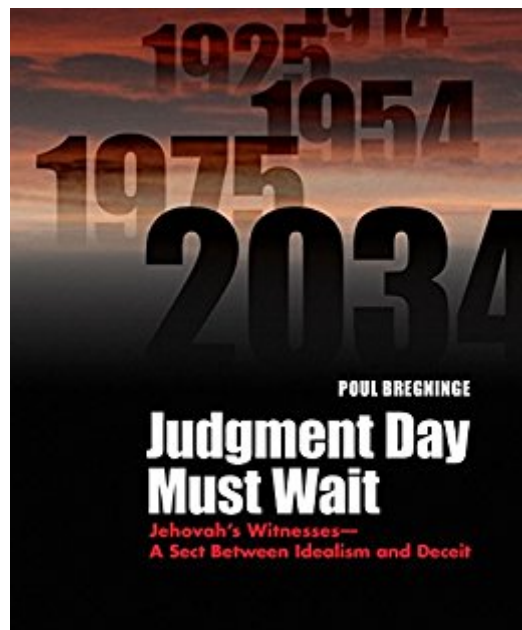


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Judgment Day Must Wait: Jehovah's Witnesses- A Sect Between Idealism And Deceit



Synopsis

Fear of the apocalypse that never comes! It is what holds a Jehovah's Witness power-bound by the Watch Tower Society in Brooklyn. Armageddon is always just a little way around the corner. Poul Bregninge in this, his second book on the Witnesses, presents a complete history and ideology of the Society and why it keeps a keen focus on the Day of Judgment. He tells of multiple "days of reckoning" that pass uneventfully and how each failure of Christ to reappear is reevaluated by the Society to foretell of yet another apocalypse still to come. It is the fear of that moment that keeps Witnesses firmly in the fold. Judgment Day is the carrot dangled before them. Every American knows the Jehovah's Witnesses, right? Those somber people who appear at our doors, offering literature and the everlasting salvation of our souls? What do we know about them? We see at our door their facades-their Society-devised disguises-directed to convert anyone willing to follow their Witness-ways of believing and living. In this book you will confront the thinking that motivates those beliefs. Poul's book is a comprehensive view of JW history, its upheavals and struggles, and a raw demonstration of the manipulation and cruelty dealt those it charges with expanding its membership. By keeping Judgment Day ever coming, the Watch Tower Society ensures a ready supply of workers to proclaim the ever-coming coming. The author dismantles their main biblical storage battery, Matthew 24, from which the movement takes their many "signs" of the impending end. His reinterpretation of these readings is a virtual bomb beneath the understanding they find in those key biblical texts. Poul Bregninge was born and presently lives in Copenhagen. He was raised a Witness but informally left the movement in 1959. In 1964 he published several letters, articles, and features about the Society that the Witnesses deemed unacceptable. A three-man committee expelled Poul. Two years later he published his first book, *Jehovas Vidner under anklage* (Jehovah's Witnesses Accused) in Danish. This book, *Judgment Day Must Wait*, is a massive reworking (two and one half times its size) of his first book, now propelled by many years of continuing investigation that brings the history to the present in a text edited for the American reader.

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Customer Reviews

I have many resources regarding the history and teachings of Jehovah's witnesses. As a former 35-year member, I thought I had as thorough a perspective as possible of the religion spawned by the hostile corporate takeover of a religious publishing house. I'm so glad I decided to get this book. There is a deeper perspective here than I could ever have expected. There is a new treasure on every page, especially in the form of placing old events into their historical framework, complete with relevant commentary from all sides. The presentation is factual but the irony is not lacking. Often I've written "HA!" in the margin with my highlighter. But beyond the revelations about this gnarly little religious group which, as the author says, is "hugely well known -- far beyond what the size of the movement warrants," there is the context of the Christian religion as a whole and how its structure provided the foundation from which the Jehovah's witness movement and others began. Any student of religion and humanities would find this fascinating.

I was a member of this religion my entire life over 50 years. I was a third generation witness as my mother and grand parents were JW's. When you are raised in this religion and are taught that you are special because you will survive judgement day and live on into a new world, you do not as a rule question that. There were small hints through the years that made me wonder, but I was always told that my faith was weak or not to question things because Jehovah would take care of it in time. Your entire life is built around this cult I did not go to college or do most things normal people do because we were told the end was near, right around the corner. If I had this book available to me

years ago my entire life would have been very different. Poul has written a very compelling and well researched book that is a must read for JW'S and non JW's alike. Most JW's are not big on reading, this is actually encouraged by the Watchtower. They produce a myriad of publications for you to read, most are unreadable and not totally factual. Poul tells the history good and bad of this movement from the get go. His honesty and candidness are refreshing, even when it is favorable to the Witnesses. I have read many ex jw books, most are quick easy reads. This book needs to be read and digested slowly. My eyes have long been opened to this cult but I have learned more history of the Watchtower in Poul's book than all the others put together. If you want your information quick and easy, this is not for you. If you want an in depth and serious history of this movement then this is the book to read . If you have some family or friends considering becoming a Witness I strongly urge you to read this book and help your loved ones avoid making a mistake that there is no easy way to undue because of their horrible policy of shunning. They will deny this but it is true and can be devastating. I speak from first hand experience, I have lost a close family member to suicide because of the shunning of this CULT.

In excellent comprehensive and honest history of the Jehovah's Witness cult, three things you will never get from the Watchtower Organisation or its members. Judgment Day Must Wait lays out the sordid painful truth about one of the largest and long-standing high control cults in history. A must read for anyone associated with the Jehovah's Witnesses... especially Jehovah's Witnesses and worried loved ones. The key to the truth about the truth is here.

I am about 400 pages into this book after reading well past bedtime (too many nights!), while having lunch at work, dinner at home, etc. Thank you Mr. Bregninge for an excellent in depth look at the history of this organization! I can only imagine the time (years!) spent on research. Even though I was already familiar with much of the history having read some of the old JW publications (NOT an easy read), Ray Franz's, Loyd Evans, and Penton's books, among others this goes even further and takes the reader back to the beginnings, carrying us forward year by year, decade by decade. Those who have been 'in' the organization might enjoy the fact that even after all these years I (almost compulsively) underline and scribble comments in the margins beside sections I find particularly interesting, remarkable, or new info (to me). Some old habits die hard. :-)

This book will go on my shelves to be savored again later on. Bregninge provides information not easily found elsewhere. Buy it and enjoy!

After finishing Poul's book I feel obligated to encourage people to read it. The very readable book is one of those you hate to finish because it is so fascinating and engaging to read and ponder. It is an example of how excellent research and a calm objective consideration of the information, can yield a detailed and plausible insight into how and what the leaders of this organization think, and how they make policy. And so much more! As a former witness and one who thought he knew the history of the organization I am humbled by the masterful work this author has painstakingly created. It is a gift to posterity. The granular detail of early events, backed by sourcing we could never known existed, is as good as any scholar could ever produce. I am grateful to this author for shining such a bright light into what we may have assumed was lost history. Put this one at the top of your reading list. You won't regret it. Why did I wait so long to order and read it?

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