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Joshuite Religion Quodlibetical



It is central to the Joshuite religion that no follower should have blood transfusions. The Joshuites are a large and well recognised religious group and it is well known that their stance on blood transfusions is a fundamental aspect of their faith. Joshuites in the community are easily identified by a distinctive bracelet with the symbol of a bird.

Late one evening a young doctor named Helen Wood is the only doctor on emergency duty when an 8 year old boy named Peter is rushed to the hospital after a car accident. He is unconscious and has lost a substantial amount of blood. Although he is in a serious condition he has no head or spinal injuries and his life would be saved by a blood transfusion. Dr. Wood notices on Peter's wrist a bracelet which identifies him as a Joshuite. Peter's parents cannot be contacted and without the simple, standard medical procedures of a blood transfusion within the next few minutes, Peter will certainly die.

Topic: "That Dr. Wood should give Peter a blood transfusion."