

Abstract

The Jehovah's Witnesses and the company Watchtower are quite known to the public. Since the foundation of the Jehovah's Witnesses, thousands of articles in the press tried, less or more successfully, to describe their history. When we come out of the perspective, that they publish only truth about themselves, we would have to conclude, that they are the best religious organization on the world. Since 1998 I have published many articles intentionally dedicated to the issues of Jehovah's Witnesses and other new religious movements in these journals: *Dingir – religionistic journal about current religious scene*, *Rozmer – a journal for Christian spiritual orientation*, and *Sects and Facts*. I also refuted the errors and mistakes published by others about their organization. The aim was to publish truthful information that is not commonly available to their members and the public. In the era of the internet and digitalized archives it would seem that it's no longer needed. Various information can be found on the internet, but they are valuable only when properly verified and, if possible, taken from primary sources. That's why it's necessary to have the critical view on the teachings of the Witnesses and objectively evaluate the danger that comes from their teachings to the believers and unbelievers. The public doesn't care about Jehovah's Witnesses nowadays. Unless there is a commonly known problem of rejecting blood transfuses or celebrating various feasts of Witnesses covered in media, no one seems to care about this issue. In my thesis I have partly returned to some of my published articles about the development of their teachings. By 2017 a lot of changed within Jehovah's Witnesses. It was necessary to update the information and map the development of their teachings since the registration of the religious society: Jehovah's Witnesses in Czech Republic in 1993, to the present. I present this thesis as a contribution to the mosaic of the latest development in the teachings of this movement.

Keywords

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