assumed that my letter would have been rescinded, after talking to the committee, in a different congregation but I am still being treated as being disfellowshipped. Some of the elders have been very helpful, however, one in particular actually let the KH door close in my face. What I would like to know is, does the 'Prodigal Son' not come to mind, when something like this comes up? I am so happy you are doing such a great job for the victims of child abuse. It is very important that SOMEONE does.

Chevy j

Saturday, April 26, 2014
@ 11:44 PM

Hope this takes them down

What a horrible brainwashing institution. I am so happy to be free from the bondage, of that devil organization. May you all find Christ!

zebagain

Saturday, April 26, 2014
@ 6:44 AM

The Candace Conti case

What has become of the above case. Last information was the wts had appealed and the appeal was was in process. That must be nearly a year ago. update the case is still waiting for final action it should be by the end of the year.

Alex

Saturday, April 12, 2014
@ 5:23 AM

Governing Body teaching is not bible based.

Newly created position not found in bible called 'Governing Body' is an opportunity for a handful of older men to play gods and control their followers lives. Must be willing to lie and stretch the truth. Must be willing to ensure the 'old boys club' is Gods only channel of communication to the earth. (Can anyone say cult)?

DWT

Sunday, March 30, 2014
@ 4:54 PM

Former JW

I am now an Apostate JW because I spoke out against a former Circuit Overseer who was molesting children in every congregation he visited. When my "fellow brothers" refused to turn him in to authorities I called it in myself. I was not DF'D but was labelled Apostate. They are now selling Kingdom Halls in our area. The excuse is because there are no elders in that congregation. I know it is a money grab. My wife, who is still a slave to this evil cult attended the spring assembly. The one she attended prior to this one they asked for \$5,000.00 to cover the cost in their own assembly hall, which is owned free and clear. This last one in March 2014 only six months later they asked for \$10,000.00 How did the cost double in six months? They have known for years about the child abuse and have protected the abusers which you already know. The only place to get their attention is in the courts. Keep up the good work.

GR

Wednesday, March 19, 2014
@ 5:15 AM

Hiding

I had to go into hiding, it's been 2 years now since my father (an elder) threaten our life's (both my wife & I). I don't want to hide anymore & why should someone have a right to do that? I was baptized in 1982 & love Jehovah with all my heart, but why? This makes no sense & now no one talks to us like we did something wrong. Why? Why? Why? Someone answer please..... Please contact Silentlambs we can help

jd

Friday, March 14, 2014
@ 1:05 PM

why bother?

If the Witnesses are wrong then really we are the ones that suffer but if they are right we won't. So discussing it to point out every letter or bad person who has claimed to be one is lunacy. Let the thing boil out if you are right it is a hoax what have you replaced it with a perfect truth you personally have found. It is a crap shoot and I choose the Witness side only because there are more good things by far than bad, and he does forgive right?

Alex

Sunday, March 2, 2014
@ 8:19 PM

Wrong on so many levels the Watchtower leadership.

Isn't there something wrong right from the beginning when a handful of men (calling themselves the Governing Body) create teachings that they are Gods only channel of communication to Gods followers? These men are nothing but low profile high control leaders. This group is so controlling and dangerous on so many levels including the child abuse issue. These men leaders are dangerous and need to be exposed.

Dal

Wednesday, February 26, 2014
@ 2:13 PM

Narrow view

Just saw some Jws Coffeeshop, I am an ex jw they were afraid to talk to me. As a very prominent elder I found they weren't reporting to police child molestation cases, I brought these up and they will not talk to me even though I wasn't Disfellowshipped. They are so brainwashed to believe the Watchtower lying about lawsuits saying they are not true, I will in turn speak out even to some of them,they don't know what to say. Sad sad cases. They now overhear me talking to others trying to report me so they can disfellowship me. I will not play their game.God's blessing to all of you,Dal

vicky b

Monday, February 17, 2014
@ 11:34 PM

The identifying mark is love...

What a joke! The JW's have deemed me bad association since I discovered their dirty little secrets. I'm 60 years old and what should be a wonderful time with my 7 grandchildren is not for I will spoil useful habits. I cannot even speak to them. These arrogant, evil, and self-righteous disgust me.

BK

Sunday, February 16, 2014
@ 8:26 AM

The Secret Elders Manual Regarding Child Abuse

Hello. Recently the elders manual that regular members are not allowed to see was leaked online. I wrote an article about what it has to say about sexual abuse and rape which is very disturbing. The link to download the manual is added in the article. Here it is: http://bk42author.hubpages.com/_2enir8o4sbb7/hub/Victimizing-the-Victim-How-One-Religion-Handles-the-Matter-of-Rape-and-Child-Sexual-Abuse

LL

Monday, January 27, 2014
@ 4:44 PM

maybe it's not too late

I filed a police report well past the statute of limitations in my state, because I had been told it can be helpful to the case of any new victims. Well, surprise, surprise, my breaking silence contributed to my attacker getting disfellowshipped recently. I assume they are responding more because of all the civil cases. It's 16 years overdue and not justice, but at least he's not under their protection anymore! So report your attackers, even if it's too late for you...you may indirectly help someone else!

S C

Friday, January 24, 2014
@ 4:40 AM

I have read some of these and it's unreal. I want to tell my own story about this organization.

Alex

Sunday, January 19, 2014
@ 3:24 PM

Watchtower tears apart non-witness families.

Chilliwack family blames RCMP for failing to return their daughter <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/chilliwack-family-blames-rcmp-for-failing-to-return-their-daughter-1.2501557>

Feel Lost and Confused.....

Friday, December 27, 2013
@ 8:05 AM

How could he not be responsible???

I just heard William Lynn had his conviction of endangering children overturned....saying it is the job of parents to protect the child....even though he knew the priest's conduct he sent to another parish [that did not know] and he kept quiet and did not warn anyone. Lynn knew so how could the parents protect their kids when they are not given the TOOLS (for example being told new priest was a sexual predator) Lynn knew and he knew a priest's job involved dealing with children (alter boys etc)...By not telling or warning new parish this priest was sent to he ENDANGERED CHILDREN... There is such a thing in Canada called of "vicarious liability"...He would be held accountable here because the job description involved dealing with children...in other words protect the child.

C T

Tuesday, December 10, 2013
@ 6:22 AM

good question Alex

Ray Franz made the interesting point that just as the Jews preferred to be under the law that dictated everything down the minutest aspects of their lives, some people today find it easier to have someone else tell them what is right and wrong rather than have to wrestle with their own individual conscience and decide for themselves. Besides those 8 men are "spirit directed" so they must know what they're doing right?

Alex

Wednesday, November 27, 2013
@ 11:27 AM

Why do we let ourselves be manipulated?

".....I just finished reading "Crisis of Conscience" by Raymond Franz, ex governing body member and nephew of Fred Franz. It's a "must read"...CT Which makes it a "Must not read" from the older men of the Governing Body? Eight people controlling over eight million lives? Why? Why?? Why???

Syndi Cook

Monday, November 25, 2013
@ 3:30 PM

Brother Leif Jacob Carne

Guilty on Three counts of sexual assault of a child (15 years old). His home congregation is West Bay, Tumwater, Washington, USA. He will be released from Jail on November 29, 2013

LAB

Thursday, November 14, 2013
@ 3:09 PM

FREE

Two months ago I watched a tv program with my husband about JW abuse and more investigation into this issue has now convinced us that this is an UN-TRUTHFUL organization. I live in Northern Ireland and I've been a witness for over 20 years of my life. I will be writing my resignation from this demonic infested organization. My heart goes out to all those little hurt ones. WE ARE FREE.

C T

Sunday, November 10, 2013
@ 4:09 AM

It's a must read

I just finished reading "Crisis of Conscience" by Raymond Franz, ex governing body member and nephew of Fred Franz. It's a "must read" for anyone wanting to know the "truth" about the "truth". While he is branded an evil apostate by the society, he actually comes across as a decent , credible and highly principled person. If you cant get hold of a a copy of the book, I was able to read it free online. Packed full of information and documents that clearly show that all is not what it seems in JW world. Anyone else who has read it, what did you think of it?

PCW

Thursday, October 31, 2013
@ 1:54 PM

M.A.N. from Florida

Hello M.A.N. from Florida. Haven't heard from you and haven't forgotten about you. Hope you are doing well. Looking forward to hearing from you when you can.

KDW Tuesday, September 24, 2013

Wednesday, October 23, 2013
@ 12:08 PM

Perfectly expressed KDW. Couldn't have been said any better. You speak volumes of truth. My applaud to you.
PCW

KDW

Tuesday, September 24, 2013
@ 2:41 PM

What it seems like.....

Because of the lack of compassion shown to pedophile victims in different religions it seems as if image is the number one priority to religious 'leaders'. It doesn't look to me as if the concern is really about protecting God's (or Jehovah's) image, it is about business. Business first, can't hurt the business angle or take a chance with losing any kind of profits. Image matters alright, but it has nothing to do with what is truly morally and ethically correct, or even spiritually correct, it is all about protecting organizations. Religious organizations are businesses. It seems as if the businesses are number one, not the people. They can stay on the back burners, because, by all means, don't hurt business. That's what counts. Or so it seems to me. I wish I could have expressed this so much better.

M.E.

Saturday, September 21, 2013
@ 12:09 AM

Another Lawsuit, this in WA state

Washington State woman suing over sex abuse; Watchtower must be squirming as this is said to be the 5th ongoing now <http://www.kptv.com/story/23479184/woman-who-lived-in-hazel-dell-files-child-sex-abuse-suit-against-jehovahs-witnesses> Readers, please consider countering Watchtower apologists' comments saying WT is holy and cleans out sex abuse elders by putting a note in the comments area at the bottom confirming Watchtower has done the opposite

Alex

Friday, September 6, 2013
@ 7:40 PM

God or men?

Over a hundred and forty years of 'the end is at hand' or 'the end is closer than you think', or 'the end is just around the corner'. Really?? Watch The Tower Lie!

KDW

Thursday, August 29, 2013
@ 4:49 PM

To JW Survivor

Please don't feel embarrassed that you didn't realize the truth behind the attitude of religion and child abuse. People don't expect this kind of an attitude from Christians. It's only natural to expect that action will be taken on behalf of victims, so it's mind-boggling when nothing happens or when the religious 'leaders' seem to be acting cavalierly toward victims. It makes no sense. I think your post was great! I'm glad that I don't see God as a religion. He's separate from all the mess.

JDK

Monday, August 26, 2013
@ 7:47 AM

Letter from JW child molester

I am sick to my stomach after reading SILENTLAMBS post that the Watchtower would even think of giving privileges back to known child molesters. For the privacy of some of my adult children I never mentioned the name of their father who confessed to incest, after being exposed. But after reading the article I have to think of his many victims & myself. His name is James D. Sandstrom from Ozone Park. Not to long ago I received a letter from him asking us to write to the society to let him have his privileges back, I immediately responded NO! along with my letter of the reasons why he should never be allowed to even associate with families, along with a copy of his letter & mine I sent pages of sexual abuse awareness information to him , the congos he was & is attending and to the Watchtower Society. I truly need to know info about James D. Sandstrom 's standing with the witnesses. If anyone has any info please contact Bill Bowen. Thank you

Alex

Thursday, August 22, 2013
@ 6:02 AM

The sad truth is lay members of the Catholic church at least acknowledge that there are sex abuse wrong doings in their group. Jehovah's Witness member at every level are more interested in covering up. It's not about truth (a word they love) but it is about supporting a high control structure (some may call a cult like structure) of claiming a religion is God's organization. It's all about control of the members.

J W Survivor

Saturday, July 13, 2013
@ 2:30 AM

Jehovah's Witness leadership, versus Roman Catholic leadership, are both married to 'risk-management' regarding the child sex-abuse crisis?

Writing in this summer's issue of Notre Dame Magazine Mr. Salvesson shares his awakening of the 'risk-management' style that his church employs in child sex-abuse cases. When reading: "In my own case, I always wondered why the bishop I wrote to in 1980 ignored my first letter to him." brought back memories when I wrote to a Bethel Elder (as he was called then) years ago regarding his actions in not protecting me as a child. Only in my case the Bethel Elder ignored both letters I mailed him. "A revelation Slowly, eventually, I figured out the reason for the lack of progress within the Church. It really was simple. I had long believed the Roman Catholic Church considered the child sex-abuse crisis to be a moral issue. So I expected clergy to care about the victims and to do the right

thing. But the simple truth I had learned over time was this: Much of the Catholic leadership does not view this as a moral issue. They view it as a risk-management issue. The focus is on managing settlements, keeping the topic out of the media, telling the faithful everything is taken care of and, most of all, doing everything humanly possible to ensure none of these cases ever make it into a court of law. An institution focused on doing the right thing would admit wrongdoing, immediately remove abusive priests from ministry, embrace victims, reach out to their families, do everything possible to help them heal, and work to change laws that hide perpetrators and deny justice to victims. However, an institution focused on risk management never admits actual culpability; it protects predator priests, does the bare minimum for victims and works to keep outdated laws in place to protect perpetrators. Suddenly it all made sense. In my own case, I always wondered why the bishop I wrote to in 1980 ignored my first letter to him. I wondered why he refused to tell those pastors and other bishops supervising my perpetrator that he had been accused of sexual abuse. And why in all of those nine years of pestering the Diocese of Rockville Centre to dismiss the priest, I never received a written acknowledgement that the priest had in fact abused me. I wanted supportive, empathetic — some might call it Christian — action from the Church. I had not realized they were just managing risk. To this day I still am embarrassed by how long it took me to understand this." <http://magazine.nd.edu/news/40695/> Yes, Jehovah's Witness leadership can be just as ice cold as Catholic leadership.

Alex

Thursday, July 11, 2013
@ 6:01 PM

2013 JW Convention

Those who are dabbling with the Watchtower may wish to listen to this 2013 JW Convention - Human Apostates (Warning: this is very disturbing and hate filled talk) http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5_AdAVbhMRg

KDW

Friday, July 5, 2013
@ 4:41 PM

To ok

Yes, there are boys and men who are sexually abused. When it comes to this abuse among Jehovah's Witnesses I know nothing, actually, but I have a good friend who was raped by his father as a young child and sexually abused by his mother. This person was severely effected by what these two people did to him, and it has colored his entire life. Sexual abuse is inexcusable and heinous whether committed by men or women, and the police should be notified when boys or men are abused by anyone of either gender.

R.-A. Krause

Thursday, July 4, 2013
@ 5:05 AM

First of all, Thanx for this Page :) I'd like to ask if you can make this page in more languages, especially German? Every Day I see the result of the child rape from "Zeugen Jehova". In my Job as a Pedagogic I see Psycho-Disease like Borderline, Social-Anxiety and much more ... I hope that we will find peace all over the world !

diane

Friday, June 21, 2013
@ 9:17 AM

abuse

Told an elder about my brother trying to abuse me and they said if they would talk to the elders at his hall he would lose his privileges. I couldn't believe what they said. I can't believe what I have found here. The society is a mess. They are NOT doing what the Bible says. We are all victims. Keep this going. I think we need more news media on this- a lot more. I am loosing faith in this society but not in Jehovah and the bible. I still know paradise will be here. Things are bad. Please help these kids. I also think my sister in law was doing something to my niece cause she would say stuff. But am afraid to tell her mom. It would start a war. God bless these children.

o k

Thursday, June 20, 2013
@ 11:38 PM

Males Abused by Females

I am wondering if there are any other males out there who were systematically sexually "introduced" to what it takes to be a "man" in the kingdom halls. Some of the female "leaders" (usually single, 40?-50? year old women with a grudge against men) and their "mentoring" of the boys. To me it served two purposes: 1) you broke the rules, and the kingdom hall is the only place that can help save you and 2) since no one would believe you anyway, you have

to keep the secret - and hence, these women could maintain control of what would become "men" in the kingdom hall. In fact, make them leaders, that way, they REALLY wouldn't want to tell.

J Mason Emerson or simply Joe

Monday, June 17, 2013
@ 1:58 PM

Watchtower calls ExJWs "human apostates;" this video shows it being done and then young exJW woman counter-comments: https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=8DbfC4RcLAY

Maryjane M.

Sunday, June 16, 2013
@ 4:34 AM

Glad to see someone see's all.

I am so glad I saw this web site. Just this week I had the courage to join a group of ex- jw's. This is a wonderful thing that I just read about the silent lambs. It is true. It wasn't just me abused but all my other 5 brothers and sisters that I watched growing up. I am 55 years old now and have finally broke free of this cult. I have had years of professional help. But knowing you are out there trying to help, helps me. I am glad you are helping stop this abuse.

Alex

Wednesday, June 12, 2013
@ 8:10 AM

Do as I say, not as I do.

Ever notice that members churn out the same old spew "if you want ACCURATE information go to the Watchtower only (members or WT website), yet this same group takes liberty to comment on every other religion? Should the Watchtower not be directing its own members to get information about other religions from their websites or research? This group speaks out of both sides of its mouth.

Alex

Friday, May 31, 2013
@ 4:28 PM

My thoughts.

Truly this is a high control group. Having watched this sect from near the inside I can say with confidence that what you see (being love bombed at the assembly for example) is not what you get. Families are torn apart when one exercises their human right to change their mind about following these human leaders called the 'Governing Body'. They dictate the values of over 6 million members. This religion is all about the Watchtower, Awake and the Societies publications. Not the scriptures. Why are members trained to lie by saying they are offering a 'free bible study' which in reality turns out to be a lifetime of Watchtower publication studies? A member told me back in the 1980's that the end of this 'system of things' would probably happen within 5 years and definitely within 10. Now that person is out and shunned because the group lied to her. This is a bad group and one needs to do a lot of independent investigation about the Watchtower. Exactly the opposite of what the JW religion wants you to do.

Minnesota

Sunday, May 26, 2013
@ 1:56 PM

Minnesotan Jehovah Witness victims of Child Sex Abuse - in May of 2016 your three-year window to file a civil action will end.

Minnesotan Jehovah Witness victims of Child Sex Abuse - in May of 2016 your three-year window to file a civil action will end. Minnesota recently enacted a new law that allows victims of childhood sexual abuse a three - year window to file a civil action-even if in the past you were told that, because of a statute of limitations, you couldn't.

Vicky

Friday, May 24, 2013
@ 12:16 AM

Pure evil

I went to care for my grandkids while my daughter and her new husband went to tour Europe. They are members of the JW cult. My grandkids began telling me stories of abuse in the home... I reported it to CPS and the police. I also called a 'sister' in Arkansas who had been friends with my daughter before she moved to Washington state. I knew

no one to help me in the situation so she contacted the Elders in the Blaine Washington cong seeking assistance for us if needed. As the stories of abuse unfolded, I became fearful and called one of the Elders asking for help. Needless to say, they informed me they do not get involved in matters that the police are involved in and wouldn't help us in any way, but they did contact my daughter and her new husband to warn them that I had reported them to the police and CPS for child abuse, interfering with a police investigation and giving them time to make up a good cover story... Pure evil.

Alex

Tuesday, May 14, 2013
@ 12:58 PM

Who do your really follow?

The Watchtower studies not the bible but the Watchtower leaders teachings. Watchtower, Awake and all WT publications replace the bible. At most the bible is opened to see if a verse is in there but the context is replaced by the Watchtower publications.

Alex

Saturday, May 11, 2013
@ 2:37 PM

Who were you meant to be?

My advice to those oppressed: Be a chess player or be a chess piece. Your choice. The low profile Watchtower leaders (who call themselves the governing body) are controllers and manipulators.

D. M.

Monday, April 15, 2013
@ 6:15 PM

Child abuse and those who are guilty

Always supporting all those who expose this massive problem of child abuse. Thank you.

Alex

Saturday, April 6, 2013
@ 2:47 PM

Control from just a few older men.

The Watchtower = a high control group. A few men control millions of people.

Alex

Thursday, April 4, 2013
@ 9:55 PM

Time is a yardstick for measuring truth.

When Jehovah's Witnesses claim the end is 'just around the corner' or 'the end is at hand', why don't they have the guts to define their statements? By way of their terminology they imply that only months or at best a few years are left. Of course this has been going on for over 130 years. Not a one of their claims have come true. The Watchtower has less and less credibility every year that passes on.

Namah

Saturday, March 30, 2013
@ 6:52 AM

I have much respect for you, what you do is more than positive. I am working for a few years with the witnesses and deprogramming is becoming a very large Hobby for m. All the best! Healing Azerate! Hare Krishna!

Friday, March 29, 2013
@ 11:39 AM

JW try to label and shun people.

If one leaves the Jehovah's Witness, they are not 'an apostate Christian'. They are an apostate 'follower of the Watchtower'. Really that is a good thing. The Watchtower can not accept that people have rights that include changing direction when the path they are on is not leading to truth. Their claim that 'you knew what you were doing' when you were baptized as a JW means absolutely nothing. If that were true then we would all be doing the same things, having the same interests as when we were very young adults.

David M

Thursday, March 21, 2013
@ 4:01 PM

Child abuse and those who are guilty

Always supporting those who expose this massive problem of child abuse in all our communities, from all your friends. Thank you.

S.A.

Sunday, March 17, 2013
@ 7:12 PM

Im free from the lies!

It's shocking to read about all the abused children that were Jehovah's Witnesses. I to am disfellowshipped and was abused by my mother on a daily basis. My mother made it perfectly clear to me that she never wanted to have a girl. In her eyes I was a whore starting at the age of 4. She used God to hand out her evil punishments so far as to rub my own feces all over my face and hair when at the age of 7 my brother and I were playing doctor in the bathroom and scared to look at each others private parts because Jehovah God punishes those that masturbate. After having my second child I became homeless after leaving a J.W. that physically and mentally abused my child and I. I left my daughter in the care of a J.W. couple that I fully put my trust in. They have taken my child and now I might lose my parental rights to them. So my mother, my family and most recently a J.W. couple that I trusted have all let me down. They have scarred my mind to the point that I am now treated for having borderline Personality Disorder. I cried and prayed to Jehovah my God for escape and it never came. How do I overcome what has happened to me. Why would God allow so much suffering with the children of Jehovah's Witnesses. What is the true religion? Lately my b.p.d. has been affecting me more with suicidal thoughts and depression. I am lost and I need answers.

NLJ

Sunday, March 17, 2013
@ 4:32 PM

The congregation our family attended had knowledge of abuse & we were told it was being looked into by the elders which never came to the knowledge of the police. Our own daughter was sexually abused by our son in law, who was a JW & nothing was ever done about it & he lived across the street from a school. Her abuse later was reveled in a trial because our son in law was accused of molesting our granddaughter & he went to jail for 7 yrs. I never heard the word cult until I was told that JW's are classified as such but now my husband who was an elder has had a hard time embracing any Christin religion because of the brain washing. He is constantly comparing the so called (Truth) to the Christian doctrines. It seems like the trauma never goes away. God help us. NLJ

Kim

Monday, March 11, 2013
@ 2:55 PM

Hi. I have found your page, and i am very sorry about so many children being abused by JW. I come from Europe, Denmark. I want to write my story too, later on. Have a good livetime, everyone. Sincerely Kim

Alex

Saturday, January 26, 2013
@ 4:00 PM

One more year of credibility lost.

Looks like we are another year into they era that would never be. The year 2013 Old System Of Things. When are people going to realize that God's so called "Organization" isn't God's? The however low profile 'governing body' should start showing some real humility and admit they are not that special nor are their very specific teachings that credible.

PCW

Friday, January 25, 2013
@ 7:50 AM

Stacy

Hi Stacy, no matter the consequences of your action, how you handled your situation is exactly what the Jehovah's Witnesses proclaims to be about, "the truth". You did the right thing, so "keep it moving" because sharing your experience is helping others by your taking the lead. ----- Also, to the person who asked the question "what is Jesus doing right now?" and the reply "None of your business", don't worry because the day of reckoning is

RJ, Germany

Wednesday, January 23, 2013
@ 11:37 AM

JW's child abuse in Germany ?

Hello, first of all a happy new year to all of you although almost one month is already gone. Well, by fortune I came to your site as I was a bit investigating about JW's (unluckily a friend of mine is belonging to them and I try to convince her that this organisation is almost a criminal sect). But she's almost acting like the 3 monkeys: no hear, no speak, no see. That really is terrible. And so I tried to find out more about child abuse within the JW's as at the moment these cases from within the Roman Catholic Church in Germany are really coming up more and more, and that really is horrible. Then I found your site, stating that there might be at least 23.720 cases of child abuse within the JW's. Do you possibly have any newer information regarding this issue from over here, in Germany? I would appreciate your kind reply on this site. Thank you very much in advance. RJ -----

Admin's reply: Hello RJ, please contact us at info@silentlambs.org and we would be glad to supply further information for you. Thank you.

dal

Tuesday, January 22, 2013
@ 2:55 PM

nice to see all your comments

Good to hear from M.A.N. and Joseph Z, your comments are appreciated and help others. Keep up the good work. Others also, good comments!

M.A.N.

Friday, January 18, 2013
@ 10:06 AM

Happy New Year to you and all. I know it has been a while but I'm still around. The times I was able to take time to visit the site, there hadn't been any new posts. I was elated to see new ones. I am happy to hear that you are not only a soon to be author but an accomplished pianist as well. As it helps your debilitating health, it also soothes your soul and keeps you focused, to keep us inspired. I so often wish that I'd learned to play and perhaps I will after retiring in a few more years. Meanwhile, I appreciate Kako Masue, (not sure if that is the correct spelling of her name), but she is awesome. Your friend, pcw.

dal

Tuesday, January 15, 2013
@ 6:37 PM

telling the truth isnt slander

Interesting Stacy, that Elder accused you of slander when WT has hidden so much sexual abuse. You are to be commended for speaking the truth. And all others: good work, well done!

Joseph Z

Monday, January 14, 2013
@ 4:43 PM

40 years, and new life in Christ!

In 1969 I was baptized in San Diego. I had been in a very bad M-cycle accident, and I was a prime candidate for a "bible study". 42 years later, after mental, spiritual, and physical abuse and neglect by Jehovah's Witnesses, my wife and I are free. The DOE in San Diego mentally abused me to the point of near suicide, and the last question I ever asked him was "What is Jesus doing right now"? he said; "None of your business", and continued on. Two of the local elders were busted for pedophilia. This group is an ego-maniacal boy's club, full of bible-primadonnas. They do not know Jesus, yet they claim they serve him. They serve the god of the transforming light... The damage they have done to millions now living is the great deception. We will all have our hour to expose this monster, these Men of Lawlessness, Jehovah's Witnesses. Very soon.

Stacy

Sunday, January 13, 2013
@ 11:35 AM

Shamed for getting ripped off

We explained to a sister we were trying to warn that the way we were shamed and blamed for coming forward was like when she had been abused in childhood; that it had stirred up such awful feelings in us! We know sexual abuse is worse of course, but the counter attack on us was pretty brutal. (We were ripped off by an Elder & Con-man) This sister reported us to her elder and soon our elder called us in to warn us that we could be charged with slander and he hated to see us have to go through anything more... We forgive her, she thinks she had to do that. The elders

kept showing us scriptures about God's vengeance when what we kept asking for was for them to stop looking the other way and deal with this man. They would just stare at us, I guess they had nothing else to say if we wouldn't let them off the hook for not stepping up for us. It's been a brutal and long period of waking up, but I guess we are grateful for finding out that even with all the sincere people, there is a very real and present problem in the religion called Jehovah's Witnesses.

Alex

Monday, January 7, 2013
@ 9:06 PM

Beyond repair

This religion has so many issues. All is not right no matter what one does to 'correct' this group because it is built on high-control and 'God is an organization' model. The Watchtower lies to prospective converts claiming they are providing Bible studies, which only turn out to be a lifetime of Watchtower publications studies. Big difference. The Watchtower and Jehovah's Witness are not the truth.

Larry W

Tuesday, January 1, 2013
@ 9:16 PM

Un-shakeled

Hi It was in: 2003 I looked at your site... and downloaded a copy of: Joe and Barbara Anderson's letter to the watchtower Society... I read about the horror they had to go through. My Mother became associated with the W.T. when I was only 8 years old...I'm from a family of 9 children. Later my Father took up the banner, and preached, and preached, and preached....he got into trouble because he went outside the frame...he got Shunned. I was disfellowshipped 3 times, and each time I thought it was the end of the world for me. My life story with the W.T. is one of brute Brainwashing to the highest degree. 12 years ago, I stopped going to the Kingdom Hall...and it was like un-shakeling big chains, although my life was already ruined...the life other people enjoy had just passed me by.

M.A.N. - Michael A

Sunday, December 30, 2012
@ 9:54 PM

Hi to All

I'm glad to see new and old friends here. As I said last time, I have heart trouble and now have arthritis. I do my best to keep up with the piano and hope to produce a DVD. I mention this because it's good therapy. Whether you were molested or a family member was, developing a skill or hobby will make you feel better. I don't know if I misread the title of the book "Millions" or if/when it's coming out again (several of their publications are released again, and I have NO CLUE as to why. They stank then from lies and they stink even more now. Anyway, if it's written by the same lying psychopaths, I'd maybe name it: "Millions now living will wish they could die!" Can you imagine ETERNITY with the current mentally ill "people" (using the term loosely) giving all the orders? I'd pray for the Mothership to arrive and take me away. Couldn't be any worse. Anyhow, hi to all, pcw and others here. I'll try to keep up.

Alex

Tuesday, December 18, 2012
@ 7:06 PM

Second edition?

"Millions now living will never die". (1920 book by Watchtower) Nothing was factual. Possible second edition?
"Dozens Now Living Will Never Die"?

JS

Saturday, December 8, 2012
@ 6:44 AM

JW SISTER INDICTED CHILD RAPE

MURFREESBORO ¶ A mother accused of raping her two children multiple times when she lived here more than 10 years ago was indicted by a grand jury this week on 38 sexually-based offenses. Indictments issued against Angela Elizabeth Montgomery, now of Portland, Ore., show police have identified two new victims in the case, and that investigators have evidence Montgomery tried to coerce two witnesses during the Murfreesboro Police Department's investigation into her alleged criminal activities. Montgomery, who is now 50, was indicted this week on 20 counts of child rape, six counts of rape and 12 counts of incest. She also faces two counts of coercing a

witness to a crime, according to court documents. She was initially charged with two counts of child rape by Murfreesboro Police Detective Wayne Lawson in late August, after her two children gave the detective detailed statements about rapes and sexual assaults they suffered at the hands of their mother when they lived in Murfreesboro more a decade ago. New charges returned by the grand jury indicate Montgomery may have committed more sexual crimes against at least two other children as recently as 2009. Three of the victims in the case have the same last name, court documents show. Lawson launched his investigation in mid-January of this year after two of Montgomery's children, now a 21-year-old man and 15-year-old girl, approached him with information on her actions. Montgomery turned herself into the Rutherford County Adult Detention Center Aug. 21, after Lawson obtained warrants for her arrest on two counts of child rape. She was freed from the jail on \$10,000 bond shortly after she was booked. Police said at that time they were suspecting more charges and more victims to come forward in the case. MPD spokesman Kyle Evans, when contacted about the possibility of even more victims on Friday, said the department doesn't typically discuss ongoing criminal prosecutions once the adjudication process has begun. An attempt to reach Montgomery for comment Friday afternoon was unsuccessful. She is scheduled to appear in Rutherford County Circuit Court Dec. 17 for an arraignment. ¶

dal

Monday, November 19, 2012
@ 2:33 PM

shunning while protecting child molesters

Today again I was shunned by a JW whose wife divorced him because he had an affair with a younger lady from the hall!! I am a former Elder who knew Child molestation was being hidden not reported to Police Here in Qualicum Beach ,Vancouver Island B.C Canada. Some years ago, I could no longer stand it so I left, and celebrate my leaving it! I have a wonderful relationship with God and feel his Love,The JWS feel I am spiritually dead. In their fanatic way they feel they have judgement higher than The Lord!Maybe one day they will wake up!

NC

Saturday, November 17, 2012
@ 2:50 AM

Big Australian Enquiry

Not sure whether it is common knowledge for all on this website but the other day it was announced that the Australian government is going to begin an enquiry which is expected to last a couple of years, into child molestation amongst church organisations and institutions dealing with children. It has been reported that it will not just involve the actual pedophiles but there will also be an exposing of any coverups. Any Australian affected ex- Witnesses should seriously consider this. They are currently asking victims to come forward now.

KJP

Friday, November 9, 2012
@ 3:57 PM

getting ready to help a girl who'se father not only molested her but myself as well.

I grew up JW, and in my congregation one of the "elders" loved to touch my body. Even in front of people he did it like he was hugging me or something. He would grab me in certain parts. I cannot for sure say that he got in my clothes. I just have a horrible memory of him. Now, this week I found out that his grown daughter is in a mental institution because of her dad. He has denied everything and made it look like she was just crazy. And therefore she is locked up. I am going to help this young lady. I am going to get her out of there. My sister who is still a JW told me about what was going on and all I could do is cry so hard. I want to be her witness. I myself have been institutionalized several times. I have a good therapist, he has helped me to overcome so much. Now it is all staring me in the face again. But like I said, I don't care, that girl needs me and I will do anything to help her. Thank you for the work that you do. May God continue to help you. Sincerely, KJP

dal

Wednesday, November 7, 2012
@ 7:40 PM

changing truth

JWS KEEP CHANGING THEIR TRUTHS. CONFUSING ESP.IN VIEW OF THE FACT THEIR DATES FOR THE END NEVER PROVED TRUE!

P P

Tuesday, November 6, 2012
@ 10:22 AM

Great work silentlambs

Thinking back on all the years of my life wasted trying to live as a JW, meetings , field service, priveleges etc.

Career and family forgone, I can only now shake my head and ask myself "how did I got sucked into that?". Like most other religions, their dogmatism and self righteousness has completely poisoned the simple christian love of the bible. Reading through all the cases of child abuse collated together here on silentlambs, it's obvious the Organization is led by a bunch of hypocritical deluded old men who put themselves above the interests of vulnerable children. What would Jesus say? Mathew 15;8,9 comes to mind. With this recent court case and others that will surely follow, the TRUTH will be revealed, Mathew 10;26

ruthie

Monday, November 5, 2012
@ 6:50 PM

I was born and raised as a JW we were the picture prefect family.... my dad was an elder and my mother a pioneer... we were loved by many people. Our family carried many dark secrets. I had father who molested and raped me and when he was done his best friend filled in until I was about 11 or so. I carried so much burden and feeling of guilt cause I was Told it was I who seduced them... when all was discovered I was 14 n my mother had no clue what to do all she knew was the religion and theses sick elders we considered family but knew everything they covered these people for years and I am glad that they have been uncovered n exposed....

GV

Saturday, November 3, 2012
@ 8:06 AM

NEW BOE on ABUSE

I'm sorry, I don't write in English, I'm French. Bonjour, Je suis française, si je suis sur votre site aujourd'hui, c'est grâce à une recherche sur les témoins de Jéhovah sur wikipedia. En effet, je viens de perdre un membre de ma famille devenu témoin de Jéhovah. Il était malade, il avait des problèmes cardio-vasculaire, puis ensuite, le cancer du colon avec stases au foie et au rein. A cause de diverses opérations, il devait être transfusé, mais son refus d'accepter les transfusions l'a conduit à la mort. Sa peur d'être exclus, sa peur de l'excommunication, sa peur de perdre la promesse de paradis, tout cela fait qu'aujourd'hui il repose au cimetière. Les témoins de Jéhovah et leurs doctrines sectaires et abusives ont enlevé un être cher à ma famille. Bravo pour votre action contre toutes formes de violence faites à des êtres humains, femmes et enfants, étant les plus faibles. Avec mes amitiés. Gabrielle, de Paris FRANCE.

freedive

Friday, November 2, 2012
@ 4:55 PM

Pedophile scum

Just informed of another JW elder convicted for child porn. His wife is in denial. He is now serving 30 yrs!

gap

Thursday, October 25, 2012
@ 8:30 PM

horrified

Sirs: I have been reading all those experiences as to how many have been abused by those pigs that call themselves christians. It is unbelievable that such abuse takes place under the name of God. What galls me is the fact that they are protected by more pigs in Brooklyn, NY. How in the world can they say that they are "God's Organization" when they act like animals? It shocks me to no end. Oh, yes. I was one of them for 40 years and an elder for 35 years until I got fed up with their crap. They are the worse hypocrites in the world. They put on a good show, but are wolves and dangerous. Don't trust them. They will stab you in the back quicker then you can imagine. They are phonies. They look for innocent ones to study the Bible (or rather book study) with you. Books written by more pigs in NY. Stay away from these people. They are deceived. Nothing but a cult of the worse kind. GP

mc

Monday, October 22, 2012
@ 10:09 PM

When is a fine line, worth crossing?

I was a witness for over 20 yrs. & was also being sexually and physically abused by my father. A witness in very good standing. Auxiliary pioneer, so over-prepared for every meeting, sang out with a beautiful voice, all the Kingdom songs. All anyone chose to see and in some cases admire, was this well spoken "brother" and his so well behaved children. Even after physical altercations with Elders, which always happened, not a call was made to the police. Not a call was made, fearing the well being of two young girls and a boy. No, as long as you look and play the part, and don't rock the boat, Everlasting life is yours! B.S.! Time for secrets to be brought out into the light!

pcw

Friday, October 5, 2012
@ 9:48 AM

Truth99 - Sept. 29

Welcome Truth99. It is what it is and now you know. Let me commend you on your research. You did GREAT!!! It tore me apart sitting in a congregation meeting listening to the Catholic bashings of child abuse when it was going on in the JW religion also. Shame on them! I feel that since God created all of us in His own image, with minds to think for ourselves, what a pity Jehovah's Witness are not allowed to do such. If that ain't a CULT, then what it? God created us all but the separation came when people started elevating themselves higher than others -- pecking order, or rank and file, if you will.

P. Family

Friday, October 5, 2012
@ 2:07 AM

You are in our heartfelt prayers...

To: Bill Bowen "May Jehovah continue to Fortify Your Spirit, and Richly Bless all of Your Efforts!" "Christian Love,"
Your Friends in Jehovah

truth99

Saturday, September 29, 2012
@ 1:02 PM

comment on 2Tim 3:16 and more

I have been with the JW's for almost 30 years. Then, due to personal circumstances I missed a lot of meetings for two years and missed filling in the so called TIME SHEET. For the next year or two I read up on different religions of the world, the philosophy, the theology, etc and also works and writings of humanitarians. The fellow JW were curious as to why I was not showing up at meetings. On different occasions I said that I do not agree totally as to what the great WT writing committee says, eg. on blood issue, on transplant, on mixed marriages, on putting down other religions as pagans, as claiming that WT society has the ABSOLUTE TRUTH, and when they go wrong, they use the scripture 'the light gets brighter' as an excuse! The sheep treat the WT society as INSPIRED BY GOD'S WORD, which is totally wrong, since the WT society only says they have an UNDERSTANDING OF THE SCRIPTURES. If they have an understanding of the Bible, why put down other denominations who follow the Bible? Who gives them the right to say the WT society understanding is 100 per cent right! About 2 TIM 3:16 which states "all scripture is inspired by God... I debated that this statement by Paul does not exclude scripture of OTHER RELIGIONS. Having an open mind, as to all honest hearted people who are doing spiritual and humanitarian works for making this world a better place, and that to LOOK DOWN ON OTHER RELIGIONS is like saying the GOD THE ALMIGHTY has give the MONOPOLY only to the WT society to interpret and spread god's message. I have been shunned by fellow JW friends with whom I used to eat, mingle, gave a lot of my personal time to their needs, and now they TREAT ME AS IF THEY DO NOT KNOW ME!! What a shame, they treat me as an enemy, but JESUS said "love even your enemies... THEY have treated me worse than they would treat their dog as a pet. I pray, that they SEE THE LIGHT. g

Guam

Friday, September 28, 2012
@ 3:08 PM

Guam Victims of childhood sexual abuse

'Guam survivors of childhood sexual abuse' - in March of 2013 your two-year window to file a civil action will end. In March 2011 Guam enacted a new law that allows victims of childhood sexual abuse a two-year window to file a civil action-even if in the past you were told that, because of a statute of limitations, you couldn't.

EmP

Tuesday, August 28, 2012
@ 1:49 PM

Appreciate finding that Silent Lambs is making progress in helping sexually abused former members of the W T. Yes, it is very sad when family members continue to support the WT against their own. To the harm of those remaining faithful to WT and those disfellowshipped or shunned, excommunicated. Please keep on helping the abused with the blessings of our One and Only Universal GOD. May the righteous UNITE for the good of everyone everywhere.

Hawaii

Wednesday, August 15, 2012
@ 5:48 PM

Hawaiian Survivors of childhood sexual abuse

'Hawaiian Victims of childhood sexual abuse' - in April of 2014 your two-year window to file a civil action will end. Hawaii recently enacted a new law that allows victims of childhood sexual abuse a two-year window to file a civil action-even if in the past you were told that, because of a statute of limitations, you couldn't.

Alex

Monday, August 13, 2012
@ 7:52 PM

The Truth? Is this really an organization belonging to God?

"As we have heretofore stated, the great jubilee cycle is due to begin in 1925. At that time the earthly phase of the kingdom shall be recognized.... Therefore we may confidently expect that 1925 will mark the return of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and the faithful prophets of old..." J. F. Rutherford, Millions Now Living Will Never Die, 1920, pp. 89, 90.

M.A.N. from Jersey/Florida

Sunday, August 12, 2012
@ 2:26 PM

Hi to All

Today's an okay health day, so I thought I'd check in. I wish I could answer all the comments here but unfortunately that is impossible for the time being. PCW: I'd like to thank you for your kind words. And I hope your health is better than mine seeing we are the same age. "Time and unforeseen circumstances", or something like that. I really need to dig out an ACCURATE version of the Bible, not the fictional comic book on the WT CD's. There is so much to say about the WT that I think I should look into starting a blog to supplement the comments here. As some of you know, I moved from New Jersey to Florida in 2005 to start a new life and to care for my aged father. (He hates JW's, so at least I'm safe from being preached to every day. The few times they knocked, he sent me to the door with a smile, knowing I'd give them hell. One elder 2 years ago (they don't let just anyone visit anymore, they know who I am, the "East Coast Apostate"), gave the standard BS when I said I was disgusted with the degree of pedophilia in the WT and was writing a book on it. He said, "There is child abuse in ALL religions". I told him the rate for JW's was many times that of the general population and would he like to see my college research, for which I received a 98.5 GPA. Of course he refused, seeing that those in the "TRUTH" run from the truth whenever possible. (It still amazes me that they have the audacity to call themselves "The Truth". I love the saying, "There are none so blind as those who WILL not see." If you're born blind, that is a tragedy. But if a blind person is offered sight at no cost and refuses, he also needs to be offered a brain and a heart, for this indicates severe mental illness. As proof, I ask, "Did anyone whom Jesus cured ever search him out to curse him or beat him up for doing that cure?" I highly doubt it. I wish you a happy and healthy retirement, whenever you do so. I'm sorry to read of new cases and stories, but I know this will continue until the WT is destroyed and the leaders put in prison. And when they do go to jail, you can bet the WT will print several articles about "our poor loyal brothers being persecuted just like Jesus was". Knowing that prisoners hate child molesters, I think they will receive more than "persecution". Karma is a b*tch. I'm looking into suing the WT in the near future on behalf of my daughter and other victims. Even if I lose, the bad press I can generate with my contacts, Internet sites now being set up, and my willingness to do the writing, will certainly hurt them. They cannot keep out of trouble forever by throwing money at the problem or threatening to sue those of us who accuse them of wrongdoing. As most of you know, I fear nothing, not God, not the Devil, and I certainly don't fear the "doddering dozen" who now make up the GB. To Shane: The son of the "pig" who molested my daughter came to our home with his wife and asked us not to press charges. He actually said if our child was just one year older, it would only have been a misdemeanor. First, it's statutory rape in any case and secondly, Why should a rapist be "saved" with imaginary loopholes? I had police officers and even a few JW elders tell me if anyone molested THEIR child, they'd kill him even if it meant life in prison. What does THAT tell you?? To Alex: The NWT Bible is garbage, pure and simple. Franz didn't even know the alphabets for the languages involved. No Bible scholar takes the WT Bible seriously. Living in Florida now, we don't need heat, but you people up North might use all WT publications in your fireplaces or outhouses. That's all the value they have. What a waste of trees. I will leave you with a few statistics. One out of four females will be sexually abuse/raped before their 18th birthday. (95% of these victims will know their attacker: father, brother, uncle, family doctor, teacher, ELDER, MINISTERIAL SERVANT, etc.) And one out of three women will be molested or raped sometime in their life before they die. These are incredibly disturbing statistics. I will try to stay in touch here. My best to all as usual. M.A.N. from Florida.

A Dad

Saturday, August 11, 2012
@ 7:28 AM

Candace Conti

If you were in Australia I would nominate you for an award under the Australian Honors lists for service to humanity.

There must be something like it in the US! Come on somebody over there get moving on this. Good for her and good for the cause of abused innocents.

Dad

Saturday, August 11, 2012
@ 7:20 AM

My kids too...

Yes My kids were sexually abused by a 'perfect' brother. He is jail for them and a lot of others. If you think your life can ever be the same after this you are wrong, and I have to ask what is the % of sex predators that come out of JW compared to other religions? If it is the same then the 'truth' is a failure. If it is worse then what the hell is wrong with the thinking the WTS pushes onto it's people? If it is less then what is the WTS doing about it apart from saying one thing and doing the other?

D.N.

Wednesday, August 1, 2012
@ 5:02 PM

Hearts an healing around the world

It's been an overwhelming journey, words in any language fail to be able to express my gratitude to your organization, belief to know what's right from wrong. Here a wave of healing and honesty is consuming the general public. We mourn the loss of Mr John Pirona, his legacy will change the Catholic church for ever more. Greetings and blessings for all the wonderful hearts that help the truth to be seen, heard and felt. The power of peace across the world. The central coast of NSW! Australia

Alex

Wednesday, August 1, 2012
@ 4:23 PM

Religion and double standards

Don't pass the collection plate but fight for their estate: "An Ontario lawyer and lay minister with the Jehovah's Witness church has received a tongue-lashing from a judge for failing to tell a former client who left part of his estate to the church about his own role with them. Orangeville, Ont. lawyer Daniel Pole helped Arthur Sawdon form an investment company in the Cayman Islands during the 1990s. In 2006, he also updated Sawdon's will and executed a transfer of his 75 per cent holding in the company to the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Canada, the Jehovah's Witness church's legal arm." <http://www.canadianlawyermag.com/legalfeeds/985/Judge-reprimands-lawyer-for-failing-to-disclose-connection-to-church.html#comments>

man711

Wednesday, August 1, 2012
@ 8:52 AM

police

Elders need to report all crimes to the police. No exceptions.

Alex

Tuesday, July 31, 2012
@ 8:05 PM

NWT

The NWT is the anonymous work of the New World Bible Translation Committee. Jehovah's Witnesses claim that the anonymity is in place so that the credit for the work will go to God. Of course, this has the added benefit of keeping the translators from any accountability for their errors and prevents real scholars from checking their academic credentials. <http://www.gotquestions.org/New-World-Translation.html>

Massachusetts

Tuesday, July 31, 2012
@ 11:42 AM

Help needed in Massachusetts

Can you help Jehovah Witness child sex abuse victims and Non Jehovah Witness child sex abuse victims in the State of Massachusetts ? Support H4326! <http://www.mass.gov/legis/journal/desktop/Current%20Agenda%2>

02011/H4326.pdf <http://www.malegislature.gov/Bills/187/House/H04326> Find your Representative here.
<http://www.malegislature.gov/People/House>

Shane Draney

Saturday, July 28, 2012
@ 11:32 PM

Elders told not contact police, I said BS

I told them do you really think I care if it brings reproach on the Organization of Jehovah's Witnesses if I inform the authorities about what happened to my daughter? I told them to go pound sand, and told the local police.

Brother Concerned

Tuesday, July 24, 2012
@ 5:42 AM

Are you able to help?

Will you help a group of concerned citizens working towards the extension and/or removal of civil statutes of limitations for child sexual abuse. By allowing access to the courts, we can ensure that victims will get the justice that they deserve. We need your help to effect change in Legislatures across this nation. The time has come to confront the devastating and heinous crime of child sexual abuse by raising the veil of the statute of limitations, bringing offenders out of the shadows, and subjecting them to the justice system. What Can You Do to Help? Reforming the statutes of limitations to allow justice for victims is simply a matter of will. Once the number of supporters passes a critical threshold, the will of the people shall be heard and the Legislatures shall hear the call for justice. Various groups can be located at <http://www.sol-reform.com/Pages/AboutContactUs.html>

Alex

Wednesday, July 18, 2012
@ 6:37 PM

Toronto Star article

Landmark U.S. verdict against Jehovah's Witnesses may prompt Canadian sex abuse lawsuits
<http://www.thestar.com/news/canada/article/1220527--landmark-u-s-verdict-against-jehovah-s-witnesses-may-prompt-canadian-sex-abuse-lawsuits>

I K

Monday, July 9, 2012
@ 4:12 AM

Their pain in my heart

I too was sexually abused by a ministerial servant's son back in 1960's when I was 5. The sad fact is that my own mother acted just like these elders, refused to discuss it when I told her he had 'been messing about' with me. She gave me a bath and a strawberry jelly sandwich. Nothing more was ever said. Years and years later she told me they'd told his father 'in no uncertain terms' whatever that means. This privacy clause will come back and bite them in the ass. God Bless you at Silent Lambs x

Vince

Thursday, July 5, 2012
@ 11:13 AM

My support...

I wanted to congratulate, and give my support to this very needed website. There is no way to agree with the pharisaism the WT is guilty of. They have imposed themselves between Christ and his disciples with an authority never given to them, as they are supposedly sheep themselves. Their arrogance is repulsive. As an atheist, I find it even more egregious. But the issue here is to let the professionals do the work of justice, not the unqualified elders - or governing body, for that matter. Candace Conti, with your help, has opened a new era of clarity. You have my full support.

PCW

Tuesday, July 3, 2012
@ 12:39 PM

M.A.N. - Hi to All

So good to hear from you, as always. I too, will turn 62ish soon. I really enjoy when you are able to express yourself through your posts. I have never found one mistake ever in what you convey. You are so thorough and to the point. Looking forward to more posts soon and to all, have a wonderful 4th.

FRJ

Monday, July 2, 2012
@ 6:05 PM

Cult Research

I'm doing a research paper for class(for a debate) and have read some of your experiences here and I understand the cause and I agree it is time to protect the children. My question is since many of you found out that this Watchtower is a cult and left, why are you still trying to make changes within the cult? From what I can see(and maybe I'm wrong)that whatever you say and do the Watchtower policies will not change. It's their cult they set their own rules and if a person do not like their rules they have no choice but to be ousted or leave. From what I read,there have been consequences for leave such as family members no longer speak to you. But as someone told me "the truth hurts" and sometimes when one find out the "Real Truth" it can leave pain. Well...I guess time heal all wounds. If you can help me out with a few comments to help me understand,I will appreciate it. I need to have my paper completed by next Monday. Thanks!

Star

Saturday, June 30, 2012
@ 1:17 AM

Thank you Candace Conti

I just wanted to say "Thank You" Candace for fighting the good fight and winning!! You are a hero, a light that is glowing in a very dark place. It will only get brighter by the steps you have taken. May this be the beginning of change in the organization and a healing for us all...

Alex

Monday, June 25, 2012
@ 7:09 PM

Watchtower is an empty jar of promises.

One hundred and thirty years of 'the end is near' or 'the end is just around the corner'. Really this Watchtower governing body leadership doesn't have much of any substance to provide. This is a high control religion that uses extreme shunning to keep people in line. So called door to door work has to be reported every month on a slip called a "Field Service Report". If you don't put in enough hours the rest of the congregation treats you differently. Not much faith here...just organizational checks and balances.

Milena

Friday, June 22, 2012
@ 8:09 PM

Thank you Candace!

I would like to thank Candace Conti for the hero she is. I am indescribably proud of her strength and courage in not allowing herself to be silenced by the corrupt, immoral leaders of the Watchtower Society. By standing up and demanding justice in a court of law (BTW, she only requested 144,000 pennies in the lawsuit against the Multi-Billion dollar entity) her brave actions may end up saving countless children. That is priceless. We are so, so grateful!

ts

Thursday, June 21, 2012
@ 9:30 AM

Importance of taking action

My daughter at 11 was molested. I was not ask to attend the elder's meeting with molester and my husband. When my husband returned home he said "elders said she led him on." I was in disbelief but did not even think about the police. He moved constantly and I would hear of the same thing little girls reporting it and nothing being done until one smart girl told a case worker and the law decided he was guilty. Important I do not blame Jehovah and certainly not my daughter. People and a policy that favors predators are the problem.

BD

Monday, June 18, 2012
@ 9:13 PM

I was molested at 12 years old. I am now 30 years old and I do not blame Jehovah for the fool who did this to me.

M.A.N. from Florida

Sunday, June 17, 2012
@ 9:20 AM

To Everyone

I also wanted to mention that I'm going to analyze the recent court case that the WT lost. (I wonder what nonsense,

shenanigans, "theocratic warfare" read "LYING IN COURT AND TO THE WORLD AND CALLING THE IMPARTIAL PRESS CORPS 'SATAN'S BROTHERS AND HUMAN GARBAGE'" we will encounter.) I cannot believe they will just hand it over and say they're sorry. I am going to attempt to sue them on behalf of my family. There are/were medical bills, punitive issues, and other expenses. Some victims will refuse to testify, but in many cases, trials can still be worth going through. My best to all. Oh, and a Happy Father's Day to everyone.

M.A.N. from Jersey/Florida

Sunday, June 17, 2012
@ 8:53 AM

To PCW and everyone

Thanks for your consideration and kind thoughts. As an aside, one thing that continues to amaze me is the fact that people who never were JW's, along with, (and especially) those who have left this cult, are some of the most kind, compassionate, emotionally/psychologically healthy and Christ-like people I know. If those who have abandoned the WT and its lies and abuse (or been forced out) are such spiritual and human "non-entities", then why are we outsiders happier, honest, mentally stable, and emotionally well-adjusted when compared to the JW's?? I know the GB often demands that the facts speak for themselves, so I'm holding them to it. Since the GB has "the facts" only a few times each century, you'd think they would have plenty of time to learn how to recognize them. It really hurts me to continue to see innocent victims and families destroyed by these vindictive people. I've never seen or heard any other group take such delight in the misfortunes of those who oppose them. I'm sure many of us have heard the gloating while at meetings or in field service, particularly comments like, "Okay, slam the door on me now. Someday I'll own your house." There isn't a shred of Christian love in these people. God would NEVER use an international cartel of mentally disturbed people. Insert "mentally diseased" in that phrase and see how it sounds to you. It caused an uproar when the WT used it, both for its unfairness and the fact that it is "hate speech", which is forbidden in many nations. I'm sure most people would discover how easily and accurately it can be said about the WT and at the same time, how difficult it is to apply to those of us who oppose them. And many still will not engage in full-time name-calling against the WT, preferring to stick to the issues rather than call names. If you want an enlightening "moment", there's a section in the 1968 Truth book in the beginning about just using facts and when people don't have any good ones, they call names. I wanted to thank PCW and those who always try to help others with encouragement. I will always leave the door open to my daughter and I plan to provide for her in the future. I will never chastise her for her actions, even though I realize that the JW's can violate dozens of Bible suggestions concerning behavior and relationships. Most of us do these things for love, not to show the JW's that we are "better Christians than they are". I can only hope she sees the light someday so that she can cease wasting much of her life. Although my position is now "Agnostic", I appreciate your thoughts and prayers. I could be wrong about my stance and prayers never hurt anyone that I know of. In closing, I will try to be active here as much as possible, but in addition to my heart disease, I've now developed arthritis (cane and all, just like HOUSE) and must wait for good days to be able to type this much. I frequently think of all of you who have posted here and am pleased that many victims find comfort in this site, although it saddens me that they have the need to do so. Many thanks as usual to Bill Bowen for his hard work, and I hope to be able to help this site in the future. I just turned 62 years old on June 15th (Soc. Sec. included), and realized that another "generation" is passing. May we all enjoy peace, health and happiness always. If anyone is ever near Orlando when a rocket is going up, contact me and you can drop by and watch it from our boat dock. Blessings to all and may Bill always be able to keep this site. M.A.N. from Florida.

CC

Saturday, June 16, 2012
@ 10:28 PM

Thank you William

I read about the big lawsuit ruling yesterday and came across this website. Thank you William for having the courage and conviction to stand up for what you believe. As an exJW, I know how easy it would have been to simply accept the mandate from Brooklyn and tow the Watchtower line. I firmly believe that without the tireless energy that people like you devoted to tackle this problem, it would have never seen the light of day - and more people will have been victimized. I just recently found out that my sister, also an exJW, was molested by an elder in our congregation growing up. She never told me until we had a frank and open cross country phone conversation. She was only 5 at the time and she never reported it to anyone. I was shocked and then connected the dots and realized this same elder has now been disfellowshipped twice for "unknown" reasons. My heart goes out to anyone who has had to suffer through sexual molestation. For all those who have been through this ordeal, I can say that through Christ, anything can be healed. My sister is now happily married to a great guy. They have a loving and peaceful marriage built on a strong relationship with Christ, and expecting their first child. There is hope. As for me, I left the JW organization soon after I graduated from college. I grew up during a time where college was strongly discouraged. I graduated from high school and was working to make a living, eagerly awaiting the end as everyone else. One day, a fellow worker gave me a pamphlet that pinpointed all the times that the JW organization had predicted the end and it never materialized. I just put 2 and 2 together and said "if they've been wrong before, they can be wrong again" and that's when I put myself into college. After leaving the JW organization, I was so disillusioned with religion that

any remnant of "faith" was completely shattered - I can see why many people who leave the JW organization become agnostic or atheistic. Eventually, it was only through the writings of Lee Strobel and CS Lewis that I was able to start piecing back my faith. For those who are in the same situation, I can only say you can give up on religion but I hope you don't give up on Christ.

Alex

Friday, May 25, 2012
@ 8:43 PM

Time top ten 'end of the world' predictions.

Congratulations Jehovah's Witness for making the top 10!
http://www.time.com/time/specials/packages/completelist/0,2_9569,2072678,00.html

Lorraine D

Tuesday, May 8, 2012
@ 4:45 PM

Left the Jws when i was 19

I left the JW's when i was 19 I am 45 now. I was born into the JW's And spent my whole life with them up until 1984. my sister and I were molested by my forth grade teacher and the elders kept it inside the organization, SO THERE WERE MANY AFTER US THAT I AM SURE WERE VICTIMIZED. All because they didn't want the bad press. I had premarital sex with a young brother in the kingdom hall and was publicly reprov'd (more like publicly humiliated) I tried to stay but could no longer deal with the humiliation and embarrassment that I would have to endure every time I would go to a meeting. I asked to be dis-associated and I was. I also was told to leave my home and my family. And was told that God will never be with me. After telling friend from work the choice I had made she brought her mom (a psychologist) in to my work to offer me an appt to rent above her house. I kindly took it and went wild from there. Lets just say I had a lot of firsts that year. after 3 months I started to feel lost and confused and most of all very lonely. I came home one night and without a thought before of this, I decided it was a good night to die, then proceeded to my friends mother's bathroom and took every pill I could find. Her son woke up at 4am for a paper route and found me almost dead. I really to this day don't even know why it came to me at that moment, but I am so grateful he found me. I lost my family so I made a new one. Now have two of my three sisters in my life, and my father came to me before he died and said he was proud of me. My mother...I have only seen twice in 28 years. I have a husband I have been with for 20 years and two beautiful grown daughters that were raised in a very loving home, with no judgement s against them. What I am trying to say is that with everything I have had to endure growing up. I built a new and better life. I do hate that religion but have come to understand their followers. They are brainwashed followers like I was. And I forgive them. I am happy and content. So all of you who have not yet come to terms with your loss of your loved ones, then find new ones and love them with your whole heart. My God does love me.

Alex

Sunday, May 6, 2012
@ 2:44 PM

History of the Watchtower Organization

This is an interesting film: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MhepRhcgxpE>

PCW

Tuesday, May 1, 2012
@ 10:34 AM

M.A.N. from Florida

Glad to hear from you. It saddens me to hear that you still have no contact with your daughter. Please don't give up. There is a strong force influencing the disconnect in not allowing you in her life. I feel your pain everytime I read your posts. Hopefully she will realize the the loss father/daughter relationship. I will keep you two in my thoughts and prayers.

M.A.N. from Florida

Sunday, April 8, 2012
@ 5:03 PM

Hi to All

Hi PCW: Thanks for your good wishes, but she won't acknowledge me at all, no answering email, snail mail, or telephone calls. She got married in 2009 and I wasn't invited. She's my only child, so there won't be any more weddings for me to go to. I don't even know if she has any kids. Very sad, isn't it? And the GB sits and laughs at everyone's suffering as they break up families, cause suicides, and then act cute in court and deny. They will pay. I'll never give up but if there's no communication, my ability to help her is impossible. And to M.C., I'm sorry for what

you have endured. But I firmly believe they are going down sooner than many think. More and more lawsuits will drain their money, JW's can't give as much if they have no jobs, and the press is starting to really pick up that the WT's sick baby-raping cult has been lying and needs to go to court (and hopefully followed by prison after the trial.) There are by far more JW's who have left than there are current JW's. This means that more people on earth know their beliefs and why they are wicked than the number of JW's who are still members and are ignorant. I'm very happy for the Internet, the GB can NOT stop that. My best to all. M.A.N.

Alex

Saturday, April 7, 2012
@ 5:44 PM

Alleged sexual predator believed to be hiding in Toronto area 5:04 pm, April 7th, 2012 (Toronto Sun) TOM GODFREY | QMI AGENCY TORONTO -- Police are searching here for a US fugitive who they allege is a sexual predator who uses his position in his local congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses to get close to children. Frederick Cecil McLean, 61, is among the US Marshals' 15 most wanted fugitives and is believed to be hiding in the Toronto area, police said Wednesday. He is wanted in California on four counts of child molestation, as well as multiple counts of lewd and lascivious acts with a minor under 14 and unlawful flight to avoid prosecution. (See original online for complete story)

M.C.

Tuesday, April 3, 2012
@ 9:53 PM

So much sickness

I am thankful such a forum as this exists. I grew up a Jehovah's Witness and the sickness in my family is crushingly great. We were isolated and abused in every way possible. My father is dead, but I believe he sexually abused me. I do not have full memories of it, but I sure do remember the beatings and humiliation and perverse sexual stories. I now believe my brother, who is an elder in the congregation, to have also horribly abused my nephew and nieces as well. The mind control and sickness seems to have no end. My brother's congregation has completely taken his side, while almost everyone else in his family (wife, children) has been disfellowshipped or ostracized. And so the sickness continues and grows. My brother even has custody of his daughter's son now, just beautiful. When does this sh*t just stop already?...

Michael M.

Tuesday, March 27, 2012
@ 2:57 PM

I am so happy that someone cares about children who don't have any protection in their families and elsewhere. I know the life as a Jehovah's Witness because I grew up there and I am proud that I was able to leave this horrible "religion".

M.A.N. from Florida

Monday, March 26, 2012
@ 11:25 AM

PCW

M.A.N. I know it's been awhile. Having read your latest comment to Michael Cross, you mentioned your daughter. Are you having any communication with her yet? I am hoping and praying that she has seen the light and is maintaining a good relationship with her father by now. If not, don't give up.

E.D.

Sunday, March 25, 2012
@ 3:25 AM

Hervorragend!

Ich hoffe, jemand hier kann Deutsch lesen, bzw. übersetzen. Durch einen Tv-Bericht wurde ich auf Eure Seite aufmerksam. Ich dachte immer, die drei Fälle von Kindesmissbrauch, die mir bei Zeugen Jehovas bekannt waren, seien Ausnahmen. Durch Euch und durch mein Nachforschen merkte ich, dass das Gegenteil der Fall ist. Macht weiter! Eure Arbeit ist so wichtig, klärt auf und helft! Viel viel Kraft für Euch!!!

K Fuller

Monday, March 19, 2012
@ 2:14 AM

Its about time.

Thanks for having the courage to get this message out there.

M.A.N. from Florida

Saturday, March 10, 2012
@ 1:44 PM

Hi to All

To Everyone and Mike Cross: The suffering of abuse victims DOES last a lifetime. It often includes suicide, attempted suicide, self-mutilation, slashing arms/wrists/faces, and hundreds of other problems. The WT is directly responsible for EVERYTHING suffered by victims and their denial of that fact only reinforces the fact that they are all insane. Anyone remaining a JW after learning of the GB's guilt is "mentally diseased". Sound familiar? That's what they called those of us who exposed their lies and perverted practices. My daughter was a victim and I do NOT forget or forgive. My best to all as usual. M.A.N.

Mike Cross

Saturday, March 3, 2012
@ 2:49 PM

Greetings from U.K.

Keep up the good work Silent Lambs. The suffering experienced by sexually abused children is unfathomable, and may last a lifetime. All offenders should always be reported to the secular authorities without delay. I hope that the victims may somehow find peace.

TLB

Saturday, February 25, 2012
@ 6:31 PM

Abhor what is wicked, the WT Organization!

I am so sorry for all the children and others who have been abused and mistreated! I too was abused by my stepfather (not JW) so I know. My heart aches for all of you and I can't stop crying! Soon, your pain and torment will cease and comfort and joy and happiness will abound! And all wickedness and evil elders/brothers in WT Organization will be exposed and they will not escape the punishment that they deserve! Our Heavenly Father Elohim promises us that! Amen! Thank you for this and all websites for helping!

M.A.N. from Florida

Monday, February 20, 2012
@ 8:53 PM

To Alex

It certainly is an incredible accusation for the WT to call ANYONE "mentally diseased". For one thing, this indicates the desparation and clinical insanity that the GB is guilty of. There is a paragraph in the beginning of the "Truth" book that insists people should have the right to examine their religion and to leave it if it is wrong. It's funny how that only applies to everyone else EXCEPT the WT. If the world called the GB "mentally diseased" in print, they would have their lawyers go on the attack. But when we who are sane and have left this baby-raping cult try to warn the world, then WE are "mentally diseased"?? I don't think so. I heard that in a few countries, the WT is being sued over this term since it is a "hate crime". I hope the courts throw them all in prison. It's time they learned that they do NOT run the universe. Many here still believe in a god and many do not. Whatever your viewpoint is on that is up to you. But I will say that if Jehovah is the only god, and if he really is using the WT as his only people, I will refuse till the end of time to serve him.

bm.

Sunday, February 12, 2012
@ 2:08 PM

bless you

My husband and I are disfellowshipped and glad of it. Thank you for helping to expose this evil org.

:-)

Wednesday, January 25, 2012
@ 6:52 PM

Too Much Corruption

First let me say THANK YOU for this site and your loving advocacy. Thank you for giving a voice to countless other

who, like myself, cannot speak. I know multiple victims who were molested by a congregation member. The elder body silenced and chastised victims while allowing the pervert to remain free and unpunished. Now amidst a new scandal, they claim they had, or have had, no prior knowledge to any wrongdoing. Really?! Not only is this a direct slap in God's face, but do they think that he does not see what they are doing? Do they think the rest of the congregation is stupid? Or are they banking on the fear of disfellowshipping anyone who speaks out? Their scare tactics work, that is why I am writing this anonymously, I am still in the congregation. I stay because leaving would devastate my family, and I am not as cruel and heartless as the elders, I cannot throw people and their feelings aside. I fight feelings of sadness and hurt that my family does not see these men for what they are, and that Watchtower is not his true "organization"; the loving God I know would never allow such atrocities to be tied to him. So I do what I have to in order to keep off of the elder's radar. I pray God acts soon and my family can come to their senses.

JA

Saturday, January 14, 2012
@ 2:19 AM

help

I'm looking for something to help me deal with the pain. My son was abused for several years by our neighbor who was a JW. We were aware of him reading scripture but he was a mentor and friend to my son. Long story short he was sentenced 20-50 and will never get out. My son was to graduate this year and go into the military, his life long dream. Due to his emotional damage this isn't going to happen. As a mother and survivor of sex abuse myself I am having a hard time coping.

cc

Thursday, January 12, 2012
@ 9:21 PM

secluded years

I was raised by single parent,,youngest of six,,parents divorced because my mother was being brainwashed into this religion, I was 4yrs old, broke away when I was 15 to get a life, could write a lot of stories about Elder interference in our home and lives. Their teachings still haunt me today, and I am 56 yrs old.

Tamara F

Monday, January 2, 2012
@ 11:06 AM

Greetings

It's sad that there's a need for such a site, but I'm glad its here. I wasn't abused but my mother who grew up a JW was raped from age 3 - 16 by her step father, who was and still is an elder. If something like this existed back then, maybe she could've been spared some of it.

Alex

Wednesday, December 14, 2011
@ 7:24 PM

Who is labeling who, what?

So the religious organization that hides and protects pedophiles, slaps those who want to get out with the label "mentally diseased"? Just how much more distorted can their little world be?

SS

Wednesday, November 16, 2011
@ 4:03 PM

SorySaidlt

Glad to be here. Thanks for creating this site for us Bill.

KDW

Saturday, October 29, 2011
@ 3:02 PM

To M.A.N.

Wow - - well, thanks for clearing that up. I wondered. Why would the Watchtower writers call people no longer JWs "mentally diseased" if they didn't mean mentally diseased? :-) If that wasn't what the article was saying, then what was it saying? What was the point of the article then? I'm sure glad you explained that, because the 'out of context' comment sure wasn't making any sense to me. It sounds as if a lot is going on with the WTBTs - - it seems as if from all the things that are going on that you mentioned it is only a matter of time til things come to a head with that religion.

M.A.N.

Sunday, October 23, 2011
@ 2:05 PM

To KDW and to all

** Admin's note: The mentally diseased comments are in the July 15th 2011 "study edition" of the Watchtower (not available for the public)** I read the quoted paragraph that contained the phrase. There is no "out of context" as the WT claims. There never is, it's always their hard-hitting insults and scare tactics. The comments about the quote seemed to show the increasing desperation of the GB to get JW's to obey them without question and to remain scared enough not to leave the WT. I think it's too late for that. I rarely am able to follow all the forums but it appears the WT is selling property in NYC and is also being sued all over the world. In fact, I think Australia was about to take legal action against the WT concerning their refusal to register if they worked with children or something like that. Also, people in a few countries had filed "hate speech" lawsuits against the WT for calling those who had quit "mentally diseased". I hope this information helps those who are looking into this situation. My best to all as usual. M.A.N. from Florida.

KDW

Wednesday, October 19, 2011
@ 2:35 PM

Hi, I didn't personally read the article that uses the term 'mentally diseased', but a Jehovah's Witness told me that people were offended by it because the term was taken "out of context." What did the rest of the article say and what was it trying to get across specifically about "apostates"? The Witness didn't explain what the article was actually saying, just that people "hadn't read" it in its entire context, so I don't know myself what the gist of the article was. I'd sure like to know!

PCS

Monday, October 17, 2011
@ 9:54 AM

M.A.N. - Hi to All

Hi there -- Your posts are always enlightening to the readers and I am always eager to hear your thoughts. The scriptures says Jehovah let's it rain on the righteous and the unrighteous and I sure do enjoy rainy days.

M.A.N.

Wednesday, October 5, 2011
@ 9:14 AM

Hi to All

I hope everyone is doing okay. I still recognize some who have posted for awhile. I just wanted to point out how hypocritical and obnoxious the WT continues to behave. I cannot believe the "mentally diseased" label that they love to use concerning "apostates". THEY are the apostates. And I don't see how anyone in the WT could believe it's Christian conduct to insult those who don't agree with their twisted thinking and beliefs. If anyone is mentally diseased, it's the GB and the WT. You really have to be seriously mentally disturbed to think God would use a baby-raping cult to do his work. As I've heard this expression used often by psychologists, I'd ask the WT, "How's that behavior working out for you??" People are quitting the WT in droves. Very few children who are raised as JW's remain in the cult. What does that indicate? If the WT spent its time and effort in fixing what's wrong with the organization, they'd have NO time at all for name-calling. They might even get time to understand a few Bible verses accurately. At least it's a good thing that so many JW's are able to come to their senses and escape the WT's brainwashing. I wish everyone the best.

dizzy

Saturday, October 1, 2011
@ 3:03 AM

oh so that's why

I have been wondering why my JW mum hasn't rung in months when normally now and then she sneaks a phone call to me just to keep in touch - "I'M MENTALLY DISEASED" - awesome, so do I get special care and nurturing to help me get well again, maybe a get well card in the mail! They really do use crappy examples!

Captain Jack Zeller

Monday, September 26, 2011
@ 7:41 PM

Glad you are still here...

To you all: I retired last year but am still in touch with some of the 'Silent Lambs' that were brought to my (our) attention..keep up the good work! Jack.

Alex

Tuesday, September 20, 2011
@ 7:34 PM

Growing up a JW

Speaking of critical thinking...I think this is very interesting. Growing up a Jehovah's Witness 1960 - 2010
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4egOV6II84g>

aw

Sunday, September 18, 2011
@ 1:34 PM

thank you

I experienced sexual abuse from a member of my congregation when I was three and a half. The matter was "handled" within the congregation. I started having flashbacks of what happened when I was 14 years old. I told my father that I knew I needed help and his response was 'sure but whatever you do don't mention what happened when you were little because it will look bad on Jehovah'....This caused me to fall into a deep depression and develop an eating disorder which put me in the hospital..I left the "truth" when I was 17 feeling like a fraud that I had lied to people because I knew in my heart Jehovah would have wanted these things taken care of. I eventually got counseling after years of abusing marijuana and alcohol to make the pain stop. It hurt all the time I felt like I was just bad in my heart. Receiving counseling saved my life. I can never express enough gratitude for my loving counselor. I wrote to the society shortly after begging them to realize this is a disease that kills ones soul. I told them that if a member of the congregation had a broken arm they would be encouraged to seek medical help and having a broken spirit is the same thing. I never received a response. I want to thank you for everything you are doing for the survivors and I know it's divine that you are in existence. Thank you, Silent never more

Verhaegen L.

Thursday, September 1, 2011
@ 8:58 AM

I will learn

I will learn more about the site greetings from leon belgium

KWD

Wednesday, August 31, 2011
@ 3:08 PM

On independent thinking

I agree, Alex, critical thinking is a good thing, not an evil thing. People aren't simple minded sponges just meant to take in and absorb whatever some religion tries to instill in them. It is important that people think for themselves. Independent thinking is a healthy thing. If a religion teaches the 'truth', then it has nothing to fear in people thinking things out for themselves.

sfb

Saturday, August 27, 2011
@ 2:08 PM

independant thinking

My mother always taught us how wonderful Jehovah's creation was, the capacity to think and reason with our brains. Maybe that's why I was so beligerent and rebelled against the movement: I had my bible principles and a mind of my own. I didn't need anyone to guide me once I was an adult. This also helped me to bounce back and be strong after leaving the movement.

keijo

Friday, August 12, 2011
@ 8:16 AM

Greetings!

Thank you, be glad and pray with faith, thanks and bless, keijo sweden

Alex

Sunday, August 7, 2011
@ 5:47 PM

Thinking is NOT evil.

"..... I think survivors need to trust their own thought process. When we are raised as witnesses we are taught to "avoid independent thinking" as if our own thinking can not be trusted."~DD Everyone needs to THINK. When groups hammer into their victims statements like "avoid independent thinking", you have to know they are up to no good. DD you are right, everyone (whether a victim or not) needs to be able to critically think.

DJB

Monday, August 1, 2011
@ 10:58 PM

Previous Post on Blame

On a previous Post I mentioned Jeremiah 9 oops!!! I was really quoting Chapter 7. Just noticed the mistake. DJB

DD

Saturday, July 30, 2011
@ 3:53 PM

I was raised by a JW single mom who was like Joan Crawford. Although she didn't molest me she was very verbally and physically abusive. I grew up with girls that were molested by their fathers, including my ex-wife. I was in a congregation that shared the KH with Rick Mclean's congregation. I was just thinking that with today's surveillance technology victims could try to hide a small camera to catch the perpetrator and turn that footage over to the police. On another note I think survivors need to trust their own thought process. When we are raised as witnesses we are taught to "avoid independent thinking" as if our own thinking can not be trusted.

C.

Thursday, July 28, 2011
@ 9:51 AM

I was sexually molested by a JW family member

I was sexually molested by my aunt who is STILL a JW. She denied doing anything to me, but copped to doing it to my sister. To this day, I dont have a good relationship with my parents because they are JW'S too. This happened when we (my sister and I) were little. We are now 38, and 40, and still have issues. My aunt is a hypocrite, who hides behind the bible. I will not get involved with ANY type of religion because of this. My aunt is still a practicing JW. She told my mother (when we finally told what happened years later)that she repented by going to her ELDERS in her congregation and telling them. Obviously, they didnt do anything to her because she is not disfellowshipped. How can you repent, if you haven't owned up to what you have done? I am now in therapy trying to undo what my aunt has made me carry all these years. This was a female predator, not only men in that religion are rapists, WOMEN ARE TOO!!

the healing one

Monday, July 25, 2011
@ 1:56 PM

Thank you

I just recently learned about your organization, and am very grateful for your existence. Growing up JW I experienced first hand the compounded abuse of being molested then shunned for speaking my own truth in a plea for help. I was advised of the 2-witness rule. 20 years later as I write this, coincidentally the JW's came to my door and I respectfully told them to take me off their list and expressed concern for the pedophile paradise. Ultimately speaking my truth and living a safe happy life is my paradise. I always knew I could fly! Keep up the great work! The Healed One

DJB

Saturday, July 23, 2011
@ 12:31 PM

Blame?

The Governing body blames everyone else for why people are leaving except themselves. Most come here because of what they know. They want support from those suffering like things. I know myself what I have seen. You recognize someone else who has walked the same path. That does not make anyone apostate. The governing Body needs to look at themselves and what they are allowing to be practiced. They pronounce the victim as wicked and the sex offender (Criminal) righteous and in the bible this practice is considered wrong. In Matthew it says this evil slave would beat their brothers isn't this what they are doing? In Jeremiah 9:9 It asks "Can there be stealing murdering and committing adultery and swearing falsely and verse 10 says they stand before me(God) in this house

upon which my name(Kingdom Hall has God's name on it) has been called and they say "We shall certainly be delivered" The bible then asks "In the face of doing all these detestable things?" they expect deliverance? Isn't that the same today!! The so called apostates(as they call the victims) would be no threat to them if many of us didn't have to see what is allowed by their policies and practices! Maybe they should get rid of the real apostates-the sex offenders, pedophiles, murderers, robbers etc...In verse 11 it asks "Has this house upon which my name has been called become a mere cave of robbers in your eyes? Here I myself also have seen it is the utterance of Jehovah" They need to remember they can not hide what they do from God! Regardless how much they lie about it! DJB

A.

Friday, July 22, 2011
@ 3:28 PM

Mind control and fear tactics

Wow, Alex, talk about propaganda! Can't Jehovah's Witnesses see how that Watchtower article is so very manipulative? Calling apostates mentally diseased is inexcusable, and to think families and friends of former JW's are being told these sick lies about ex-JW's is totally appalling! It is too bad that many or maybe even most current Witnesses won't see through these tactics that the WTBS is using, and it is so sad, too.

Alex

Thursday, July 21, 2011
@ 9:06 PM

Video presentation

This may be of interest to those who dare search for real truth. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4egOV6ll84g>

Alex

Tuesday, July 19, 2011
@ 6:11 PM

Mind control and fear tactics

This religion is a high control cult-like sect: The Watchtower. July 15, 2011; Page 17: "Suppose that a doctor told you to avoid contact with someone who is infected with a contagious, deadly disease. You would know what the doctor means, and you would strictly heed his warning. Well, apostates are mentally diseased, and they seek to infect others with their disloyal teachings. (1 Tim. 6:3, 4) Jehovah, the Great Physician, tells us to avoid contact with them. We know what he means, but are we determined to heed his warning in all respects?"

MJM

Sunday, July 17, 2011
@ 4:49 PM

Diane Sawyer

She did a special with Jaycee Dugard. One of Jaycee's kidnappers was a JW. In this case there was no WTBS involvement, and no cover up at the hands of the WTBS. More of a coincidence.

KDW

Friday, July 15, 2011
@ 3:49 PM

To WS

Hi, WS, I can understand where you are coming from, but if Jehovah should be waited on regarding the pedophilia issue, then it should be that way for all the other issues for which JW's meet with the judicial committee, for which they are disciplined. Especially when pedophilia is one of the very worst offenses of all! If Jehovah's Witnesses are disfellowshipped for other offenses, then they should face the consequences for pedophilia. There is a very serious inconsistency going on in this 'religion' that needs to be faced. Pedophilia is not just an immoral offense, it is a CRIME and should be treated as such! It's a CRIME!!! If the elders are going to be quick to jump on JW's for other things, then how much more so they should jump quickly on pedophilia abuse. Children are being hurt, possibly terribly damaged for LIFE because of being sexually molested! I don't know if people are still being disfellowshipped for smoking or not, but while smoking is very, very bad for people's health and so is second hand smoke, it is nothing compared to pedophilia. Fornication is a sin, true, but compared to pedophilia it is small stuff! Pedophilia is a CRIME!!! A crime against the most helpless, vulnerable, innocent people alive! CHILDREN!!! There is absolutely NO excuse for pedophilia. There is NO excuse for covering it up! If pedophilia is being covered up, why not cover up for other offenses, which truly pale in significance compared to pedophilia. Pedophilia is a heinous, horrible crime against PRECIOUS children, who should be CHERISHED and PROTECTED. They can't protect THEMSELVES. It is up to the adults to protect them, to give them the security they so need and deserve! Until something is done to definitely put an end to this CRIME, then I think the media should give all their attention to it and to the crime of covering it up. Yes, CRIME. Because those who are covering it up are ACCESSORIES to pedophilia! Pedophilia is

rampant throughout society, in all walks of life, true. However, that doesn't make it okay for so-called God fearing CHRISTIANS to cover it up, especially when they go after people for other, lesser offenses. That just doesn't make any sense at all. Period.

KDW

Wednesday, July 13, 2011
@ 3:08 PM

Diane Sawyer

I am not familiar with the Garridos case that Diane Sawyer talked about. Is there more information available through Silentlambs? Or maybe I missed it somehow. I'd like to know more about this case. Thanks.

Joe

Sunday, July 10, 2011
@ 10:56 PM

Sawyer (ABC news) Re Garridos & Watchtower

Diane Sawyer did mention the JW connection of the Garridos at about 30 minutes into the show tonight, briefly but clearly. Excellent!

WS

Saturday, July 9, 2011
@ 3:23 PM

Baptized in 1974

I was baptized in 1974 as one of Jehovah's Witnesses, during the last 37 years I have been surprised a number of times that of the outright heartless actions of some who are charged with the weighty responsibility of being Elders in the congregation. I have also seen the many who are very serious about their position realizing that weighty responsibility that Jehovah has put on their shoulders showing love beyond what is normal for any human to have and those men number in the thousands, very self sacrificing individuals who would do anything to prevent abuse of any kind from happening within the congregations. With that said we should always realize that these are all imperfect men and even the early Christian congregation had bad men in it, one being Judas who served with Jesus yet he still betrayed the Christ as has many of these who are guilty of some form of abuse against innocent ones including young children. It is true that the way things are handled by J,W's can protect those who are guilty more than those who are innocent, as with any religion, it seems to be that way for many centuries. Is that really an excuse to charge all with covering up, not hardly, give to those what they deserve as individuals or a better way to say it is let them reap what they sew and to those who are sincere their due also. My daughter was molested by a young boy in the congregation in the middle of the night staying over night in their home, you can't even imagine how hurt I am even now, but what is worse is that same young man is now serving in a congregation as a ministerial servant, yet the attitude of those who know is to keep quiet about it. So I say, eventually Jehovah's Kingdom will put a stop to it as with all the bad in the world today, and we live in a very sick world! Pray for God's Kingdom to come and for his will to take place here upon the Earth just as Jesus taught all his followers and always keep that hope before your eyes. Sorry to those who find this offensive but this world is full of bad men and women no matter what organization, yes even Jehovah's Witnesses have their share. WS

Brian F.

Saturday, July 9, 2011
@ 7:19 AM

Thank you SilentLambs

I am so thankful that we have the internet now to shine the light on the evil ones such as those at the WatchTower Society. Back when I was a kid it was so very easy for the congregation to hide these things. They still try their hardest to hide them, but the brightly shining light of truth is now out in full force seeking to expose these evil ones.

BETSY K

Friday, June 24, 2011
@ 11:34 AM

Thank you Bill!!!

Julie

Thursday, June 9, 2011
@ 3:19 PM

Thank Goodness

For your organization. Us children in the organization were like lambs to to the slaughter. Thank you Silent Lambs for giving us a voice. Nobody outside this organization has any idea how brainwashing this organization is.

KDW

Friday, May 27, 2011
@ 2:54 PM

Joan Witten

Very good points!! I am a true believer in whistle-blowing and 'making waves'. If not for people who do this, so many important accomplishments would never have happened! Kudos to all these courageous people! And much gratitude and thankfulness! Yes, I second a big THANK YOU to Bill Bowen! It took great courage and integrity for him to do what he did! He deserves our admiration as well as our gratefulness!

KDW

Wednesday, May 25, 2011
@ 3:32 PM

To Mrs

Hi, I agree with Gloria Steimen. It's so important to tell the truth, and if in doing so it helps others, then it's even more important.

Joan Witten

Monday, May 23, 2011
@ 10:39 AM

Thanks to Bill Bowen

Sometimes you just stop to reflect. Can you imagine if Bill Bowen never stood up? Can you imagine if he decided to go along with WTS policies and remain "silent" about the pedophilia mis-handling and cover-up in this religion? Can anyone truly imagine the degree of courage it takes to stand up to something when no one else around you does? I think we all owe Bill Bowen at the least, a huge THANK YOU! (It makes you wonder why the Governing Body would not entertain his clear thinking on this matter. Don't they realize how bad this reflects on them?)

Mrs

Thursday, May 19, 2011
@ 1:33 AM

I heard a wonderful quote from Gloria Stiman: 'It's absolutely crucial we see, that in every way truth telling is so important because it helps other people to understand they're not crazy, nor alone. That it's ok and even necessary to tell the truth. Understanding that we need to use what happened to us to help others.' Powerful! Namaste'

KDW

Wednesday, May 18, 2011
@ 3:33 PM

To Chris

Please don't be ashamed of your time as one of Jehovah's Witnesses! You believed you had the real, honest to goodness Truth, as most of the rest of us did. You were hooked in by this religion, as so many other people have been. You believed what you were taught and believed that you were doing the right things, because you were one of Jehovah's Witnesses and that your religion could do no wrong, would not teach anything wrong, or expect wrongdoing from its members. You genuinely believed in your religion and wanted to 'do right' by it. You don't have anything to be ashamed of. Just be glad and happy that you came to realize that this religion is not the 'truth', after all, and that you got out of it! Enjoy your life now in true freedom. Recently one of Jehovah's Witnesses told me how the JW religion sets people 'free'. But, later she was apprehensive because only the elders should be talking with me, as a former Jehovah's Witness about the Bible. It sounded as if she was almost fearful of the trouble a 'sister' could get into for talking with someone like me. That's it, people, especially women, of course! :-) Become part of a religion that will set you free. Free to keep your mouth shut. Red flag, red flag. Spare me this "freedom", thank you. Thomas Jefferson said, "That government which governs best is that which governs least". That goes for religion, too, I think. The WTBS should learn by what Jefferson said.

KDW

Wednesday, May 18, 2011
@ 3:22 PM

Re: PCW's comment

I second that! :-)

PCW

Monday, May 16, 2011
@ 11:18 AM

To all

M.A.N. -- That was an excellent example using the lion roaming... Couldn't have been said better. Take care.

Chris

Saturday, May 14, 2011
@ 3:05 PM

Im so appalled

I'm sitting here reading these news stories, and I'm just so completely shocked at how much goes on that I never knew about during my 21 yrs as one of Jehovah's Witnesses. I'm truly ashamed of what I used to be and I hope and pray that god forgives me and has mercy on my soul. I love this site, keep up the great work. I'll be checking back for updates. Sincerely, CC

M.A.N.

Friday, May 13, 2011
@ 11:54 AM

To KDW and to all

I like the "wait on Jehovah" argument. It's funny how fast the WT jumps on a person who has doubts about the sanity of the GB, yet says to leave pedophiles alone until Jehovah takes care of it. When I blasted the WT for its views, the elders did NOT say, "Leave him be. Jehovah will arrange for a lightning bolt or a truck to hit him." Sound familiar? "Leave them be. Blinds guides..blah blah." Would anyone let a lion roam the town park near kids and say wait on Jehovah (or the animal control officer)? No way. I'm not going to wait for Jehovah or anyone else concerning pedophiles. You can bet that since all the elders know how the sickos are in the K hall, THEIR kids are not allowed near them. But anyone NOT an elder is left in the dark. That's not even obeying the Golden Rule. Oh, I just noticed "Rule". The GB body makes lots of rules and loves to rule. Under the Mosaic Law, the elders would be stoned because they knew about a danger and did nothing to warn others. Hypocrisy at its finest.

KDW

Wednesday, May 4, 2011
@ 6:37 PM

Hmmm

Something I have been wondering lately is that if people are being told to wait on Jehovah about the pedophile issue, why aren't they told that about everything else? That way the judicial committee meetings wouldn't be necessary anymore, because JWs would simply "wait on Jehovah". There would be no more disfellowshippings and marking of people, because JWs would simply "wait on Jehovah". Why not apply that principle to everything, to all so-called 'offenses'? Why waste time and effort on any problems or issues? Hey! Just "wait on Jehovah"! Why apply this principle to pedophilia only? It doesn't make sense, at least not to me. Apply it to every other situation as well, or don't apply it to any of them. And pedophilia is very, very, very serious, far more serious than many, probably most, of the the other issues for which judicial committees are set up. Why not then just have a blanket principle for all problem issues? One way or the other. Anyway, that's my two cents worth! :-)

KDW

Wednesday, May 4, 2011
@ 3:29 PM

To Mrs

Hi, Mrs, I'm very, very sorry about what you and the others have been through at the hands of these men! I am so glad you contacted Silentlamb, and it sounds as if you are going to get some good help! Someone recently told me something like, there are few, few, few cases of pedophilia in the Witness religion! As you can see, she emphasized 'few'. Many Jehovah's Witnesses believe that the Catholics are the big offenders when it comes to pedophilia and hate the way the church handles abuse cases - - in other words the church does not handle the pedophile cases, because it just moves priests to other parishes. Well, it sounds as if this is at times the case in the Witness religion, too! M.A.N. mentioned a young man threatening former JWs with death for reporting pedophilia. Wow! I haven't heard of that happening before. Survivors and their families simply want justice, that's all! True, real righteous justice! Not so-called justice at the hands of the elders, the hush- hush actually non-justice at the hands of the instructions of the WTBTs! I am so glad you spoke up, Mrs! Keep speaking up! And others of you, too! Whistleblowing is a good thing, the right thing, so stand up and be heard!! And the more power to all of you!!

M.A.N.

Sunday, May 1, 2011
@ 9:34 AM

Hi to everyone

First, I wanted to say hi to everyone. I'm sorry to see new cases here but glad people are coming forward. It's also good to see the courage survivors are showing. As most know, my own daughter was a victim at the age of 9 and my posting here to warn others about the sick animals who run the WT cost me my marriage and my daughter. I am being shunned for warning others. My daughter married 2 years ago and I was not invited. I also lost my mother because she died due to what happened. PLEASE NOTE THIS: There is a verse that shows only ONE witness was necessary under the Mosaic Law. It's found at Deut.22:25 and clearly shows that if a woman was raped and no one could help her, she was innocent but the man was killed. When the elders, most of whom barely graduated high school, demand two witnesses, show them that verse. If they say the Law is no longer in force, remind them how often they quote from it when they want to establish policy but the New Testament has no rules about certain things. They are quite eager to bring out the Law when it suits them. Hypocrites to the end. I also wanted to make one more statement and I'll leave it to others to judge it. About 3 years ago, some JW man, about 20 years old I think, threatened to kill ex-JW's who accused the WT of protecting pedophiles. I don't look for trouble like this, but I won't stand for "innocent lambs" being threatened. Since his statement was on some JW forum, I posted that I live in Florida and have a concealed carry permit. I always have one gun with me and often two. I replied to his threat that if he confronted me and made that threat, I had the legal right to shoot him. I will never stand by while innocent people suffer. Not my life and not others. I find it incredible that the WT and JW's are now so desperate that some are threatening murder. If anyone threatens a survivor, I know the local police would love to hear it. There are many cops in my family and it is against the law to threaten deadly harm to others. I urge every survivor to stay strong and tell their story to every media person who will listen. Florida has strong laws against pedophiles and they often get life in prison. Most towns have newspapers with all the data on pedophiles: address, picture, age, crime, description, etc. They don't play around down here. See if a local cable show will do a story, Google authors and see which ones write about this topic in newspaper columns, Internet blogs, and Facebook causes/pages. The WT is going down and we have the chance to make it happen even sooner. You can also sue them. It costs them time and money to pay victims and the publicity angers them very much. I've warned all my neighbors and when I see them enter a development a mile down the road, I tell a few people what happened and they quickly call and warn each other. I am called names but NO ONE ever threatens me. The local KH knows me very well and has my data on a big card in their file. I'm the "East Coast Apostate" to them and I'm proud of it. My best to all and special thanks to Bill again for his work. M.A.N.

Mrs

Thursday, April 28, 2011
@ 1:59 AM

Standing at a crossroads & ready to report them ...

I sat for six hours for an abuse certification to work with children; the last type of abuse was family abuse. Everyone was visibly shaken but I felt sick, like someone had just hit me in the gut taking my breath away. That day began a long nightmare that I still fight. I told my mom her father had been hurting & threatening me since I was 5 & she put her hand on my knee saying "I know". I realized this secret was bigger than anything I could imagine- generational. They quickly instructed my husband to keep me in the house or they could find a hospital to put me in because this was not to get out period!! The family is strong, the years of cover up also by the congregation was bigger than me. The elders sat telling us that he was a fine elder & pioneer so for them to believe this I would need at least two other witnesses. They knew an abuser was far too clever to be seen by anyone let alone two others. I went to Bethel, two committees, family & other congregations and no one would help. I was also raped by a ministerial servant who was known to have prior issues, a very close father figure. No one was going to listen!! I'm stronger now and their yrs of hurting me are done. The stories are too long and painful to put here. But I would like to use them and what I have lived through to help others, but first I need help with knowing how to report this. I know there are statute of limitation issues. I just found out he has hurt three more girls, that he lies that I'm making this into something it's not. I am right, sane and strong enough. My parents had a chance to do the right thing instead they moved him to yet another congregation. They say I'm being hateful, disrespectful for not letting this go, for not letting him live out his last yrs happy and peaceful, that he's too old to hurt anyone anymore. The same things they've accused me of since I came forward, saying he was too old to hurt anyone just leave him and them all be. But he hurt three more girls I've come to find out after I went to Bethel . I'm the only one of them who feels it's important to come forward, they refused to back me & report him even back then. They are still saying it's Jehovah's place to handle in his time, that Jehovah says we are to respect and care for our parents and not to question their actions or those of our elders who have been appointed by God. That's not good enough for me, if I'm going to change the pattern of silence I have to try again. Last time the brothers, family, approved doctors all threatened (or they'd call it strongly encouraged) me to not report to police, that it was a matter of God to handle in his time and by reporting I would not be trusting our loving creator. That shit isn't good for me anymore!! It's harmful, more people end up getting hurt!! I think I'm strong enough now, I have to break the silence by screaming louder. If anyone has recently gone to report someone, or

has advice. I live in Ohio, I'm sure there are limits to the number of years, but does that mean I can't report at all.? He has hurt 9 kids. The ministerial servant who raped me was much the same. He had prior problems, then raped me, family refused to press charges outside the kingdom hall and he went on to hurt two more girls that I know of. I could use some advice, my family are generational position holding members who enjoy the appearance, who will not go quietly for fear of how they will look. MRS ***Dear Mrs, Thank you so much for sharing your story. Please email your contact info to info@silentlamb.org and we will do our best to help you.-Admin***

BJG

Wednesday, April 27, 2011
@ 3:16 PM

Why Settle?

I have great empathy for all the dear ones that have suffered these many injustices. I can't help wondering if any cases have gone to trial? Wouldn't bringing the Watchtower Society leaders to court and require them to open their many files of known child molesters be more helpful in their cause for justice than settling for cash and a gag order? Is it pressure from the attorneys that want to be paid for their services that make these silent lambs quit before justice is done? Shouldn't there be more concern for the many thousands of little ones that will be and are presently being abused? If the silent lambs do win in a court trial, won't they receive monetary compensation for their pain and suffering? Don't we all know of stories of Catholic priests and bishops that have been exposed for their part in child molestation cases? In these cases that go to trial the innocent victims are paid many millions by the Catholic Church. Why do JW children not get a fair hearing in court? I have never heard ANYONE ask this question before in all my reading on the matter. I think someone should ask, "Why Settle?" Won't the healing process be easier if JW leaders are exposed for their conduct and unchristian policies? Why be "silent" lambs? Have your day in court. That's just how I see it. Please write and help me understand. I would really like to read a comment by someone who sees it differently. Thank you. Much Christian love to all on this website.

KDW

Friday, April 22, 2011
@ 3:28 PM

To RW

I am soooo sorry for all that you went through in your family! Nobody should ever have to live in that kind of a situation. I am glad that the elders did the right thing when your father admitted his guilt and disfellowshipped him. I am so very sorry that your mother blamed YOU of all people for what happened to you! Not to be cruel to your mom, but all I can think is where on earth was her HEAD?! Why, oh why, are CHILDREN faulted for their being molested? And HOW can anyone do something as horrible to a child as blaming that child for their own abuse?! It's crazy!!! People are so stupid with children sometimes! The roots of a person's ENTIRE life lie in his/her childhood! Happiness and good, warm memories should grow and flow from those roots! Not the kinds of problems that so many adults carry with them throughout their whole lives because of the craziness inflicted upon them in their childhoods by unthinking, insensitive adults! I hope your life is so much better now and will keep getting better! None of what occurred in your childhood was your fault! NONE of it! Not a whit of it! Hang in there, take good care, and NURTURE yourself! Be good and loving and caring toward that child within you. Make up for the callousness you suffered during your childhood from non-understanding adults who didn't know to show sympathy, to show empathy, who apparently didn't have an inkling of what children really need and how to provide for those needs and to give you the security necessary in every child's life. Nurture yourself! And don't ever let anyone ever give you any guff again! This goes for all you survivors out there- what happened to you people was NOT your fault, and anyone who blames children for their being molested or abused in ANY way is totally, totally clueless!

RW

Saturday, April 16, 2011
@ 9:01 PM

50's & still trying to recover

I have just recently started facing my past & to try to come to terms with my life. Wow I am in my 50s & until recently I had lived my entire life in abusive relationships. I felt like I somehow deserved all the physical, mental, emotional and sexual abuse that I have gone through in my life. My first abuser was not only an elder but also my father. I can remember as a little girl wanting nothing more in life then to make Jehovah happy. The physical & mental abuse I was told was done out of love so I could please God. So I accepted it & tried to be the "good little girl" the "over achiever" the "greet everyone at the hall with a smile & try to make everyone happy kind of girl". The devastation I went through when the sexual abuse started totally crushed my world. I was so afraid it took me over a year to get the courage to go to one of the elders & my mother. When confronted, my father did admit to the sexual abuse. He was d/f (but he remained living at home with us - which terrified me!). I ended up being shunned in my home for "causing these problems". My mother blamed me for the abuse and for bringing this shame on our family. My family stopped going to the Hall. The tension was so thick and I wasn't to talk to anyone I felt so lost and alone. I constantly prayed & begged Jehovah to forgive me for destroying our family and for "messing up everything". (I now

understand that I was NOT to blame) Sorry for the long post, but as I stated I am just now learning how to deal with this in a healthy way & I have found this site at a very important time in my life. What you all are doing here is wonderful! I have shed many tears today for the "little innocent ones" & my heart TRULY goes out to them & their families! Please, accept my heartfelt thanks for this site!

KWD

Wednesday, April 13, 2011
@ 4:25 PM

To DJB

I am so, so very sorry about the situation with your parents! Your poor mother! I wish your mom and all of you the best! Things like this are so horrible that they are hard to believe - - though they are very true! It is so difficult to even begin to understand the attitude of the WTBTs and the elders sometimes. This attitude seems inhumane, very hard to imagine coming from true Christians. So unChristlike! Can you even begin to imagine Jesus acting like these elders did with your family?! No way! All of you hang in there - - again, I wish you all the best!

DJB

Monday, April 11, 2011
@ 3:21 PM

Shocking Events...

My dad attempted to kill our mom with morphine (she was not in pain) and cancel all her cancer treatments. He told everyone at the time all she had was 4 weeks to live. My Parents are active witnesses and he has a girlfriend in Florida that he has been supporting approx for the last 2 years. He sends her as much as \$1500 every month. Myself and my siblings have now taken action and my mom is in our care away from my father. WE have called the police on more than once. He threatened court action and that he would destroy us. We are standing firm. He has held up the diagnosis to the point that a curable cancer is now only 50/50 and when the evidence was presented to the elders they chose to do nothing...would not talk to all the witnesses...called my sister a liar...had too many irons in the fire and so on etc. My parents were married for 54 years. She is another silent lamb...who had to flee figuratively as it were like those early Christians had to flee who were in Jerusalem... We are just devastated that our father would be so rotten... It is just evil...DJB

amb

Tuesday, April 5, 2011
@ 11:38 PM

have been thinking a lot about jw

I like what you're doing here. What can I do to inform others of my personal experience and knowledge of a predatory man?

J. Rhadames Cabrera Balcacer

Thursday, March 31, 2011
@ 1:13 PM

Excellent

Please keep the good and excellent work. From the Dominican Rep, living in Xalapa, Veracruz; México

PCW

Friday, March 4, 2011
@ 11:40 AM

Hi to everyone

Hi Michael, Glad hearing from you and shouting me out personally. Knowing you have health issues, my hat goes off to you helping your 84 year old dad. For that, you will be blessed, if not already, for this selfless act of helping the aged one, and encouraging the rest of us. Please continue to keep us motivated and take good care of yourself.

KDW

Wednesday, March 2, 2011
@ 3:17 PM

To Alida and exemplary youth

It is just sickening that abusers so often turn around and blame the victims, as if the victims could be the perpetrators! Yeah, right. The victims are not to blame for what the pedophiles do to them! It is typical of abusers to deny any wrongdoing or to rationalize their behavior and try to make it the victim's fault. There is nothing for any of you survivors to feel guilt or shame about! You did nothing wrong!! Don't ever let anyone attempt to manipulate you in to believing you are to blame. Ever! Keep your heads up high and take strength from the fact that the abuse is being totally mishandled by the elders. They don't know what they are doing, and when abuse occurs it is the police

to whom the abuse should be reported, not the elders, who don't have a clue to deal with pedophilia. Believe in yourselves and take the attitude of ignorant people with a grain of salt. They really have no idea how to correctly handle abuse situations, and they end up further hurting and damaging victims! Have faith in your innocence, because you ARE innocent! Take care!!

Wednesday, March 2, 2011
@ 1:01 PM

get the word out!

So many JWs don't even know of these abuses and think you're channeling Satan if you speak of them! I think anyone who gets a knock on their door and it's a JW, they should tell them, ask them, about the pedophiles in their faith and the thousands of stories. Maybe, just maybe, they will look into it. Not likely, but I, for one, cannot wait for that knock!

Earl

Tuesday, March 1, 2011
@ 11:48 AM

Alida

Glad you found Silent Lambs. Sorry you had to suffer so long. Your story will help others see that they too are not alone. The abuse that happens is just not acknowledged as they don't want to do the right thing and deal with it. They wish to cover it up. I became convinced years ago that no loving sincere group would allow this to happen but would bring it to light and help the innocent. But as we read the stories we see that most JW's will go along with what they are told to do. This is not what God would want to happen. It is simply criminal and immoral. So that is why we try to get the word out to warn others. I hope you can now start to heal from your experience and know that you are not alone. Blessings to you and yours.

M.A.N.

Monday, February 28, 2011
@ 11:49 PM

Hi to everyone

I just wanted to apologize for my absence these several months. I've had some health issues and I also help my 84 year old father much of the day. I plan to post regularly starting in a week after having some oral surgery done. I wanted to say "Hi" to PCW. Most of the people here are new to me. I've known Bill almost since the start of this site. A few others post as man, man711, and a few others. I'm the one from Jersey who exposed some local elders and now am doing it here in Central Florida. So some call me "The East Coast Apostate". I have a Facebook page under my real name. I will post my full name here shortly but first I need to do a few more things before providing my name. The loose ends involve my situation in New Jersey. My daughter was a victim and I do this to help all victims. My best to all. Michael.

Alida

Monday, February 28, 2011
@ 9:33 PM

Survivor

I grew up as a JW in South Africa, still live here and for many years I believed myself to be one of maybe a handful of people that suffered sexual abuse in this organization. I truly believed that these people who are so close to God are supposed to be good people and that these things could not be happening on a daily basis. My tears flowed freely tonight as I read these stories and felt understood by so many others for the first time in my life. I don't associate myself with JW's since 1995, because I simply couldn't accept the pain and humiliation I had to suffer weekly when going to meetings and having to share the same room with my abuser who made me out to be the sexual predator. If only I knew that there were thousands out there like me, I could have been stronger. But I felt so alone then. I would really like the opportunity to maybe help others who have had the same experience. Finally I don't have to keep quiet anymore. Maybe now the true healing I've been missing on can finally come to me and I can close a book to the past which is haunting me today still.

from used to be "exemplary youth"

Monday, February 28, 2011
@ 4:40 PM

to KDW

Thank you for your response. It sure did help me on a level I didn't know I needed. After I wrote the story I felt a weight off my shoulders I never did get when I spoke to the "elders". I'd like to thank you again KDW and finding Silentlambs. For helping me speak out again by not making me believe what I did was wrong.

KDW

Friday, February 25, 2011
@ 2:55 PM

To exemplary person! :-)

I am so sorry about what happened to you when you were a child!! Pedophilia is a heinous, horrible crime. Period. It doesn't matter one iota what ages the perpetrators are. The elders' handling of what happened to you was inexcusable. It is just unfathomable trying to understand this religion's dealing with abuses! Anyway, I am so sorry, and I am glad that you are in a such a truly happy marriage, no thanks to any JW elders! I am so glad that you are now enjoying a happy life.

Used to be an "exemplary youth"

Tuesday, February 22, 2011
@ 5:55 PM

Male peer youth are sexual abusers too!

When I became 11 years old my family had been in the "truth" for 6 years. Dad was a ministerial servant mom was a pioneer. She and dad brought a lot of people into the "organization". Anyway at the social events and even at the kingdom hall (outside around the side) different boys would pull me into secluded areas and would push themselves on me. They would try to kiss me, and push their personal parts into me. I didn't know what to do. Finally when I became 15 they stopped. But then I started dating an elder's son from a different congregation and district, he would beat me and tell me it was in the name of Jehovah he needed to do this. I told the elders in my congregation, and to my astonishment, they had my dad step down, while his dad stayed an elder. The congregation "marked" me-not even questioning him. I left the organization at 16, even left home way too soon. My mom stayed with the "truth", years later she told me that Tom R. (the dad) was disfellowshipped for having an ongoing affair with his secretary, and the abusing son Michael R. was nowhere to be found within the organization. I'm 39 years old now, after graduating college, finding a wonderful husband(who has nothing to do with religions), having a home, and finding out that what happened to me wasn't my fault. This is my story. Thank you for reading!

KDW

Wednesday, February 16, 2011
@ 3:27 PM

To SKB

I remember being won over by what seemed like perfect logic when I was studying with the Witnesses. Now their 'logic' doesn't seem all that logical to me. Some teachings even seem rather bizarre. But, at the time I didn't know enough about the Bible to counter anything I was being taught, and everything the JWs said seemed to make so much sense. Before I eventually left the religion, though, I remember starting to think that there really couldn't be anything wrong with celebrating birthdays. There are times lately when I wish I'd never heard of the Jehovah's Witnesses. My sister thinks that voting is making oneself a part of the world - - she said Jesus didn't vote. By the way, was there any voting when He was here? Would Jesus vote? Even if Jehovah's Witnesses are looking forward to God ruling the earth it seems to make sense to me that voting is a necessity, because in the here and now all we have are imperfect governments. Some are dictatorships or are at any rate pretty autocratic. Some are democratic, etc. Anyway, I've been a little confused since talking with her. I've been considering voting a duty, a responsibility, and even a privilege. I'm sorry if this is not the place to bring this up, but I am not sure where to go with this issue.

SKB

Tuesday, February 15, 2011
@ 4:04 PM

false prophets

Wouldn't the Jehovah's Witnesses be "false prophets" with all of their doomsday predictions? Why are so many still involved? Jesus was Michael the Archangel? Where'd that come from? Are they even Christians? I'd really like to know the appeal of this "religion"!

PCW

Monday, February 14, 2011
@ 8:32 AM

Mrs. I have a deep sinking ...

"When I told my mom she put her hand on my knee & said "I know". 'He did some stuff to me & my sisters but you leave it to Jehovah, he knows His heart or he wouldn't still be an elder.' I can't share the entire story in a paragraph but I can say thank you, you've helped so many. Namaste" I have read the above over and over again. Does your Mom actually think that what he did to her and her sisters, you and others is acceptable to Jehovah which is why he is still an elder? If that is the case, poor Mom because I am sure she feels trapped and fearful in not knowing what to do. As for you, I am glad you found this website.

Mrs

Saturday, February 12, 2011
@ 5:35 AM

I have a deep sinking feeling ...

I've only come across your web sight within the last week, I applaud your work but it gives me a deep sinking feeling of both hope & fear. I feel like running except my hiding place has been getting too small. Or perhaps my voice has been getting bigger, stronger & a bit older. I'm a couple generations into the JW's which if you were to ask those still remaining JW they'd say it was an Honor. There isn't anything honorable about threatening those of us abused & forced to keep silent. they work very hard to make us afraid, to fear them ... Its terrifying! I have fought till I couldn't fight them anymore! I went to Bethel & was told that I hadn't the (2 witnesses) present for this abuse . I had 4 other victims who refused to come forward when called so they said they had no choice but to take his side since he's been (to them) such a fine friend, brother, elder & pioneer . He stated I had been a over sexed child he couldn't control, that I attacked him on a regular basis. He said if he was guilty for anything it would be not telling me no. In that moment I had nothing else to fight with. Every time I try I'm told to honor him, to forgive whatever I think he's done, besides he's old now who is he going to hurt, When I told my mom she put her hand on my knee & said "I know". 'He did some stuff to me & my sisters but you leave it to Jehovah, he knows His heart or he wouldn't still be an elder.' I can't share the entire story in a paragraph but I can say thank you, you've helped so many. Namaste'

KDW

Wednesday, February 9, 2011
@ 5:16 PM

To RB

Are you serious?! What bizarre treatment and teachings!!! I am so sorry to any of you who were treated this way!! It's truly, truly bizarre and sick! How can anyone not see that all these children were victims of abuse?! Weird, weird, weird! Disgusting!!

RB

Friday, February 4, 2011
@ 7:56 PM

Beaten

I was forced into this cult as young as I remember in the early 70s and was beaten many times-they promoted it. "Spare the rod spoil the child" They even questioned us at the meetings asking "You don't mind being beaten do you?" and one of my friends said "No I don't mind" and got applauded for it. I looked down for somewhere to hide. At a bible study I remember every child going over the hostess' lap for a spanking as if to prove a point of allegiance to the other parents. "You will thank me for it when you're older" they used to say. Well here's my reply: "Get stuffed Satan".

KDW

Wednesday, February 2, 2011
@ 3:58 PM

To Caoleco1

Obey? Without question?! That's enough to scare anyone away from a religion! No freedom of speech even? Stay away. Stay away from any religion or organization that attempts to put limits like this on people! I am so glad you are refusing to be involved anymore in any way with this group. Nobody has the right to tell someone they must do as they are told - - especially without questioning the 'orders'. Wow. I'm so glad you came to your decision and acted on it!!

Derek D.

Tuesday, February 1, 2011
@ 3:33 PM

Thanks

Thanks for looking out for the kids. Growing up as a JW I know of a lot of molest victims. I even knew the sick bastard Rick McLean that is on the FBI's most wanted list. Had no idea who he was back then. Thank God! A co-worker of mine recently passed away from a prescription drug overdose. He was a very nice gay man that had been raised a witness and had been molested by one of the "anointed" for years as a kid. We spread his ashes at sea off the canoe(tradition here in Hawaii). His brother told my wife's friend that he died because he stopped going to meetings. She naively thought he meant AA meetings. Many thanks for all you are accomplishing with this website!!!

jwpedsneed2bstopped

Monday, January 31, 2011
@ 8:41 PM

Enjoy your site

Connect this site up with facebook please. Thanks! Admin's note: Here you go:
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Silentlambs/144752662252367>

Caroleco1

Monday, January 31, 2011
@ 12:40 PM

May God Bless You All

Dear Friends: I stumbled on this site by accident and the love that is expressed here I will continue to come back from time to time. I have been studying with the witness off and on for the past 30 years, never could bring myself to take the plunge. I was never well liked, I have always been a rebel and you were not going to tell me what is-and not be able to back it up. I could have stayed with the Catholics for that matter with all the mysteries that they were throwing at me. I was making plans to take the plunge at the upcoming assembly on Mar 5. The sister, lovingly pointed out to me that I had a problem accepting authority. I agreed with her. Then like a fool she said, "If the brothers tell you do something you do it without question." "We all must OBEY the brothers". She left but it was something about that word OBEY that I could not stomach. Here I am 54 years old and I have to obey. I went to take nap. When I woke up it all came back to me. "Crisis of Conscience" by Ray Franz, all the research I had done on the Watchtower Society 11 years before. The first word came to mind was CULT. Called my study teacher and informed her I would not be back. Wrote a letter to the local congregation that I was resigning from the school, and to be put on THE DO NOT CALL LIST. It has been 3 weeks but I have not looked back, I can not in good conscience lure anyone into this destructive cult. For those who are wondering how I forgot all this in the first place, 11 years ago I had to undergo open heart surgery. I was on life support for 3 hours but I found that a lot of things I had to relearn and a lot of things I just could not remember. Sooo I thank you all for lifting my spirits. Much love! C.C.

XYZ

Thursday, January 27, 2011
@ 9:34 AM

Worlds Apart-the film

There is another movie out. A friend saw on the Sundance channel. It is filmed in Denmark and about a young JW girl in a romantic relationship, it goes into how she was alienated by her family, and a lot about JW's that we all know too well. It's out there and easily found. I suggest everyone see it.

Just Visiting

Monday, January 24, 2011
@ 4:19 PM

Great Film About Cults @ Sundance.

I don't know if any of you have heard the news from Sundance Film Festival, but here's the heads up for any that are interested: There's a film called "Martha Marcy May Marlene" that's getting great buzz. It is about a young woman who is trying to reintegrate back into normal society after leaving an abusive cult. I am hoping to see it at a later date. Can't go into much detail, but I am writing a film script about child sex abuse & religion. If anything happens w/it, I will try & keep you all posted. *JAV*

SKB

Friday, January 21, 2011
@ 1:07 PM

response to my comment

Thank you so much for your concern. We have communicated honestly and have honestly concluded that our future does not include one another. I am waiting for reassurance that my ailing dog is indeed better. He has congestive heart failure and has had several scary episodes. He's doing better, thank God. I am going to a Presbyterian church this weekend to meet people, and, hopefully if things get rough here, have a safe place to go.

XYZ

Thursday, January 20, 2011
@ 9:38 AM

TO YIELDING

I don't understand why thoughtful people like yourself stay in this organization. You see wrongs that you cannot right. There are other faiths--mainstream faiths, that are far more enlightened, far more compassionate, far more all aware of what Christ's call to us is. Please enlighten me because I would love to understand the draw of such a cult.

KDW

Wednesday, January 19, 2011
@ 5:48 PM

To Susan K. B.

Hi, Susan, I am glad things are not as bad as they were, but they still don't sound good, either. You deserve to be happy with someone, not just to 'peacefully' coexist. That's not living. I hope that eventually you two can talk with each other and truly communicate honestly and genuinely. I wish you both the best! Take care.

KDW

Wednesday, January 19, 2011
@ 5:38 PM

Re: Changes

I wish someone could talk with or correspond somehow with these two Witnesses who told me that the policies regarding pedophilia and wife abuse have changed. I don't "think on my feet" well when I talk with JWs, and I think another person could do so much better. These JWs are convinced that I am reading lies on the internet and said that I am gullible. I told them that I do know that not everything on the internet is true, but that I filter what I read. I was told that you can't filter a lie with a lie. They are convinced that I am a gullible person, that they have the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, and that I am being influenced by lies. Well, I am sure that I am not always reading 100% of the truth on the internet. Also, I don't like it when articles regarding the Witnesses are just plain snide, rude, or even mean. I like reading mature, well thought out articles that are also apparently well reasoned and logical. I don't know if I am perhaps a little gullible, but I sure can't fall for everything the JWs are taught, either. These people I talked with are very articulate, not to mention very nice, and really sweet. It is difficult not to buy into some of what they say, because they express themselves so thoughtfully and reasonably. Help. What is really going on in this religion regarding pedophilia, wife abuse - - just any kind of abuse?

K.M.

Tuesday, January 18, 2011
@ 12:06 PM

"Yielding"

The new buzz word among the Elders is Yielding. In effect this means that if you don't agree with the two elders' decision, then you are working against the holy spirit. This will in turn disqualify one as an elder. This concept can have dire consequences, especially when dealing with two other elders who are ignorant to the law, have a prejudice, are in a hurry, or, are just stupid! I was on a committee recently where Yielding went terribly wrong. A 14 year old girl was sexually attacked by a 16 year old boy with a troubled history. The girl was doing everything right when it comes to telling the truth. She filed a Sheriff's report of aggravated sexual battery, and needs psychological assistance. Due to prejudice from one elder that benefits financially from this boy's parents, he had the strongest voice in the meetings. The other brothers had to fall in line or have their qualifications questioned. This creates a homogenizing effect. There is no longer an opened minded conversation to evaluate facts and apply [Watchtower policy] in an elders meeting. How sad! The results in this case: the girl, (the victim) was disfellowshipped and the boy was privately reprovved. It was appealed. However, as is the case in almost all cases, it was upheld. After all the appeals committee has to live with original committee, and don't want to rock the boat and suffer payback at a later time. This case is being reviewed by the Branch. What a shame that due to selfish motivations this young sister suffers with her family. Not to mention the shame on Jehovah's name. My frustration comes from being emasculated in not having any valuable input, due to the threat of being removed for not Yielding. Although we as elders can't officially endorse Silentlambs, I have privately suggested that the girl's parents get in touch with you for further assistance. May Jehovah bless all this matter.

SKB

Monday, January 17, 2011
@ 11:59 AM

no worry

My situation is not as dire as it had been. We don't talk religion or anything else. I do feel "censored" but he probably does too. I still have my feelings about JWs, I think they are not inclusive but exclusive. The opposite of Christ's real truth. They are what Christ abhorred!

VK, Latvia

Monday, January 17, 2011
@ 3:34 AM

Thanks to SL

I would like to thank the authors of this web site for the information they publish. Being a JW since 1994 (when I was 15) I knew of the many issues JW's have to face when dealing with the general public (like say blood transfusions,

unchristian methods employed by many men invested with authority, broken families etc.), however, the sheer fact that sex crimes against minors is this widespread problem among JWs is absolutely shocking.

DJB

Sunday, January 16, 2011
@ 9:36 PM

Changes? No I don't think so!

I have been told the same thing- that the organization has made changes to encourage those to go to the police and help victims. I don't see any changes. Both my X's still are considered in good standing and their supporters are still there... So I say loudly NOTHING HAS CHANGED!

man711

Sunday, January 16, 2011
@ 8:16 AM

KDW

I'll believe the changes when I see in writing that all child molestation cases must be reported immediately to the police without elders doing anything else. It must be published and included in the elder's manual. Otherwise it's window dressing.

KDW

Friday, January 14, 2011
@ 5:16 PM

Changes?

Recently I was told by a couple of Jehovah's Witnesses that now the religion realizes that pedophilia should be reported to the proper authorities and that changes are being made in the Jehovah's Witnesses's religion to see that this is done. Also, they mentioned that abuse of wives is not being tolerated anymore, that women are encouraged to leave their abusive husbands if they need to. Are these changes occurring on a widespread basis among congregations? I hope so! Maybe these extremely necessary changes are going on, but they are taking time due to the slowness of change and understanding. Could someone please enlighten us about this? These changes would be a Godsend!! Of course, that goes without saying!

KDW

Friday, January 14, 2011
@ 4:54 PM

To Susan K. B.

Hi, Susan, you are sure in a tough situation! Have you looked for other options in the California area - - places to stay and so on? You need to get out of your current situation. You can't live like that! You need to find somewhere to go, at least temporarily until a permanent solution comes up. No, it is not a sin for Jehovah's Witnesses to grieve. Your friend is having some personal issues that he needs to deal with. They are not your problem, and I hope you recognize that! You would do well to check in with some social service agencies in your area. You need to get out of your current living conditions! There are ways for you to do that, and I wish you success! Soon!!

PCW

Monday, January 10, 2011
@ 9:42 AM

REPLY TO COMMENT by Susan K.B.

Get out of the prison you are in. You are a human being and deserves to be treated as such. God loves you, always has and always will. This guy is so wrapped up in his own guilt, for whatever reason that is and you are allowing him to make you miserable, as well. The drinking is a crutch that you cannot fix, and it's probably something he was doing all along. In your effort to change things for him, you are the one that has been changed. You have become the babysitter, the cook and housekeeper. Be watchful that you don't become his unloved and unwanted property. You are always welcomed to visit this site, so don't be a stranger.

CDD

Thursday, January 6, 2011
@ 7:19 PM

thank you

I was raised as one of Jehovah's witnesses, I was also verbally, physically, mentally abused by my mother who is a Pioneer and still one of JW's. I was also molested by my biological brother. My mother and the elders did nothing about it. I wish I had stumbled on this site earlier, I am so happy to see that there is a forum for people to talk about and share their story, I am 40 yrs old now, the abuse I suffered as a child has impacted my life, never married, no

children, never been in a relationship. It makes me very happy to see someone stand up and advocate for children who can't fight for themselves. Thank you

Susan K. B.

Wednesday, January 5, 2011
@ 5:07 PM

reply to comment

Thanks for the advice. The problem is I live with this person I have mentioned. He is disfellowshipped because since his wife's passing he has had 2 relationships. We are celibate but even that is not allowed. It's all about appearances. A JW comes to the house to pick up his stepson, another JW, and won't enter the house. Instead she calls from her cell that she is here. That's what led me to look into "disfellowshipping" and what led me here. He now hates me, I'd say. We have to be together at this point in time, I've an ailing dog who shouldn't be put on a plane and my home is in NJ, and I am in CA. My home in NJ is stripped of everything because it is up for sale. SO we just do not speak. Awkward but I am getting accustomed to it. The verbal abuse was horrid. He drinks and when he drinks...watch out. I only have a memory of what he was like before. He has been too verbally abusive for me to have feelings for. He ridiculed my religion (I'm a Presbyterian), won't let me speak of my son who passed a bit over a year ago. Is grief a "sin" to JWs? So I am censored and get no support with that...it's wretched. AND now this hatred. Silence, keeping feelings in, all make it difficult but doable. Thanks for your support!

KDW

Wednesday, December 29, 2010
@ 5:40 PM

Don't feel bad

Susan, it is very hard, very difficult, to get anything across to most Jehovah's Witnesses. They are so set in their belief system that it is almost impossible to get anything through to them. No matter what you are trying to tell them. Yes, it is very frustrating and exasperating, but please don't give up hope for JWs, don't despair of them. You never know when something is going to 'hit home' and they will sit up and take notice - - like, "Hey, wait a minute, something is fishy with this religion!!" I have tried with a couple of family members to get them to understand a few things and gotten absolutely nowhere. If you are not careful, worrying about anything registering with JWs can really stress you out! Someone recently told me that it has to come from within the Jehovah's Witnesses themselves, the wondering, the doubting. At one time, years ago, I doubt that I would have let anyone tell me something was wrong with the Jehovah's Witnesses' religion. But, something happened inside of me, and I just simply was not happy in that religion anymore. Be careful that you don't get stressed out about the Witnesses changing. As this person also told me, a person could actually get physically ill letting it get to them. I want to see things change as much as the next person, but, I, too, have learned the hard way that you can't make it happen. Something has to snap or click, or something inside the Witnesses themselves before they can see that something is dreadfully wrong.

inq m

Tuesday, December 28, 2010
@ 4:33 AM

reading the news

I noticed that the previous commenter, stated that JWs do not read the news. Having been one for 30 yrs, and had the habit of reading several newspapers a day, in addition to reading other non JW periodicals and also TV-news, I cannot relate to that comment. Most of the witnesses I knew, were just as informed as every body else on what was going on in the world....

M.A.N.

Monday, December 27, 2010
@ 3:56 PM

Hi to everyone

In most places, it's now against the law to strike your wife. It's also rape if you want to have sex and she said no. I don't care about the verse saying your body belongs to your mate. The law says the opposite. I follow the law more than the WT since the law demonstrates that people with brains wrote it and it's certainly obvious that the people who wrote the WT literature. This is why elders have NO business playing therapists. They are high school graduates. They can't keep their own families together so how can they help others? The elders see what they WANT to see, or as one philosopher said, "what they NEED to see". Elders are appointed based on field service

and fawning all over the CO. (There are exceptions like Bill who was/is truly a spiritual man.) If elders know a wife is being beat up and stay silent, they should be arrested. Of course, they'd say Satan was persecuting them but their mental illnesses cannot let them understand the real issues. A better wife? Maybe she should learn karate BETTER. Being an elder, when most JW men barely finished high school, is the only glory they'll ever see. My best to all.

Susan K. B.

Saturday, December 25, 2010
@ 12:13 AM

God bless all of you

I am not a Jehovah's Witness but am a close friend of one, or was until I found this site and showed him. Now he hates me. It's like, "Kill the messenger". All of what you do to expose this dangerous cult is worthwhile but do the right people see it? Since the JWs are encouraged to be outside of the mainstream, usually don't watch the news, many are unaware of these crimes. How to reach them? I feel they have been systematically brainwashed. May God have mercy on us all.

Brenda (from New York)

Friday, December 17, 2010
@ 5:21 PM

thank you...

Thank you Silent Lambs for bringing the truth to light.

KDW

Wednesday, December 1, 2010
@ 3:23 PM

Taking themselves too seriously

I think elders can get an out of proportion sense of themselves if they are not careful. Years ago I heard a woman being told during a wedding that she would not be known, that her husband would be known. She was a pianist, and her husband was an elder. Maybe she was told this because she was a professional musician. I don't know, don't care. I remember thinking that I thought Jehovah was supposed to be known. If elders develop an inflated sense of themselves, it is no wonder that they think they have 'power'. No thank you.

DJB

Tuesday, November 30, 2010
@ 9:05 PM

For CO and Wife....

I encourage the CO to read the description in Jeremiah 24 about WHO the bible identifies as the GOOD FIGS...They are the ones who have been scattered among the nations no longer living in their promised land... the BAD FIGS those who remain in which was originally called the promised land and they are described as being princes. These are the ones that are described as being rotten. Is not the behavior of the elders in the congregations--in their treatment of victims by enforcing of Watchtower Policy, rotten? A description so deserving. Isaiah 48 assures us that those who call themselves by the name of God are doing this in untruth and not in righteousness... Further on these apostate ones are rebuked and Jehovah God promises not to reveal new things through them. These ones were given a chance to change but instead they continued in the smelting furnace of affliction. Isn't this an apt description of the conditions in congregation for the children who have been sexually abused and these elders or princes do not stand with them but disfellowship or kicked them out. Aren't the "Good Figs" being scattered... Isn't this the same today... the elders and Governing Body refuse to protect the children by changing the Watchtower Policies. As Isaiah says they continue to deal treacherously. This may be a new way of reading these scriptures but Jehovah promises to act against these ones "bad figs" as the princes" are called. Can we expect any less today. If he acted in the past against the princes or elders he will act again...By standing with victims of sexual abuse we are the good figs as described by Jeremiah...

Frank M

Sunday, November 28, 2010
@ 12:46 PM

The Sheep are Skinned and Thrown About.

It is terrible when an organization forces people to do what it should be doing - protecting the innocents. However, child abuse is just the tip of the iceberg. The abuse of authority in the organization has been going on since the Rutherford takeover. The cover-up on child abuse is just a symptom of an obsession with power. It is sickening to see that people who served faithfully for 30,40,50 or more years are being forced out because they cannot keep quiet. It reminds one of the account about Eli and his sons. And Jehovah used Samuel (a little boy) to denounce the cover-up. Read 1 Sam 3:1, 11-14. As a child I saw elders abusing authority. As an elder I vowed to protect the

sheep - and discovered it is very difficult to get an abusive elder removed. Go figure. Sexual immorality, smoking, all those sins - no problem. But abuse of authority - it just keeps coming back. A monster that refuses to die. Thank God for the promise at Matt 18:6 - "whoever stumbles one of these little ones . . ."

M.A.N.

Sunday, November 21, 2010
@ 9:04 AM

Hi to all

So JW's react explosively to the TRUTH?? Wow. I thought they LOVED the truth. They use that word 5,000 times each day. Again, it's funny how so many people love to have it both ways. They can expose the Catholic priest scandal, the Amish pedophiles, the UN being the harlot, but when THEY are exposed, then that's not fair. Sorry, but telling the world about a baby-raping cult is VERY fair. And very necessary. The Swiss are well-respected and responsible people. So are the media who expose the WT. Yet the GB calls all of them "agents of Satan". And all the JW's STILL blindly go along with this obvious stupidity. How many times does it take for a JW to read in the papers/internet about the WT's guilt?? Do they honestly believe that thousands of reporters have nothing better to do than "make up stories to hurt God's people"? And if the media said 2 plus 2 equals 4 and the GB said it was 5, you'd mock the media. And for Toni: You don't need 2 witnesses. In the Mosaic Law, Deut. 22:25 (and surrounding verses) you can plainly see that the man was killed for raping the girl even with no witnesses. That applies to child abuse. And if the WT says the Mosaic Law is no longer valid, then remind them that they quote from it all the time whenever they want to make a ruling against something but the New Testament doesn't have anything to say about it. They use what they want to when they need to, so they can use this and they can like it. If not, ignore the hypocrites and realize that they are criminals.

Toni

Saturday, November 20, 2010
@ 12:28 AM

Been there done that

Even though I'm older now, in my youth at the boulevard park hall I experienced the "good old boys club" effect when I was molested by my stepfather. It was basically dismissed and then talked about at one of the elders' house. The rule of 2 people witnessing an event is totally insane. A child molester does not allow any witnesses. My step father, is still in the JW's and I'm not. He went on to molest more kids...I suppose that was mostly covered up too. This religion is the perfect place for child molesters and control freaks.

KDW

Friday, November 19, 2010
@ 4:50 PM

Abuse is abuse is abuse is abuse

Period. When a JW woman goes to the elders to get help because her husband is abusing her and the elders just tell her to go home and be a better wife (grrrrrr), then the elders are simply accessories to the abuse. Maybe even to assault and battery, which is...a crime. When the elders don't help a child who has been sexually molested - - or worse, then the elders are accessories to pedophilia, which is...a crime. In short, the WTBTs "governing body" is directing elders to be accessories to these crimes. The elders are being programmed by the so-called governing body to be androids. Can't the elders see that?! This all just boggles my mind!

M.A.N.

Monday, November 15, 2010
@ 1:44 PM

Hi to all

To CO: First, I'm sure if you really are a CO that you've seen the heavy hand of the GB at work. There is something very un-Christ like about their attitude and actions. My daughter was abused for years due to the policies the WTBTs promoted and the denials they issued. In the past ten years that I have helped to offer counsel to victims because my daughter was one and I have a degree in Psychology, we have seen thousands of victims post here, hundreds attempting suicide, and dozens succeeding. All this blood guilt is on the GB, and every member, especially the elders and those higher up. The WT is fond of boasting that innocent people will die at Armageddon even though they never heard of the Bible because they bear "community responsibility". An old woman in a small village in China is not able to overthrow the government there so she bears NO blame for her not hearing the kingdom message. Now I reverse it and say every JW will die because of that same responsibility even though THEY claim they didn't know about the abuse. It's funny how the WT likes to have things both ways but never any way that's against THEM. Hypocrites, Jesus called them. The WT is dying off in many nations and we will fight until it is destroyed. I've been threatened with physical harm for my extensive work against the WT by JW's. Is that Christian? If you or any other reader is serious about true justice, then quit this baby-raping cult and tell the media

what you know. Jesus spoke up when he saw things like this. So will we. Time will tell if you do the right thing and if other JW's wake up from their ignorance. My best to all.

JOE

Saturday, November 13, 2010
@ 11:44 PM

FRENCH DOCUMENTARY EXPOSES WT PEDOPHILIA

MAJOR FRENCH TV DOCUMENTARY EXPOSING WATCHTOWER, COMMENTS, LINK: <http://www.jehovahs-witness.net/watchtower/child-abuse/201912/1/Swiss-TV-Program-w-Andersons-and-Bowen-on-the-Internet-although-in-French> HAS AIRED IN FRANCE, ITALY, SWITZERLAND CAUSING ACTIVE JW'S TO REACT EXPLOSIVELY AS THE WATCHTOWER'S IMAGE IS SHOWN FOR WHAT IT IS; ROBERTO DI STAFANO SAYS HE WILL LATER PUT IT INTO ENGLISH & ITALIAN

kb

Saturday, November 6, 2010
@ 8:28 AM

david nelson

I was so sad to hear that David Nelson has become one of those elders on your list, and probably on the Society's list. I have known him and his family for a number of years. While my heart goes out to the family, whom I love so much, I cannot feel any sympathy for David, or for those who probably have known all along what he did. I am pleased that he turned himself in; I hope there were not other victims. I will be watching closely to see the results of this, and to see if the WTBTs sends highly paid attorneys in his behalf.

PCW

Tuesday, November 2, 2010
@ 10:56 AM

Circuit Overseer and Wife

Circuit Overseer and Mrs, with time constraints due to your responsibilities of overseeing the flock, and I mean no disrespect, however, it would behoove you at some point to start from the beginning, when this site was started. Better still, read of Bill Bowen's experience and others of what lead them to leaving the organization, or how they were forced to leave. Please, if possible, read of the many experiences innocent victims have encountered and see the many similarities. I was violated in the sense that while a JW, I had a cheating husband who emotionally, physically and mentally abused to me and when I sought help from the elders, I was told that I didn't pray enough and should be a better wife. That was their advice and counseling. They had no inkling of what went on in our home with this sick man I was married to. With that, I eventually left, finally divorced him and remarried. I am a better wife who prays as much as I can, and I am much happier and Jehovah is still the God I pray to and I feel so blessed and at peace. I am curious to know what made you type in Silent Lambs to lead you to this site? I am hoping you were thinking you had to be sure. Anyway, welcome to the site, a home of comfort and a place for healing and we hope you continue to visit. Somehow I think you will and it is ok to remain anonymous and I hope you feel relieved when you get my post. I was. Again, welcome, and may I add, peace.

KDW

Friday, October 29, 2010
@ 4:31 PM

Dear CO and wife

It is only natural that Jehovah's Witnesses don't want to believe that there is a severe pedophile issue going on in the religion. But, as many people are reporting molestings and abuse of children, there has to be a problem with pedophilia. This many people could not possibly be making up stories about this extremely serious issue, not that no one ever does fabricate stories about molestation and/or rape. It does happen. However it has to be true, considering how bad and widely extended the issue is. The injustice to the victims and the lack of mercy shown them is inexcusable. Something is really wrong with the way the abuse situations are being handled. The mishandling of the abuse is what is a bad reflection on God's name, not the reporting of the abuse by the victims and their parents. It is appalling the lack of compassion that is given to the victims while the pedophile is under the mantle of protection by the elders. The so-called 'governing body' is responsible for the way the elders deal with the abuse issues, because the elders' directives come from the "governing body". The WTBTs has an enormous amount of answering to do for their backing up of what amounts to crime. They are guilty of criminal negligence. It is horrible what is going on and something drastic needs to be done about this crime.

Circuit Overseer and Wife

Wednesday, October 27, 2010
@ 5:57 PM

Keep up the good work ...

I am a relatively new CO. My wife came across this site today and we are both trying to understand all of this. I'm not sure who I can ask for detailed information without arising suspicion within the organization (which is also why we cannot at this time include our names), but if this all turns out to be true, we'll have some difficult decisions to make in the near future. Thank you the contributors and creator of this site! ***** ADMINS
NOTE: If you wish to ask any questions about the information on Silent Lambs you can do so with complete confidentiality. You may email info@silentlambs.org and we will be glad to assist in any way.

KDW

Friday, October 22, 2010
@ 4:40 PM

Assumed power

It seems to me that it is hard to get anywhere when trying to reason with the Witnesses about the pedophile issue or any other issue is that they have so willingly given power over themselves to the WTBTS. Once that "power" is "established" over them, Jehovah's Witnesses just don't seem able or willing to listen to anyone about the fallacies of their religion or any injustices occurring in it. I hope this is making sense. Anyway, it feels as if I may as well go out and try to talk to a tree for all the factual information that isn't registering on the JW's' minds. They can't really seem to truly hear it. It's hard to fathom people not responding to the real truth about the 'Truth' they adhere to with such barnacle-like devotion. How can they not see the falseness and hypocrisy of this cult when they learn what is actually true?! It boggles the mind, it does.

John White

Sunday, October 17, 2010
@ 7:17 AM

No Fear

Well done for fighting this cult, not only are they a recruitment agency for pedophiles but they destroy friendships and relationships with their brainwashing. I have a friend who has unfortunately gone into this cult and I see her slowly being sucked into a world that makes her believe she is special and can save people by missionary work. My friend is a good person but vulnerable she is becoming lost. I have no fear to stand up to this cult thats why I put my name not initials.

DAL

Sunday, September 19, 2010
@ 3:31 PM

Strange?

For a religion that claims to make a better world there is sure a lot of molesting of children. To make a better world they believe all Non Jws have to destroyed by God. Even little innocent children. Sick! I have two small Grandchildren JW's believe should be destroyed! Think about it,what a fatalistic view. I retired from them years ago, and having seen Abuse that was never reported to Police made me sick. All the best to all .DAL

debs

Sunday, September 19, 2010
@ 11:13 AM

uk lambs

hi please will anyone in the uk pref northwest let me know as it would be great to meet people

pkl

Thursday, September 9, 2010
@ 1:49 AM

keep up the good work

We have to do what we have to catch these pedophiles and convict them and the people who harbor them and put them in jail.

Larry S. Oxenham

Monday, August 30, 2010
@ 12:35 PM

I was raised in the Jehovah's Witness Cult as a child. My parent was an elder. Growing up I never saw the love of Christ in my parents or other members only a drive to sell magazines door to door in order to earn their salvation. When I turned 15 I stopped going to the Kingdom Hall and my relationship with my parents changed for the worse. It wasn't until I was 31 years old that I started searching for the real Truth IN Christ and found the love I had for so long

missed out on. Both my parents are dead and when my mother died in 2007 I was not informed until the night before her memorial service. It was impossible for me to get a flight from Calgary to Toronto to attend. When I was born I was born with RH negative blood and needed to have my blood completely changed. This was just 6 months before my parents became Jehovah's Witnesses. When I became a Christian in 1982 I saw how God had had his hand on my life from the start or I would not have lived to be writing this. God Bless

Cory Smith

Sunday, August 22, 2010
@ 12:46 AM

real name, I don't hide

My dad is an elder... when I was a kid, I found his "elder's manual", which at the time was a closely guarded secret but can now be found easily on wikileaks... When I read I finally understood why my father came home from elder's meetings and sat in his car for an hour. Sometimes he would come up the stairs with red eyes, it was obvious he had been crying. I have no idea how many cases of child abuse he covered up for the "good" of his congregation, but he was always a good man to his family. I love and respect my father even though he does not respect me anymore. We didn't speak for over a decade, but finally in his old age he has softened a bit and we talk now. I never understood what being a "sheep" meant. And I encourage anyone who comes to this site to stop being a "silent lamb". Become the loud lion, show your teeth. If you still believe in Jesus, put yourself in his shoes.... because there is no mention of sex abuse in the bible and even Jesus would not have put up with that. One day, after my lovely and long suffering parents have passed away, I have vowed to make a documentary about Jehovah's Witnesses and sex abuse. When that time comes I will put up an email address and would love to speak to and film anyone who is willing to be a loud lion and destroy the organization that destroyed so many lives.

Joe Emerson

Saturday, July 17, 2010
@ 5:01 PM

From Joe, Mary & Others

Bill Bowen, who has this site, won't tell you but I will. He broke his leg, and was out of work 3 months! If you agree he's a good man doing tons to help us please send him anything you can afford, even a single dollar: Bill Bowen, P.O. Box 681092; Franklin TN, 37068. The address is different from Silentlambs as he now lives in Tennessee. I'm Joe Emerson and agree with Mary Aguilar and others that more needed to know so we can all stick together. To help him is to help with all the good things he does to save people from so much tragedy and pain.

J.B.W

Thursday, July 15, 2010
@ 6:09 AM

To Silent Lambs:- The compassion you show to child abuse victims is commendable. Your concern for their well being shows you are not partial. "YOU STAND FOR TRUTH AND JUSTICE." When an Organization who has been brought to court over child abuse, settles out of court with gag orders. Many ask: why request the gag order? What is the Organization afraid of? Is it child abuse victims telling the truth? The child abuse victim is not the guilty one, they are the predator's victim. And you gag the victim. Is this Christian? Lets ask the Organization a question. What is the first Amendment that you have used in court? Yes. Freedom of speech! And you take away child abuse victims freedom of speech with gag orders! Jesus would call you hypocrites offspring of vipers, because you claim the rights of the first amendment, but take it away from child abuse victims! If you claim to be Christian, show it!!! Leave the compensation in place and take away the gag orders!!! If you are champions of freedom of speech what is stopping you? Should any victim of crime be gagged? Your Governing Body has some serious questions to be answered. Have they contemplated what a worldwide campaign in all the major cities of the world supporting victims of crime, victims of child abuse would do. Bringing in trade union movements around the world to lift gag orders off victims of crime, victims of child abuse. Settling out of court is a relief to the victim [if you have compassion you would understand that] but to offer compensation with a gag order shows no compassion! Any victim of crime has to talk about it to heal!

DS

Sunday, July 11, 2010
@ 10:37 PM

Raymond Franz Death

I am so saddened and shocked by the news that Raymond Franz is dead. I didn't know him personally, but his book "Crisis of Conscience" helped me so much in leaving the JW and making a new life for myself. It was written with so much clarity into the hidden things of the gov. body, without any anger. It was facts, just facts to help those of us who never knew what went on behind closed doors at Bethel. Please let his wife know how much he did for people

like me, who were suffering abuse in the organization because we thought we had no way out. Ray Franz helped so many people, I just want to say a belated "Thank You".

Chris Ratley

Wednesday, June 30, 2010
@ 3:35 PM

Hey family!

This is a wonderful place for like people to meet and find comfort. Thank you silent lambs for all you have done and will do for innocent victims of abuse by the WTBS. To the rest, my roommate recently killed himself as he could no longer cope with the memories of the rape he endured at the hands of a circuit overseer as a young man. He didn't know about Silentlambs in time, you do. Here is your safe haven!! I love you all and I am a survivor myself of the evil empire of Jehovah's Witnesses. I have lost my family, all my friends and anyone I ever knew to my disfellowshipping. You are NOT alone!! My email is chris_ratley2010@yahoo.com if any of you need to talk ever!!

M.A.N.

Tuesday, June 29, 2010
@ 11:08 PM

Herbert von Deutschland

See, it's been 45 years since German third year in HS. Use it or lose it. LOL. You made some good points. Their hinting at being more than human is starting to get creepy. They sound just like the Pharisees. "Worship us or die. Why? Jehovah said so. Where in the Bible? We don't have to show you, are you calling us liars?" The gentle and naive ones wouldn't go that far. I'd say "Yes you are liars, show me and if you can't, you're going to have a big problem." I've been in touch with newspaper writers who had done interviews at Bethel about policies and the elders flat out lied. I found out and called the authors. They tried to contact the original lying elder but then he wouldn't see them. They are such weasels. If there are apostles and if they are watching from Heaven or anywhere, I'm sure they are weeping for the children and asking the nearest angel to borrow his sword just for one day. The GB have no place to hide. They created this monster, now let them care for it. M.A.N.

Herbert from Germany

Friday, June 18, 2010
@ 2:33 PM

man 711 and M.A.N., re: apology

Hi, you'll never in your lives experience that the WT leaders will apologize for their crimes in protecting pedophiles. They consider themselves as semi-gods, and half-gods never excuse. Half-gods? Yes, in their New World Translation they denote Christ Jesus as "main mediator" at four scriptures (Acts 3:15; 5:31; Hebr. 2:10; 12:2). "Main mediator" implies that there are other mediators next to Christ as well -- they themselves or, for that matter, their 144,000, standing between God and man. We have a rude saying in Germany: "Ich kann gar nicht so viel essen, wie ich manchmal kotzen möchte." [I cannot eat as much as I sometimes want to vomit.]

PCW

Thursday, June 17, 2010
@ 6:48 AM

M.A.N. and all of Silentlambs family

Hi, Just wanted everyone to know that although I have not posted in a while, I promise all that I peruse the website as often as I can and enjoy the encouraging comfort offered to victims. Please know that you are in my prayers. Peace and love.

M.A.N.

Monday, June 14, 2010
@ 9:13 PM

Re: man_711

To be honest, I don't think the WT or GB will EVER apologize. They won't even do it a little bit in that round-a-bout way they did in 1980 about being wrong about 1975. And even then, they blamed it on some vague JW's as if they hadn't ever mentioned 1975 ever. They ignored the years of building up all JW's world-wide. In 1980, they printed a quote something like, "Some of the brothers read more into the Scriptures than the verses were really saying." There was another sentence or two but you can look it up. If they took five years to apologize about a doctrine that no one

who was NOT a JW cared about, they won't EVER mention something that entails thousands of crimes and each one being covered up by the WT. They've denied there are pedophiles for decades. They've said the few that have been discovered have been expelled or punished. Yet many still serve as elders. They just CANNOT admit all these crimes. They would be sued out of existence. They don't have the money that the Catholic Church has. But worse yet, they demand that all JW's and the world view them as holy, perfect, and better than ANY other religion. Admitting ANY of these crimes would put them on the same level as the Catholic Church or even lower since they lied about it for so long and so blatantly. It's just not going to happen in my opinion. M.A.N.

man_711

Sunday, June 13, 2010
@ 1:03 PM

apology

When will the the "faithful and discreet slave" publicly appologize for child molestations? Even the Pope has done this. Why do they refuse to acknowledge the issue? Why do they refuse to change their policies?

M.A.N.

Wednesday, June 9, 2010
@ 8:19 PM

Re: Raymond Franz

I just wanted to say again how much Ray will be missed, especially by the thousands of people that he helped. His books alone freed many thousands of people from the fear and guilt that had been taught them and forced upon them by the WT and the GB members, as well as the various "writers" employed by the Jehovah's Witnesses cult. His personality was well reflected in his books, particularly "Crisis of Conscience". He was never negative toward individuals, although many had slandered him, lied about him in the WT publications, and violated the majority of the teachings in the Bible. He used logic, kindness, and clear and fair reasoning whenever he made a point concerning Bible teachings. He didn't put forth personal beliefs or interpretations like the WT does. He always allowed the Scriptures to speak for themselves. In my 60 years of life, and 40 of those years being aware of the WT's teachings and dealings with its members, I've learned that life holds many ironies. One very common irony was endured by Ray. That was the fact that the majority of JW's believed Ray to be an enemy of God for the past 30 years. Yet the reality was and still is, that Raymond Franz was a champion FOR God and the Bible. Although the WT now no doubt believes he has been silenced, such will never be the case. His books will live on, his courage will inspire others to continue to expose religious cruelty and hypocrisy, and how he lived his life will be an example that will endure forever. Now those of us who know the REAL "truth" can continue to help those victims who have suffered much due to the WT's criminal policies. We still have much to do and as always, I thank Bill Bowen for his work in keeping this site alive and urge all who can to help by assisting financially, by warning others of the pedophiles that this religion protects, and to always be alert for opportunities to do the right thing in life, no matter what the cost. My best to all. M.A.N. from Florida.

ALM

Tuesday, June 8, 2010
@ 8:49 PM

Pedophilia

I was a JW for many decades, but no longer. Are there any statistics comparing the number of pedophilia cases in other religions/denominations compared with Jehovah's Witnesses? Understanding the comparison in no way diminishes the unfolding tragedy inside the WT, or the suffering of the victims, or the injustice that has been/is being committed in the name of 'religion.'

Oke Helle-Bror

Saturday, June 5, 2010
@ 3:15 AM

Raymond Franz.

Raymond Franz. Raymond and Cynthia will always been in our prayers. He was the most humble man I ever had contact with. I wrote this him to him August 27: Dear Raymond, something terrible has happen to our family, our daughter Mette's 21 year old daughter Jessica was killed in a car accident yesterday, Wednesday. Mette asked me today if you could help us with some guidance for the funeral service, just a little talk. You are the only one who can help us now in this sad situation. We just sit and cry. Please help us. Kind regards Ole Helle-Broe, Australia. The same day, August 27, he send us this comforting letter: Dear Ole and family, We were very sorry to hear of the death of your granddaughter, Jessica. I am sure it will take some time for you to adjust to the loss, and even more so on the part of her mother. God s Word recognizes the uncertainty of life and the unpredictable circumstances that can occur, as Ecclesiastes 9:11 says time and chance (unforeseen occurrence) happen to all. God s Son was himself moved to tears on seeing the grieving of Lazarus sisters at the time of Lazarus death. (John 11:33-

35) Even as the greatest appreciation of water comes with being very thirsty, and of food when being very hungry, or of sleep when being extremely tired, so too one can appreciate the crucial value and beauty of the resurrection hope, and the strength it gives, most particularly when experiencing the loss of a loved one, or when facing death oneself. The Scriptural knowledge shared by you and your family that death is comparable to sleep and that those sleeping in death can be awakened from that sleep by Christ's call awakening them to return to life (John 5:25, 28, 29) aids tremendously to give relief to sorrow, so that as Christians we may not grieve as do others who have no hope. (1 Thessalonians 4:13, 14) You have the hope of seeing Jessica again and should feel even more motivated to faithfulness in your service to God and his loving Son who will make that possible. I completed 88 years of life in May and Cynthia reaches 76 in August, so we both recognize that the time remaining for us is not great. One thinks of the words of the psalmist, Our years come to an end like a sigh. (Psalm 90:9, 10) While our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day, as we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen, not at the temporary, but at the eternal, having entrusted ourselves to a faithful Creator. (2 Corinthians 4:16-18; 1 Peter 4:19) As regards a funeral service this is entirely a matter for personal choice. For myself, following my death I would personally prefer not to have some formal service held in a funeral parlor but would prefer that those of my friends who are able and would care to, would come to our home to meet with my wife and join together in comforting her, recalling whatever pleasant association they had had with me, and any experiences of worth and value that resulted from this. But as I say, that is only my personal preference and is not presented as something for others to be guided by. Mette's wishes should be given priority and if she feels a regular funeral service is best then that is what you should do. In that case, as family head you might preside in discussing the wonderful hope God provides in his Word, and perhaps then give other family members the opportunity to each make their personal expression. Again these are only thoughts and whatever choice your family makes is the one to be governed by. We wish you God's help now in reconstructing your life after this loss and I trust that your giving mutual support and comforting one another will give added meaning to the daily life of each of you. Our sincere regards and sympathy, Ray and Cynthia A part of this was used at our grand daughters funeral service. Thanks Raymond, you was always there with an answer. YOU WILL BE MISSED BY THOUSANDS.

Herbert from Germany

Thursday, June 3, 2010
@ 2:12 AM

Everyone and Milena Joy

Dear Milena, I don't know either why Ray did not mention the severe child abuse in the WT organization in his work. But Jim Penton does now. In his revised version of "Apocalypse Delayed" [Endzeit ohne Ende] in German, which will soon be published, there is a longer paragraph about the problem.

Milena Joy

Wednesday, June 2, 2010
@ 11:37 PM

Raymond Franz has passed

For those of you who don't know, Ray was pronounced dead at 1:37pm EST time today, 6/2/10. Although it is too bad he died without having publicly acknowledged the severe child abuse problem created & maintained by WT policy, his book Crisis of Conscience helped so many open their eyes to the other atrocities of the WT society. For whatever reasons, he was unwilling to publicly acknowledge the child abuse issue. Maybe it was guilt over his part in creating the two witness policy, or guilt over other related issues that have yet to be made public. So, as conflicted as I feel about him, I do appreciate that his books helped many witnesses make the bold, brave, sane decision to leave the WTBS. Ray will never be forgotten. He lives on.

M.A.N.

Wednesday, June 2, 2010
@ 4:53 PM

Everyone

Herbert: I didn't know how well you knew him. I'm a part-time author, and "Crisis of Conscience" is one of the most logical and fair books I've ever read. He proves his statements and never lowers himself to the level of the WT writers. The WT makes any statements they want, twist the Bible verses to TRY to prove their opinions, and DF anyone who dares to question them. It's black and white. Ray's honesty and integrity are beyond reproach.

DALO

Tuesday, June 1, 2010
@ 7:49 PM

Ray

Very Sorry to hear about Ray Franz. His Books, along with James Penton, James Kostelniuk, & others helped me in

seeing how brainwashed I was. I have now left the Jws. I knew J.Penton as a young man in Toronto Bethel while he was doing reaserch, and James Kostelniuk in Vancouver. Wherever you are God Bless you. Dalo

Alex A.

Tuesday, June 1, 2010
@ 7:05 PM

False Religion's End is Near!

I am so happy that people are coming together against this abusive, controlling, manipulative organization. We cannot stand by and let them continue to hurt our friends and family members.

Herbert from Germany

Monday, May 31, 2010
@ 11:06 PM

re: Ray Franz

Dear M.A.N., I'm still shaken for I lost a fatherlike friend. And I'm the translator of both his books in German. So we had a close connection. As some of you might still know I have also quarrels with my family: My sister makes me responsible for the fact that she was sexually abused by her father when she was five. But how could I do anything at that time? I was just nine; we were both children -- and so vulnerable.

M.A.N.

Monday, May 31, 2010
@ 5:41 PM

Re: Herbert (von Deutschland)

Herbert, wie geht's? I just asked Herbert how he was doing. I am very sad to hear that about Ray Franz. If it's true, the world has lost a brilliant man who kept his integrity. I consider him to be about the only sane man on the GB since that arrangement began. He always insisted on letting the scriptures be their guide and NOT past WT articles or the opinions of very old men who had not lived normal lives in the real world. His books where masterpieces of logic and truth with no malice toward those still blinded by the WT and its dogmatic pride. I've written many articles in my life and Ray was an author of the highest caliber. My best. M.A.N.

M.A.N.

Monday, May 31, 2010
@ 5:25 PM

To SL

First to SL: Your message caught my eye because SL is used so often for Silent Lambs. I didn't know if you were Bill or a moderator, then I read your message. I will never stop exposing these perverts. I was concerned about a few personal things but have worked them out. I also have heart disease and sometimes have good and bad times. I've been in the computer field since the 1980's and have read almost every book the WT ever printed. So I can do the most good for victims using my knowledge of the Internet and doing research. I also mention that I have a BA in Psychology from time to time so new people will know I do my best to understand the dynamics of child abuse. The WT doesn't care about people. They care about money, power, position, ego, and the "good name" they believe they have with the world and the "approval" they think they have with "Jehovah God". THEY HAVE NEITHER!! Many people here in Florida call the police when they start door to door and they've been thrown out of many neighborhoods. When I see them, I go to the next street and tell everyone I see. No one in my little street of 20 houses will talk to them because I shared my story with them about my daughter's abuse because of their policies. I read one post a year ago made by a JW servant who said he was going to kill the next person who "defamed God's people". Saying things like that here in Florida can get you arrested or shot. And what kind of thing is that to say? Would Jesus talk that way? We can all help. You can visit your local police and tell them (bring proof found on this site) that known pedophiles are in the neighborhood going door to door. Print out and show the police the "murder letter" where the GB tells the elders not to report a known murderer who was associated with the congregation. And if possible, despite the economy, maybe send a few dollars to Silent Lambs. Every little bit helps. Bill Bowen broke his leg less than a month ago and I'm sure he has his hands full keeping everything going. My best to all. M.A.N.

Herbert from Germany

Monday, May 31, 2010
@ 6:30 AM

Sad news regarding Ray Franz

Dear friends, I have sad news to announce. Today, Monday at 4:22 AM German Time (that is Sunday, 10:22 PM your (Central American) time) I got an email from Jim Penton in Canada. It reads: Dear Herbert, I have bad news to report. Ray Franz fell down, and hit his head this morning. He evidently had a stroke. He is brain dead and will

probably be taken off life support shortly. So in all intents he is dead. We will all miss him terribly. Notify the friends and pray for his wife who is not well at all. Blessings in Christ, Jim

SL

Monday, May 24, 2010
@ 10:23 AM

I have been reading the articles and clicked on this guestbook and am in shock by all of this! How can this be happening! A victim is a victim! How can they try to hide this! MAN keep up with comments and we need to step up on fighting for these victims who are being kept silent by fear--by the elders!

M.A.N.

Thursday, May 20, 2010
@ 4:03 PM

To BO and Sydney P.

Jesus wouldn't even condemn a prostitute, yet the elders want to regulate the sex lives of adult JW's. Perhaps if they concentrated more on the perverted sex lives of the thousands of pedophiles they hide and protect, we'd all be safer. The average JW might be okay, but the elders and those above them are skanks. They break every rule in the Bible and then condemn the world for doing the very same thing. I've never seen such hypocrisy in my life. Jesus would throw up if he was here today and they gathered around him thanking him for the "blessing of being his people". I'm sure he'll say, "Get away from me, you workers of lawlessness! I never knew you!!" Sound familiar?? Does to me. Sydney, you are correct to go public. Tell the authorities that the elders intervened. Obstructing justice is a crime. I know if I find a pedophile, he won't be allowed to "go home". We can do forms of citizen's arrests here and I'd do that one in a heartbeat. To WT lurkers: Are you proud of yourselves? You think this is Christian? You often laugh that you've outwitted the world. Soon you won't be here anymore. Guess who laughs last?? That's right, those who did the right thing, and NOT JW's. I wouldn't want to live one day in a world with you lying weasels.

BO

Monday, May 10, 2010
@ 1:32 PM

Glad I left the JW's..

Thanks all of you for posting all this information. I knew something was not right when we were studying with the Witnesses in Fremont, CA during the early 90's. An elder came to our house with the husband from our study team - Tony Hansen. Tony went off into another room with my husband and the elder (can't remember his name) asked me about our private sex life and if we had oral or anal sex or not. I was flabbergasted. My husband thought I was nuts throwing them out of the house. I guess people don't usually tell the elders to get the F*** out the house. The elder fell off his roof a week or so later and I remember thinking that karma worked. I had already been ready to call it quits with them because they wanted me to start hitting my 2 year old when she wouldn't sit still all day Saturday & Sunday and I wasn't allowed to sit in the lovely furnished nursery that had the sermon piped in "just to allow her to manipulate me". The questions about our sex life did it for me and after reading your site, boy am I glad I did what I did. Bless you all and hope you all heal fully.

sydney p.

Friday, May 7, 2010
@ 4:47 PM

it never ends

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this site. I have been reading here for a few months and I first came here to read so I could find out if I'm alone or not. I have been fighting for years to get my local elders and the WT HQ to listen to me regarding horrific rape and abuse I endured my entire childhood. I even broke the "rules" and went to the police. There is an outstanding warrant for my abuser, should he return to the state where the abuse happened but the small town we lived in cannot afford extradition. I had the chance a year ago to see him arrested as he returned, but the elders got to him first and told him to go home so he could avoid arrest. I wish I could say more. I've felt so betrayed all my life. My abuser, despite overwhelming proof, is an elder and a pioneer in his home congregation. I know he's still hurting others. He was too violent and sadistic to just quit. But WT won't listen to me. Now, I'm about to be disfellowshipped for speaking up and bringing it into the public eye. All I can say right now is thank you to those who've kept this site running and thank you to everyone who shares their stories. It helps me get through another day.

M.A.N.

Thursday, May 6, 2010
@ 1:18 PM

Everyone

Again, my advice is to contact a lawyer and definitely tell the police. The name Kimberly Norris sounds familiar, she may be the lawyer who helped abuse victims for free. Before you visit both the police and a lawyer, try to have all the details in order and written down so that they can study your case quickly and can let you know what can be done. I am not surprised that they ignored your deadline and ultimatum. The WT thinks it owns the Earth so they will never allow a "puny non-anointed human" and especially a woman, to tell them what to do. There are only TWO things the WT understands in cases like this. FORCE and MONEY. When they are sued, you'll get their attention. And if any are put in prison, they will suffer. Pedophiles often become victims of the very crimes that they committed against innocent children. I find it very odd and twisted that a jail filled with violent men will object to pedophilia with far more outrage than the Watchtower leaders will. Considering that the JW's arrogantly claim to be god's ONLY approved people on earth, it appalls me that they could EVER say that with a straight face. But, they DO! It's like Adolph Hitler claiming to be the kindest leader who ever lived. In addition to telling the police and a lawyer, you might want to ask the lawyer and police how soon you can **call the local newspaper.** You'd be surprised at how well that works. The WT HATES that type of publicity. They will try to put a "spin" on it and say the world is run by Satan but we all know better. They've already paid victims millions of dollars in compensation. They cannot afford to do that for every victim. Everyone fears them it seems. Well, the WT is selling off its property in NYC and letting people go. That doesn't sound like they are growing, does it? Please don't let them scare you. Any victims can get a restraining order. If the pedophile violates it, he'll be in jail very quickly. Tell the police if there is any intimidating behavior from any pedophile. I hope things work out for you. M.A.N.

kdnorris

Monday, May 3, 2010
@ 10:57 AM

Legal Help

If you are a victim of child sexual abuse which occurred in the context of a JW congregation, and would like to know if you have a legally viable remedy (i.e. a lawsuit), see www.lovenorris.com, or contact Kimberlee Norris at kdnorris@lovenorris.com.

Emmy Cooley

Wednesday, April 28, 2010
@ 11:43 AM

What can I do?

Its been more than 15 years since I left the Org. And more than that since I was abused. I recently gave my family and the Organization one month to right this wrong themselves, therefor making them look like the good guys who care enough to take care of the congregation. The month is up on Friday. And I am ready to take action myself but I don't know what to do or where to go to get the ball rolling. This I figured was the one place that I might be able to find some advice on making it happen. Any suggestions? emmylou.d1974@gmail.com thankyou!

FREE

Sunday, April 18, 2010
@ 9:25 PM

PEDOPHILE ELDER

Doug Loudon is allegedly a rapist. He lives in Ocala Florida and has allegedly molested Dozens of boys! Elders finally DFed him after years of known abuse. He has yet to be caught by law enforcement! He lived in Hollywood Florida in the 60s,70s and 80s protected by the Watchtower! This person is a threat to any young boy. If you have been molested by him also please call law enforcement TODAY! You may save a childs dignity or life!

RA.R N FP

Monday, April 5, 2010
@ 9:37 AM

PHILIPPINE BRANCH- CORRUPT AND FULL OF CONSPIRACY

IVE KNOWN ALLOT OF PEOPLE WHO LOVED JEHOVAH SO MUCH... BUT BECAME VICTIMS OF THE CALLOUSNESS AND SELFISHNESS SAME AS ME.. I AM NOT AN APOSTATE, IM NOT EVEN BAPTIZED, I DO NOT HATE JEHOVAH, I HATE HIS FAKE JUDGE-MENTAL, GREEDY, HUNGRY FOR POWER, ABUSIVE, PRETENTIOUS PEOPLE. OH GOD IT IS SO HARD TO GET JUSTICE.... I KNOW A 16 YEAR OLD GIRL, KICKED OUT OF HER OWN HOUSE, LEFT TO DEATH IN THE HOSPITAL WITH A BABY IN HER STOMACH ALL

BECAUSE SHE WAS HATED FOR BEING A WITNESSES AGAINST THE CONSPIRACY AND WICKEDNESS OF THE BETHELITE ELDERS WHO HANDLED HER SO CALLED CASE THAT WAS NEVER PROVEN.... THESE ELDERS TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE FACT THAT THIS POOR GIRL HAD NO PARENTS AND NOBODY TO PROTECT HER. THEY HAUNTED HER, TRIED TO HURT HER CHILD, SCARE HER TO DEATH, OFFERED HER BRIBE AND ALMOST KILLED HER OF TRAUMA WHEN SHE REFUSED TO ACCEPT IT... SHE WAS DISFELLOWED ONLY THROUGH CELPHONE TEXT MESSAGE JUST BECAUSE SHE DID'NT OPEN THE DOOR BECAUSE OF FEAR WHEN THE 3 ELDERS WANTED TO HARASS HER INSIDE THEIR HOUSE.THE APPEALS COMMITTEE FOUND HER NOT GUILTY AND REVERSED THE DECISION OF DISFELLOWSHIPING HER, BUT THE BODY OF ELDERS HID THE DECISION FROM HER AND WHEN SHE FOUND OUT, THE ELDERS MADE A NEW RULE BY TELLING HER "YOU ARE NOT PUBLICLY NEITHER PRIVATELY REPROOFED BUT YOU CANNOT HAVE A PART ON THEOCRATIC MINISTRY SCHOOL NEITHER CAN YOU COMMENT ON MEETINGS." THEY ACCUSED HER OF COMMENTING OFFENSIVE THINGS AGAINST THE ELDERS ON ONE MEETING. HOW COME OTHER SISTERS AND BROTHERS DIDN'T HEAR ABOUT THE SAID OFFENSIVE COMMENT? ARE THEY DEAF OR THESE ELDERS ARE JUST HAVING IMAGINATIONS AND HALLUCINATIONS? NOBODY KNEW ABOUT THAT ACCUSATION BUT THE ELDERS THEMSELVES. SO THEY DECIDED TO PROHIBIT HER TO MAKE ANY COMMENTS AT ANY MEETINGS. WHAT IS THIS A NEW RULE MADE ONLY BY THE BODY OF ELDERS IN THE LOCAL CONGREGATION? THE WHOLE BRANCH PLAYED WITH HER. THEY PROMISED HER ACTIONS THAT NEVER REALLY HAPPENED. THEY CHANGED THE PEOPLE HANDLING HER CASE FOR SO MANY TIMES, THEY SCATTERED SLANDEROUS ACCUSATIONS AGAINST HER AND TRIED TO HAVE HER BABY MISCARRIAGED BY FILLING HER YOUNG MIND WITH THREATS AND ANXIETIES. EVEN THE SO CALLED ANNOINTED ONE, NAMELY ""MARK SANDERSON"" HAD A BIG PART ON THIS WICKEDNESS. HE REFUSED TO COMFORT HER WHEN SHE SEEKED HELP,HE DID NOT ACCOMODATE HER EVEN WHEN SHE MADE EFFORTS TO GO AND MEET WITH HIM TO SEEK ADVICE.THIS MARK SANDERSON TOLD HER EXTREMELY DEPRESSING WORDS YOU CANT IMAGINE WILL COME FROM AN ANNOINTED ONE, ONE.. THAT THEY SAY WILL GO TO HEAVEN AND RULE WITH JESUS. ITS ALMOST A YEAR THAT PASSED BUT THESE ELDERS ARE CONTINUOUSLY HAUNTING HER DOWN AND THREATENING HER LIFE. IF ONLY I COULD HELP... IF ONLY... GOD KNOWS ALL THE VICTIMS... OTHERS WHO WERE ALSO ABUSED BY THESE BETHELITES... IM STILL HOPING TO SEE JEHOVAH MAKE A WAY AND SOLVE THIS ONE DAY... PLEASE POST THIS MESSAGE EVERYWHERE YOU CAN. AS MUCH AS YOU CAN...

mind blown

Saturday, April 3, 2010
@ 3:34 AM

Thank You....

I would like to THANK YOU for having the guts to do this Mr Bowen! I was molested in the 60's by a Jehovah's Witness brother. Who knows how many other children he's done this to, since it's known, abusers don't stop at just one. Of course the old story of elders handling these types of situations is a crime within it self. My aunt who's a JW wouldn't even believe my mom (her sister) when she came to her about the issue. Because of your help as well as many other...it FINALLY ..came out in the wash! My JW aunt finally had the guts to ask me personally if it was true.(my molestation).....and I told her yes, he did molest me. My loving Aunts only response....oh.....? Anyway, it looks as though things are really heating up now for those who think they can sweep things under the carpet....Prosecution of the Pope may be imminent....even the world is calling these child sex abuse cases...."Crimes Against Humanity" and "Violent Crimes Against Children".....the pope may be prosecuted by "INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT"....he will not be able to cry "Head Of State".....read below:
<http://www.thedailybeast.com/blogs-and-stories/2010-04-01/take-him-to-court/>
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/libertycentral/2010/apr/02/pope-legal-immunity-international-law>
http://newsweek.washingtonpost.com/onfaith/guestvoices/2010/03/investigate_the_pope.html

M.A.N.

Tuesday, March 30, 2010
@ 4:11 PM

To Katydid

I don't know the details of this case but as most people here will tell you, the GB of the WT will do everything it can to avoid admitting ANY guilt or responsibility concerning the pedophilia that is rampant within its ranks. The Jehovah's Witnesses cult has such a high percentage of child abuses that it is no longer possible for them to hide the facts. In the past, they have taken the position that there is no problem. They have threatened those who have come forward with being shunned and losing their families. They did settle some cases recently but the victims were forbidden from discussing the settlements, which gave the WT the chance (THEY think) of pretending it never happened since no details were made public. What needs to be done is for the courts to demand that the WT admit their guilt in ALL respects, pay damages to the victims, and for the GB to be imprisoned for life as punishment for their role in the thousands of crimes of rape and child abuse that they knew about. Publicity is something the WT

hates with a passion, yet it is one of the things that can bring about their demise. They do not have unlimited money, they are a small group, and no loving god in his right mind would have anything to do with them. Once the public learns the complete truth regarding the WT, I think their attempts to go out in field service and make converts will be virtually useless. One of the most productive things we can still do now is to warn anyone who will listen about their practices. I doubt that decent people will want to have anything to do with them. My best to all. M.A.N.

katydid

Sunday, March 28, 2010
@ 9:59 AM

Supreme Court case re Catholic Church-sounds familiar

I read that the Vatican is being sued by victims of priests' sex abuse. The court wants to know what the Vatican knew at the time. The excuses regarding not wanting the Catholic Church's name to be smeared, that they did not try to prevent victims from reporting, that the matter is confidential, etc., sounded so familiar. Any chance that this issue will come before the GB of the WTBS again with any success this time? It seems to have been successfully swept under the rug. An admission, with a sincere apology, would help a lot of people, it seems to me, although nothing can erase what harm has been done. Just wondered if anyone else has information on this new case.

M.A.N.

Thursday, March 25, 2010
@ 12:55 PM

To Everyone

To PCW: Thanks for the suggestion, I'll look into it. Alex: Ultimately, the WT and JW's cannot provide anything BUT pain and suffering. In the beginning of a person's contact with JW's, some things appear to be good. But it's just a cheap coat of paint. Underneath, it's rotten. The WT is fond of quoting the parables of Jesus and applying them to the world in general. It is so ironic that they really apply to the WT. The whitewashed graves, the cup that appears clean but is dirty, etc. all fit the WT. For years, I've challenged JW's to show us how they are NOT as bad or worse than the Pharisees in the first century and not ONE has been able to show that the WT and the GB are NOT like the Pharisees. Rules, lack of love, arrogance, and all the rest. If the shoe fits, wear it. Marie, I've seen many YouTube videos where JW's get downright nasty, vulgar, and snotty when anyone challenges their beliefs. They've cursed at me and when I quoted proof that the WT defends, hides, and denies having pedophiles in their midst, their claws and fangs come out ready to fight. Obviously, they are destined to lose ANY argument with me concerning this issue. Their answers are always rude, threatening me with destruction and other juvenile and mentally ill behavior. "There are none so blind as those who WILL NOT see." I love that expression because it fits JW's so very well. Most of them are beyond help since they insist on remaining in their insanity and ignorance. But we can continue to post and try to help the few who might be able to be saved from wasting their lives serving the WT and the GB. My best to all. M.A.N.

DJB

Monday, March 22, 2010
@ 3:58 PM

Tolerance?

In my last comment I mentioned tolerance. I was referring to the tolerance of offenders in the Watchtower ranks. Also the bad treatment of victims!!! Grieving God's Spirit most definitely...They should be proactive to root out this evil...Jesus description of the religious leaders of his day so applies "white washed graves...outwardly appear beautiful... but full ...plunder and... of dead mans bones etc". In other words disgusting!!!DJB

Marie

Wednesday, March 10, 2010
@ 12:25 AM

New tricks!

I think that the JW's have found a new way to reach the people. You know it started on street corners, then door to door, then as you got out of your car at a store, now its trolling through youtube. I thought they werent supposed to look at anything apostate in fear of being disfellowshipped. However I find them preaching on youtube all the time. I guess they are going to were the people are because we sure arent answering our doors. How sneaky are they.

Alex

Tuesday, March 9, 2010
@ 5:18 PM

False hope

The Jehovah's Witness religion has only been a source of pain in my life. It is a false hope.

pcw

Monday, March 1, 2010
@ 10:08 AM

M.A.N.

M.A.N. Please purchase the book "Losing My Religion" if you haven't already. There is a wealth of information of innocent child/parent betrayals, and the same stories as read here in the guestbook of Silent Lambs. The author, William Lobdell is a powerful religious writer who has enlightened his readers of what really takes place with leaders of religion from a behind the scene approach. He so reminds me of the SilentLambs founder, Bill Bowen.

LB

Saturday, February 27, 2010
@ 4:23 PM

Interesting site. I grew up in JW but made a conscious decision in my teenage years that it wasn't for me. Based on my own perceptions, and experiences, I feel that the organization shelters a lot of unhealthy behavior. They ignore mental illness, which keeps people from admitting and getting the help they need. I myself was a victim of a mentally ill elder with a lust for impressionable teenagers. I hope folks find the help they need through this site and realize they are not alone.

DJB

Monday, February 22, 2010
@ 8:15 PM

To Jam...

Nicely said you make some good points. Some consider their tolerance\ treatment of victims leading to grieving God's Holy Spirit. I say a BIG yes to this...DJB

M.A.N.

Monday, February 22, 2010
@ 5:01 PM

Hi everyone

I wanted to check in to see how everyone was doing. It's so nice to read these posts from new people. I still am preparing to visit law enforcement here in Central Florida with the information I have. As some of you know, I've had health problems on and off and I can't do too much. Oh, hi PCW, I'm glad you still post. I've read some of the latest news on Freeminds. My encouragement to new people, whether JW's or not, is to ask yourselves just one simple question that, ironically, the WT is very fond of asking when trying to make you exercise your conscience according to THEIR personal beliefs. That question is: "Would Jesus Christ, if he was alive today, associate with individual known pedophiles who were unrepentant and actively offending?" And the same question to the leaders and GB: "Would Jesus or God or any self-respecting angel have ANYTHING to do with you perverted liars??" Somehow, I think honest-hearted people know the answer to these questions. Jesus often lambasted the Pharisees for their hypocrisy. We all know that the GB have the Pharisees beat by a mile. Yet they support Satan by tolerating child abuse. If any JW is reading this, you are NOT in trouble with any God anywhere if you quit this cult. You might actually save your life. I'll check back when I can. My best to all. M.A.N. from Florida.

Friday, February 12, 2010
@ 5:53 PM

To Renee Shelton

I am glad you are free now, too! I'm sorry about your childhood and about the elders in your congregation who were pedophiles. I hope all pedophiles in the Jehovah's Witnesses are exposed, also!

Renee Shelton

Wednesday, February 10, 2010
@ 9:33 PM

Thank you Jesus I am free!

I grew up in Middletown, Ohio. Raised by a mentally ill mother and a pedophile step father who was a minister in the org. I thank God that He set me free and has healed me from the abuse of not only what I had to deal with at home but also by the grown-ups who neglected me and turned the other way. Especially the Elders. Unknown to me there were Elders who were sexually abusing their own children during that time. Some are still in the organization and now have grandchildren. I pray that they will be exposed. God bless, Renee

Wednesday, February 10, 2010
@ 11:25 AM

To PCW

Thanks for the information on the book!

pcw

Tuesday, February 9, 2010
@ 2:04 PM

A Must Read Book

Has anyone heard of, or read the book "Losing My Religion: How I Lost My Faith Reporting on Religion in America and Found Unexpected Peace (Hardcopy) by William Lobdell? I am halfway through the book and am astonished at what is going on in churches. You would be amazed at this man's talent, research and patience. Please purchase a copy. It is worth your while.

Wednesday, February 3, 2010
@ 11:52 AM

To Marie

I'm so glad you're out, too, and I'm glad that you no longer suffer from guilt over leaving! There is nothing to feel guilty about. You did the right thing when you left. I'm sorry your father was abusive! I hope your life is very, very happy now!

Marie

Monday, February 1, 2010
@ 3:22 PM

Thankful its over

I was raised in and out of the org. I never felt at home in any of the 10 congregations we attended. I was always "on the fringes" as they say. I couldn't understand what was wrong with me for not just "getting it" like all the others. Why I had questions that couldn't be answered to my satisfaction. I was told it was because I lacked the right heart condition or somethings we have to take on faith. What kind of answer is that? But I had a love for god and a hunger to know him so I continued to go to the meetings. My father was a very abusive person. Both mentally and physically. The JW's knew and did nothing. Even when I begged for help or would come to meeting red faced and crying. I'm free of that religion now and all of guilt that came with leaving. I'm so thankful to read everyone's accounts. It validates my own feelings! Thank you all for sharing your stories.

Wednesday, January 20, 2010
@ 12:31 PM

The abuse

The JW elders and Catholic priests who refuse to report abuse and to help the victims might as well be slapping God in the face. THEY are the ones bringing reproach to God and to Jesus. Not people who report the abuse to the proper authorities and to social services! The WTBTS misleads elders and congregations to the nth degree, and that is totally deplorable! Pedophiles commit heinous crimes against children - - and get away with it?! How crazy is that?! The elders who aid and abet the abusers are simply accomplices to the crimes and are no more than criminals themselves. Again, THEY are the ones who bring reproach against God's name in their refusal to do the only right thing, which is to protect and provide for the victims by reporting their abuse to the appropriate authorities. How could they not and have clear consciences? Their behavior toward the victims is ABHORRENT!

AGM

Monday, January 18, 2010
@ 7:02 PM

Now I know (too late)

My family has been torn apart because of the WTBTS. It is a high control sect.

PJ

Sunday, January 17, 2010
@ 12:19 PM

Ireland- Finally getting out of the dark ages!

The recent state commissioned investigation into child abuse covering the period of the 1960 s to 1980 s has resulted in a long awaited apology from both the Catholic Church and the Irish State itself. Many senior figures within the church have had to resign, while others are considering their position based on their inaction when cases

were reported to them or where they deliberately covered up cases to protect the Church. It's interesting that the Gardai (police force) came under criticism for being reluctant to take action, and that the investigation also stated that elements of the state colluded in the covering up of abuse. Investigators had to sift through over 60,000 previously secret church files including some 5500 withheld secret files by the Cardinal in his private vault. This investigation found that 46 priests abused over 300 children in the Dublin area alone . and that "the reputation of the Church had been put above the welfare of the children . Many Irish people have described this as the ultimate abuse of trust and that not enough has been done and have called on the Pope to come to Ireland to say he's sorry for the damage done. Do any of these comments sound familiar? Are Jehovah's Witnesses Ministers separate from this sort of conduct? Do they apologize where there has been wrong doing in the area of child abuse? Well, from my own personal experience the answer is no. I reported the sexual abuse of my daughter to the Congregation Elders in 1992 thinking that it would be dealt with and resolved in a Christian way. Instead the next few years would be spent with the majority of Elders intent on not only trying to cover up the case and pervert justice, but also trying to discredit me in every way possible so that they wouldn't look bad. The sole issue that was of concern to the congregation was that of the Elders own personal reputation and position and second to that was the name of the organization. Was the reputation of the Elders and Congregation put above the welfare of the flock? Well to answer that for yourself, consider that during those years my family had to contend with the attempted suicide of our abused daughter and all the problems that come with dealing with child sexual abuse with no support from the congregation. Add to this the fact that the Elders had a report of physical abuse of the abusers wife and the sexual abuse of the abusers own daughter during those years! Did the congregation move to have the case investigated by the Gardai? No, quite the opposite, in 1995 the Gardai had to threaten the Congregation overseer with prosecution just to make a Garda statement after I had reported the case to the authorities for investigation. Prior to this I was told NOT to release the name of the abuser to the Health Authorities or to inform the book study conductor in the abusers new congregation of the accusation against him. Interestingly, after the investigation got under way the Circuit Overseer's advise was that I didn't have to turn up in court if the prosecution against the abuser went ahead and that the case would fold! This suggests that they knew the case was true and would go to trial. To cut a long story short the abuser resigned from the new congregation, then admitted the sexual abuse of my daughter in a meeting between myself, his own wife and an Elder from his new congregation. My daughter & myself agreed to drop the charges and accept a meeting with the authorities and abuser to settle the case out of court as had originally been done in another Irish congregation according to the Circuit Overseer. This never happened and the Elder involved in the meeting has refused to report the abusers admittance to this day to the Gardai, even though the abuser had resigned from the congregation! He fled the area and has not been charged. This case opened a flood of reports of child abuse cases that had been swept under the carpet in nearby congregations, although nothing was done about them in the past, not surprising given the culture of Irish society, it is my hope that the publishing of the Catholic Church investigation will give new hope and confidence for victims to come forward with their stories and to be acted on. The Cork Congregation in question has since changed its name, due in some respect I believe to cover it's past reputation, but the Elders that carried out the ultimate abuse of trust are still around, pretending there's nothing wrong, pretending that they have children's best interest at heart, pretending they are shepherds of Christ's flock.

Sweet Pea

Tuesday, January 12, 2010
@ 6:15 AM

Mothers Battle, Fear and Pray 4 Justice

I am dealing with fighting my entire county in order to protect my little baby boy's life. No one seems to care nor listen to the innocent cries for help when its from a child. I thought that was our job, our duty, our god given and treasured gift to find peace and assurance in protecting our children. My heart aches with now knowing and seeing just how wide spread child abuse is in our country. Child abuse now being rated so to seem as less of a fault. When it is the child that has fallen victim there is only an adult to blame! Youth, innocence go ahead look that up, you will come to find there is no other direction to look for fault with such a horrible wrong thing. I will stop at nothing to do the right thing and protect my baby boy. I am all he has and he is all I have that I never ever can fail with. I will make it through this, yes gain strength but at the same time hold a lot of hatred for any being that is low enough to risk the life or fate of an innocent child.

J

Saturday, January 9, 2010
@ 9:03 PM

I grew up in the Vincennes Indiana Congregation

I grew up in Vincennes Indiana. I was a Witness throughout my childhood and started raising my children as Witnesses also. I believed the "truth" with my whole heart. It took me years to finally break away and stop feeling guilty for no longer being a Witness. The Vincennes congregation was riddled with perverts during my years in the congregation. People gossiped about it but NEVER reported any of it to the police! I'm sad to say but my parent is one of those adults that talked about these sick perverts but never picked up the phone to save any of those children

from the pedophiles. All because it would bring reproach on Jehovah's name! How warped is that? Elders (one in particular, he was the presiding overseer) would stalk kids and young adults trying to catch them in the act of wrongdoing. They used intimidation regularly. I was dragged into an elder's meeting at just 10 years old! Why? Because I was seen by an elder walking down the street with a 'worldly girl!' This was a friend from school. I was an innocent child that had done nothing wrong. I had to face 3 grown men intimidating me and reproving me, for what? My parent allowed this! In the early 1990's some brother's from 'the organization' came in. After several meetings with many people, the elders in Vincennes were "removed". After a few years they were all elders again and nothing ever changed. I'm so happy to be free from the mental chains that kept me connected to Jehovah's Witnesses!! now use my own mind and my own conscience that God gave me. I'm so thankful for your website!

HABW

Saturday, January 9, 2010
@ 9:45 AM

Alberta Canada Experience

Only recently have I discovered this organization that is doing such a great and important job to expose the lies and 'holier than thou' attitude of the WT organization. One summer an itinerant JW (quite elderly) visited my grandparents farm - and since there was no spare bed . . . need I say more! I was only 12 years old (male). Wondering if there were others in the Castor/Coronation/Stettler area of Alberta, Canada, who had a similar experience involving a JW minister?

Wednesday, January 6, 2010
@ 1:15 PM

To J.A.M.

Those are some really good points you make! I hate war, too. What bothers me about Jehovah's Witnesses and their door to door work is that they are basically required to go door to door to earn points in the organization. There is something so not real about that. Also, the New World Translation isn't really a translation. It's a sectarian interpretation. The JW's 'truth' is not the truth. The so-called leadership allows for corrupt teachings. When I was a Witness I could not shun people. It didn't feel right. It didn't feel normal or natural. I have a sister who is a devout JW, too. She is like your sister. She is not going to call me and say, "Lets do coffee", or anything. No way. I appreciate your post!