

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES DO NOT WANT THEIR MEMBERS TO THINK

Due to the limited amount of time JW's have each week for Bible study (because of the demands placed upon them by the organization) they are encouraged to find solace in the following statement:

"We may think of study as hard work, as involving heavy research. But, in Jehovah's organization it is not necessary to spend a lot of time and energy in research, for there are brothers in the organization who are designed to do that very thing for you" (Watch Tower Magazine, 1 June 1967: 338).

The following quotes, all from Watch Tower Magazine, show the degree to which the organization wants to control the minds of its members.

"Jehovah caused the Bible to be written in such a way that one needs to come in touch with His human channel before one can fully and accurately understand it" (15 February 1981: 17).

"Jehovah's organization alone, in all the earth, is directed by God's Holy Spirit... to it alone God's Sacred Word, the Bible, is not a sealed book" (1 July 1773: 402).

"Fight against independent thinking! If we get to thinking that we know better than the organization, we should ask ourselves: 'Where did we learn the way of truth in the first place?' Really, can we get along without the direction of God's organization? No we cannot" (15 January 1983: 27).

"...People cannot see the divine plan in studying the Bible by itself" (15 September 1910: 298).

"God has not arranged that word [the Bible] to speak independently, or to shine forth life giving truths by itself" (1 May 1957: 273).

"He wants His earthly servants united, and so He has made understanding the Bible today dependent upon associating with His organization" (1 November 1961: 668).

"Jehovah does not impart an understanding and appreciation of His Word apart from His visible organization" (1 July 1965: 391).

"Thus the Bible is an organizational book and belongs to the Christian congregation as an organization, not to individuals, regardless of how sincerely they may believe that they can interpret the Bible. For this reason, the Bible CANNOT be properly understood without Jehovah's visible organization in mind" (1 October 1967: 587).

"Unless we are in touch with this channel of communication that God is using, we will not progress along the road of life, no matter how much Bible reading we do" (1 December 1981: 27).

Can anyone say Matthew 15:14?

"Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch."