

Supporting Survivors of Religion



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Recovering Jehovah's Witnesses

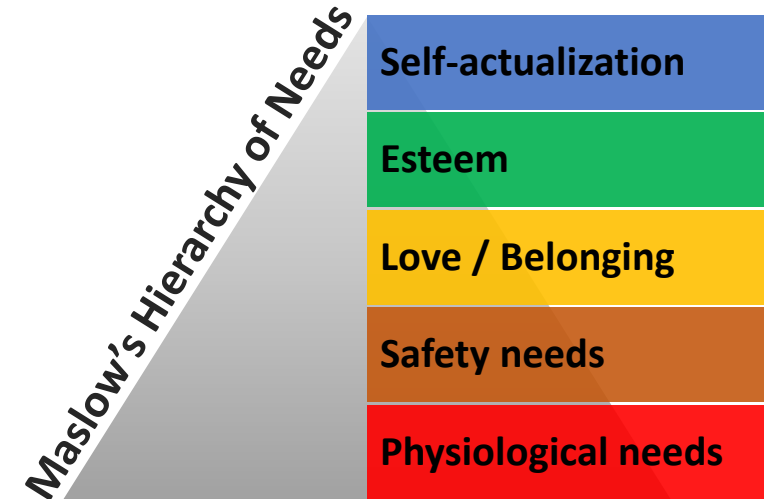
I don't know who I am now and I don't have life goals, yet! I lack critical thinking skills

My former religion teaches I am worthless

I never celebrated my birthday and I don't even know how

I am financially poor

I am being shunned by my family and friends



The struggle to support ex-Jehovah's Witnesses



It's disparate. It's inconsistent. It's not enough.

THE INTERVIEW



The Interview: The Achievements of a Thriver

2011: *Protecting Victoria's Vulnerable Children Inquiry*

2011-2012: Criminal prosecution of the Church of Jehovah's Witnesses over breaches of the working with children laws

2012-2013: *Inquiry into the Handling of Child Abuse by Religious and Other Non-government Organisations*

2014-2017: *Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse*

2014-2018: Chaplaincy and Privacy Issues within the Church of Jehovah's Witnesses

2017-2018: Preparing a 113 page legal document and supporting evidence for Barbara Anderson and the New York Attorney General in relation to allegations of unlawful conduct in the United States by Watchtower New York

Chaplaincy in Victoria and the Privacy Rights of Children

Commonwealth Privacy Laws and the Victorian Privacy Laws

AUSTRALIA

Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) and the Australian Privacy Principles

[Applies to all corporations, organisations, and entities except for State or Territory Public Sector Organisations]

VICTORIA

Health Records Act 2001 (Vic) and the Health Privacy Principles

[Applies to all health service providers in Victoria]
and

Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014 (Vic)

[Applies only to Public Sector Organisations]



Child Abuse Royal Commission – Church of Jehovah’s Witnesses Summary of Findings

1,800+

child abuse victims

1,006

alleged perpetrators

0

allegations of child sexual abuse reported to
the authorities or police by the Church of
Jehovah’s Witnesses



Royal Commission
into Institutional Responses
to Child Sexual Abuse

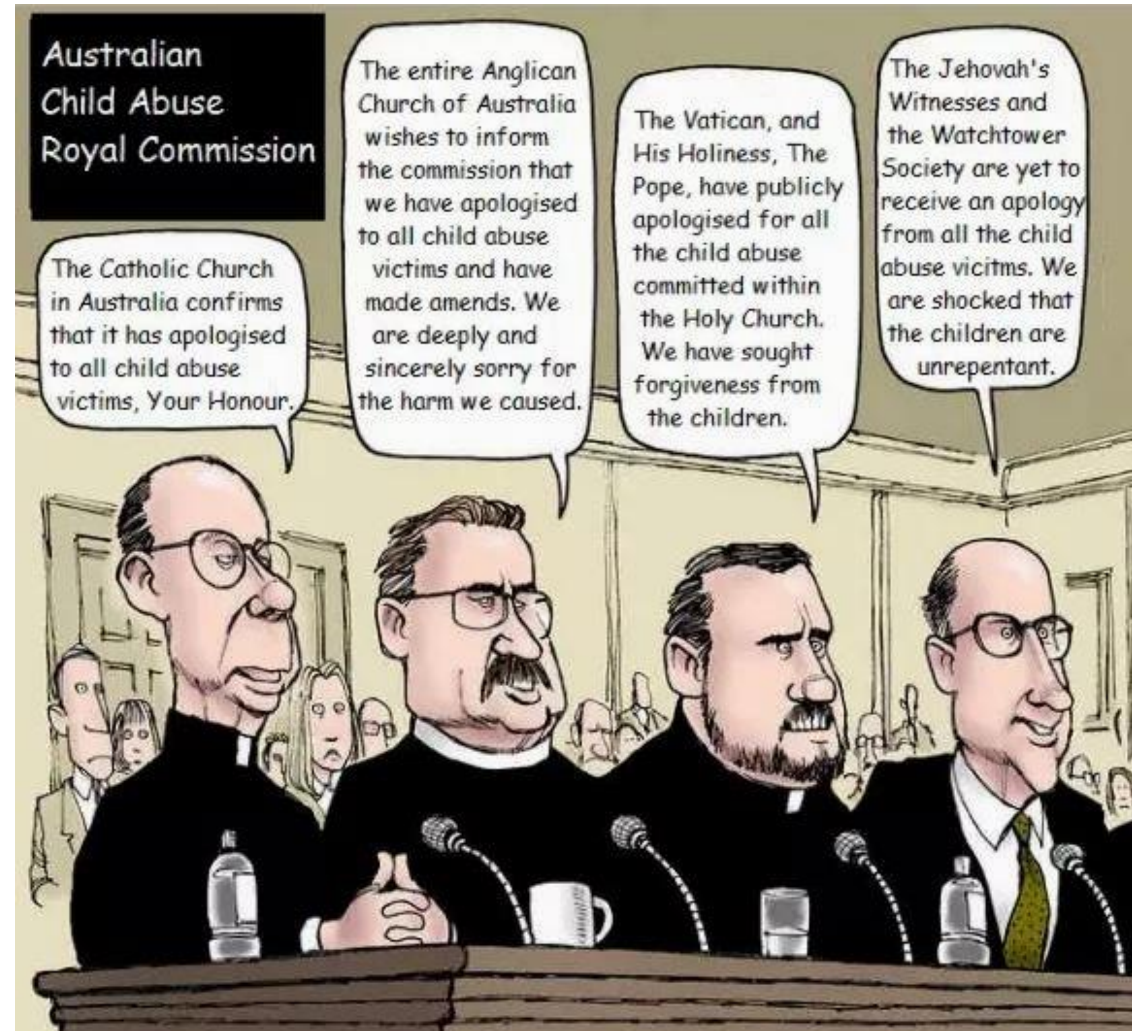
REPORT OF CASE STUDY NO. 29

The response of the Jehovah’s
Witnesses and Watchtower Bible
and Tract Society of Australia
Ltd to allegations of child
sexual abuse

OCTOBER 2016

Child Abuse Royal Commission – Church of Jehovah’s Witnesses Redress Scheme - Update

Justice McClellan: “As far as the redress scheme is concerned, if it takes the form, or roughly the form, the Commission has recommended, [the Jehovah’s Witnesses] liability will be determined on a case-by-case basis and you will be contributing on a case-by-case basis.”



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Class Action against the Church of Jehovah's Witnesses



Status Update

Supporting Survivors of Religion



Real Friends

In Control of Life

Health and Wellbeing

Education

Freedom from Religion

To make my own informed decisions

Worldly Wise

Financially in Control

Contributing Member of the Community

Questions and Answers

Campaign Launch

SaySorry.org

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