

This is an interesting article. It details the damage that occurs when a denomination hides sin. In that regard, the JW's and the Catholic Church share a sordid history. Across time, I have heard people attempt to discredit both groups due to sexual sin. The claim was that the totality of the organization was disqualified to sexual abuse in specific churches. However, we cannot use sexual abuse to discredit the theological system of either organization mentioned. Sin, whether sexual sin or a host of others, is common to mankind. Every denomination, and multitudes of churches, have been afflicted by the sins of mankind. The Southern Baptist Convention is now reeling from the disclosure that they have multiple sexual abuse cases that have been covered up. There are also several independent and charismatic churches in the same quagmire. The universality of this type of behavior, which is found in both secular and religious organizations, indicates a diminished awareness of the pervasiveness and severity of sin as well as a lack of adequate safeguards. The point being, we cannot dismiss the theology of a group based on the sins of the members. If we were to do that there would be no belief system, sacred or secular, left standing. The fall has broken everything. If we are going to judge the theological integrity of a group, we need to look at their ideas. If we are going to judge their overall fitness, we would need to look at their standard of holiness. Unfortunately, in our brokenness, we seem to be finding that two large camps exist. Those whose sin has been revealed and those who have yet to have their sin revealed. May God save us from ourselves.