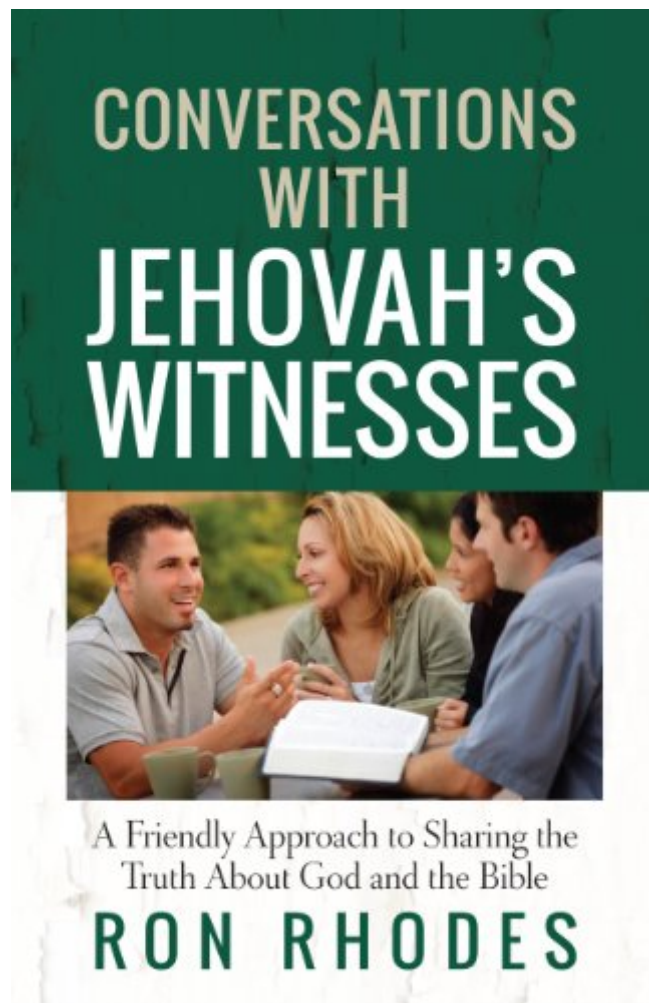




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Synopsis

An unfamiliar car parks near your house, and two pleasant-looking folks approach your front door. The doorbell rings, and after exchanging pleasantries, your unexpected guests offer you some literature from the Watchtower Society. What will you say? What should you say? Should you engage your visitors in conversation at all? And if so, how? Trusted Bible teacher Ron Rhodes guides you through several realistic dialogues with Jehovah's Witnesses, demonstrating helpful techniques for listening, asking questions, avoiding offense, and more. He includes the information you need to address the big issues, including the New World Translation of the Bible, the divine name, the Trinity, salvation, and the afterlife. With this practical, kindhearted, and easy-to-understand resource, you can actually enjoy discussions about your faith when Jehovah's Witnesses come to call, and you can lovingly guide them to the truth about Jesus Christ.

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Excellent.

I'm not even finished with this book yet but I love it. Ron is an outstanding author who helps laymen understand complex issues in an easy-to-read format. This book will be very helpful in talking with the Witnesses when they come by. Most importantly, Ron shows us how to lead each conversation to the Gospel so that our lost friends may hear it. I hope he writes one for the Mormons.

Much information but informative and comprehensive for those that want to know how to talk with the JW's

This book has helped me tremendously on how to minister to the Jehovah's Witnesses. I highly recommend it for this reason. It is written in clear and understandable terms.

I'm so grateful to have had the opportunity to read this insightful book. I'm going to read it again and again.

I bought this book because, I was always against JW, but then I thought I always just heard what others said, not what was fact. So I learned a lot and as it is not a way of life for me, to each his own. But I am glad I read it and no longer judge because someone else told me I should.

One of my favorite quotes, "never make a statement, at least at first, when a question will do the job." This book, really, teaches how to evangelize--how to share your faith with those who do not have the same faith as yours. There are some excellent principles in listening and being sensitive to others in order to have a meaningful conversation. Ron Rhodes has done his homework! Wow. This is like going to a college course that has details galore. Rhodes is no doubt a teacher at heart. He gives you a wide range of reasoning with examples of conversations. Warning: this IS a very detail oriented book that is not for someone looking for a quick read. It felt like I was reading someone's Thesis paper. At 25% through the book, I have 38 different notes. Rhodes packs his book with scripture and research. There is so much in his book that is applicable to more than just conversations with Jehovah's Witnesses. For example, "Sensitivity. We ought to be sensitive in our personal evangelism and witnessing. This means that we not only speak but also listen." You can apply this principle to improve so many areas of your life.

Ron Rhodes has provided a readable introduction to discussing one's faith with a practicing Jehovah Witness. The book is divided into two parts. The first part (about 30% of the book) discusses seven principles that need to be heard by anyone actively involved in evangelism. Though the examples of those principles come out of the author's work with Jehovah Witnesses, the principles themselves are generic enough that they need to be understood and used by all believers as they share their faith. Taking time to read these seven chapters alone makes the book a worthwhile purchase. The author is convinced that the best approach in discussing our faith with a Jehovah Witness is by providing an ear that is willing to learn what they believe. Rather than arguing against straw men, that may or may not represent the person in front of you, we listen to what they are really saying. This is of course good advice whenever we are discussing our faith. Though we may not agree, we do show respect for the person who we are in discussion with as we listen and respond to what is actually being said, rather than what we expect to hear. The other half of the book focuses on using the techniques discussed in Part 1 when addressing specific concerns of the Jehovah Witness faith. Though there is not enough detail to have a thorough understanding of that faith, for the man or woman who is comfortable with their own faith, the book suggests and illustrates ways to respond without offending and/or driving the Jehovah Witness away. The second part of the book is also of value whether one is in conversation with a Jehovah's Witness or not. Though in the context of witnessing to the Jehovah Witness, it does provide a survey (albeit, a brief survey) of the Christian faith when set against one of the larger of today's cults. Though the author's credentials suggest he understands the Jehovah Witness faith, my own knowledge of their faith is not sufficient to evaluate his work in this area. The book is filled with sample conversations that illustrate both the principles of Part One and the issues raised in Part Two. Though the conversations are made up (i.e. not transcripts of actual conversations), they do illustrate the skills discussed throughout the book. The bottom line is that the book, though aimed at the believer talking to a member of the Jehovah Witnesses, provides a good, mid-level discussion of evangelism for all.

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