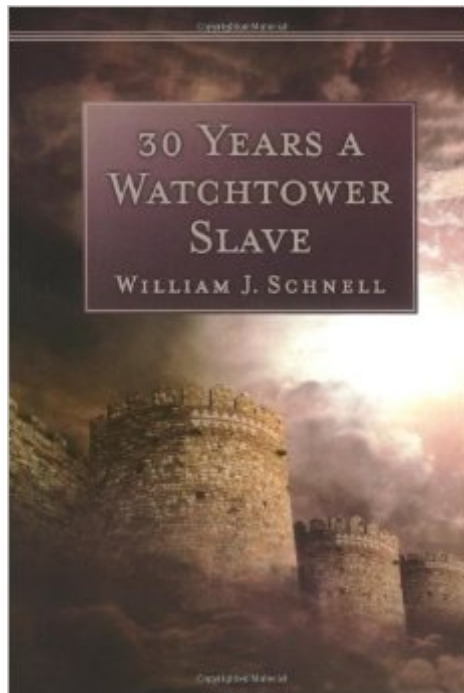


The book was found

30 Years A Watchtower Slave: The Confessions Of A Converted Jehovah's Witness



Synopsis

At first, the Watchtower Society seemed harmless to William J. Schnell, even valuable as a way to develop his faith in God and pass it on to others. This book is Schnell's fascinating account of his involvement with the cult, which effectively enticed him in the 1920s and continues to lure countless individuals today. Readers will learn, as Schnell did, that the Jehovah's Witness religion he had joined was anything but innocent. For thirty years he was enslaved by one of the most totalitarian religions of our day, and his story of finally becoming free is riveting. Readers will be alerted to the inner machinations, methods, and doctrines of the Watchtower Society, arming them to forewarn others and witness to their Jehovah's Witness friends, relatives, neighbors, and the stranger at the door. With more than 300,000 copies sold, *30 Years a Watchtower Slave* is truly one of the classic testimonies of freedom from a powerful cult.

Book Information

Paperback: 214 pages

Publisher: Baker Books; Abridged edition (January 1, 2002)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0801063841

ISBN-13: 978-0801063848

Product Dimensions: 5.5 x 0.5 x 8.2 inches

Shipping Weight: 11.7 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.3 out of 5 stars [See all reviews](#) (43 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #663,817 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #30 in [Books > Christian Books & Bibles > Christian Denominations & Sects > Jehovah's Witness](#) #333 in [Books > Religion & Spirituality > Other Religions, Practices & Sacred Texts > Cults](#) #1778 in [Books > Religion & Spirituality > Religious Studies > Comparative Religion](#)

Customer Reviews

This is a fascinating 'behind-the-scenes' account of the Bible Student/Jehovah's Witnesses/Watch Tower Theocracy from one who was involved in its upper echelons, both in Germany and America. Not only can today's activities of the Witnesses be understood through William's record, there are political insights into how any large hierarchical organisation operates, religious or otherwise. The Society moved through the following stages on its journey to today's Theocracy: *First dictatorship under Charles Russell (1879-1916). *Dissolution from 1916 to 1919-a 'deadly wound'. *Second dictatorship under Judge Joseph Rutherford (1919-1942). *Third and current

dictatorship under a consortium replete with Board of Directors, President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Dictator egos were evident, e.g. Rutherford's visit to Germany and coercing the Director into shaving off his Russell-like beard in exchange for new printing equipment. Hypocritically, 'God's Organisation' ended up becoming both a religion and a corporate entity, just like the 'Egyptians' they so despise. At the date of writing (1963 edition), Witnesses were described as having 'delusions of persecution and Armageddon tremors' and 'carrying a permanent chip on their shoulders'. With William's help the Society invented an ingenious seven step indoctrination program: (i) Get books to people. (ii) Back call. (iii) 'Home Bible Study' (which uses a Watch Tower Society published book). (iv) Friday 'area' book studies in conference forum. (v) Kingdom Hall attendance on Sunday. (vi) Attend service meetings and training. (vii) Water baptism.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

30 Years a Watchtower Slave: The Confessions of a Converted Jehovah's Witness
The Trinity vs. the Watchtower: Biblical Trinitarianism vs. the Teachings and Practice of Jehovah's Witnesses
through the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society
Watchtower Of Indoctrination: The Truth About Growing Up A Jehovah's Witness
The Watchtower Files: Dialogue With a Jehovah's Witness
HECHOS Documentados Que La Sociedad Watchtower No Desea Que Usted CONOZCA: Documented Watchtower Facts (Spanish Edition)
Twelve Years a Slave (the Original Book from Which the 2013 Movie '12 Years a Slave' Is Based) (Illustrated)
The Bible vs. the Watchtower (the Jehovah's Witnesses' Authority)
Jehovah's Witnesses: A quick and Easy guide to debate: How to respond to Jehovah's Witnesses
I'm Perfect, You're Doomed: Tales from a Jehovah's Witness
Upbringing The 10 Most Important Things You Can Say to a Jehovah's Witness
I am Jezebel: A Former Jehovah's Witness Breaks Her Silence
I Was Raised a Jehovah's Witness
Falling in Truth: The Education of a Jehovah's Witness
Escaping the Smoke and Rain: Moving Through and Beyond the Jehovah's Witness Community
Converted Churches
I Witness: Hard Gold: The Colorado Gold Rush of 1859: A Tale of the Old West (I Witness Novels)
Behind the Scenes, or, Thirty Years a Slave, And Four Years in the White House
Behind the Scenes: or, Thirty Years a Slave, and Four Years in the White House (Penguin Classics)
The American Slave Coast: A History of the Slave-Breeding Industry
When I Was a Slave: Memoirs from the Slave Narrative Collection (Dover Thrift Editions)

[Dmca](#)