

**Review: David A. Reed, *Jehovah-Talk: The Mind-Control Language of Jehovah's Witnesses*, Baker, Grand Rapids, MI, 1997**

Pages: 155

**Invaluable Guide and Insight**

The author does a service in revealing “JW-ese”, which comes with a few surprises: they believe Jesus is Abaddon, angel of the bottomless pit, the wise men were evil emissaries of Satan, and the cross is a phallic sex symbol!

Learning each term will make for more effective witnessing to the JW's, although one would have to take care to avoid being noticed as an “opposer”/“ridiculer” and so avoided.

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**Preface (pp. 7-12)**

“Theocratic language” is a mind-control instrument.

**Introduction (pp. 13-19)**

**I) “J. W. ese”-A Language With a Built-In Agenda (pp. 20-30)**

Wedge words: “Kingdom Hall” in place of “Church”; “hymns” are “songs”; “sermon” is a printed message from house-to-house; messages from the pulpit are “talks”; “publisher” is a doorknocker; “pioneer” is a full-time publisher.

“Bulletin board” was forbidden due to its etymology of Papal Bulls.

“Spirit” really means “electricity”.

A goat is one who rejects the JW message.

“One of the first goals of a Jehovah's Witness works towards with a potential convert is to replace the individual's Bible with the Watchtower

Society's *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures*. The practice is often justified by pointing out that the new student will understand this modern translation more readily than the archaic seventeenth-century language found in the *King James* or *Douay* versions." [p22]

Witnesses map out streets and count time spent canvassing.

## **II) A Language That Changes on Command (pp. 31-33)**

*The Watchtower*, 11/1/1995, redefined "generation" to mean anyone who sees Christ's presence, with no time limit attached.

## **III) Definitions of JW Words and Expressions (pp. 34-136)**

*Abaddon*: Jesus Christ.

*Abomination of desolation*: the League of Nations / U.N.

*Abraham's seed*: Jesus Christ plus the 144,000.

*Active force*: neither deity nor person.

*A.D.*: JW's prefer to use C.E.

*Adam*: the first human made with male and female characteristics. Became true man only after God removed the feminine part to make Eve.

*Alcohol*: moderate consumption is approved.

*Angel*: order to which JW's assign Christ.

*Annual meeting*: admission is via ticket only.

*Anointed class*: 144,000; the only ones going to heaven.

*Anthem*: forbidden to stand while played.

*Antichrist*: Christendom's clergy.

*Apostate*: these rank below prostitutes, murderers, and child abusers.

*Appeal Committee*: at least three Elders.

*Appointed (Gentile) Times*: 2520 years from 607BC to AD1914.

*Ark of Salvation*: The Watchtower Society.

*Assembly*: A large JW district convention of 10K

*Assembly Hall*: oversize Kingdom Hall.

*Association*: a JW may be sanctioned for attending a political rally or going to a church.

*Astrologers*: the evil wise men; Satan sent the star as part of a plot to kill Jesus.

*Battle of Armageddon*: JWs will be the only survivors. Follows the Battle of Babylon.

*Battle of Babylon*: destruction of all non-JW organisations.

*Beard*: usually makes one as a non-JW.

*Two-horned Beast*: Britain and the U.S.

*Birthday*: parties and cards are forbidden.

*Blood*: JWs can't receive albumin, immunoglobulin, Factor VIII, Factor IX, or even their own blood re-circulated externally.

*Branch Office*: one of a hundred regional subsidiaries.

*Cemetery witnessing*: usually done on Memorial Day.

*Choir*: an invention of Satan.

*Circuit Overseer*: ranks above Elder.

*Cross*: pagan phallic sex symbol.

*Dawn Bible Students*: a breakaway organisation.

*Disappointments*: 1914, 1925, 1975, etc.

*Evil Slave*: ex-Witness who attacks the Watchtower.

*Ezekiel Class*: anointed remnant at the Watchtower's core.

*First Resurrection*: in 1918 JW's were raised up in spirit bodies.

*God*: angelic or supernatural being.

*Governing Body*: 10-18 JW's.

*Higher Education*: a waste of time and Satanic snare.

*Opposer (Ridiculer)*: knowledgeable non-JW enemy of the Watchtower

*Paradise*: post-Armageddon world perfectly restored to Eden.

*Purple Triangle*: given to JW's by the Nazis in camps.

*Spirit*: life-force surrounding each cell.

#### **IV) Breaking the Language Barrier (pp. 137-141)**

JW's are instructed to avoid opposers.

Non-JW's are quickly exposed inside a Kingdom Hall.

#### **V) The Author's Testimony (pp. 142-152)**

One JW left death threats on the author's machine. He was disfellowshipped *in absentia*.