Helping Their Fellowman

Reverence toward the gods was at the heart of the social and cultural life of the Roman Empire. Since Christians abstained from sharing in anything tainted by the pagan gods, the people viewed Christianity as an affront to their way of life; and according to the historian Tacitus, Christians were said to be haters of mankind. Conveying a similar feeling, Minucius Felix, in his writings, quotes a Roman as saying to a Christian acquaintance: "You do not attend the shows; you take no part in the processions... abhor the sacred games." The populace of the ancient Roman world little understood the Christians.

Similarly today, Jehovah's Witnesses are not understood by many in the world. People may admire the high moral standards of the Witnesses but feel that the Witnesses should share with the world around them in its activities and get involved, those who get to know us and try to understand us. Is a Biblical reason for this?

Far from shutting themselves off from society, Jehovah's Witnesses devote their lives to Christ set the example. We don't shun people with the problems of life and the difficulties and demands of life with their neighbors. We include them in our concern for life. At the conclusion of our meeting, "We have decided to bring this to an end," that soon the world of the world and put this thing of in view of the at an end..."
activities and get involved in helping to make the world a better place. However, those who get to know Jehovah's Witnesses firsthand learn that there is a Biblical reason for everything they do.

Far from shutting themselves off from the rest of mankind, Jehovah's Witnesses devote their lives to helping their fellowmen in the way that Jesus Christ set the example. They assist people to learn how to cope successfully with the problems of life now by acquainting them with the Creator and the guidelines for life that are set out in his inspired Word. They freely share with their neighbors Bible truths that can transform a person's entire outlook on life. At the core of their belief is the realization that "the world is passing away," that soon God will intervene to bring the present wicked system to an end, and that a glorious future awaits those who remain no part of the world and put their full faith in the Kingdom of God.—1 John 2:17.

In their "Daily Manna" book, Bible Students kept a list of birthdays. But after they quit celebrating Christmas and when they realized that birthday celebrations were giving undue honor to creatures (one reason that early Christians never celebrated birthdays), the Bible Students quit this practice too.

For some 35 years, Pastor Russell thought that the Great Pyramid of Gizeh was God's stone witness, corroborating Biblical time periods. (Isa. 19:19) But Jehovah's Witnesses have abandoned the idea that an Egyptian pyramid has anything to do with true worship. (See "Watchtower" issues of November 15 and December 1, 1928)