

Sherlock Holmes and the case of the blind-faith-driven tropes.

One of the nineteen most unusual cases I have ever seen my close ally the incredible-minded Sherlock Holmes solve was the case of the blind-faith-driven tropes. It started out when numerous civil servants, academics, inheritees and self-employed people the world over started vanishing, a few at first and then with greater speed.

“Mr Holmes,” said the police commissioner, “I don’t like outsourcing to the private sector, but you don’t do it for the money and you’re hardly Serco. It’s just that all the military agencies of the western world, even when working with the agencies representing the defence of the victims of western genocide across the rest of the world have no clue as to what is happening to these people. It defies all forms of surveillance and intrusion. This is a master criminal at work.”

“Or a being from another dimension,” I ventured.

“Quiet Watson. There is a suspect.”

“Witnesses claim that Jehova’s Witnesses visited many of the victims just before they vanished. It’s possible that this is true of all the victims and we just don’t have witnesses for all of them.”

“Well I’ll be,” I ventured, now already as convinced as the constabulary that this was some nefarious deed brought about by the usual gangs of organised religions or organised capitalists. One or other posse of virtue-posturing merchants of armed robbery.

“Quiet Watson. The suspect is innocent.”

“Well you’re entitled to your opinion Mr Holmes,” the police commissioner replied, put out at Holmes’ lack of respect for his biases, “but statistical data points clearly at the Jehova squad.”

“Commissioner you don’t even know if a crime has been committed. As for the witnesses, you don’t know what they really saw, only what they claim to have seen.”

“Are you suggesting a massive conspiracy set up by enemies of the Jehova’s Witnesses? And what about all the people who have disappeared? Are you suggesting they may have just gone somewhere of their own accord, all of them, possibly the same place, approximately?”

“No, nobody is trying to frame the Jehova’s Witnesses, if my theory is correct. And yes, the people left of their own accord. Commissioner you must return to your office and do your paperwork and eat your meals and then return here at exactly six forty-one pm. You will then discover the truth at the heart of this mysterious event.”

The commissioner went off and did as Holmes had predicted, being a creature of habit and mass-produced in his nature, all across society. At six forty-one pm he returned and Holmes told him that the case was insoluble and that he was stumped

and the commissioner left, astounded, having to chalk up Holmes' first ever apparent failure.

"Do you want to know what happened, Watson?" he asked me, when the commissioner was gone. Naturally I did and alerted Holmes to this.

"After the police commissioner went back to his office and you went to Luigi's for lunch, I was visited by the same alleged Jehova's Witness who is indeed responsible for the alleged disappearances. He is a hyper-rich anarchist banker and utopian societal-engineer creating utopia by means of a gigantic money-engine which sucks money out of our, backward, capitalist, old-world world, and into his, which is amidst us, a growing world of living in a post-money society with the true values which come attached to our souls.

"Most people he tells about the utopia, and invites into it, think of him as a mad jehova's witness and tell him to go away, but he has not only been gathering, successfully, the odd ones out, with real spirit and soul, who decide to come with him and live amazing lives, it's reached a point where many of them are now going out and doing the work of gathering new souls. I was invited to stay but I pointed out that my own work is of an equal par and I am required to do it here, in Baker Street, not in his utopia, so I returned."

"That's marvellous Holmes."

"You may write about it, Watson," Holmes told me, immediately, in case you're worried. Well I don't suppose you are. "No one will believe a word of it, Watson. It will be credited to pride on my part and an unwillingness to admit defeat. And thus the utopia and its growth will continue to be protected against any kind of hindrance by means of the sheer levels of self-worship in the minds of anyone who may indeed attempt to hinder rather than further such a thing."

Separately the Jehova's Witnesses were witch-hunted and executed by organisations like Mossad, the SAS, the Republicans and Democrats, Tony Blair, Friends of Rachel Riley and others.

"They made a choice about the greater good, Watson," Holmes said to me as he read about their sad demise in the usual newspapers. "Sincere or insincere, they literally suffered purely because if I had put an end to their suffering utopia may well have been scuppered. By rights I should not have returned and known who was and wasn't guilty."



Matt Berry, as
Sherlock Holmes



Richard Ayoade,
as Doctor Watson



Keir Starmer, as
police commissioner



Raul Julia, as the real perpetrator