

There are a few things in life I find more disturbing than a religious group that kills its own people. The policy of withholding blood from people that would otherwise survive an illness or injury is barbaric and unforgivable. The organization itself didn't recognize the need for that barbaric policy during the first five decades of its own existence. That would suggest that the biblical evidence was non-existent and needed to be manufactured. My heart goes out to those that have trusted an organization that does not value them. I would suggest that the evidence for snake handling and drinking poison is more tenable than that for not taking a transfusion. Why don't the Jehovah's Witnesses emulate the rural Pentecostals and incorporate the handling of snakes and the drinking of poison into their Kingdom Hall activities? It is certainly as justifiable. (Before anyone spends time looking for a box to put their snake in, let me assure you that the verses used to support such behavior are not found in the original Scriptures.)