

True Christian Worship

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Annotation: NA means: not according to the teachings of the apostles, but according to new light, as the Holy Spirit indicates it to me (only my opinion, not a doctrine to be taught beyond Christ's teaching).

Preface

Jan Hus already showed that one has to return to the early church, if he wants to live true Christianity.

He was made fun of and is being made fun of by church leaders till this very day. They say: it is impossible, practically not accomplishable.

But throughout history there were always some who again and again tried finding a way back to the early church. This, however, only worked to some extent and also gave rise to some sects and orders as well as movements, which often only took a small beginning step towards the early church and after a while again sank into the turning away from Christ's teaching. My books are meant as an appeal, not as a step of foundation of another sect, of which there are more than enough by now and where nothing better at all could follow. Like John the baptizer once only appealed to be prepared in one's heart, when the renewal by the Messiah would take place, likewise also I appeal to be prepared, when the groom and king Jesus comes to meet his disciples and all of a sudden inspects the temple of Iouo's worship.

He will be the one who will rekindle the original church anew from heaven. He will have a great crowd be gathered in and will lead his bride home for the wedding, meaning, he will bring the wheat into the store house.

Therefore no one should follow me, but the Lord Jesus Christ and prepare his heart in order to be awake when the Lord comes, to cleanse oneself according to Revelation 3:3, 6. "Come, Lord Jesus", John the apostle prayed at the end of Revelation (Rev. 22:20).

My books, however, are containing mistakes and are imperfect. Praise and thanks to Iouo for the good in them; for all the bad in them, however, I am to be held responsible.

Thus critically scrutinize what I write and search for the truth it may contain.

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What should the true Christian religion be like?

A) in principle

2. John 9-11 says:

“Everyone who goes too far and does not remain in the teaching of the Christ does not have God; he who remains in the teaching, has the Father as well as the Son. If someone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, then do not welcome him in your home and do not greet him! For he who greets him is sharing in his wicked works.” (translated from the Zürcher Bible, in the following Zü)

This forces the conclusion that as a matter of principle only Christ’s teaching can count as the true Christian religion. The apostles of the lamb Jesus Christ were the guardians and the advertisers of this teaching (Acts 1:8, 17), which is thus equivalent to the apostles’ teaching according to Acts 2:42: “But they persevered in the teaching of the apostles and in the association...” (Zü) (compare Jude 17).

Consequently the apostles had not added anything to Christ’s teaching nor omitted anything from Christ’s teaching. They hadn’t twisted or changed anything. Otherwise John couldn’t still have spoken of “Christ’s teaching” in which one has to remain (2. John 9), more than 60 years after Pentecost 33, namely 60 years after the founding of the Christian religion. He, the apostle of Jesus, did not speak of the “apostles’ teaching” but of “Christ’s teaching”. Hence these both are identical.

When Paul wrote to Timothy: “You, however, persist in the things that you learned...” (2.Tim. 3:14) he didn’t want to give to any religion a free ticket in order to be allowed to oblige their sheep to stick to whatever this religion teaches. But he obliges every Christian to stay within the boundaries of the teachings one is taught by Christ and the lamb’s apostles, just as Timothy had only learned the teaching of the apostles.

In principle the true Christian religion is always within the boundaries of Christ’s teachings and the teachings of the lamb’s apostles (Matthew 19:28). And it is binding what the New Testament (NT) says: “Do not go beyond the things that are written” (1.Corinthians 4:6, New World Translation, in the following NW).

This sentence can be applied to the Old Testament (OT) and the NT, since the NT also concludes with the thought:

“I bear witness to anyone that hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If someone adds [something] to them, God will add to him the plagues that are described in this book. And if someone takes something away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share of the trees of life and of the holy city, which are described in this book”. (Rev. 22:18, 19, Zü)

The principle to neither take anything away from nor add anything to the word of God nor to twist anything is also laid down in the Old Testament, in Deuteronomy 4:2, where it says:

“You must not add to the word that I am commanding you, neither must you take away from it, so as to keep the commandments of Iouo your God that I am commanding you”. (NW, God’s name corrected)

and in 2.Peter 3:16, where it says that “*amatheis*” (= *idiotas*, Acts 4:13) twist God’s word to their own quick destruction:

“speaking about these things as he does also in all [his] letters. In them, however, are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unsteady are twisting, as [they do] also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction.” (NW)

Consequently no person has the right to add anything neither to the pattern of the early church nor to the pattern of its teachings. This pattern has clearly been preserved in the lines of the NT, as to Moses once was told in a similar way:

“And see that you make them after their pattern that was shown to you in the mountain.” (Exodus 25:40, NW)

Thus, the true Christian religion precisely corresponds to the pattern shown to the lamb’s apostles and which was preserved in the NT.

Whoever adds any kind of teaching abandons “Christ’s teaching” and is thus an apostate, even if he claims having done so under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. He founds a sect (Titus 3:10, NW), which cannot be called “Christian religion” anymore. Even if a board does such a thing, since it is maybe calling itself church leadership or council, it is apostasy.

The example from Acts 15 is often called the first council. From this thought it is deduced that a church leadership may form councils at anytime whenever it chooses to, in order to add any new teaching to God’s word with divine approval.

It is correct, that the Holy Spirit will lead us into the whole truth (John 16:13, NW). However, it does not mean that this truth of the Holy Spirit does somehow alter, enlarge or shorten the bible. The Holy Spirit is in full agreement with God’s holy word, the word of truth (John 17:17). Thus the Holy Spirit cannot add any teaching, law or organizational instruction to the bible and the New Testament. The Holy Spirit surely cannot go beyond what is written (1.Cor. 4:6, NW).

Even Iouo would never act contrary to his word. He would not cause in his word the sentence: “Do not go beyond the things that are written.” (1.Cor. 4:6, NW), and then through his holy spirit order a new law to be added to his word.

In practice a “board” would then constantly supplement God’s word. This supplementation would not be called “God’s word” anymore, but maybe “Watchtower” (in the following WT), “Osservatore Romano”, “Wächterstimme”,¹ or called similarly. But it would be postulated to take this supplementation just as seriously as the bible.² A lot of bad was caused in this manner and a lot of harm was done to Christianity.

¹ compare the Talmud as fence around the law

² In practice the Jehovah’s Witnesses (JW) call the Bible the word of the father, the Watchtower, however, they call the word of the mother and then they say: “One has to listen to the mother’s word in the same strictness just as to the father’s word”,

The Holy Spirit does not add anything to God's word, nor does it take away anything. It does not twist around or alter anything (2.Peter 3:16)! It is only a helper reminding us of God's word (John 14:15,17,26; 15:26; 16:13) and helping us to gain an understanding of God's word as once was the case with Nehemiah (Nehemiah 8:3,8, Zü, NW).

Thus, the first council (Acts 15) is also the only council that Iouo acknowledges, since it is recorded as part of the bible.

When a board in the form of a church leadership was really designated by the Holy Spirit through divine lot (compare Matthias, Acts. 1:17, 24-26), then the Holy Spirit will at most lead it to ensure that the Christian pattern of the bible is carried out and put into action, but never to add new laws to the bible.

Since all "Christian" churches have gone too far in this respect and have left Christ's teaching (2.John 9), the only true Christian religion after the days of the early church henceforth solely exists on paper, meaning the pages of the New Testament under inclusion of the Old Testament. What was said until this line is a simple mathematically logical proof, that all "Christian" churches existing nowadays (as far as they're known to me) have to be called apostate (acc. 2.John 9ff).

At a later council (of Cartage 397 A.D., and also Hippo 393 A.D.) the New Testament was established as a collection of already known, handed down documents from the time of the early church. Two things can clearly be seen here:

- 1) No council, except for the one known of in Acts 15, can justifiably claim to have been led by the Holy Spirit in an absolute way. For although the New Testament was determined as part of the bible, which was obviously God's will, the determination of the order of the books of the New Testament was clearly not inspired by the Holy Spirit. There are convincing pieces of evidence that the order of the bible books of the New Testament still needs to be determined (compare my book "IOUO – The Name of God", p. 37, 38 and 41).
- 2) The leading head of all Christians and of such that made profession of Christendom, thus also all „Christian“ churches, is and has always been Jesus Christ, the sole leader of all Christians acc. Matthew 23:8-10 (NW). Of course he has done all in his power by means of the Holy Spirit to counteract human leaderships, which were often also influenced by the devil and his demons (Acts 7:51), (Compare "they teach commands of men as doctrines.", Matthew 15:9, NW) He likewise has tried to influence the decisions of any "Christian" boards and if possible to change these for the better (compare "where there are two or three gathered together in my name, there I am in their midst.", Matthew 18:20, NW).

with which they practically put the Watchtower on the same level with the Bible. But not that they would understand the mother to be the Jerusalem above, which Paul called "our mother"(Gal. 4:26), but they understand it to be the Watchtower Society, which prints the Watchtower, so to speak the "terrestrial" mother.

In practice the Watchtower then contains many many new laws added to the Bible (prohibition of masturbating, prohibition of growing a beard, obligation to visit the assemblies, obligation of handing out a report slip on the preaching hours every month, not taking blood transfusions, also refusing ones kids and toddlers to be given blood transfusions, prohibition of smoking and taking drugs, and many many more) and if any of these laws contradict with the Bible, a Jehovah's Witness is excommunicated, if he rather listens to the Bible (which is the father's law) than to the Watchtower.

In this way church leaderships exalt themselves above god (compare "have seated themselves on the judgement seat of Moses" Matthew 23:2, NW German older version). Compare Daniel 11:36, where it is also said of another one: "he will exalt himself and magnify himself above every god and against the highest God he will speak unheard-of things..." (Zü)

So after the early church we have the situation, that all decisions ever made by church leaders and church leaderships have always come about from the tug-of-war between Jesus and the devil, between the Holy Spirit and the demonic spirit (1.Tim. 4:1). Jesus himself foretold that weed together with wheat would form the spectrum of Christian religions and that not until the time of harvest a total separation of both would be brought about (Matthew 13:25). The example of the council of Cartage shows that Jesus was the victor in that the early church was preserved in a book as the New Testament and was added to the bible. Satan, however, was victor in that the parts of the New Testament were not yet set into the correct order.

Please note, however, that by adding the New Testament to the Old Testament the Holy Spirit has by no means added anything to Christ's teaching and the teaching of the apostles, like for example any kinds of laws or the like. He has only preserved this teaching of Christ and the teaching of the apostles (which are identical) by means of a council for future Christian generations. This was God's will. At the same time a framework was thus formed for all future Christian worshippers, within which they could move and which barriers they would not be allowed to shift or alter. This is the pattern of Christendom.

Thus, concerning their official teachings, all "Christian" religions today are at most to a small extent "Christian" or "biblical" or "guided by Holy Spirit". Since it says "By their fruits you will recognize them" (Matthew 7:16; 12:33), it is not wondrous that all "Christian" religions (that I know of) show worst satanic fruits. Their sins have massed together clear up to heaven (Rev. 18:5) and there is not one of them, that doesn't need to be fled immediately (Rev. 18:4), if one wants to maintain a "white outer garment" or a clean conscience (Rev. 3:4,5; Acts 24:16; 1.Tim. 4:2; 2.Tim. 1:3; Hebrews 9:14; 13:18). He must ask his own conscience.

In order to keep a clean conscience, no Christian needs a code of laws added to the New Testament by a church leadership. He does not need such a "complete" system of covering all situations in life in the form of laws and regulations. He does not need a "trained" conscience trimmed by such a collection of laws, but he has been given a personal conscience by Iouo, according to which he should decide and act concerning all the questions the bible does not clearly regulate (Colossians 2:16; 2.Tim. 1:3).

According to the bible there are strong and weak consciences (1.Cor. 8:7-13), i.e. some allow themselves more than others. But no one should criticize what another does if he does not clearly violate biblical commandments, namely commandments the New Covenant intends for this special situation; these are not the numerous laws of the Old Covenant (including the Ten Commandments). Such laws can only take effect in the New Covenant concerning the spirit of these laws, if they include any of God's principles, since principles always apply and will always apply.

Whatever someone finds is right according to his own conscience, he should and may never press upon or teach others as a doctrine or even dogma. Christian teachers should more frequently say things like: "The bible does not clearly determine this", "We don't exactly know about this", "This is in no way specified, but up to any interpretation. God wants certain pluralism within a Christian congregation."³ This also encourages discussing one's opinion, exchanging one another's thoughts and comparing biblical arguments.

³ "To be fitly united in the same line of thought" as the JW teach, acc. 1.Cor. 1:10, NW, where it says: "that you may be fitly united in the same mind and in the same line of thought." is a false sectarian translation of the NW. Correct would be "fitly united in the same intention". The Greek word *gnome* means "attitude", "intention",

Where everything is meticulously regulated by laws, regulations as well as *Dos and Don'ts*, there is no longer any spiritual communicating (“Where everyone thinks the same, not much is being thought” says a famous saying).

With Jehovah’s Witnesses I couldn’t help but notice, that they rarely address biblical topics when getting together in private. Most of the times it was being talked about this or that person, about this or that event, about cooking talents and vacation, about new acquisitions and movies, all of which added to gossip. The spiritual conversation about biblical topics was practically solely left to the meetings in the Kingdom Hall. Neither, however, did discussions take place there, but merely an indoctrination program of biblical topics in connection with countless new, added laws and regulations in the form of questionings of pre-factored answers. “Do not put out [the fire] of the spirit!” the bible says hereto in the New Testament (1.Thes. 5:19).

If everyone who gives his own opinion on any point the bible does not clearly regulate, is excommunicated, then the fire of the spirit has been extinguished!

A *Presbyterion* (=council of elders, acc. 1.Tim. 4:14) as church council of elders (falsely named “governing body” by the JW), like in Acts 15:23,23 and 16:4, never has the task of fixing opinions on everything concerning life or even formulating them as laws.

Otherwise the outcome is that a Stasi-like system of spies among the brothers is promoted, where all of the brothers are called upon to report anyone who publicly gave his own opinion contradicting the church leadership’s filed out monopoly on opinions, so that this person can be excommunicated. By this all of the others ought to be intimidated, so that they are full of fear, since an excommunication is being taught to be practically a destruction punishment, which one can only rarely escape from and only by running the gauntlet year after year. This is supposed to be his way of showing repentance among a brotherhood which gives him the cold shoulder by totally ignoring him and not even greets him (in false application to Christian life of 2.John 10).

“direction of goal”. The meaning “mind” is inappropriate here and cannot be misinterpreted into the sectarian “line of thought”.

What should the true Christian religion be like?

B) concerning basic teachings, how they reflect the teachings of the lamb and the apostles

The basic teachings⁴ of the true Christianity all have to be pinpointed within the framework of the unequivocal biblical teachings and I will outline an (incomplete) list on the following pages:

- 1) God: There is only one true God (John 17:3).
God has a name (Exodus 3:13-15).
This name is Iouo (compare my books: IOUO – The Name of God, IOUO – The Only Name of God).
Iouo is not triune (John 14:28).
Iouo is the creator of all creatures and things (Genesis 1:1; Psalms 148:5; Isaiah 40:28; Matthew 19:4; Mark 13:19).
Iouo is love (1.John 4:8, 16).
Iouo also has justice, wisdom, power (Psalms 5:9; Proverbs. 2:6; Daniel 2:20, Zü).
Iouo has many other good attributes like mercy, kindness, modesty, humility, long-suffering, mildness etc. (Galatians 5:22, 23 NW; Numbers 14:18; Micah 6:8 original text; Psalms 18:35).
Iouo is rightful ruler over his creation (Psalms 8:2).
Iouo is father and *Abba* (=dad) (Isaiah 63:16; Mark 14:36).
- 2) Jesus: Jesus is God's son (Luke 22:70; Mark 14:61).
Iouo is his head (1.Cor. 11:3).
Jesus is no part of a trinity (John 14:28).
Jesus is mediator of the New Covenant (Heb. 9:15).
Jesus' death saves faithful humans (John 3:17; 12:47; Romans 10:10; Luke 19:17).
Jesus is the beginning of Iouo's creation for he lived with Iouo as arch angel Michael before he became human (Col. 1:15; Dan. 10:13).
As Michael, Jesus was Iouo's master worker and everything came into being through him (Proverbs 8:22-30 NW; John 1:1-3).
Jesus is God's "Word"= the *Logos* (John 1:1).
Jesus is leader of the Christians and head of every Christian man (Matthew 23:10 NW; 1.Cor. 11:1-3).
- NA Since 1914 Jesus is enthroned by Iouo as heavenly king (Psalms 110:2; 2:6; 45:2, 7; Dan. 11:40).
- 3) Holy Spirit: Holy Spirit is no part of a trinity (John 14:25).
Holy Spirit is a power, resp. a divine substance (1.Cor. 12:13).
Holy Spirit is a reminder and helper (= comforter; translated from Luther Bible, Lu in the following) but not a person (John 14:16 NW).
Holy Spirit was poured out on all Christians at Pentecost (Acts 1:5, 8; 2:2-4).
Holy Spirit is the means of anointing for some Christians (1.John 2:27).

⁴ New light (my opinion) is marked with NA.

Only Christians receive Holy Spirit and before the Christians also the faithful ones of the Old Covenant (1.John 3:24; 1.Cor. 2:12; John 14:17 NW).

Holy Spirit is necessary so that one can say: “Jesus is Lord” (1.Cor. 12:3).

- 4) Christ’s bride: All Christians anointed through Holy Spirit have the possibility to belong to Christ’s bride if they are victors, these are the 144000 faithful conquerors (1.John 2:24-28; Rev. 2:17; 3:11; 7:4; 14:1; 1.John 5:5 Lu).
- 5) The anointed: The prospect for a life in heaven is caused by anointing through Holy Spirit; in the bible such are called Holy Ones (1.John 2:26, Romans 8:27).
- NA The anointing through Holy Spirit comes along with a begetting to a new spiritual life (Romans 6:4; 1.John 2:24-28; 1.Cor. 15:42; 1.Cor. 4:15 Lu).
- NA Only he who preserves this new life, prevails and will be co-ruling king with Christ in heaven (Luke 22:28-30; Rev. 14:3; Rev. 20:4, 6 NW).
- NA Hence, he who also forfeits his normal life turns into an evil slave (Matthew 24:48-51).
- NA He who preserves his normal life, but loses the new life, will one time be rewarded as a prince on earth, when Jesus rules for 1000 years (Psalms 45:16; see also my book “Riddles of the Bible”).
- 6) Other sheep: He who wasn’t anointed, is, as a Christian, numbered among the other sheep, they have the prospect to live on earth for all eternity, when faithful (John 10:16; Rev. 11:18; Psalms 10:4, 5).
There have been other sheep since the beginning of Christendom (John 10:16).
- 7) Great crowd: Other sheep [and princes (see NA anointed)], that survive Armageddon, form the great crowd, that stays on earth (Rev. 7:9).
- 8) Presbyterion: A church council of elders, which is the head of all Christians (1.Tim. 4:14).
In the early church it was called “apostle and elder men of Jerusalem” (Acts 15:22, 23; 16:4 NW).
- 9) Apostle: The highest level a Christian can reach on earth. This level is indicated by the Holy Spirit, it is not reached by appointment or by self-nomination (Luke 6:13; Romans 1:1, 5; 1.Cor. 12:28; Gal. 1:1; Eph. 4:11; Acts 1:25; 1.Cor. 9:2).
Paul called some self-appointed apostles “superfine apostles” (NW) (2.Cor. 11:5, 13; Rev. 2:2).

10) Traveling overseers:

The Presbyterion appoints faithful elders to be traveling overseers, who visit the congregations and after an ample observation appoint elders there (1.Tim. 4:14; Acts 14:23; Tit. 1:5).

11) Elders (*presbyteros*):

The office of ministry of an overseer (*episkopos*), who shall do service as shepherd, teaching service and function as a role model (Acts 14:23; Eph. 4:11; 1.Thes. 1:7; 1.Peter. 5:3; 1.Tim. 4:12; 2.Thes. 3:9).

12) Deacon (*diakonos*):

The office of ministry of elder's assistants' (1.Tim. 3:8-13).

13) Brothers and sisters:

Christians call themselves brothers resp. sisters (Eph. 5:21; 2.John 13 NW; 1.Cor. 7:15).

There are also false brothers; these are unfaithful (Gal. 2:4)!

14) Faithful and discreet slave:

Because of his faithfulness and prudence, meaning his 100-fold fruit-bearing, Iouo appointed him as transmitter of spiritual food to the household of the believers (Matthew 24:45 NW; Luke 12:42; 16:8; Matthew 13:8).

Not as ruler, not as oppressor, not as leader (1.Cor. 4:8; Ezekiel 43:2, 4; 1.Peter 5:2, 3; Matthew 23:10 NW).

It is not a single person, but the total number of all living apostles (1.Tim. 4:14; Gal. 2:8; Romans 1:5).

15) Evil slave:

The evil slave is the total number of all unfaithful anointed ones, which act as rulers and oppressors of the flock (Matthew 24:48-51; Acts 20:29; Ezekiel 34:4).

16) Apostates:

Whoever does not remain in Christ's teaching, is apostate (2.John 9). Apostasy mostly leads to being unrepentant (1.John 5:16; Heb. 6:4-6).

17) Offices of ministry:

There are members of the Presbyterion (1.Tim. 4:14).

There are traveling overseers (Acts 14:23; 19:1; 20:6; 20:17-21; Titus 1:5).

There are elders = overseers (Acts 14:23).

There are deacons (1.Tim. 3:8).

Beyond it there is no hierarchy.

- 18) Congregation: There are only meetings in private homes and private establishments (there is no Christian assignment to construct buildings) (Romans 16:5). The program of the meetings is examining the bible and the letters of the apostles (1.Cor. 1:1, 2; John 17:17; 2.Tim. 3:15; 1.Tim. 4:13; Col. 4:16). Women keep silent at these meetings of a congregation (1.Cor. 14:34). Songs are also being sung (Matthew 26:30; Eph. 5:19).
- 19) Men: They only have Christ as their head, above whom is Iouo (Eph. 4:15; 1.Cor. 11:3).
Only men can get offices of service (1.Cor. 14:34; 1.Tim. 2:12).
A man is the head of his wife (1.Cor. 11:3).
- 20) Women: They cannot get an office of ministry (1.Tim. 2:12).
They keep silent during the meetings (1.Cor. 14:34).
They are in subjection to their husbands (Romans 7:2; 1.Cor. 11:3; 1.Peter 3:1).
They can be teachers of what is good, but they cannot teach Christian men (1.Tim. 2:12; Tit. 2:3).
When praying or prophesying they wear a headgear (prophesy = *prophäteuosa* (original text) = preach, teach) (1.Cor. 11:5)
They are not allowed to exert power on any men (1.Tim. 2:12).
- 21) Family: It is a blessed institution of Iouo (Psalms 127: 3-5).
The family should make Iouo the family-center (Deuteronomy 6:2-9).
- 22) Matrimony: No extramarital sex (1.Cor. 3:13, 16).
Marital faithfulness is a commandment (1.Cor. 6:9).
Marital duties should be given (1.Cor. 7:3, 5).
Adulterers will be judged by Iouo (Proverbs 7:5-27).
Matrimony is an institution of Iouo (Matthew 19:6).
Only wicked religions forbid getting married (1.Tim. 4:3).
The husband has to love his wife as his own body (Eph. 5:28, 29).
The wife must have deep respect for her husband, who is head (Eph. 5:23, 33).
Bigamy and polygamy are prohibited (1.Tim. 3:2, 12; 5:9; Titus 1:6).
- 23) Children: They are an inheritance of Iouo and a reward (Psalms 127:3-5).
Children shall listen to their parents (Eph. 6:1-3).
From early childhood on children shall be biblically advised (2.Tim. 3:15 NW; 1.Tim. 3:4; 5:10; 1.Cor. 3:12; Eph. 6:4; 2.Tim. 1:5).
Children shall not be irritated (Eph. 6:3), ending in wrath.
- 24) The sick: The sick and handicapped need Christian love and care (James 1:27).
It is a most important Christian service (3.John 2).
- 25) The poor: They shall be supported by Christians and it shall be collected and donated for them (Matthew 19:21; 2.Cor. 9:9; Gal. 2:10; Exodus 23:6; Psalms 9:10; 82:3; Proverbs 19:7; Zach. 7:10).
- 26) The weak: They shall be strengthened by strong Christians (Romans 15:1).

Weak is he who is spiritually malnourished, meaning he prays little and reads little in the bible (Romans 12:12; Psalms 1:1-3; 102:4).

- 27) Evangelizers: Being an evangelizer is an important task, but not an office of ministry. No title should be bestowed upon them, since all Christians have been commissioned with the command to preach (Eph. 4:11; Romans 10:10). Preaching much or little is not crucial, the little of the righteous one is better than the abundance of the many wicked ones (Psalms 37:16). It may also be the case that someone is not able to preach. It is wrong to say: "Whoever does not constantly preach, will not be saved" (1.John 3:14, 24; Matthew 24:48-51; Romans 10:10). For an apostle, however, it is necessary to preach, since for him it would be a woe not to preach (1.Cor. 9:1-3, 16, 17).
- 28) Teachers: Being a teacher is not an office of ministry (1.Cor. 12:28, 29). Every elder has to be able to teach (1.Tim. 3:2). The ability to teach is acquired by exact knowledge from God's word, which should have been entirely read through often if possible, if one wants to become an elder (2.Tim. 3:14-17; Romans 10:2; Col. 1:9,10; Heb. 10:26; Psalms 1:1-3).
- 29) Shepherds: Woe to you shepherds, who have become feeders of yourselves and have become tyrannical rulers over the flock (Ezekiel 34:1-5, 16). Being a shepherd is not an office of ministry. Shepherds have to reflect the chief shepherds Jesus and Iouo (Psalms 23:1-6; Ezekiel 34:20-23)
- 30) Prophets: True prophets prophesy through Holy Spirit in truth and in the name of Iouo; their prophecy comes true (James 5:10; 2.Peter. 1:21; 1.John 5:6; Deuteronomy 18:20; Luke 1:70; 11:49, 50; Acts 3:18). The gift of the spirit of prophesying, however, has not been current in a long time (1.Cor. 12:28, 29; 13:8). False prophets prophesy through Satan's spirit or through self-appointment; their prophecy does not come true (Matthew 7:15; 1.Cor. 12:37; Titus 1:12; Lam. 2:9; Jer. 5:19).
- 31) Singles: Being single is a divine gift for all those, who are able to make room for it and who can keep sexual wishes under control. By being single one can better serve Iouo (1.Cor. 7:32, 37). Celibacy is unbiblical (1.Tim. 4:3).
- 32) Satan = original serpent = devil:
Once a faithful angel, but he became proud, sinned against Iouo and thus turned into unrepentant Satan, God's adversary (Rev. 12:9; Ezekiel 28; 11-15; Genesis 3:1-5; 1.Cor. 2:6). He is ruler of the demons as well as ruler and God of the world (Matthew 4:8; 2.Cor. 4:4; James 4:4). He will be bound for 1000 years, then be released for a short while and then destroyed (1.Cor. 15:24; Rev. 20:2, 7-10).

- 33) Demons: They are other unfaithful and sinful angels, that Iouo contains in the Tartarus, a disfavored spiritual prison, until they will be thrown into the abyss and for 1000 years will stay bound there for a time of torment (Mark 5:7,12; Matthew 8:29; 2.Peter. 2:4; Rev. 20:2).
Like Satan they will be released for a short while in order to test the earth. Then they will be destroyed (Rev. 20:7-10).
- 34) Angels: Angels may be cherubs, seraphs or normal angels (1.Sam. 4:4; Ezekiel 9:3; Isaiah 6:2).
All three forms of angels can turn into demons through unfaithfulness. Satan was once a cherub (Ezekiel 28:14).
Cherubs are above Seraphs and Seraphs are above normal angels (Numbers 37:9).
There is also an arch angle, it is Michael (= Jesus Christ), who is above all angels (Rev. 12:7; Dan. 12:1; 1.Thes. 4:16; Jude 9).
- 35) Religion: means form of worship.
There is only one sole true religion that Iouo acknowledges; it is the Christianity of the bible (so far only on paper, in the NT!)
(John 4:23; Rev. 14:7; John 17:17; 1.John 5:4-6; Matthew 4:19).
- 36) Babylon the Great:
- NA It is the world empire of all false religions, which roots in Babylon and has a Babylonian organization, Babylonian teachings, commandments, customs, buildings and festivities, etc. (Rev. chapter 17 and chapter 18).
- NA Babylon the Great rides on the scarlet-colored wild beast, which is the UNO (Rev. 17:3).
- NA This means, that a connection with the UNO automatically disqualifies a religion (James 4:4).
- 37) Political Sate: Pay back Caesar's things to Caesar, but God's things to God! (Matthew 22:22; Mark 12:12; Luke 20:25)
In some respects the state serves God (Romans 13:1-7; John 19:12).
The state is being tolerated by God (Romans 13:1-7).
All states are part of the wild beast (Rev. 13:1; 17:3).
The ruler of all states is the devil (Matthew 4:8; 2.Cor. 4:4; Rev. 17:18; 1.John 5:19 NW).
Therefore the Christian religion is not allowed to establish any sort of connection with the state and is obliged to be neutral (James 4:4; Rev. 17:3).
- 38) Kingdom of God:
- It is enemy of all political states (James 4:4).
It is Iouo's instrument to free the world of sin and to create a paradise on earth (1.Cor. 15:24-26; Luke 23:42, 42; Matthew 2:11; 6:9, 10; Mark 15:12; John 18:33-36).
From heaven Jesus rules with his bride in this kingdom of Iouo for 1000 years (Rev. 20:4; 21:2, 3).

39) The laying on of hands:

When a man gets an office of ministry, hands are being laid on him. Hereby he receives the portion of Holy Spirit necessary for his office (Acts 8:18, 19; 20:28; 1.Tim. 5:22).

40) Gifts of the spirit:

In the early church they were essential for rapid growth (1.Cor. 14:22; Acts 2:4, 5). However, they were to stop and today are no longer required (1.Cor. 13:8).

NA Charismatic churches are unbiblical.

Charisma = gift of the spirit, namely speaking in tongues, translating, miracle healing, prophesying etc. (1.Cor. 12:28).

NA Today demons imitate spiritual gifts (2.Thes. 2:9 NW)!

41) Immortality: God is immortal (1.Tim. 6:16).

After their resurrection also Jesus and all his faithful members of the bride gained immortality (Heb. 7:16).

Immortality not only means everlasting life, but also indestructible everlasting life (1.Cor.15:34; Romans 2:7; 2.Cor. 5:4).

Immortality means life in itself (John 1:26).

Such who gain everlasting life can be killed as once was also Jesus (John 5:24).

But when Jesus was resurrected he was granted indestructible life, death had become impossible (Romans 2:7).

42) Everlasting life: The reward for all faithful Christians and creatures, either forever on earth or forever in heaven (Rev. 2:7; 21:2; Luke 23:43; Matthew 19:28).

43) Soul: The soul is the person itself, not an immortal part (Genesis 1: 24; 2:7; Ezekiel 18:4).

All creatures (including animals) are souls (Genesis 1:1-2:4).

NA The teaching of the immortal soul is Babylonian.

The teaching of the immortal soul is false (Jer. 51:39).

The sinful soul dies; it means the sinful person dies (Ezekiel 18:4).

44) Spirit: Spirit is a divine substance. There is holy spirit, normal spirit and spirit of disobedience (John 14:26; 4:1; Genesis 1:2; Rev. 16:13; 18:2; 1.Cor. 2:12; 2.Cor. 11:4; Acts 16:16; Eph. 2:2 NW).

Normal spirit was creation's motor (Genesis 1:2).

Holy Spirit is the new creation's motor (Acts 8:15; 2.Cor. 5:17; Gal. 6:15).

Wicked spirit is the spirit of disobedience, the spirit of sin, the spirit that is effective within the demons and within Satan (Eph. 2:2).

NA The spirit of a human is not an immortal soul, but the spirit of life, the personality and the person's **ego feeling** (James 2:26; 4:5; Mark 8:12). When Jesus died, he said: "Father, into your hands I entrust my spirit" (John 19:30; Matthew 27:50; Luke 23:46).

- NA Thus Iouo can store up a person's spirit of life until it is reintroduced into a new body when resurrected (Rev. 20:5; John 5:29; 11:25).
- NA The spirit of life, however, cannot live by itself without a body! It is, so to speak, dead when having left the body (Matthew 9:24; Jer. 51:39).
- 45) Death: Death = non-existence = punishment for sin (Ezekiel 18:4).
 Death can be compared to sleep (Matthew 9:24).
 Everlasting death (=destruction) can be compared to an indefinite sleep lasting for all time (Jer. 51:39).
 However, death can also end with resurrection (John 5:29).
 Gehenna = everlasting death = 2. Death = lake of fire (Rev. 20:6; Matthew 5:29).
 Hades = death and following resurrection (1.Cor. 15:55).
 Sheol = grave (Job 11:8; Isaiah 53:9).
 Only the death of Jesus was not a punishment for sin, but he carried the punishment for our sin (= adamic sin) (John 1:29).
- NA Hell is a false teaching (Ezekiel 18:4; Jer. 51:39).
 There is no eternal agony and torture in hell (1.John 4:8).
- NA Purgatory is also a false teaching.
- 46) Resurrection: There is a resurrection of those who were resurrected by the prophets or by Jesus (Matthew 9:24, 25; 1.Kings 17:17-24).
 There is a 1.Resurrection of those who achieve heavenly immortality (Rev. 20:5).
 There is a general resurrection on earth when Jesus rules (Luke 23:42).
 This resurrection can be a resurrection of life or of judgment (John 5:29).
 It can be a resurrection of the righteous or of the unrighteous (Acts 24:15).
- 47) Redemption: The sacrificial death of Jesus was redemption from the adamic sin for all humans except for Adam and Eve (1.Tim. 2:6 Fn.; Matthew 20:28; Romans 5:12-14, all NW).
- 48) Ransom: The life of Jesus was a ransom, for it was given so that humans were redeemed from the slavery of sin (1.Tim. 2:6; Matthew 20:28; Romans 8:2, 15, all NW). This ransom was a perfect sinless earthly life as exact substitution and equivalent for the perfect life that Adam lost through sin (1.Cor. 15:22, 45).
- 49) Baptism: Baptism is the immersion under water of a believing person, who has become a disciple of Jesus; it is the plea for a good conscience before God; it is a sign of repentance and the beginning of a "newborn" life for Christ as Christian (Matthew 28:19; 1.Peter. 2:21; Acts 13:24; Luke 3:3).
 Only those who are of age, meaning adults, should be baptized, since in the NT no child is ever baptized (Matthew 28:19).
 Only he may be baptized, who has already become a disciple, because he shall be taught to keep everything that Jesus has commanded us (Matthew 28:19).

50) Evening meal: It is celebrated once a year on the 14. Nisan after sunset; sanctified bread and sanctified wine are to be passed as symbols for Jesus' body and blood and are solely taken by well-trying, faithful and worthy anointed ones (Luke 22:7,19,20; 1.Cor. 11:20).
Other Christians as well as interested non-Christians are invited to attend the ceremony as observers. Anyone who unworthily eats and drinks from the evening meal, incurs a judgment and will be punished resp. chastised by Iouo (1.Cor. 10:16, 17; 1.Cor. 11:20-33).

51) Preaching service:

The good news of Iouo's kingdom shall be preached to the most distant part of the earth, for a witness to all nations, before the end comes. The preaching work also serves the worldwide making of disciples (Matthew 28:19; 24:14; Mark 13:10).

The command to preach is valid for all Christians. It is, however, no compulsory obligation, but should rather be rendered voluntarily as long as there is a reasonable possibility to do it (2.Cor. 9:7; Philemon 14; Romans 10:10; 12:1).

Hence, there are evangelizers and such who are not (Eph. 4:11; 2.Tim. 4:5).

Preaching alone does not guarantee receiving everlasting life (1.John 5:2, 12).

Therefore it is wrong to say: „Only he who constantly preaches will be saved“ (Romans 10:10).

Nor is preaching a requirement to get baptized (Acts 8:36).

The strength for the preaching work is the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8).

The objective of preaching is not a conversion of the whole world (Romans 10:16).

52) Donations: They are only for poor brothers and poor holy ones (=anointed ones). It may also be collected for such (1.Cor. 16:1).
In the NT there were never donations for any kind of buildings.

53) Execution instrument of Jesus:

It is a stake, also called “wood”, not a cross (also “tree” in English) (Matthew 10:38; 27:40). However, it should not be called a torture stake, which only the Native American Indians had and the bible is not Karl May (Acts 5:30; Gal. 3:30)! One can call it an “execution stake”, but not in a bible translation; there it is only “stake” or “wood” (resp. “log”) (John 19:17).

xylon = wood, tree; *stauros* = stake, log.

54) Prayer: One can only pray to Iouo through the mediator Jesus. Only Iouo may be worshipped and prayed to (John 14:13; 16:26; Eph. 5:20).

A personal relationship to Iouo, the father, shall be developed by means of prayer (John 14:7).

All worries and fears shall be submitted to Iouo (Phil. 4:6, 7; 1.Peter. 5:7).

Iouo shall receive thanks and praise (Psalms 50:14).

Iouo can practically be asked for anything according to his will (Eph. 6:18).

One should pray at every opportunity (1.John 5:14).

- 55) Bible reading: It should be read in the bible daily (Psalms 1:1-3).
One should always ponder over what was read (Psalms 1:1-3; 1.Tim. 4:15).
By reading the bible one can get to know Iouo (Romans 1:28).
Every Christian should read the whole bible from the beginning to the end several times up to often.
- 56) Researching: Everyone shall und is allowed to do his own bible research. He should ask himself questions and find criticism, search for answers and compare texts in order to decide in matters of conscience and to find the hidden treasure goods of Iouo (Eph. 5:10; 1.Thes. 5:21; Heb. 13:18; Proverbs 1:20; 3:13,14-16).
- 57) Verifying: Verify everything! (1.Thes. 5:21, Lu)
Make sure of all things! (1.Thes. 5:21 NW)
Do not blindly follow anyone, not even Iouo! (Matthew 15:14).
Be critical and reject brainwashing and parroting (Luke 6:39).
Be thorough when it comes to verifying and don't be automatic yea-sayers (Acts 17:10, 11).
- 58) New personality:
A Christian shall put it on and take off the old personality (Eph. 4:22).
The new personality consists of Christian traits or attributes and a good conscience (Heb. 9:14; 10:22; 13:18).
- 59) Narrow gate: It is the completion of the narrow path and is a gate to everlasting life (Matthew 7:13, 14).
Narrow is the path and hemmed in, because free will is constricted by the will of God (1.Cor. 7:37).
- 60) Wide path: The wide path leads to destruction, because one does not let his will be constricted by the will of God and can do whatever he wants (Matthew 7:13, 14; 1.Cor. 7:37).
- 61) Hospitality: It may not be forgotten (Heb. 13:2; Romans 12:13).
Meals of love are Christian service (Judas 12 NW).
Through hospitality one can take in angels (Heb. 13:12).
- 62) Childbearing: Childbearing is not being frowned upon in the bible; moreover it is referred to as a blessing of Iouo (Psalms 127:3-5).
- 63) Getting married: It is neither forbidden nor frowned upon in the bible (1.Cor. 7:28, 36).
One should only get married in the Lord, i.e. only marry another Christian (1.Cor. 7:39).
Getting married is better than being sexually inflamed (1.Cor. 7:9).
The matrimony should incorporate Iouo as third party (Proverbs 4:12).

64) Service without spot and blemish:

Caring for widows and orphans, for the sick, the poor, the handicapped drug-addicts, dying ones etc. is purest and spotless Christian service (James 1:27; John 13:29).

65) Fruitage of the spirit:

Love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, faith, mildness, self-control (Gal. 5:22, 23 Zü and NW).

66) Fruitage of the flesh:

Fornication, uncleanness, loose conduct, idolatry, practice of spiritualism, enmities, strife, jealousy, gluttony, debauch, fits of anger, contentions, divisions, sects, envies etc. (Gal. 5:19-21 Zü).

67) Objective of a Christian:

The objective of a Christian is love, for true love saves (1.Tim.1:5; 6:11; 1.Cor. 14:1; Romans 10:10).

68) Suit of armor: A Christian's suit of armor consists of truth, righteousness, good news of peace, faith, salvation and God's word (Eph. 6:11-18 Zü and NW).

69) Sword of the spirit:

The bible is the sword of the spirit. Only with evidence from the bible can every spiritual height turning against God be overthrown (Eph. 6:17; 2.Cor. 10:5).

Jesus' way of arguing was "It is written" (Luke 24:26; Matthew 4:4-10; 11:10; 21:13; 26:24,31; Mark 7:6; 11:17; 14:21,27; Luke 4:4,7, 10; 7:27; 19:45; 22:37; 24:44,45; John 6:31,45; 8:17; 15:25).

Right from Pentecost onward also the apostles of the lamb used this method of proof "It is written" (Acts 1:20)

70) Bible:

It consists of the Old Testament (OT) and New Testament (NT).

The focal point of the OT is the Old Covenant (Matthew 26:26-28).

The focal point of the NT is the New Covenant (Jer. 31:31).

The bible is a product of Holy Spirit (2.Tim. 3:16, 17).

The bible is inspired by Iouo (2.Tim. 3:16, 17).

The bible was written by human beings, namely by men (=male persons).

The bible is absolute truth (John 17:17).

The bible is not contradictory.

Translations of the bible are often weak or sectarian.

The original text, however, was only falsified a little, but the name of God (especially in the NT) was often omitted.

- 71) Foretelling: The biblical foretelling has come true hundredfold and never fails to come true (Matthew 26:56; 1.Peter. 1:20).
- 72) 1. Prophecy: “And I shall put enmity between you and the woman and between your seed and her seed. He will bruise you in the head and you will bruise him in the heel.” (Genesis 3:15 NW)
 „And I will put enmity between you and the woman and between your seed and her seed. The same shall bruise you in the head and you will sting him in the heel.” (Genesis 3:15, Lu)
 Woman = Jerusalem above (mother).
 Heel = Jesus’ Life.
 Serpent = Satan.
 Bruise in the head = destroy.
 Seed of the woman = all faithful conquerors.
 Seed of the serpent = demons and wicked humans.
 Explanation: Satan bruised Jesus in the heel by killing him. Jesus was the main seed of the woman, namely the faithful organization of God, the Jerusalem above. The seed of the woman will bruise Satan’s head, thus destroy him, i.e. send him into the 2.death or eternal death.
- 73) World history:
 The bible covers world history beginning with the creation of Adam, through to Jesus’ life and until the far future (Genesis 1:1-2:4; Rev. 20:2-4, 7-10; 22:5; Luke 11:2).
 It also tells the story of the world powers (Daniel chapter 2 and 7, Rev. 17:10).
- 74) Time of the end:
- NA The time of the end began 1914, namely the enthronement, which means Jesus’ celestial accession to the throne.
- NA Thereupon the 1.World War broke out (see my book “Riddles of the Bible”).
- NA The peak of the time of the end is the Great Tribulation (=great day of Iouo = day of revenge), which begun with the Iraq war in spring 2003.
- NA With it a war broke out in heaven between Michael and the dragon (Rev. chapter 12).
- NA The Great Tribulation ends in the year 2033.
- NA Before that Armageddon will bluster, the battle of Iouo’s great day (Rev. 16:14, 16).
- NA Armageddon clears the earth of all evil as well as of Satan and the demons, which will be held captive in the abyss (Rev. 20:1-3).
- 75) Final trial: After 1000 years of Jesus’ sovereignty, Satan will be set free out of the abyss, in order to once again test and tempt all then living billions of people. Like sand on the beach a great many will follow Satan and will then, together with Satan and the demons, be destroyed through fire from heaven (Rev. 20:2-4, 7-10).

76) Issues:

NA Iouo has tolerated evil till this day, so that he could prove that Satan wrongly accused him by means of the following issues:
NA 1) Is Iouo justifiably sovereign?
NA 2) Is Iouo's sovereignty the best and is it good?
NA 3) Can a human always be faithful (Job 1:6-11; 2:1-5)?
NA 4) Could Adam have been faithful?
As a perfect, sinless human, Jesus proved that also Adam who himself was a perfect, sinless human could easily have always been faithful.
NA Satan posed such issues and God permits evil until they are clarified.
Iouo also permitted many political systems where humans reign and where the devil could prove that he is a better ruler than Iouo. This way Iouo can prove, that he is justifiably sovereign.

77) Evolution: Creation was created and did not come into being through evolution (John 1:1-3; Genesis 1:1-2:4).

NA A specialization, like formation of the races, can be evolutionary.
The basic types (the bible calls them kind, biologically this is equivalent to the species) are directly created (John 1:1-3; Genesis 1:1-2:4).

78) Old Covenant: The mediator of the Old Covenant is Moses (Gal. 3:19, 20)
The Covenant was concluded with the help of animal sacrifices in Sinai and animal sacrifices were constantly made (Exodus 19:5, 6).
It is also called Law Covenant, since it comprised of around 600 laws.
The Old Covenant could only be kept by perfect humans. Only Jesus was perfect and kept all laws and fulfilled the Covenant (Eph. 4:10; Gal. 3:24).

79) New Covenant: The mediator of the New Covenant is Jesus. Instead of animal sacrifices there is only one sacrifice, the life of Jesus. All Christians are in the New Covenant. The sacrifice of Jesus is effective for all of them (Heb, 8:6; 12:24; Jer. 31:31; Matthew 26:26-28).

80) Kingdom Covenant:

Only anointed ones are in the Kingdom Covenant (Luke 22:28, 29 NW).
It is a Covenant for a kingdom and a throne as king, when faithful!
(Matthew 19:28; Rev. chapter 20)

81) Confederacies amongst religions:

The true Christian religion does never and nowhere connect with any kind of religion. It does not even sit down at the same table, in order to debate some sort of mutual interests (James 4:4; Rev. 17:3).

82) Neutrality: A Christian is neutral towards the political State, this means:
Not being a member of a political party (psalms 1:1).
Not saluting the flag (Dan. 3:12).

Not showing respect for flags (Matthew 6:9-11).
 Not being a soldier (Matthew 26:52; James 4:4).
 Not going to elections (John 15:17-19; 18:36).
 No State religion (John 15:17-19; James 4:4).
 No religious approach to the State (Rev. 2:20; James 4:4; John 15:17-19).
 Not being a member (e.g. as NGO) of the UNO (Rev. 17:3; John 15:17-19; James 4:4).
 No supporting of political demonstrations (Exodus 23:2).

83) Military service:

Jesus prohibits drawing the sword, but on the other hand had swords himself (Matthew 26:52; John 18:10:11; Luke 22:35, 36).

Not owning weapons is wicked, but using weapons as a means of violence, for example as a soldier or a policeman in a paramilitary function.

A policeman as keeper of order may use weapons, since the political State is God's avenger (Romans 13:4).

NA

A hunter can use weapons, a rifleman's meeting is not biblically forbidden; neither is a shooting gallery.

84) Career:

A career as aim in life is always a wicked aim (1.Tim. 1:5).

A career in the world as well as a career in the Christian congregation is a wicked aim (James 4:4; 1.Tim. 1:5).

An office of ministry as a Christian should not be viewed as a career, but as lowering oneself into a humble lower service (labor) and working hard self-sacrificingly for God's flock (1.Tim. 3:1; Psalms 131:1).

85) Education:

NA

Learning is good, when good things are being learned. That does not just include writing, reading, calculating, but everything worthwhile learning, also academic knowledge (1.Thes. 5:21).

A profession is important in order to nourish one's family (Proverbs 22:29; 1.Tim. 5:8, both NW).

NA

Education for this purpose is never an effort in vain.

86) Sports:

NA

"For bodily training is beneficial for a little" (1.Tim. 4:8 NW).

The bible does not frown upon sports in general, but only upon violent sports, risky sports and sports careers.

87) Christian commandments:

Obedience to God till death (Rev. 2:10).

Not being a soldier (Matthew 26:52).

Always following Jesus (1.John 5:6-12)

Nourish oneself spiritually (Psalms 1:1-3).

Praying, pleading and imploring (Heb. 5:7; Romans 12:12).

Not being a friend of the world (James 4:4).

Bearing fruits of the spirit (Gal. chapter 5).

Bringing the flesh to the stake (Gal. chapter 5; especially verse 16 and 24; Gal. 2:20; Romans 6:6).
 Undergoing sufferings (Col. 1:24; Gal. 6:14).
 Honoring one's parents (Matthew 15:4-6; 19:19).
 Reading the bible (Psalms 1:1-3).
 Doing precise research and verifying (1.Thes. 5:21).
 No idols (1.John 5:21).
 Loving Iouo more than anything else (Matthew 22:36-38).
 Loving your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 22:39).
 Believing the bible (John 17:17).
 Thievery, lying, slander, gossip, murder, robbery, manslaughter, adultery, fornication, prostitution, homosexuality are all forbidden (Eph. 4:28, 29; James 3:14; 4:11; Exodus 20:15; 1.John 3:12; Psalms 62:11; Matthew 15:19; 1.Cor. 6:13; Romans 1:26, 27).
 Disclosing grave sins before elders (James 5:13-15).
 Repenting all sins (Matthew 3:6; 1.John 1:7).
 Not forsaking the gathering together (Heb. 10:24, 25 NW).
 Not eating blood (Acts 15:29).
 Not adopting Pagan practices and festivities (James 4:4; Matthew 10:5; 2.Peter. 2:15; Acts 14:16; Proverbs 3:31; 5.Mos. 7:25).

88) Greediness: Greediness is idolatry! It is desire of the flesh (Col. 3:5; Gal. 5:19)!
 Materialism is its product, it is a drifting off onto the broad path (Matthew 7:13, 14).

89) Idols: Idols for Christians are images and figures, crosses, icons and idols from movies, sports etc. (1.John 5:21; Isaiah 44:6-20; Exodus 20:4, 5; Deuteronomy 5:7-9)
 The own ego (= stomach) can be an idol (Phil. 3:19).
 Emblems of political states are idols.
 Anything demanding excessive attention and devotion is an idol.

90) Following Jesus' footsteps:

Accuracy in obeying Christian commandments (1.Peter 2:21).
 Suffering like Jesus (Mark 8:36; Luke 9:23).
 Preaching like Jesus (Matthew 28:19).
 Being persecuted like Jesus (John 15:20).
 Loving like Jesus (John 13:35, 15:13; Rev. 12:11).

91) Repentance: Only an adamic sin can be repented. Repentance means detesting a committed deed connected with the wish to better oneself, turning around from the wrong path and wanting to do penance by beginning to make good the bad fruits of his sin through good works (2.Cor. 7:10; Romans 5:14; Matthew 3:2; Acts 2:38; Rev. 2:5).
 One can only achieve forgiveness by repenting (Acts 5:31; 2.Cor. 7:8-10).

92) Sin: 1) Forgivable sin (inherited by Adam):
Only the adamic sin can be forgiven when repented, it is no deliberate sin (Romans 5:14; 2.Cor. 7:10).

2) Unforgivable sin:
Is the sin not inherited by Adam, but an own deliberate sin resulting in eternal death (Romans 5:14).

93) Faithful until death:

Death where is your sting (1.Cor. 15:55; Psalms 56:14; 86:13).
To die is gain (Phil. 1:21; 2.Tim. 1:16).
He who loses his life for Christ's sake will find everlasting life (Matthew 10:39; Rev. 2:10).
Faithfulness (= faith) is not a possession of all people (2.Thes. 3:2).
pistis = faithfulness = faith.

94) Persevering (=Enduring):

You have need of endurance (Heb. 10:36).
Endurance to the end: either death or the beginning of the New System (Matthew 24:13; Heb. 3:14; Luke 22:28).
Without endurance there is no conquest (1.John 5:4).

95) Treasure in heaven:

Everyone has an account in heaven, that may never run a deficit (Phil. 4:17 NW).
Unforgivable sins mean a deficit.
Every good deed brings more credit to the account until it becomes a treasure in heaven, which can't be used up anymore (Matthew 19:2; 1.Cor. 9:25; 1.Peter. 5:4).
Then one is in the everlasting life.
By every bad deed the account in heaven is reduced, also by doing nothing.

96) Omnipresence: Iouo is omnipresent in all the infinity of heaven and of course also everywhere on earth (1.Kings 8:27).

97) Allpowerful one: Iouo is allpowerful, but not almighty; he is not omnipotent, but allpowerful (Rev. 11:17, *pantokrator* = allpowerful one, i.e. he has power everywhere).
Nor is he all knowing and thus can't know everything that will happen in the future.
However, he has a good insight into the powers that will be effective in the future (John 6:64; Isaiah 46:10).
The kismet (= teaching of predestination = predetermination of all happenings) is not a biblical teaching; it is not all predestined through the foreknowledge of Iouo.

Else wise no one would have gotten a truly free will (Luke 22:42; 1.Cor. 9:17).

The word almighty does not appear in the original text (*El Schaddai* means “God, powerful one”)

Pantokrator means “allpowerful one”.

98) Martyr:

Martys means „witness“!

If someone bears witness for the good through his death (see entry 99 “witness”) then he is a martyr. Every Christian has to be ready to become a martyr (Rev. 2:10).

99) Witness:

“You are my witnesses“ says Iouo (Isaiah 43:9-13).

Who did he mean? Then he says himself: “My servant!” (Isaiah 43:9-13).

A witness of God can only be someone who bears witness for the good, for Iouo’s truthfulness through his slave-like, menial-like service and obedience on the Christian path (Phil. 2:22).

Every Christian should be a witness for Iouo; he has to be if he wants to be saved. However, this does not mean that a Christian religion has to bear the name “Iouo’s Witnesses”. Jesus himself was the greatest witness and him we have to follow (Rev. 1:5).

100) Heretic:

Due to meticulously following Jesus, truth-loving Christians have often become suspect to others because they have let themselves be guided by Holy Spirit and not by self-invented laws and teachings of certain religious leaders (Matthew 23:10).

They obeyed God more than men (Acts 5:29).

This led to persecution, excommunication and often to a martyr death (John 8:32; 16:13; 17:17; 1.Cor. 13:6; 2.Cor. 13:8; 2.Thes. 2:12; 1.John 3:18; 5:6; James 3:14).

In this manner all so-called “Christian” religions have brought forth their heretics and have persecuted them. Someone once said correspondingly: “The excommunicated heretics of a religion have always been their elite”.

101) New Jerusalem:

A celestial city, the home of the 144000 and Jesus, thus the bride of Christ and the Lord (Rev. 21:2; 9-27).

102) Good news of the kingdom:

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The news, that Iouo’s kingdom in heaven began when Jesus became king. This kingdom will destroy all empires and establish a paradise on earth for 1000 years (Matthew 45:23; 24:14; Mark 1:14; Acts 1:8; 15:7; Romans 1:16; Dan. 2:44; Luke 23:43).

103) Name of God:

The name of God is “Iouo” (Matthew 6:9; see my books “IOUO – The Name of God” and “IOUO – The Only Name of God” can be found in the internet under www.iouo.de).

104) Excommunication:

One can only be excommunicated from the true Christian congregation by reason of grave sins against the explicit teachings of the bible, which form the teaching of the lamb and the apostles (2.John 9, 10; 1.Cor. 5:1, 2).

Never can one rightfully be excommunicated because of diverging from an interpretation of this teaching of Christ (2.John 9, 10; 1.Cor. 5:1, 2)

Note:

All of this does not serve the establishment of a new code of teachings, which would somehow or another disregard the bible. Only the teachings of the bible count, not my teachings.

What shouldn't the true Christian religion be like?

When thinking of the Jehovah's Witnesses for comparison

A true Christian religion cannot do and teach the following things, as the Jehovah's Witnesses do (similar and corresponding things can be found in all Christian religions; the list is by no means complete):

- 1) Belonging to the UNO as NGO-member for 9 years and thus worshipping the wild beast and receiving its sign on hand and forehead.
- 2) Wanting to become a statutory corporation ("Körperschaft des öffentlichen Rechts") in Germany (for over 10 years it was being judicially fought for).
- 3) To lie before the European Court of Justice, in order to become an accepted religion in Bulgaria, namely to reaffirm, that no one was being bothered, if he accepted a blood transfusion as a Jehovah's Witness. In reality such a person is excommunicated or viewed as an excommunicated one.
- 4) Wanting to be able to collect church tax in Italy through a concordat with the State.
- 5) Being the owner of a factory of arms, i.e. a factory manufacturing highly engineered parts of arms.
- 6) Forbidding blood transfusions, even if one dies without them.
- 7) Even obligating parents not to give their children blood, even if these will die.
- 8) Demanding that everyone carries a notarized document with him at all times, which prohibits all physicians to give blood transfusions, regardless of the risk of dying.
- 9) Not under any circumstances changing the false pronunciation „Jehova“ or „Jehovah“ (English), even if it is proven, that “Jehovah” is false and even a form of Baal cult, because it contains Adonai (= Lord = Baal).
- 10) Bearing the title “governing body”, although Jesus commanded not to call anyone a leader.
- 11) To tyrannically dominate the brotherhood through brainwash, psycho terror and manipulation.
- 12) Tolerating pedophilia on a large scale among elders and hushing it up.
- 13) Demanding 5 weekly meetings as a must for every Jehovah's Witness.
- 14) Demanding 3 annual assemblies as a must for every Jehovah's Witness.

- 15) That reading the bible is not a prerequisite for elders; there are elders, that haven't even read through the whole bible one single time.
- 16) Even women are supposed to go up on stage and give speeches, which are feigned stage plays.
- 17) Women may also raise their hands and teach brothers with their comments.
- 18) An enormous building program without biblical command: kingdoms halls, assembly halls, Bethel homes and printing plants, missionary homes, district assembly areas, literature storehouses.
- 19) Demanding celibacy for some years after the graduation of ministry school for single men.
- 20) To proscribe getting children and forbidding full time servants to get children and threatening with the loss of their title and their material provisioning if they do.
- 21) To frown upon and look down on secondary schools, academies and universities and education going beyond writing, reading and calculating.
- 22) Calling two semi-monthly magazines "the food at the proper time" supposedly given by Jesus and which is to be studied regularly by every Jehovah's Witness. These magazines contain many laws, teachings and rules that the bible does not teach, which, however, are to be viewed like the bible as God's holy commandments.
- 23) Constantly writing all kinds of things: Books, brochures, magazines, tracts etc. (Isaiah 10:1-4).
- 24) They have manufactured a bible, in which they kept the name "Jehovah" for the sake of the sect's traditions, although they felt "Yahweh" to be more correct. This bible also contains many useful phrases for the sect.
- 25) Saving taxes by an appeal for money, which is effectively the same as a tax evasion. Now they don't let the brothers buy the literature anymore (which is taxable), but obligate the brothers, for the literature they receive, to donate precisely the money the literature cost before. They have circuit overseers regularly check the donation accounts to make sure if precisely this sum was at the minimum being donated. If not, severe lectures are being fired at the brothers.
- 26) Donations are not collected for the biblical purpose of supporting the poor, but they are wangled by begging (partly through scrounge prayers) and all this only for costly buildings, factories and products of these factories.
- 27) Stasi-like brothers are called upon to disclose everything anyone does and says and is not in accordance with some kind of Watchtower teachings. What the bible says hereto, does not count.
- 28) For the excommunication a judicial committee is appointed as tribunal. At this tribunal there is no possibility for the accused to take along a witness or a defense counsel who

attends the whole trial. There is no bill of indictment, no written judgment, not even a written confirmation of the decision. The judges may well be biased and even beforehand declare someone guilty. If the accused is not present he is automatically found guilty, even if he was not able to participate in the trial due to sickness.

- 29) To assign many non-biblical offices of ministry with their respective titles: circuit overseer, district overseer, branch overseer, Bethel servant, zone overseer, pioneer, auxiliary pioneer, special pioneer, missionary.
- 30) Elders are “Glorious ones before whom one should tremble”.
- 31) To use women as translators and thus as spiritual teachers, even for translating the Bible.
- 32) Translations of any kind of Watchtower literature have to be authorized by the WT-Society, otherwise they are confiscated.
- 33) All non-Jehovah’s Witnesses are called bad companionship or association, so-called worldlings. Whoever starts associating with them, is reprimanded.
- 34) The impression of being scientific is given, but only in pretence (Aid-book, Insight books); in reality it is massively being indoctrinated.
- 35) It is demanded “to study” at least two passages of the Watchtower-literature every week (several pages per week), i.e. to prepare for the congregations, this means to cram up questions on the text by underlining the answers in the text. To ponder over and throw critical light on these thoughts is made impossible.
- 36) This method as well as the congregations characterized by permanent repetitions creates a brainwash.
- 37) This leads to anxiety psychosis, neuropathies and suicides.
- 38) The WT-Society’s wealth is enormous.
- 39) The financial conduct of the WT-Society is astonishing. E.g. brothers wanted to finance a Kingdom Hall by means of their own interest-free loan. Hereupon the WT-Society demanded them to draw on a credit from the WT-Society and this with a 5 % interest. In principle the WT-Society never discloses its financial statements.
- 40) Every JW has to deliver a monthly report slip specifying the hours spent in preaching service. If he doesn’t do so, he is referred to as inactive and concerning the statistics not viewed as a JW anymore. He is regarded as weak, immature and disorderly.
- 41) Although the Bible says that no one can count the great crowd and that David himself was gravely punished for population census, the JW carry out exact censuses of hours, attendants etc.
- 42) Reasons for an excommunication are not for instance transgressions against biblical commandments, but all transgressions against prohibitions the Watchtower teaches as biblically justified.

- 43) The bible says: “Your word is truth”. The Witnesses say: “Our religion is the truth”.
- 44) 100% conformity with all WT-teachings is demanded of all JW, own opinions are forbidden. Especially voicing them.
- 45) Meetings do not solely take place in private homes and private establishments, as the biblical pattern shows, but the “clergy” of the JW has surrounded itself with huge palaces as their dominion, from where they can ‘preach down’ from above (stage) to the sheep.
- 46) The Governing Body is highest authority of the JW and highly esteemed as God’s representation. Loyalty is primarily due to the Governing Body but not perhaps Iouo!
- 47) One’s own conscience is not decisive; it needs to be “trained” by the WT-literature.
- 48) Psychiatrists are frowned upon among the JW.
- 49) The WT-Society claims to be solely entitled of representing God. It teaches that only the WT-Society has God’s Holy Spirit and only prayers of the JW would be answered.
- 50) The WT-Society teaches that only in their organization can anointed ones be found.
- 51) The WT-Society teaches that only it alone is the solely true religion.
- 52) Every non-Witness has to expect destruction.
- 53) “Worldly” literature is frowned upon; one should preferably be content with the WT-literature.
- 54) Materialism and greediness is tolerated, barely anyone is campaigned against for such a reason.
- 55) From 1965 onward the year 1975 was preached as “Year of Doom”. This, however, has not been repented till this day. On the contrary, it is maintained that the WT-Society had no fault in this and that this notion was only infiltrated “from the bottom up” (the same way no repentance for false prophesying was ever shown concerning the year 1914 and the year 1925).
- 56) In principal no repentance for Old Light and obvious mistakes is ever officially uttered.
- 57) A career in the “Truth” is encouraged, a career in the world is looked down upon.
- 58) The Watchtower symbol is idolized; e.g. donation boxes in the shape of little Watchtowers, Watchtowers on buildings, as pictures, as symbol carved in stone.
- 59) Flags may be respected.
- 60) Minute’s silence for the dead may be paid regard to (compare after 11.9.2001).

- 61) The bible is not the highest criterion, but the WT, the Slave and his channel. For Jehovah's Witnesses claim that only the WT is God's communication channel to the people of mankind.
- 62) The governing body categorically does not argue with a "simple" anointed one, although it claims that the "Slave" consisted of all anointed ones, passing out the food at the proper time.
- 63) The hours spent in preaching service are being counted; everything else the Christian service requires remains a minor matter.
- 64) Where committee cases are concerned, there is no possibility to submit a case as far up as to the governing body (Acts 15); courts of appeal consist of not better qualified brothers (Moses).
- 65) Using other bibles apart from the NW-Translation in the meetings is looked down upon, effectively forbidden during the bible reading.
- 66) Baptism is practically not being conducted in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit but in the name of the WT-Organization as quasi-entrance-card into this organization. One can only get baptized if he was put through his paces by means of ca. 120 questions showing if he is loyal concerning everything the WT-Organization says and does. It is only being baptized at assemblies.
- 67) There are only Christians among the Witnesses, as if the Holy Spirit was only poured out in the 19. Century on Ch. Taze Russel and not at Pentecost 33 on all Christians.
- 68) Whoever dies in Armageddon is destroyed, including small children.
- 69) Whoever died in the deluge is destroyed, including small children.
- 70) Small children are principally destroyed, if their parents are no JW.
- 71) Aborted children are not resurrected, they are destroyed, and the same applies to miscarriages. Christ did not die for them!
- 72) Full time publishers and full time servants now form a religious order.
- 73) Bethels are referred to as cloister-like establishments and the Bethel servants effectively have to pledge neediness.
- 74) Elders like to call themselves "clergymen" of the JW, although the JW teach that among them there is no separation between clergymen and laypersons.
- 75) Ascending "clergy" with the JW: Elders elevate themselves high above the *am-ha-arets* = people at the bottom, those who don't have any privileges.
- 76) Only Elders are authorized to teach.

- 77) The WT-Organization's show-affectation with superlatives, mass events, maximum figures, huge complexes of buildings, information policy etc.
- 78) Vatican-like center in Brooklyn.
- 79) One can go to elections and make everyone believe that he had voted, as long as it is not really a valid vote.
- 80) The WT-Organization makes no efforts whatsoever to arrange for a witness to find a partner, yet everyone shall only marry JW.
- 81) Selling no-longer-used kingdom halls to churches and sects, which then use them as religious centers.
- 82) Around 3000 brothers had to leave the JW, because they couldn't give away their tobacco- or betel nut fields, which were their only livelihood (Taiwan).
- 83) The highest commandment of the JW is: You always have to walk "in the light", no matter how this light changes. This means that the WT is always right, should it ever be wrong then the following exception becomes effective, which is: the WT is always right!
- 84) Officially the WT is neither unfailing nor inspired, every transgression against den WT, however, is a transgression directly against God. In practice this means that one is expected to view the WT as if it were straight from God. This has the advantage that the WT never has to give account whenever the organization changes something. The WT is simply never responsible. God is responsible, who, simply just "now" made a better understanding possible through his Holy Spirit.
- 85) The WT is in practice much more important than the bible. In case of doubt the WT is to be obeyed, not the bible and not one's conscience.
- 86) Elders openly admit that what they are doing does not necessarily need to be biblically justified; they may reach a decision, even if the bible does not support it.
- 87) The JW's main medium of guiding people is not perhaps love, as it should be, but pressure, tyranny, paternalism, incapacitation, manipulation, brain wash, psycho-terror and frightening, oppressing and treating the sheep like little underage school children, constraint and intimidation, persecution and threatening with excommunication. No wonder there are disproportionately many mentally ill, depressive and suicide-endangered among the JW. The bible foretells these situations: The evil slave will beat his fellow slaves, because the Lord is still absent. This beating is carried out with such implicitness, self-glorification and self-importance that the only explanation for it can be the spirit of the devil, which is effective in these sons of darkness and rubs off on all elders.
- 88) For decades not answering any letters of an anointed one, who proves and testifies the exact pronunciation of God's Name, and then excommunicating him on specious charges.
- 89) To prohibit masturbation, as supposedly grave sin.
- 90) To prohibit smoking.

- 91) To prohibit drug usage in principle.
- 92) To demand, that every Jehovah's Witness needs to read a so-called day's text every day.
- 93) To demand, that the bible is read precisely according to a fixed program where it takes 8 whole years to read through the complete bible one single time.
- 94) Establishing many schools that lack any biblical foundation (Ministerial service schools, Bethel school, Office of ministry school, Gilead school, Kingdom ministry school etc.) and building a whole schooling center in Patterson (NY).
- 95) To demand preparing talks in the Ministerial service school over and over again.
- 96) To partly look down upon getting married.
- 97) To prohibit men to have beards.
- 98) Who prohibit men to have longer hair.
- 99) Who produce their own calendar, as if that were a task of Christians.
- 100) To teach, that in the New System, all today's elders will be princes.
- 101) Several committees were established: branch committee, committee of the Governing Body, service committee, judicial committee, hospital liaison committee, building committee, information committee
- 102) The hierarchy is filed out and not limited to what is biblically necessary (see point B, p.11, 17) Offices of ministry)
- 103) There are many so-called privileges only granted to "worthy" Jehovah's Witnesses.
- 104) Words are twisted around, e.g.
 Christianity = JW
 Christendom = other Christian denominations
 The customary use of language shows something totally different!
 Christianity = teaching of the Christians
 Christendom = entirety of all Christians
- 105) Television, internet, movie theaters are frowned upon as well as looked down upon, computer games included.
- 106) Matchmaking is frowned upon.
- 107) "Only marrying in the Lord" means "only marrying a JW".
- 108) Dancing is looked down upon.
- 109) Celebrating birthdays is prohibited.

- 110) New years wishes are prohibited.
- 111) Pets are frowned upon.
- 112) For a long time looking down upon hi-fi units.
- 113) Frowning upon cable TV.
- 114) Prohibiting extra curricular school activities and school trips.
- 115) Frowning upon school friendships.
- 116) Soap-operas are frowned upon as well as reading novels.
- 117) The lottery is prohibited. Contests, however, are allowed.
- 118) Building one's own home is frowned upon.
- 119) Pilgrimages to the Bethel on a large scale.
- 120) Certain music is generally looked down upon.
- 121) Necessity of a tie and a suit for brothers in the Kingdom Hall.
- 122) Necessity of a skirt and dress for sisters in the Kingdom Hall (in no case are pants allowed); this regulation also applies to the preaching service.
- 123) Praise is extremely seldom, almost only given to pioneers and elders.
- 124) Like it is with churches, preferably one kingdom hall in every town.
- 125) If a married couple has anal or oral sex they may do so, as long as they don't tell anyone in the congregation about it. If they announce it, however, they are excommunicated.

Blood transfusion – what does the Holy Spirit show?

Acts 15:29 is also a testimony of the Holy Spirit and is being cited by the JW, the blood transfusion opposers, as main proof against blood transfusions; thus it should be significant, what the Holy Spirit itself says about blood transfusions:

The Christian commandment in Acts 15:29 is among other things: “keep abstaining...from blood”. The context of things strangled and things sacrificed, however, suggests a mere eating prohibition.

Back then the apostles, however, didn't bear in mind the issue to save life through blood. Thus it can't be read into the bible, that also blood transfusions are meant here. Acts 15:29 only determines what remains valid from the Law Covenant also for Christians, since the circumcision was what triggered it as well as the question whether the Law Covenant further has to be adhered to in this matter by all Christians. The Council from Acts 15 therefore convened in order to solve this matter. In the process it was come upon the general question, what from the Law Covenant was still valid for Christians at all. The blood eating prohibition was adopted by the Law Covenant, but why? Because it originated from a covenant already valid before the Law Covenant and still valid for all of Noah's offspring. It is thus also valid for all Christians, namely the Covenant with Noah, the so-called Rainbow Covenant. This Rainbow Covenant brought all future mankind into a covenant with God for their own protection (Genesis 9:3-6 and 9:9).

Thus the basis for the blood prohibition is the Noah Covenant. After the deluge the Noah Covenant for the first time allowed killing and eating animals. Before the deluge, animals as well as men only ate vegetable foods (Genesis 1:29, 30). At the same time, however, the Noah Covenant did not allow killing men or even eating the flesh of men. Neither did it allow the brutalizing of men who would wildly devour blood-filled animals or could even slurp in blood itself. Therefore the blood prohibition!

Blood was supposed to be holy in order to remind mankind that the life of a creature is holy and is originally not meant to be eaten. Eating animals is unnatural and only a temporary exceptional situation.

Not the blood is what's actually holy!

In principle blood is just as holy as a toe or any other body part. Life is what's holy! Blood is only sanctified, thus accounted holy and this only for a temporary purpose. Life, however, is holy in principle, is always holy and may only be taken for a holy purpose. This is a basic principle.

If a Christian is faced with the question, whether he should accept a blood transfusion for himself or his child or others or if he should refuse the blood transfusion in obedience to God, then he should by all means know, that the blood prohibition derives from Noah!

The Law of Noah, of the Noah Covenant (= Rainbow Covenant), however, as a further commandment also contains the prohibition of killing human life. Which physicians nowadays still consider very important, even as essentially important, since they have taken a Hippocratic Oath on it. This oath obligates them before God to protect life by all means and as a primary objective.

A Christian confronted with the blood transfusion issue, therefore needs to weigh two most significant laws against one another, which are both affected when it comes to the blood transfusion issue and which are both demanded by God and the bible. He may not pick out just one of these laws and dismiss the other one as unimportant.

“Save” blood or save life?

“Destroy” blood or destroy life?

Is blood more holy or is life more holy?

Is eating a bit of blood just as grave for God as taking someone else’s or someone’s own life?

A Christian is then faced with the decision: Should I sanctify blood and not sanctify life (by killing it) or should I sanctify life and not sanctify blood?

One could also say: May I desecrate blood in order to save life or should I desecrate life (by killing it) in order to “save blood” resp. sanctify blood?

Which of the two laws is the more holy one?

The answer is:

Saving life (= not killing it) is a more holy act because it affects a principle. The principle is: Life is holy.

Saving blood and sanctifying it, by not transfusing, is a less holy act because it does not affect a principle: sanctifying blood is only a temporary law and not a principle.

A principle is always greater and more holy than a mere law, for a law can change anytime or be repealed; a law is always adjusted by a ruler according to the circumstances and situations. A principle, however, is always valid and cannot change or be repealed. It is, for example, a principle that one cannot remain faithful towards God without true love. It has been like this at all times. But it is a law, which could change and that God adjusted to the circumstances, how many spouses one can simultaneously have: God granted the Israelites several women at the same time, Christians were only granted one single woman by God.

Even here one can see that life is more holy than blood. Saving life is more important than saving blood! Common sense even says so according to Romans 12:1 (NW): “Sacred service with power of reason!” And 1.Tim. 3:2 shows that an overseer has to be sound in mind.

To sanctify blood is only a law! It has only been valid since Noah! Sanctifying life is a principle! It has always been valid!

If, however, blood were just as holy as life, then they would have come to be on one level, both would be equally strong commandments! Then it would still not be a sin to accept a blood transfusion, since then both commandments would be equally strong and one could freely choose which of the commandments one rather liked to keep! Both commandments would be interchangeable. Then I would be free to sanctify either, blood or rather life.

Only if blood were more holy than life, which sounds quite absurd, would a Christian be prohibited to accept blood transfusions. However, the official teaching of the JW is: Blood is just as holy as life! This argument alone would already be enough to prove to all JW just how unsustainable the blood transfusion prohibition is.

Besides, it is clear, that a symbol cannot be more holy or more significant than what it stands for. For example a Mercedes star, which stands for Mercedes, is never more significant than the car Mercedes itself.

Are the symbols at the Evening Meal, bread and wine, representing the blood and body of Jesus, more holy than the actual blood of Christ and the actual body of Christ? Blood stands for life. Blood is only the symbol! It symbolizes life. Can the symbol blood then be more holy than what it represents? Can blood be more holy than life, which it symbolizes? A symbol is always less important than what it stands for!

Since life is more holy than blood, a Christian is even obliged to accept a provision, like e.g. a blood transfusion, if it is the only thing that can save his life. Otherwise he would be a suicide. On this note the JW-church-leadership has turned all JW into potential suicides, who even have to notarize that they will carry out this suicide in either case and that physicians have to support them in this at any rate.

Is it about the life of his own child, he would even be a murderer of his child. The JW-leadership also obliges all parents that are JW to do this. They even have to give their children in writing a card to take with them saying that physicians have to carry out this murder. Something like that never comes up in the heart of Iouo and has never come up (Jer. 32:35).

A Christian, who thinks of the holy life of others, would also serve God if he was a blood-donor.

From this the mathematically-logic conclusion follows that the blood prohibition from Acts 15:29 is only and solely a food commandment, as already initially assumed.

Even if it is not about saving life, but merely about transfusions for healing purposes, healing would nevertheless be more holy than the holiness of blood according to Jesus' healing practice at the Sabbath. This is so because for Jesus healing was also more holy than sanctifying the Sabbath which was holy too. He was very sad and struck about the petrified faces of the wicked narrow-hearted religious leaders who wanted to impute him the healing at the Sabbath as gravest sin, as also the religious leaders of the JW put on highly grim, even petrified faces and declare it to be a gravest sin, if someone of the JW accepts blood transfusions. One may also for healing purposes accept blood transfusions, since healing is also a part of saving life, which is more holy than the sanctification of blood.

The fact that blood is not absolutely holy as a principle can easily be seen. For instance, every meat a person eats contains a small quantity of blood, even if it is already exsanguinous, so that every non-vegetarian has already ingested blood by the liters in the course of his life. Which he also is allowed to according to the law given to Noah. It would be impossible for God to allow something like that if the blood's holiness were an indispensable principle.

It is interesting to observe how some elders meticulously pay attention to having their blood refusal card along, especially when driving a car, since life is in fact holy and blood is holy as life. But then they have such a homicidal style of driving, that one asks himself, if they are really aware of what holiness of life really means. Other elders full of disgust gather for a judicial committee session, an excommunication court case (compare. Mark 3:5), to disfellowship someone from the Christian community, who saved his critically ill baby-boy's life by allowing a blood transfusion, i.e. had him be given blood. These elders excommunicate this father and thus say, he deserves the same punishment as Satan, if he does not repent. He is placed on the same level with Satan, because he saved the life of his defenseless son. These elders say that for this "sin" the father would ultimately have to be rewarded with eternal death.

There to I like to remark: I'd rather be forever dead than having to save my everlasting life by letting my son die. Because then I would have bought my everlasting life with the killing of my son. I wouldn't have been able to really prove to anyone that God wanted it that way but would only have been obligated to do so by an indefinable anonymous and self-proclaimed "slave", as JW call their religious leadership. This "slave", however, would have rejected a share of the responsibility with the words: It had, after all, been my own conscientious decision! My remark:

Even to Iouo the greatest God himself I would not allow to demand something like that of me – then I would have to complain to him about it! But something like that has never come up in the heart of Iouo (Jeremiah 32:35).

Anyone who knows Iouo God only a little bit, knows, that he could never ask this of us.

As soon as the short court case is barely over and the judicial committee members go home, these elders already race their cars home like driven wild at a homicidal, back-breaking speed, blood card in their left breast pocket, in order to get there in time for dinner where they eat and enjoy a piece of steak dripping with blood juice.

One can only say: Keep on paying such diligent and meticulous attention to the holiness of life, to the holiness of blood and to the pureness in the Christian congregation!

This father was merely in a situation which can be compared to Abraham, who should have sacrificed Isaac at the behest of God. Would Abraham also have been excommunicated by God, had he not sacrificed his son? First of all: God did not really want something like that in principle! He only tested Abraham, in order to create a divine exemplary type for the sacrificing of Jesus. He would never have had Abraham carry this out!

Furthermore needs to be said: Yet, Abraham would not have lost his everlasting life, he would not have been punished with eternal death, like Satan, if he had not been willing to sacrifice his son! This can easily be proved.

Had Abraham not withstood in this greatest and most difficult trial and had not obeyed God he would still have been rewarded with everlasting life, since even before this trial Iouo had confirmed in a covenant, that Abraham would definitely receive eternal blessings (Genesis 17:7,8)! Iouo would never have revoked this blessing even if Abraham had disobeyed in a trial in which normally only one in a million remains faithful. What an abstruse nonsense, how evil of the JW religious leaders to excommunicate such fathers.

Let the one who has an ear hear what the spirit says to the congregations! The spirit often says something the letter does not say. The spirit is often between the lines. The spirit makes alive! The letter kills. Therefore Jesus also taught that the spirit of a law is decisive, not the letter. He clearly showed this when it comes to the Sabbath commandment. Who will not water his cattle at the Sabbath or save it from a pit? Should not rather a person be saved much more so, even if it is Sabbath. The letter of the Sabbath law prohibited such "work" at the Sabbath. The spirit of the law, however, was to give the people freedom, to be free of work, free of burdensome pressure, free of stress and to give them an idea of how paradisiacal freedom feels.

To heal people was likewise liberating for them, a foretaste of paradise. Consequently to heal corresponds with the spirit of the Sabbath law, but not with the letter. Same with the Blood law!

“Abstain from blood” is the letter. But what is the spirit of the Blood law?

Blood is a symbol for life. The Blood law was given in order to teach the holiness of life. A blood transfusion emphasizes the holiness of life as well. It is administered to save life. The letter of the Blood law seems to prohibit this, the spirit of the Blood law, however, demands to save life, also by means of blood. Thus blood transfusions are allowed.

It was not until after the deluge that God had sanctified blood and had prohibited consuming it because he didn't want to permit a human being to just gulp living creatures together with blood without keeping in mind that animal life is actually from God and not there to be eaten.

God wanted to prevent this turning brutal due to eating and thus the getting brutalized of the human character, so that people would not be induced to get brutal and to murder. This has nothing to do with blood transfusions since they do not make people more brutal. It would rather be brutal to withhold blood from defenseless dying children and infants and to just let them die, although they could have been saved. The same applies to critically ill adults.

The biblical discussion may not be mixed with the medical discussion. The WT-Society continuously gets around leading a truly biblical discussion on blood transfusions. The only biblical argument is Acts 15:29 namely the letter of the wording “abstain from”. It is stiffly being insisted on a bible text without taking into account the context of the whole bible. In order to conceal this weak argument the Watchtower Society normally switches to the medical discussion.

There may well be medical arguments against blood transfusions, but every medical treatment has its risks. Medical science as a whole would have to be vilified if one argues: “God put a ban on blood in order to protect from the consequences of a blood transfusion”.

Now and again people even die in operations on the appendix. Who would deduce that no one may have his appendix operated on? Many physicians also wished there was something better than blood, but often they don't have any other alternative. This is so because they are either not proficient enough in other methods or because there simply is no real substitute for blood.

The brochures of the JW on blood are full of such medical aspects, but already in 1946 it was stopped discussing this topic in a factual and truly biblical manner under consideration of the whole bible and the Holy Spirit of God as well as the teachings of Jesus. They simply wanted to be righteous overmuch (Ecclesiastes 7:17) and play a martyr at any cost regardless of what a dishonor such a stance brings on God's Name. The physicians, who are under the Hippocratic Oath, were denounced as the devils instruments and a blood transfusion was portrayed as one of the biggest trials in faith, a matter of eternal destruction. This way thousands of defenseless children were driven into death by their parents, thousands upon thousands of adults have thus committed a form of suicide thinking they have rendered sacred service to God. The church leadership of the JW has consequently turned into mass murderers from their desk. The parents, who sacrificed their children to the Molech and threw them into the fire as did Manasseh the king of Israel, are in return biblical examples. Exemplary types are also Israelite children thrown into the Nile on orders of the Pharaoh.

There are many other biblical arguments testifying that blood transfusions are allowed like e.g. Saul's men, who had eaten food together with the blood it contained, but still weren't punished. For God blood is thus not as holy as life. It also shows that an emergency requires different judgments than a normal eating of blood.

Another example is David, who, in a case of necessity, was allowed to eat holy things from the temple and Jesus confirms this when his disciples were eating ears of grain. Normally eating these things would have been prohibited.

It would go beyond the scope of this book to go into more detail. Had the JW at least stayed in the light of the early church's pattern with the laws of the bible and not added their own laws. Then it would really have been a matter of conscience of every single one to decide what he wants to do concerning the blood transfusion. Free discussion would not have been eliminated and no one would have been forced into murder, suicide or infanticide as a result of the threat of being excommunicated, which God will not forgive many of the ones responsible.

The Christian cycle

In the Holy of the tabernacle there were 3 fixtures, namely the lampstand, the table and the altar of incense. The lampstand had 7 arms, on each of which there was attached a fire lamp or oil lamp with burning fire that was never to extinguish. The table was rectangular and displayed the 12 show breads, which were laid out afresh every week as well as vessels of drink offerings. The Altar of incense was square and was constantly laid out with incense.

The altar of incense was situated in front of the curtain to the Most Holy; the table was positioned across from the lampstand, each at the longitudinal wall of the Holy. If a person went from the table to the lampstand, then from the lampstand to the altar, then from the altar back to the table, he had walked in a circle. This can be compared to the cycle of the constant Christian battle in life, which a Christian has to walk over and over until he finds his access through the narrow gate into everlasting life.

First he stands at the table (compare Mal. 1:7, 12). The table means the word of Iouo, the bible. A Christian concerns himself with it daily (Psalms 1:1-3). On the table are the vessels of drink offerings.

They stand for:

Water = Holy Spirit, that flows into us like water from God's word and becomes a source of water within ourselves, so that streams of living water, i.e. by proclaiming, will flow from our mouths (John Chapter 4; and John 7:38).

Wine = Wine delights the heart of men. From God's word, the bible, joy streams into our heart. The joy in Iouo is our strength (Psalms 100:2).

Oil = Oil heals; Oil is poured into wounds (Luke 10:34; Isaiah 1:6). Likewise the word of God heals, it also becomes healing for all those to whom Iouo's love is proclaimed.

There are also the 12 show breads on the table. They stand for spiritual food, that Iouo again and again hands out to the household of the Christians through his faithful and discreet slave, namely all apostles still living on earth: The right measure of food in the right light and at the proper time (compare *καποϋ* = right measure, right light, right time, original text Matthew 24:45-48) The spiritual food, however, does not originate from Iouo through inspiration, but is acquired from the bible, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

A Christian should search for this food given by God, whereat he needs to act with caution: Who in reality is the faithful and discreet slave (Matthew 24:45-48, NW)? Don't be misled by someone describing himself or a group as this Slave! A Christian should keep eating this food with critical caution and examine everything, thoroughly and precisely, i.e. read (Beroens, test everything!, Acts 17:11).

Then the Christian goes to the lampstand.

Revelation compares the 7 lampstands to 7 congregations. Thus, a Christian should seek the gathering together with other Christians. However, be careful! Psalms 1:1-3 shows that one

should avoid associating with sinners such as wicked teachers, sects and churches, where many spiritually apostate ones get together.

The fire lamps on the lampstand mean the 7 spirits of God, namely forms of the Holy Spirit, which are especially holy and give us Holy Spirit when getting together. Jesus is in our midst and he has the 7 spirits of God (Rev. 3:1). Gathering together should not be forsaken; also convivial gatherings are meant here (Heb. 10:24, 25).

Then the Christian goes to the altar of incense.

The bible itself says that incense represents prayers (Rev. 5:8). Praying incessantly at any opportunity is a never dying smoldering of incense in our heart and before Iouo, who listens behind the curtain in the Most Holy, which is heaven (Hebrews 9), where Iouo is seated on the throne.

The altar is an object there for sacrifices. Therefore the altar of incense is also a symbol for spiritual sacrifices of all kind.

This includes the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips; this includes all sort of proclaiming and preaching.

Sacrifice without spot and blemish is looking after widows, orphans, the sick, the poor, handicapped, drug addicts, alcoholics and the needy of any kind.

Sacrifices are also donations for poor brothers and gifts of money to poor people of any kind. Pleasant sacrifices are also other presents and gifts, assistance and service of any kind for God with good motive.

Whoever constantly completes this cycle and at the same time obeys God in all he learned and preserves his heart even under trials and temptations, will reach everlasting life. He goes through the narrow gate. This is not possible without love, for John says in his first letter:

4:7 Beloved ones, let us continue loving one another, because love is from God, and everyone who loves has been born from God and gains the knowledge of God. He that does not love has not come to know God, because God is love.

5:1 everyone who loves the one that caused him to be born loves him who has been born from that one.

5:2-4 By this we gain the knowledge that we are loving the children of God, when we are loving God and doing his commandments. For this is what the love of God means that we observe his commandments; and yet his commandments are not burdensome, because everything that has been born from God conquers the world.

5:19 We know we originate with God...that the Son of God has come, and he has given us intellectual capacity; and we are [in union with] the true one [, by means of] his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and life everlasting (compare 1.John 5:19 NW).

3:14 We know we have passed over from death to life, because we love the brothers. He who does not love remains in death.

Death is the reward for sin (“the soul that is sinning will die”, acc. Ezekiel 18:4 NW).

Since in the previously described cycle no object in any way points to sin, it is clear, that the whole cycle serves just the purpose to not sin, to avoid every sin.

Should you sin, however (hopefully not gravely), you have a helper next to God, Jesus, Iouo’s high priest, who died for our undeliberate sins and gave a ransom, namely his sacrificed body and his sacrificed blood, for us in order to cleanse us of all sin.

If we stay in the cycle, we stay in the light, for God is light and true Christians are not in darkness.

1. John1:7: However, if we are walking in the light as he himself is in the light, we do have a sharing with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

1. John1:9: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous so as to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1. John 2:1, 2: My little children, I am writing you these things that you may not commit a sin. And yet, if anyone does commit a sin, we have a helper with the Father, Jesus Christ, a righteous one. And he is a propitiatory sacrifice for our sins, yet not for ours only but also for the whole world’s.

All thanks for this great salvation are due to Iouo.

A topical prophecy from the book of Daniel

- 11:36 And the king will do according to his will, he will exalt himself and magnify himself above every god and against the highest God he will speak unheard-of things and he will be successful until the end of the anger will have come.
- 11:38 instead he honors the god of fortresses, honors a god that his fathers did not know...
- 11:39 and distributes land to them as a reward
- 11:40 But in the time of the end the king of the south will collide with him. The king of the north will storm against him with chariots and horsemen and many ships.
- 11:44 but rumors (= reports, NW) out of the east and out of the north will frighten him and he will go forth in a great rage in order to ruin and destroy many.
- 11:45 There he will come to his end, and no one will help him.
- It is the North King, which arose out of Rome and found a center in the papacy, the new *pontifex maximus*, as Rome's emperors were once named. The pope and Catholicism exalt themselves above every god, thus also above Iouo and are successful.
- It is the newly invented god of trinity, glorified with greatest pomposity.
- Missionaries and colonialism work hand in hand; much land is apportioned out worldwide.
- In the 1. World War the King of the South = Turkish Ottoman Empire + German Reich against the King of the North = Western world
2. Collision in the 2. World War German Reich (= South King) against Western world and America + Great Britain = North King
- On 11. September 2001 the report of Al-Qaida-attacks in the north (= USA). The Al-Qaida comes out of the east. The USA with their allies goes forth in a great rage against terrorism and leads to the 3. World War.
- In the 4. World War the North King will be destroyed; the South King had already come to his end in the 2. World War
There = in the land of decoration, that is Israel, and in the area of the grand sea = Mediterranean area and the Near East

12:1 During that time Michael will stand up, the great [angel-] prince, who protects the sons of your people,

As Revelation 12:7 shows, Michael battles with the dragon ever since the beginning of the 3. World War (20.03.2003)
It is Jesus, who cleanses heaven of Satan.

and it will be a time of hardship as has not been there since peoples exist, until that time

This is the great tribulation (Rev. Chapter 7; 7:14) also called the great day of Iouo or the day of revenge. The great tribulation began on 20.03.2003.

And during that time your people will be saved, every one who finds himself written down in the book [of life].

A great crowd will be saved throughout all of Armageddon (Rev. 7);
it is faithful people that all form God's people.

Bible texts translated from the Zürcher Bible

Some biblical parallels

1) The life of Moses parallel to the life of Jesus

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| birth of Moses | birth of Jesus |
| Moses almost killed in the Nile | Jesus almost killed by Herod |
| Moses at the court of Pharaoh | Jesus to Egypt |
| Moses kills Egyptian | Jesus baptized into death |
| Moses persecuted by Pharaoh | Jesus persecuted by the devil put to the test in the wilderness |
| Moses in Midian for 40 years | Jesus in the wilderness for 40 days |
| Moses in the wilderness for 40 Years | Jesus preaches 3½ years |
| Moses conquers the east of Canaan | Jesus conquers the world |
| Moses dies on Mount Nebo | Jesus dies on the mountain Golgotha |
| Joshua takes over the leadership as new leader | Jesus is resurrected as a new person in a new spiritual body |
| Joshua conquers the west of Canaan | Jesus preaches to Satan and the demons |
| Joshua still lives for decades | Jesus still on earth for 40 days |
| Joshua preaches to Israel | Jesus gives final instructions to his disciples |
| Joshua dies | Jesus ascends to heaven |

2) The life of Josef parallel to the life of Jesus

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| birth of Josef | birth of Jesus |
| Josef tells dreams | 12-year old Jesus in the temple |
| Josef almost killed in the well | Jesus baptized into death |
| Josef taken to Egypt by Midianites | Jesus led into the wilderness by the spirit |
| Josef's time at Potiphar's | Jesus 40 days in the wilderness |
| Josef tested by Potiphar's wife | Jesus tested by the Devil |
| Josef in prison | Jesus' 3 ½ years of service |
| Josef interprets dreams of baker (= bread) and cupbearer (= wine) | Passover and Evening Meal 33 A.D. |
| Josef forgotten by the cupbearer | betrayal of Jesus |
| prison until liberation | captivity until death |
| liberation from prison | resurrection |
| stepped before Pharaoh in Pharaohs palace | stepped before Iouo with sacrificial blood in heaven |
| Pharaoh tests Josef with 2 dreams | sacrifice tested by Iouo |
| got signet ring from Pharaoh | Pentecost 33; pouring out of the Holy Spirit given by Iouo |
| is second man in the State | is seated at the right hand of God |

3) The life of Abraham parallel to the life of Jesus

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|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| birth of Abraham | birth of Jesus |
| 70 years in Ur | youth till 30 years of age |
| exodus from Ur | baptism of Jesus |
| 5 years in Haran | 40 days in the wilderness |
| in Canaan | 3 ½ years of service |
| Isaac almost sacrificed | death of Jesus = sacrificial death |
| Sarah dies | Jesus' bride completely in heaven |

4) Jesus parallel to world history

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| birth of Jesus | Adam created |
| Herod killed | fall of mankind |
| 30 years until baptism | time till deluge |
| 40 days in the wilderness | until birth of the nation of Israel in Sinai |
| tested by the devil | 10 plagues of Egypt |
| 3 ½ years of service until the death of Jesus | time of the Mosaic Covenant until Jesus' death |
| 40 days on earth after the resurrection | time until 1914 |
| stepped before Iouo in heaven, sat down to his right | enthroned by Iouo as Iouo's king in 1914 |

5) The temple parallel to the design of the tabernacle

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| tabernacle = 1.temple | 1. square of the holy |
| Salomon temple = 2.temple | 2. square of the holy |
| 70 years of desolation | curtain |
| Serubbabel temple = 3.Temple | Most Holy |
| Herod's temple = 4.Temple | the interior of the Arc of the Covenant |
| temple in Iouo – SHMO (Ezekiel vision) = 5.temple | Shekina light |

6) Israel's camp parallel to the atonement day
to Jacobs women
to Jacobs children
to Salomon's women

| Camp of Israel | Atonement day | Jacobs women | Jacobs children | Salomon's women |
|--------------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| tabernacle | bull | Rachel | Josef and Benjamin | Shulamith |
| courtyard | goat of Iouo | Lea | sons of Lea | queen of Sheba |
| Levites and priests with Moses | goat of Azasel | Bilha | sons of Bilha | main wives |
| 12 tribes of Israel | 1. ram | Silpa | Silpa's sons | concubines |
| mixed people | 2. ram | maid servants | Dina and further daughters | adolescent maidens without number |

7) Tabernacle parallel to the priests

| Tabernacle | Priests with Moses |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| courtyard 1.square | Abihu |
| courtyard 2.square | Nadab |
| the Holy 1.square | Ithamar |
| the Holy 2.square | Eleazar |
| Most Holy | Aaron |
| clouds and fire column | Moses |

8) Covenants parallel to the camp of Israel

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| Mixed people | Eden Covenant |
| 12 tribes of Israel | Noah Covenant = Rainbow Covenant |
| Levites | Circumcision Covenant |
| priests and Moses | Abrahamic Covenant |
| courtyard | Law Covenant = Mosaic Covenant = Old Covenant |
| tabernacle | New Covenant with all Christians |
| cloud and fire column | Kingdom Covenant with small flock |