

# The Cults Exposed

Jehovah's Witnesses: Anatomy of a Conversion



## Introduction: Witness at Your Door (continued...)

**Review:** Following a separation from his wife and daughter two JWs knock at Joe Simpson's door. After weeks of study with the witnesses Joe begins to attend the Kingdom Hall, is trained as a witness, and begins door to door work. His commitment to the organization steadily grows. Since his wife was is uncooperative, Joe is encouraged to consider the Witnesses his "new family."

A visit to the door of Mrs. Williams, an evangelical Christian, surfaces doubts. Joe is impressed by her graciousness and her knowledgeable, biblical response to Witness teachings about Jesus. Joe is disturbed that his mentor, Leo, lies in order to end a "non-productive" appointment with Mrs. Williams. Leo prohibits Joe from going to her house again ...

## I The Second Meeting with Mrs. Williams (Focus: Is Jesus God?)

*Why is Mrs. Williams a credible and influential witness to Joe?*

"It has been the experience of the author, based upon numerous personal contacts with cultists of all varieties, that there has yet to be born a cultist who can confuse, confound or in any way refute a Christian who has made doctrinal theology an integral part of his study of the Scriptures. Cults thrive upon ignorance and confusion where the doctrines of the Scriptures are concerned, but are powerless to shake Christians in their faith or effectively proselytize them when the Christian is well grounded in the basic teachings of the Bible and given over to a study of the great doctrinal truths of the Word of God. These mighty buttresses of Christian theology must no longer be taken for granted by Christian believers nor should pastors and teachers assume that the average Christian has sound knowledge concerning them." (Walter Martin, *KC*, 398.)

## II The Meeting with the Witness Leadership (Focus: Loyalty)

*What threats to Joe's loyalty are confronted by the JW leaders? How do they seek to retain Joe's loyalty?*

**III The Third Meeting with Mrs. Williams (Focus: Conversion)**  
*What or who, in your opinion, convinces Joe to trust Christ as His savior?*

**IV The Final Meeting with Leo (Focus: Making the Break)**  
*Do you think the JW will be back?*

*Bonus Question: If Joe's wife were a JW do you think he would have made the break?*

**Conclusion: The Great Commission, Our Great Omission?**

*Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."  
(Matthew 28:18-20)*

**NOTE:**

**One of the most difficult issues for a Jehovah's Witness who becomes a Christian and then attends an evangelical church is the lack of commitment of Christians to the task of evangelism and discipleship.**

*Do you agree with this statement? If so, what are the implications?*