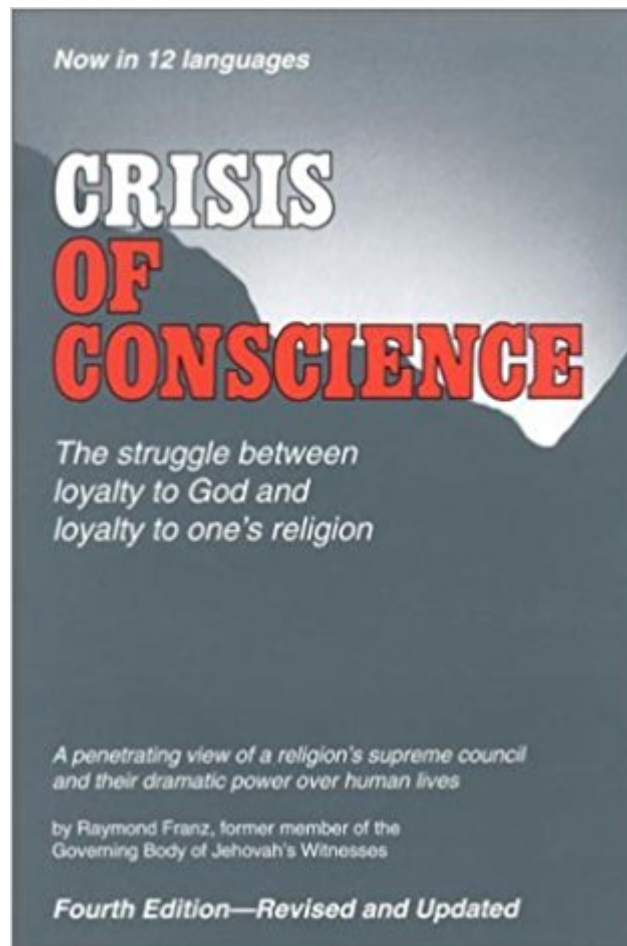




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If this book doesn't get Jehovah's Witnesses to leave the organization, I don't know what will. This is a must read for all active Jehovah's Witnesses and those who are studying with them. Who knew? I couldn't put it down.

Extremely well, and intellectually written. Franz's dispassionate history of his life as a Jehovah's Witness including his tenure as a member of the Governing Body must be read by anyone with an interest in religions in general. As a person who has great interest in religions in this country, I have read much about the Jehovah's Witnesses and know many as fine people. Their religious beliefs must be admired and respected but I have felt that the formal "organization" that defines the religious beliefs and governs the sprawling organization is worthy of great skepticism and examination. Brother Franz's book will show anyone who reads it that there is a sharp definition that must be drawn between the religion and the human organization. Reading Crisis of Conscience will provide great insight into the need for all people to use only the greatest of tolerance for the religious beliefs of others.

I read and trust the clear information, coming from a source you can trust who lived, and experienced first hand all he wrote .

This is the most candid narrative about the Watchtower organization that I've ever read. Raymond Franz exposes in a sincere and clear manner, all the negative issues in the organization, and provides proof along with his arguments. This is a must read! I highly recommend it, Thanks

Very well written, exposes much of the deceit and sometimes outright lies of the watchtower. Why do they practice disfellowshipping and shunning people because they disagree with them? If they have the truth what are they afraid of? If its the truth can it not stand on its own? Does an organization have to revert to fear tactics in order to survive? Shame on you Watchtower, you have very unchristian conduct.

Very good book. Clarifies a lot when you are dealing with this issue. Thank you

If you want a book that emphatically proves that the Watchtower is an unreliable organization, then this is your book. I can't imagine how any Jehovah's Witness can read this book and yet remain a member. The author, Raymond Franz, was a Jehovah's Witness for most of his life as well as a governing body member. This is his story. He tells of how he became involved in full time service to the organization all the way up to his being disfellowshipped. About half of the book is devoted to Franz's personal testimony and what he experienced as not only a full time staff member, but as a governing body member too. These are insights that very few men have chosen to reveal. This includes everything from the Society's scandalous cover-ups to the inner workings of the governing body. What I found most valuable was Franz's allegations towards the Watchtower as a false prophet. Hundreds of pages were used to deal with the false prophecies of 1914 and 1975, as well as a few others. Although the book is quite lengthy (over 400 pages), it is not a boring read. If you are interested in Jehovah's Witnesses, then you'll enjoy this book. Raymond Franz is a passionate writer and does everything he can to be fair. Very little is dealt with in regards to theology. In fact, Raymond Franz probably held and continues to hold to the core doctrines of the Watchtower. The entire thrust of the book is to stress the book's subtitle: "The struggle between loyalty to God and loyalty to one's religion." With this, I'll agree that Raymond Franz most certainly accomplished his purpose in writing this book.

This is a must-read! It provided a very in depth look at the Watchtower organization, however, its down side is that it is a bit too wordy at times. Besides that, I highly recommend it.

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