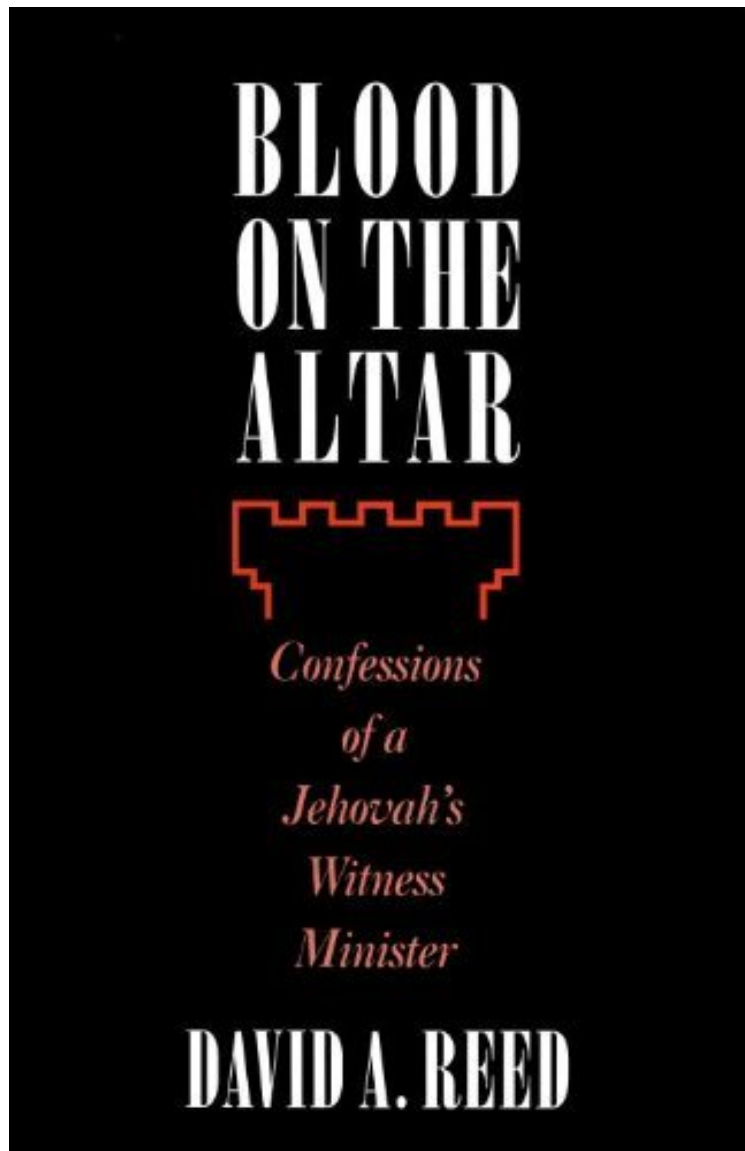


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Jehovah's Witnesses' mind control and blood transfusions.Von Ein KundeA Review of Blood on the AltarDave
MackmillerBlood on the Altar: Confessions of a Jehovah's Witness Minister, by David A. Reed (Amherst, N.Y.:

Prometheus Books, 1996) 285 pp. The main focus of *Blood on the Altar* deals with the Jehovah's Witnesses (JWs) and their refusal to accept blood transfusions, even in the face of death. Much of the rest of the book deals with the 117-year history of the JWs and their plethora of scandals, failed prophecies, and contradictory biblical interpretations. The Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, which governs the JWs, loosely interprets an ancient Hebrew dietary restriction as God's injunction against blood transfusions. Genesis 9:4 says, "But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat." (Oddly enough, during the 30's and 40's the JWs also interpreted this as a biblical ban on vaccinations.) Although the JWs release no official mortality data, Reed calculates that between five and twelve thousand JW's die every year from refusing transfusions. But since they die quietly one by one, they don't make sensational headlines like the multiple deaths at Waco and Jonestown. The book is peppered with news clippings about JWs who died by refusing blood. For example, there's Bill Korinek, injured in a car crash, Although growing weaker from loss of blood, Korinek steadfastly refused to accept a transfusion... The Mormon doctor pleaded with the young man's mother to authorize the treatment, but she replied, "I would rather see my boy dead and in the grave than see him violate Jehovah God's commandment against blood!" Korinek died shortly afterward. Sadder yet are the accounts of babies and children who died because their parents felt they were doing Jehovah's will. Several times the doctors were able to get a court order to force a transfusion, but by then it was too late. Sometimes they were physically prevented by large groups of JWs guarding the patient. This is a recent tactic of the JWs, to send a "Hospital Liaison Committee" to watch over a dying member. A JW who is married to a non-believer may secretly sign over power-of-attorney to a church elder, who can then legally order blood withheld over the objections of the patient's family. The JWs carry their ban on blood to absurd extremes. As a JW, you cannot even accept your own blood if it has been removed from your circulation. If your cat needed a blood transfusion and you allowed it, you would be sinning. You also could not use leeches for medical purposes, since you would be feeding them your blood. (They must panic at the sight of a mosquito!) In 1967, they also interpreted Genesis 9:4 as prohibiting organ transplants. They decried them as "a short cut to cannibalistically chewing and eating human flesh." Then in 1980, the Watchtower stated, "There is no biblical command pointedly forbidding the taking in of other human tissue." Reed comments, What of those who went blind refusing a cornea transplant during the thirteen-year ban? What of those who died refusing a kidney or other vital organ? No apologies were given to the suffering individuals still alive, nor to the JW families who lost loved ones. The prohibition on such medical procedures was quietly dropped and then no longer mentioned, as if it had never been. Since the Watchtower Society has reversed itself on transplants and vaccinations, why not drop the ban on blood? Reed speculates that it "may be a case of holding a tiger by the tail: how can they let go after so many have died?" As a former JW myself, I found Reed's account fascinating. He quotes from JW literature dating back to 1877, exposing teachings that even modern day JWs would find absurd. For example, they asserted for decades that measurements of the Great Pyramid of Giza represented a chronology predicting Christ's return (a theory probably stolen from the Mormons). They also claimed to know God's address: the star Alcyone in the Pleiades cluster. Reed also details his own conversion and the subtle yet powerful mind-control that the JWs exert. He describes his fall from grace over "an inch of hair" and his wife's wearing of pantsuits. (JWs maintain a strictly 50's conservative dress code.) There is a fascinating mind-control story about his encounter with a JW canvassing at his front door shortly after he left the cult. She talked about Revelations and the "great crowd" of JWs who would live forever on earth instead of heaven. He asked her to read from Revelations 19:1, She read, "After these things I heard what was a loud voice of a great crowd in heaven..." Then I asked her where the verse located the great crowd. "On earth," she replied. So I had her read it again, this time interrupting her after she read the words, "great crowd in heaven." Again I asked her where the verse located the great crowd. And again she answered, "On earth." So I pointed to the verse in her Bible and asked her, "But what is that word there - the last word you read?" "It says 'heaven,'" she finally acknowledged, immediately adding, "but the great crowd is on earth." Then she explained, "You don't understand. We have men at our [Watchtower Society] headquarters in Brooklyn, New York, who explain the Bible to us." "Is it any wonder that people who are so tightly controlled by the Watchtower Society would gladly allow themselves to die over the Society's interpretation of some ancient Kosher dietary law?"

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Von Ein Kunde
In response to the previous reviewer, it's the JWs that are sad. It's Xmas and they are prohibited from celebrating it. Scrooges by decree. It is true that they are a sect. Even more, a cult. They are a budding Roman Catholic Church, going through all the same early building phases, including excommunication, which they call disfellowshipping. Name changes only. Their basic belief is that only JWs are saved. And yes, it was all founded by a single man, who was treated as a virtual saint ever since, and whose doctrines can never be disputed but only modified by a vote of a small governing body. Only JWs saved? Yes, and that's why they go door to door. They think that's what saves them. Everybody else will be turned into manure by God and their flesh eaten by birds while they rejoice at God's justice. Jesus didn't go door to door, grin. The second basic belief is that reading the Bible alone will not save you. You must go through the channel of the Watchtower and its literature. While some of their doctrines are great, such as the one concerning the soul, and the one against hellfire, others are just plain nuts. Blood transfusion taboo is the worst, just like the book says. It was a big mistake of the virtually anonymous people at the top, the governing board. They will have to change it one day, and when they do the WT will be subject to massive lawsuits

and defections, just like the book says. Like any cult, they say they are not of this world, yet have a multibillion dollar corporation that fears lawsuits. So who is sad? Reed's book is much needed, and I hope JW's read it, even though the WT cult orders them not to. I'm also sorry .com censors and suppresses reviews at will, as this is the second I've submitted in 3-4 mos.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. This book is a must for open-minded JW's.Von Ein KundeI am a JW (not active for six months now), since discovering the 'other side of the story' so to speak. I've spent the last twenty years of my life dedicated to the Jehovah's Witnesses organization as a 'publisher' and 'ministerial servant', as well as periodically serving as a 'auxillary pioneer'. I've always had a few doubts here and there about different doctrines and the way things were handled by the 'society', but just 'brushed' it off as my not understanding at the time what the 'Governing Body' of Jehovah's Witnessess were doing. Afterall, these men are 'anointed' by God and would not write anything in the Watchtower magazine that was NOT true. I would put my ideas and thoughts 'on the shelf' and wait patiently on Jehovah to declare the 'truth' to his 'servants' and subsequently, to his 'other sheep'. After discovering the Internet and how I could access information on any subject, I became aware of so called 'Apostate' material. What I really found was insig! ht into an organization that I knew actually NOTHING about. After reading numerous articles on the history of thw Watchtower movement starting with its first president, Charles Taze Russell, I next read, "Crisis of Conscience" by Raymond Franz (former governing body member of JW organization). This book 'blew me away'. I next read Mr Franz's next book, "In Search of Christian Freedom". After careful research, I moved on to "Blood on the Altar" by Mr Reed. This book is fascinating from the beginning to the end. It is not written in a vindictive spirit, but is thought out and brings to the 'open-minded' and mis-informed Jehovah's Witness information that he/she would never know outside their own circle of activity. David Reed conveys to his readers an insight into the psychological, emotional and often tragic side to those who would sacrifice their love ones because of obeying what they think is God's will but in actuality, is only the person! al whims of men who claim to speak for God. These are the s! ame men who at one time stated that organ transplants was a form of cannabilism and that recieving any is against God's will and thus, one can be 'excommunicated'or 'disfellowshipped' from 'God's organization'. Many people died because of what was told to them. After 17 years or so, the GB reversed their policy on organ transplants and said that it was 'okay' to have a transplant if one was needed. Well, how many people died because of their allegiance to the Watchtower society's mandate? Mr Reed explains that this could happen again with the blood issue. Will the Watchtower men change their minds on this matter also? Please read this book. Make up your mind after reading 'both sides of the story'. Thank you

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