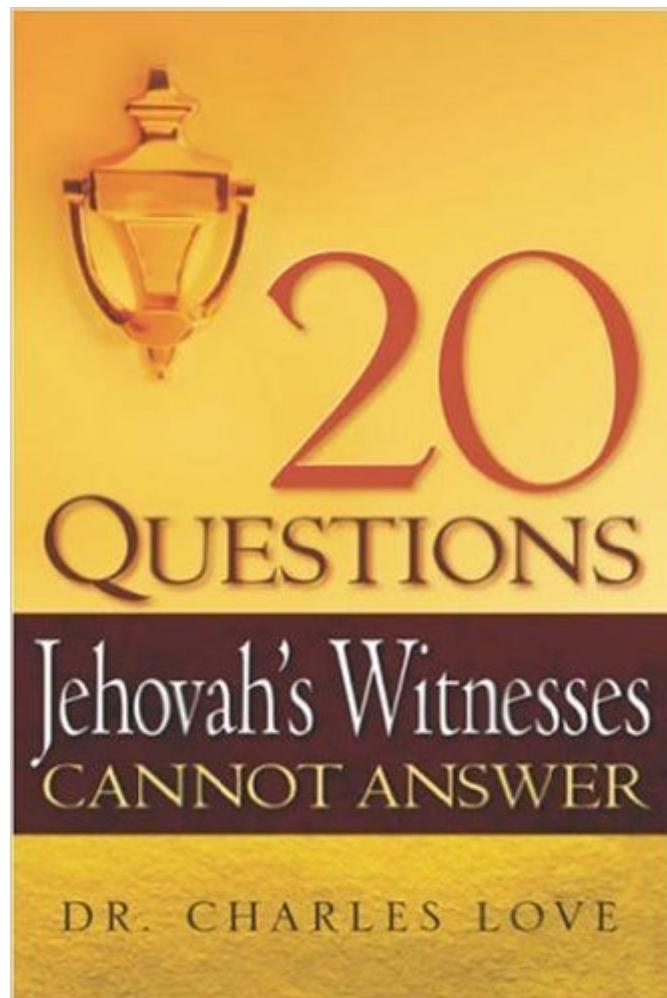


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Customer Reviews

Oh dear, what a disappointment this book turned out to be. As an ex-jw (3rd generation JW until over 40 years old) I read the other reviews regarding this book and was encouraged by them to buy the book. Indeed, I am in the process of writing a book on JWs myself and was looking forward to another perspective. What I now realise after reading it is that it is merely a vehicle of the author to push 'Jesus' and born-again Christianity. Now, of course, the author has every right to write about his experiences and his conversion from being a long-time JW to a full blown born again Christian, but sometimes the writing is a little over the top, to say the least. For example, (as the complete answer to Question 13: How can you gain life in God's New Order if you are Condemned?) the author writes: "Lord Jesus, help us to see your grace and mercy. Bring all truth seekers into your family!! Especially bless those older Witnesses who have been misled. Lead them to you Jesus!" Sorry but this is drivel unless it is being read out at a prayer meeting for the benefit of other fellow believers. What JW would even consider this as a question they cannot answer? This illustrates where my problem with the book lies....the 20 Questions that Jehovah's Witnesses Cannot Answer are actually 20 fairly inane and repetitive questions that are only of interest if you want to move on to a different branch of Christianity. Some examples are: Question 2: Where specifically does the Bible say: "The Great Crowd will live on the earth." (fair question as far as it goes) Question 3: So do Jehovah's Witnesses teach a lie that the Great Crowd will live on the earth?

The Jehovah's Witnesses organization (The Watchtower Bible and Tract Society) has claimed in its own writings to be THE ONLY channel through which God communicates His truth to the world. (WT, 4/1/1919, p.6414; WT, 1/15/1917, p.6033) Furthermore, it has described itself as a "Prophet-like" group that does not interpret what God's truth is, but merely puts in writing the truth that God delivers to the world through them, and only them! (WT, 7/1/1943, p.203; WT, 11/1/1931, p.327; WT, 10/1/1994, p.6) Considering these claims to possess the exclusive ability to communicate God's truth, the Jehovah's Witnesses must succeed in passing the highest Biblical scrutiny. Deut. 18:20-22 and 13:1-4 give two tests for distinguishing between genuine Prophets of God and False Prophets. (1) If one prophesies in God's name and what they predict does not come to pass - they are a False Prophet. (2) If one prophesies in God's name and the prediction does come to pass, BUT they teach you to follow false gods - they are a False Prophet. Thus, recognizing False Prophets is achieved by simply applying these tests to the teachings and prophecies of the WTBTS to determine if the claims it makes about itself hold up to Biblical and reasonable scrutiny. If they are THE ONLY TRUE "Prophet" of God, then everything they have ever predicted should have come to pass. Tragically, everything they have ever predicted has FAILED to come to pass. "Judge" Rutherford (the second leader of the WTBTS) wrote a booklet in 1920 entitled Millions Now Living Will Never Die. On pp.

This book contains an impassioned appeal to Jehovah's Witnesses to study the Bible and believe in Christ. Some excellent points are made, and the book can be read in very few hours, but this is unfortunately not a well-written book. Various points are repeated in different parts of the book, which would be better - and considerably shorter - if these repetitions were edited out. There are constant references to Bible passages, which is of course totally appropriate, given the subject matter, but unfortunately on many occasions the Bible reference is not given, and in some cases Bible quotations are not even given in quotation marks and so may not be recognized by some readers as even being from the Bible. See for example p.70, last paragraph, which says (without quotation marks), "our citizenship is in heaven". (This is in fact from Philippians 3:20.) The constant punctuation errors, especially with commas and apostrophes, and occasional spelling errors were also a distraction to the present reviewer. Of course, they may not even be spotted by some readers, or these errors may not bother them. However, in my opinion these problems detract from the book and should have been eliminated by a good proof-reader. The book essentially tries to do two things: 1) to tell the author's personal story of his years as a Jehovah's Witness, and how and why he left. This is a good story that in my opinion is worth reading. 2) to present the twenty

questions referred to in the title. There are a number of problems with this aspect of the book:a) The personal story is mixed with the questions. Some readers may view this as a strength.

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