101 Teachings Of The Watchtower

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Of all items listed, only three have been discontinued. (marked with an asterisk)

All *are* listed, however, to show the absurdity of Watchtower authority and the absolute control leadership has over the lives of members once they join.

- 1. Jehovah God is not a Trinity
- 2. The doctrine of the Trinity is inspired by Satan
- 3. Jesus Christ is a created being, who at one time did not exist.
- 4. The Holy Spirit is not a person but is "God's active force" i.e. gravity, electricity etc.
- 5. Heaven is only for select Jehovah's Witnesses
- 6. Heaven is limited only to 144,000 Jehovah's Witnesses
- 7. Jehovah's Witnesses are the only true Christians
- 8. There is no Hell (It is simply the grave)
- 9. There is no life after death (except for the 144,000)
- 10. Salvation is by good works not by Grace
- 11. You cannot be sure of salvation
- 12. Jesus is not to be worshiped or prayed to
- 13. Jesus did not rise from the dead bodily but as a spirit being
- 14. You are discouraged from attending college
- 15. The "first resurrection" occurred in 1918
- 16. All pastors are the "Antichrist"
- 17. All churches are of Satan
- 18. All governments are controlled by Satan
- 19. You cannot take a blood transfusion
- 20. You cannot be a police officer
- 21. You cannot salute the flag, stand for the national anthem, or own a flag
- 22. You cannot serve in the military
- 23. You cannot buy Girl Scout cookies
- 24. You must attend five meetings per week
- 25. Jesus' second coming occurred in 1914 (only known to Jehovah's Witnesses)
- 26. You cannot marry a non-Jehovah's Witness
- 27. If one does not follow the rules of the Watchtower they will be shunned
- 28. You cannot read Christian literature from a Christian book store
- 29. You cannot be a cheerleader
- 30. You cannot celebrate any holidays (Christmas, Easter, etc.)
- 31. You cannot celebrate your birthday
- 32. You cannot run for or hold a political office
- 33. You cannot vote in any political campaign
- 34. You cannot serve on a jury
- 35. You are discouraged from giving to charity (except Watchtower causes)
- 36. You cannot speak to former members who are shunned (dis-fellowshipped)
- 37. You cannot accept Christmas gifts
- 38. You must read and study Watchtower literature regularly
- 39. Only Jehovah's Witnesses can understand the Bible
- 40. Angels direct the Watchtower organization
- 41. Jesus did not die on a cross but an upright pole
- 42. You cannot own or wear a cross
- 43. You must report your witnessing activity to the elders
- 44. You must go from door to door weekly to gain converts
- 45. You cannot have friends who are not Jehovah's Witnesses
- 46. You must refer to all Jehovah's Witnesses as "brother" or "sister"
- 47. You cannot play chess*
- 48. You cannot understand the Bible without Watchtower literature to explain it
- 49. A child abuser is reported to Watchtower elders and not the police
- 50. You must forgo vacations to attend annual conventions
- 51. You are discouraged from buying a two door car.

- 52. A "Theocratic" or "spiritually strong" Jehovah's Witness will have a full size car for the door to door work
- 53. Men cannot wear beards
- 54. Men must wear short hair
- 55. Women cannot pray in the presence of men without a hat
- 56. You cannot have a tattoo
- 57. You forbidden to use any tobacco products
- 58. Only officially approved sexual practices are allowed in marriage
- 59. You must appear before a judicial committee if you are caught breaking Watchtower rules (Secret files are kept on all members which record these meetings-these files are kept in New York and are never destroyed)
- 60. You must not own wind-chimes (they are for chasing away evil spirits)*
- 61. You cannot read any anti-Jehovah's Witness material
- 62. You cannot use pet foods made with blood or blood products
- 63. You cannot join any clubs or sports teams
- 64. You cannot wear jade jewelry*
- 65. You cannot purchase Christian products (books, music, plaques, pictures etc.)
- 66. You cannot wear any Christian jewelry
- 67. Jehovah's Witness meeting places have no windows
- 68. If you see another Jehovah's Witness breaking the rules you must turn them in to the elders to be interrogated
- 69. Jesus could have sinned and failed in his mission
- 70. Jesus was not born the savior but became the savior at his baptism
- 71. The Watchtower organization is God's prophet on earth today
- 72. Women must submit to Watchtower elders
- 73. You cannot support your country
- 74. One must study Watchtower books at least six months before he can be baptized
- 75. Before baptism, one must answer over 80 questions in front of a panel of elders
- 76. Most of The Book of Revelation applies to the Jehovah's Witnesses
- 77. You cannot celebrate Mothers or Father's Day (it may produce pride)
- 78. Kingdom Halls cannot have pews for seating
- 79. JW's are forbidden to say "good luck"
- 80. God is not omniscient "all knowing"
- 81. God is not omnipresent
- 82. God only speaks through the "Governing Body" in Brooklyn, New York
- 83. The Holy Spirit is only for select Jehovah's Witnesses
- 84. The Lord's Supper is only to be eaten by select Jehovah's Witnesses (144,000 group. 99.99% of Jehovah's Witnesses are forbidden from taking the Lord's Supper)
- 85. The Lord's Supper can only be offered once per year
- 86. JW's in times of crisis, are strongly discouraged from consulting with family counselors, including mental health professionals who are not Jehovah's Witnesses
- 87. Only faithful Jehovah's Witnesses will survive Armageddon
- 88. If you have a non-Witness spouse your first loyalty is to the elders over your spouse
- 89. Jesus was equal to Adam (just a man)
- 90. Judgment day is 1000 years long
- 91. If you leave Jehovah's Witnesses or are expelled from the organization you will not be resurrected
- 91. Only Jehovah's Witness prayers are heard by God
- 92. Man's salvation is secondary in God's plan; Jesus was sent to "vindicate Jehovah's name"
- 93. God will destroy all non-Jehovah's Witnesses at Armageddon
- 94. You forbidden to say "God bless you" when someone sneezes.
- 95. You must never enter a church building
- 96. You must never attend a church service
- 97. You cannot be involved in martial arts, boxing or wrestling
- 98. You cannot participate in a school play
- 99. You cannot donate blood or your organs when you die
- 100. You can never question what is printed in Watchtower literature
- 101. You are forbidden to attend a funeral of an ex-Jehovah's Witness