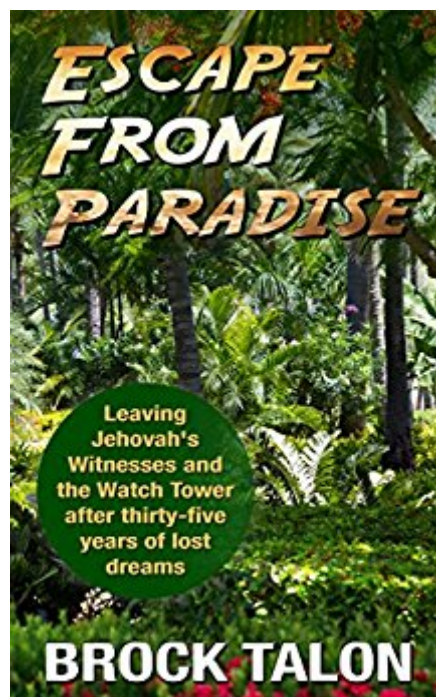




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Escape From Paradise: Leaving Jehovah's Witnesses And The Watch Tower After Thirty-five Years Of Lost Dreams



Synopsis

An innocent child named Brock Talon longs for the Jehovah's Witness paradise, but in time finds it isn't all it's cracked up to be. With Armageddon ever looming, his life becomes an endless stream of restrictions and mandated works, harsh discipline and conditional relationships. Join Brock's struggle with apostasy and persecution, sanctioned abuse and God-like elders. Learn with him about his faith's built-in sexual dysfunction and an eerily business-like design, as well as its dubious origin, repeated failed prophecy, fixation on demons, and the curious "anointed ones." Will Brock ignore his eye-opening discoveries, or will he act and lose everything? This story, both humorous and tragic, is about one man's personal pilgrimage through the dystopian world of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society. Along with millions like him, will Brock be able to safely make his escape from paradise?

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Customer Reviews

An incredibly honest account of growing up as a member of the JW cult. Brock Talon offers an insider's view of this secretive religious group that most Americans only know from the well-dressed visitors knocking at their door. Although he suffered horribly at the hands of this so-called "Church", he offers a balanced account with none of the venom often attributed to "Apostates". One of the best books of its kind in existence. If you've ever wondered what it would be like to be raised as a Witness, this is the book for you!

Absolutely accurate. I too grew up in this situation and can really relate . Thanks for writing this so people can try to understand what it's like .

Awesome insiders perspective into the J dub cult

Down memory lane!

This book is beautifully written and the reader can certainly feel the heart and soul of the author in his writings. If you have ever grown up in a highly controlled religious group, then you will relate so well to what this young man experienced. It is a book that will make you and laugh and cry.

Excellent Book! I love his writing style. I completed the book in less than a week and wanted more. It was the same with his first book. I love it having been part of the religion the humor was right on point. In other words sometimes you have to live it to get the point. I hope the author turns to writing other books.

Brock Talon, an obvious pseudonym, tells us of a sad life full of hard work and self deprivation, all for a religion that controlled Brock's life, the lives of his family, friends and taskmasters. Imagine a church where elders are free to enquire into a family's or individual's most private, intimate affairs (including where and how long their vacations are, their dress and grooming habits, jobs and even the houses they live in and where and what kind of retirements they have). The society governs using an iron fist and Brock's narrative describes the rise and development of a manmade religion that has the tacit, but imaginary, approval of God, invisibly conferred upon the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society and witnessed by no one. It's fascinating, but readers will find themselves fuming at the text and muttering. "You've got to be kidding me!" I mumbled as I read how the society

instructed it's members to squander their money in lieu of retiring and living on it. After all, Armageddon, the great final battle of God against the unrighteous, will happen in the near future and you won't need a retirement. In fact, you can live in one of the many nicer homes of the unrighteous, who will be destroyed at Jehovah's coming. One thing Brock didn't get into, unfortunately, is the grossly superstitious nature of the JW's. Members of the society often blame inanimate objects for their misfortunes. They're known to burn books, small handheld mirrors, anything previously used by a "worldly" person (a non-member), for such things are not to be trusted and may harbor demons. Thus, you won't find many JW's at yard sales. Superstition is rampant among these people. To them, proselytizing is the ultimate form of love, so you won't find them in relief efforts following earthquakes and floods as other religions. The Watchtower society is clearly manmade, and though it is a church with elders and overseers (bishops), no church leader has ever claimed to see God, an angel or have a vision or a heavenly charge of any sort, yet the Church members have an almost unshakable faith in these leaders and give them extraordinary, almost limitless, power over them.

Interesting read. Brought back a lot of memories. I am sure that this would likely appeal to mostly ex- J-Dubs. Sadly, if one were brought up in "the truth" you don't know better. You are discouraged from asking questions, or looking at another mind-set. Even after being out for a great many years, and then going back to god, finding a church that spoke to me, I found it most difficult to stop looking through the lenses I was taught...because that was all I knew. I hope current JW's will have the courage to use the mind God/Jehovah gave them and find the truth for themselves.

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