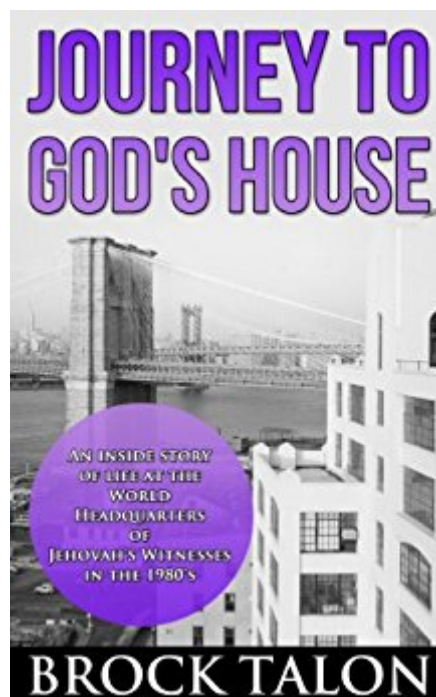




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Journey To God's House: An Inside Story Of Life At The World Headquarters Of Jehovah's Witnesses In The 1980s



Synopsis

**** This book is a memoir ****A naive young man named Brock Talon journeys to the World Headquarters of Jehovah's Witnesses in New York City, seeking a spiritual paradise. But things are not at all what he expects. Once there, he encounters a creature called The Hanger Man, a blubbery dude named Big Tex and a cute girl with epic breasts. He also chances upon the music icon Michael Jackson, an oddball named Mr. Coffee and various other denizens of that unique place called Bethel. Join Brock as he rubs shoulders with the powerful leaders of the faith, explores the mysteries of Armageddon, investigates the secrets of paradise and wrestles with the conundrum of sex, romance, drinking and sin. This nostalgic tell-all from the 1980s is an adventure that will keep you laughing and crying, as well as inspire you to reflect upon your own personal journey to God's House.

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Customer Reviews

Good read! Packed with truth and humor. Author gives an honest account of life at Bethel as he saw it. I personally am glad to read an account by someone that was actually living in Bethel and saw all the drama; I always knew that place was not all that. What I read, Bethel is the epitome of a concentration camp. JWs are restricted to a few dollars a month, taking an oath of poverty. Numerous hours are spent at meetings, field service, and personal study, on top of whatever slavery job the Society assigns you to. All of this serves as a recipe of indoctrination for cult mind control.

I normally avoid books on this subject because they tend to be written by people that strike me as having a remedial level of understanding regarding the beliefs of Jehovah's Witnesses. This author strikes me as being the real thing, a sincere Witness that had his bubble burst at the Big B. I've known others that came back from Bethel or The Farm and I can tell you that they tend to divide into two camps after their experience. They either become self-righteous, or they end up leaving in disgust. I tend to prefer the company of those that leave in disgust. I appreciate this author's position, he holds to his beliefs and doesn't allow a group of men to act upon their assertion that they somehow own bible truth. The Truth is in God's word and is not the province of any man or group of men. Learn that and the absurdity of trying to control others by means of a religious order becomes readily apparent. I'm sure that the author is thought of as apostate by many but he is truly sticking to his faith and convictions which tells me that, by definition, he is not apostate in any reasonable sense of the word. His reasoning on the incongruities of it all ring true; I've come to similar conclusions myself. In more than one case he was writing the very words I have thought myself, especially where he reasons that the common JW conception of the New Order was not something he would prefer over death. Amen! If you have tired of the negativity and the ridiculous levels of control and meddling within the org you might enjoy reading this book.

Journey To God's House is a humorous and touching narrative told in the anecdotal style of James Herriot, documenting a young man's "Tour of duty" at the world headquarters of Jehovah's Witnesses. All of us must decide at one point or another if participation in the religion of our parents is a matter of peer pressure or true conviction, so this is in some ways a coming of age story made especially poignant in the author's case because of the extreme negative consequences of that decision. Whether you know anything about Jehovah's Witnesses or not, this book is sure to make you laugh in places and pluck a heart string or two in others.

I know the truth of what Brock Talon writes about. Having been trapped in that "religion" for 40 years, he speaks the truth about this organization and the blow it deals to those who cannot just leave because of the iron rule of New York (Bethel). Looking forward to reading his book that describes his eventual exit. Can't believe it took so long after his Bethel experience that gives the lie to what "paradise" would likely be like. I remember telling my mother one time when I was still a witness in very good standing that I couldn't imagine living on an earth with nothing but JW's. Not paradise, for sure.

I purchased this book to see if this author was telling the truth or exaggerating about the JW religion. I was a JW and I worked at Bethel for a few weeks and everything he says about the JW's and Bethel is SO TRUE! The racism, the hypocrisy, the selective sinning, etc..... If you ever was curious about the JW religion and you really want to read the Truth about them, please read this book.

I've never been a Witness, but after ending my study with them (I discovered a book by a different ex-Witness) I had to learn all I could. This book tells all and gets into how inhumane the Watchtower can really be. I easily could have read it in one day, but there were other things that I had to get done. If you decide to read it try to pick a day when you don't have anything planned because you won't be able to put it down!

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