

However, I Liked Her And Befriended Her. I Was Told By Others That Were Of The Same Religion As Myself, Not To Associate With Her Because She Was Going To Hell. I Asked Why, And Was Told Because She Doesn't Believe That Jesus Is The Son Of God. What Happens When A Child Comes Across Another Child That Was Reared In A Different Religion? Can Muslims And Christians Be Friends? Should They Be Friends? As A Teenager, I Didn't Think It Was Fair To Be Told Who I Could Be Friends With. Was I Supposed To Believe And Accept That Everybody, Except Christians, Were Going To Hell When They Died? That Never Made Since To Me.

My Questions Are Being Answered Now That I'm A Recent Member Of The Holy Tabernacle Ministries. I'm Allowed And Encouraged To Ask Questions About Life, Science, Religion (Of All Kinds), And Any Other Topic That May Interest Me. I Am Encouraged To Use My Brain To Research All Material, Finding Facts To Verify Any Information That Was Given To Me. A Person Must Be Intelligent And Use Their Brains To Be Members Of This Organization. So How Could Anybody Say Nuwabians Are Brainwashed? Unless You Took The Word For What It Says, "Brain-Washed," Where The Brain Is Being

Washed Of Ignorance And Wrong Knowledge. That Is The Only Way Anybody Could Say Nuwaubians Are Brainwashed. But If We Use The Definition In The American Heritage Dictionary, I Would Say That Everybody Is Brainwashed, Except Nuwaubians.

#### ORGANIZATION:

#### C.C. Of E

#### Concerned Citizens Of Eatonton

The **C.C. Of E (Concerned Citizens Of Eatonton)** Is An Organization Put Together Of Nuwaubians And Non-Members Who Will Not Tolerate This Misuse Of Power. We Have One Thing To Say To These Officials Who Are Abusing Their Authority. If You Think You Are Getting Away With This, You Are Wrong. We, C.C. Of E., Are Complaining, Not Malachi ,Not Victor Greig ,Or Thomas Chism. All Of Us, Members And Non-Members, Are Putting Together Letters To Send To Our Congressmen, Congresswomen, Senators, And Other Prominent Organizations And Fraternities. If You Have Been Wrongly Charged, Victimized And Received Unfair Treatment, Write Your Side Of The Story To The Local Newspaper. We Can Put A Stop To This Misuse Of Power.

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### "Are The Nuwaubians Brainwashed?"

I Woke Up One Morning All Excited Because Daddy Was Going To Baptize Me. My Father Was A Well-Known, Prominent Minister, And Even At The Age Of Eight, I Knew The Importance Of Being Baptized. I Stood There Next To My Five Year Old Sister In Our White Robes. The Water Was Cold And It Reached My Hip Line. My Father, Our Pastor, The Late Rev. John Hill Westbrook, Asked Us Three Questions:

*"Do You Believe That Jesus Christ Is The Son Of God?," "Do You Believe Jesus Died On The Cross For Your Sins?," "Do You Believe Jesus Rose Three Days Later?"*

We Blindly Answered Yes To All Three Questions. Next, I Closed My Eyes, He Covered My Nose And Mouth, And Said, "I Baptize This Child In The Name Of The Father, The Son, And The Holy Ghost." Then, He Dipped Me In The Water. All I Remember Is That The Water Was Extremely Cold, And That I Had Done

Something That My Whole Family Was Proud Of. But I Didn't Understand It, And I Didn't Dare Ask Why. I Was Taught That Everyone Must Be Baptized In Order To Be **Washed** In The Blood Of The Lamb, Jesus Christ. And The Earlier You Were Baptized, The Better Because You're Being **Washed** Of Your Sins That (According To Christianity) You Were Born With. Can You Imagine Being Five Or Eight Years Old, And Being Told That You Need To Be Washed In Blood? What If A Child Were To Take This Literal, And Isn't This Teaching Violence?

What Would Have Happened If One Of Us Would Have Answered "No" To Any Of The Questions? How Could A Five And Eight Year Old Really Know What Those Questions Meant? The Truth Is, From The Time That I Could Talk, I Was Being **Programmed** To Answer Those Questions A Certain Way. If I Would Have Answered Them Differently, I Would Have Received A Spanking, And I Would Have Embarrassed My Father And Our Whole Family. As An Adult, I Would Have Been Shunned From The Church And Labeled As A Heathen, Blasphemer, Atheist, Devil-Worshipper, Etc. I Was Never Given The Chance To Actually Think For Myself, And Form My Own Opinion Based On

Whatever Facts That Were Available To Me. Is It Safe To Say That I Was **Brainwashed**? According To The American Heritage Dictionary, To Brainwash Is To Cause To Hold An Opinion Or **Belief** Without A Rational Basis. I Was Programmed To **Believe** That Jesus Was The Son Of God, That He Died For My Sins, And Rose Three Days Later. And There Was No Rational Basis Offered Or Given To Me To Support These Beliefs. If I Did Ask Questions, I Was Told, *"You Must Have Faith" Or "It Must Be True, It's In The Bible."*

These Are Not Rational Answers, And As An Eight Year Old, I Couldn't Comprehend The Majority Of The Bible Anyway. I Was Forced To Accept Whatever I Was Told, And Without Question. That Is Christianity And All Other Religions That Are Based On Faith And Not Facts. Faith Is Believing In Something That You Cannot See. According To The American Heritage Dictionary, Faith Is Belief That Does Not Rest On **Logical** Proof Or Material Evidence.

How Could Someone Go Their Whole Life Living By Faith? Where Asking Questions, Wanting A Rational Basis, And Needing Logical Proof, Are Seen As Wrong.. I, For

One, Could Not Go My Whole Life With Questions In My Head That Would Go Unanswered. However, The Holy Tabernacle Ministries, The Nuwaubians, Don't Have This Problem. Questions Are Encouraged By All The Members, Teachers, And Representatives Of The Organization.

How Much Brain Power Does It Actually Take To Be Dedicated To A Particular Religion? You're Born Into A Religion, You're Reared In That Religion, And How You View Life And Make Decisions, Is All Based On Those Things That You Were Taught Your Whole Life. All Of This Without Questions Or Explanations On Why Your Particular Belief Is The Right One: You Don't Research The Bible, The Koran, Or Any Other Book That People Base Their Whole Life On. You Don't Interrupt The Preacher's Sermon To Ask Questions On Something He/She Might Have Said. And When You Do Read Your Holy Book For Yourself, You Are Given An Interpretation That Is Not Your Own. Where Is The Brain Power?

When I Was In High School, I Met A Classmate That Was Reared In The Muslim Faith. She Was Different. Her Clothes Were Different, Her Mannerisms Were Different, And Her Beliefs Were Different.