

G. Attitude of the Jehovah's witnesses towards politics.

The Jehovah's Witnesses refuse to become involved in politics because they say the law of God commands them to remain unspotted from the world (cf. James 1:27)

According to the Jehovah's Witnesses the, to become involved in politics is to become spotted by the world. k

Note: The Jehovah's Witnesses do pay taxes and make social security payments.

H. Attitude of the Jehovah's Witnesses toward the Military

The Jehovah's Witnesses refuse to perform military training and service in the armed forces of the nations in which they dwell or to perform governmental work required of men who conscientiously object to both combatant and noncombatant military service because they say they are ministers of the gospel and are not political, academic, or religious pacifists.

Note: The draft ended in 1973, but before that time Jehovah's Witnesses were imprisoned for refusing to submit to induction into the armed forces.

I. Attitude of the Jehovah's Witnesses toward Blood Transfusion

The Jehovah's Witnesses are opposed to blood transfusion b because they say the Bible forbids the eating of blood (cf. Lev. 3:17, 17:10, and Acts 15:20,29. They say this prohibition includes any blood at all, and that it doesn't make any difference that the blood is not introduced to the body through mouth but through the veins.

Note: (1) in 1968 the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the right of doctors to force children of Jehovah's Witnesses to have blood transfusions.

(2) The Supreme Court of the state of N.J. ruled that a hospital may give a blood transfusion to save the life of an adult patient even if it violates that patient's religious beliefs. (see article in the Evening Bulletin, Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1976, page 18)

J. Attitude of the Jehovah's Witnesses toward Christmas

The Jehovah's Witnesses say that the celebration of Christmas is evil. They say that it was neither commanded nor mentioned in Scripture, and that it was