



DO YOU SUPPORT A PEDOPHILE PARADISE?

When officials representing Jehovah’s Witnesses respond to this question publicly and within their own religion, they typically offer nothing more than misinformation and even outright lies. Most members of the religion are completely ignorant as to the problem of pedophilia among their ranks.

A PEDOPHILE PARADISE?

Can Jehovah’s Witnesses collectively be called a “pedophile paradise”? To answer that question, consider the following:

- ✓ If a confessed or convicted pedophile moves into a congregation of Jehovah’s Witnesses, the members are not informed by any leaders within the church.
- ✓ If a pedophile molests a child within the congregation, parents are strictly forbidden from telling other members.
- ✓ The church does not discipline any accused pedophile unless he or she confesses, or the accuser can produce two eyewitnesses to their abuse.
- ✓ Accused and even confessed molestation is not reported to authorities unless absolutely required by law, and then this reporting is done anonymously.
- ✓ Known pedophiles may serve in positions of authority over others, including children, without other congregation members being informed of this person’s past actions.

THREATENING THE VICTIMS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Far too many victims of pedophilia within the religion of Jehovah’s Witnesses do not speak out and do not report the molestation because of sanctions imposed upon them by the church. Those who talk about the abuse to other congregation members may be accused of slander and of revealing confidential talk, and they may face public discipline and/or excommunication from the church. This in turn involves total and complete shunning from all other members, including family.

Specific Symptoms of Childhood Sexual Abuse:

- ✓ copying adult sexual behavior; persistent sexual play with other children, themselves, toys or pets
- ✓ displaying sexual knowledge, through language or behavior, that is beyond what is normal for their age
- ✓ unexplained pain, swelling, bleeding, or irritation of the mouth, genital or anal area; urinary infections; sexually transmitted diseases
- ✓ hints, indirect comments, or statements about the abuse

Signs of Childhood Sexual Abuse:

- ✓ physical complaints, sleep disturbances, headaches
- ✓ fear or dislike of certain people or places
- ✓ problems in school
- ✓ withdrawal from family, friends, or usual activities
- ✓ excessive bathing or poor hygiene
- ✓ return to younger, more babyish behavior
- ✓ depression, anxiety, eating disorders
- ✓ discipline problems, running away, delinquent acts
- ✓ passive or overly pleasing behaviors
- ✓ low self-esteem, self-destructive behavior
- ✓ hostility or aggression
- ✓ drug or alcohol problems
- ✓ sexual activity or pregnancy at an early age
- ✓ suicide attempts

SILENCE ONLY HELPS THE ABUSER!

Victims of pedophilia often do not tell anyone about sexual abuse because they are too young to put what has happened into words, they have been threatened or bribed by their abuser, are confused or afraid that no one will believe them or will blame them for the abuse, they feel embarrassed or ashamed, or worry about getting into trouble.

Silence only protects the predator and allows the abuse to continue. Today there are many resources for families and victims to get the help they need, and many ways that others can speak out and help abuse survivors. To learn more about those who have been victims of pedophilia within the religion of Jehovah’s Witnesses, including their true stories and accounts, and to learn how you can help, visit us at www.silentlambs.org.

IT IS TIME TO PROTECT THE CHILDREN! IT IS TIME TO HELP THE SILENT LAMBS!

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