

Jean-Michel and his team (Answer)

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The **Jean-Michel and his team** association was a controversial [Evangelical](#)-oriented [new religious movement](#) founded in 1975 in the [Vaud](#) canton, in Switzerland, by Jean-Michel Cravanzola.

History and organization

Presented as being charismatic, Cravanzola was born in France in 1945, and grew up in Algeria. He became evangelist in [Lausanne](#) and, after two dreams with alleged divine origin, decided to found a hierarchic and patriarchal community in [Essertines-sur-Yverdon](#) to help poor people, drug addicts, and convert them. Life in the community was devoted to prayer, work and [proselytism](#). Followers had to sell 30 books per day.^[1]

After an important tax adjustment, the association was dissolved in 1980, but a commercial company with approximately 400 employees and a jewelry factory was founded in the [Ticino](#) canton. After a suspicious conviction^[2] for fraud in charity,^[3] the founder went in [Florida](#) and unsuccessfully tried to build a biblical [theme park](#) named Bibleworld.^[4] In 1992, the company cut Cravanzola's authority and the group ended.^[1] There were about 300 believers in Europe and U.S.^[3]

Controversies

The community was criticized by some former members^[3] and Swiss anti-cult association ASDFI whose founder, Paul Ranc, started to warn the population against the group in 1979.^[5] Criticisms included exaggerated focus on donations ([voluntary work](#) and double [tithe](#)), psychological pressures exerted by Cravanzola, excessive control of life, difficulties to leave the community.^[6] In Switzerland, media widely gave negative reports about the community and contributed to raise mistrust towards new religious movements,^[7] but French association for the defense of religious freedom CICNS criticized this point of view.^[8]

Here are the words of Jean Michel Cravanzola to your unbalanced Wikipedia publication about him in reaction to my revelations you have purposely deleted: "oui ils ne sont pas interesses a la verite sinon la leur merci pour tous ton travail et tes efforts Il est vrais que j ai ete juge fausement sans au qu une preuve comptable ni par les comptes de nos entreprises Mais c etait une cabale montait de toutes pieces avec la gauche politique et les denominations jalouses et la presse Oui je n ai jamais commis d escroquerie avec qui que se soit merci bon courage paix et amour en Jesus sur toi et ta famille amicalement JM" Source: ^[9]

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