

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

and the

" REAL JESUS "

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HOW TO WITNESS TO JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

When talking to Jehovah's Witnesses, be sure to stay on ONE SUBJECT, and that subject is JESUS CHRIST. If you have the right Jesus you are right for all eternity, but if you have the wrong Jesus, you are wrong for all eternity.

Jehovah's Witnesses will attempt to change the subject to the "Kingdom" or "world conditions." Firmly bring the subject back to Jesus, and do not allow them to hopscotch the Bible, but read all verses in their context, several before and several after the verse they use. Use a recognized Bible translation, not a "New World Translation" of the Watchtower Society.

This booklet has been carefully and prayerfully prepared to show the Jehovah's Witness that he does, indeed, have "another Jesus" and not the Jesus of the Bible. Pray for the help of the of the Holy Spirit and His convicting power to be present. Don't expect immediate results. Witness with authority, and share your testimony of your personal relationship with Christ.

Give him a copy of this booklet when he leaves and continue to pray for him. Many thousands have been set free. Witness out of love, remembering that our precious Lord and Savior shed His blood for all the lost. Welcome to a difficult but vastly rewarding mission field!

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Since we have the warning in scripture that there would be those coming to us preaching "another Jesus", disguising themselves as "apostles of Christ" (2 Cor.11:3-4,13-15) we need to examine Jehovah's Witnesses claims concerning Jesus Christ in the light of scripture.

J.W. Claim:

JESUS CHRIST IS NOT ALMIGHTY GOD BUT A LESSER GOD

J.W. doctrine has two true Gods, Almighty God Jehovah, and beside Him a lesser "*mighty god*", Jesus Christ. John 1:1 has been altered from the original Greek in their bible to read "the word was a god" to accommodate this polytheistic doctrine. (see pages 150, 416 - 417, Reasoning From The Scriptures, 1985 edition published by the Watchtower Society).

**Christian Answer:
JESUS CHRIST IS ALMIGHTY GOD**

Christians are monotheists, believers in ONE GOD. *"I am He. Before Me there was no God formed and there will be none after Me. I, even I, am the LORD and there is no Savior besides Me."* (Isaiah 43:10,11) See also Isa. 44:6, 8; 45:22-23 and 46:9. There is only ONE God by nature-- all others are man-made (Galatians 3:20 and 4:8) See also James 2:19.

Since there is only ONE God allowed in Scripture, if Jesus is called GOD, He is that one GOD.

Jesus is called **"Almighty God"**- Revelation 1:8, with Rev. 22:20.

Jesus is called **"the true God"** in 1 John 5:20.

Jesus is called **"the only God"** in 1 Timothy 1:16-17.

Warning-

The New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures has tampered with the above scriptures. Use any other translation of the Bible, or read the Greek side with the English words under in their "Kingdom Interlinear Translation of the Greek Scriptures." (1969 edition) . Be warned the JW's have altered even the interlinear side in their 1985 edition of the K.I.T. to distort the Deity of Jesus Christ.

**J.W. Claim:
JESUS IS NOT "HO THEOS"**

"HO THEOS" means in Greek, *"The God"*, and the Watchtower teaches that this term applies only to Jehovah God. (Kingdom Interlinear pages 1158 & 1159, 1969 ed., or page 1139 in the 1985 ed.).

**Christian Answer:
JESUS IS "HO THEOS"**

Prophecy says so Matthew 1:23. The disciples said so John 20:25-28.

The Father Jehovah said so Hebrews 1:8

Note: *a Greek-English Interlinear Bible is needed to prove the above points.*

**J.W. Claim:
WE HAVE RESTORED THE NAME "JEHOVAH" IN THE GREEK TEXT EVERYWHERE
THE HEBREW TEXT IS QUOTED.**

On pages 11 &12 of the Kingdom Interlinear (p 18--1969 ed.) the Watchtower Society promised that they would insert the name Jehovah where the NT (Greek) writers were quoting the OT (Hebrew) writers. They deliberately missed a few places!

Christian Answer: JESUS IS JEHOVAH

Using the Watchtower rule above, we SHOULD find in their translation...

Philippians 2:10,11 quoting Isaiah 45:23 "*Jesus Christ is Jehovah to the glory....*"

1 Peter 3:15 based on Isaiah 8:13 SHOULD be "*But sanctify the Christ as Jehovah in your hearts.*"

The fact is that the New World Translation has distorted or removed all scriptures proving the Deity of Jesus Christ. The men who comprised the Translation Committee had no adequate schooling or background to function as Bible translators, having no formal training in Biblical Hebrew or Greek. Their purpose was not to "translate" accurately, but to distort the word of God to support their doctrines. Even the use of the name Jehovah is in error since this name, according to Watchtower sources, was first used in 1270 A.D. by a Catholic monk! (See "Aid to Bible Understanding", pages 884 & 885.)

This embarrassing reference has been removed from the Society's newer concordance "Insight on the Scriptures". Despite speculations in this newer publication, the name Jehovah was never used by God, the Israelites, Jesus Christ, the apostles, or the early church.

J.W. Claim: JEHOVAH IS THE CREATOR

"Insight On the Scriptures", page 526 says, Hence, "*Jehovah is fittingly and uniquely called the creator*". The "Reasoning" book calls Jesus "*...the second-greatest personage in the universe*", and presents him as a helper for Jehovah in creation.

Christian Answer: JESUS IS THE CREATOR

The Greek word for "first- created" is "protoktistos". This term is NOT used in connection with Jesus. The term "Firstborn," "protokos" means in Greek "Preeminence in rank." Jesus Christ is the Creator. (John 1:3-4; Hebrews 1:10). Note how the Watchtower Bible has altered Colossians 1:16-17 by adding to the Greek text the term "by means of him" and the word "other" four times. Read without these additions, Colossians 1:16-17 calls Jesus the Creator.

The "Master Worker" doctrine of the Jehovah's Witnesses is disproved by Isaiah 44:24: "*I, the LORD, am the maker of all things, stretching out the heavens **BY MYSELF** and spreading out the earth **ALL ALONE.***"

J.W.'s will attempt to use parts of Proverbs Chapter 8 to prove Jesus is a creature. Point out that Proverbs 8 is completely concerned with "wisdom" not "Jesus".

Jehovah's Witnesses likewise try to use the term "only begotten" to support their doctrine that Jesus was "begotten" or created at the time of creation. Without disputing over the meaning of "begotten", point out that the Bible plainly teaches that Jesus was "begotten" at the time of His resurrection. (Acts 13:30-33).

J.W. Claim:
JESUS CHRIST IS THE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL

"...the name Michael applied to God's Son before he left heaven to become Jesus Christ and also after his return" (Page 393 of "Insight on the Scriptures".

Christian Answer:
JESUS CHRIST IS NOT AN ANGEL

Hebrews Chapter 1 teaches that Jesus is *"better than the angels"* (v 4); The Father never called ANY ANGEL HIS SON (v 5).

The angels worship Jesus (v 6).

The Father never invited any angel to sit at His right hand (v 13).

The Father calls His Son "God" (Ho Theos) in verse 8. NOWHERE does scripture say Jesus is Michael.

J.W. Claim:
JESUS IS INFERIOR TO JEHOVAH

Jehovah's Witnesses bring forth texts like John 14:28 where Jesus said *"the Father is greater than I"* and John 5:19, which reads,

"the Son cannot do a single thing of his own initiative but only what he beholds the Father doing."

These texts are used to support their doctrine that Jesus is lesser than Jehovah. *"He is the second greatest personage in the universe"* says the "Reasoning" book on page 209".

Christian Answer:
JESUS IS NOT INFERIOR

Colossians 2:8-10 proves that although Jesus was a man, he still had **"ALL THE FULLNESS OF DEITY DWELLING IN HIM BODILY."**

(The J.W.'s had to drastically alter this portion of scripture as it destroys their doctrine denying the Deity of Christ). For a brief scriptural explanation of the Trinity refer to pages 11 through 14 of this booklet. Scriptures referring to Jesus' humanity cannot be applied to His Deity.

J.W. Claim:
JESUS IS NOT THE "I AM"

The J.W. Bible has altered John 8:58 to read *"I have been,"* robbing Jesus of His Divine title.

**Christian Answer:
JESUS IS THE "I AM"**

John 8:58 is a direct quote from Exodus 3:14. The Greek reads "ego eimi", "I AM" Jehovah's Witnesses even invented a new Greek tense to do away with this verse, called the "perfect indefinite tense". When informed of the nonexistence of this tense in ANY language, they stated the tense was really "the perfect tense indicative." This is also impossible for the verb "to be" from which "I AM" is taken. Any Greek student can tell a Jehovah's Witness that "ego eimi" is in the present tense, and Jesus meant what He said-- He is the "I AM". just as Jehovah is the "I AM". (see Greek side K.I.T. pg.451, 1985 ed.) It is a serious matter to deny Jesus is the "**I AM**", for Jesus Himself said in John 8:24, "**Unless you believe that I AM you shall die in your sins.**"

**J.W. Claim:
JESUS IS NOT TO BE WORSHIPPED**

Page 214 of "Reasoning " book asks the question: "*Does the fact that worship is given to Jesus prove that He is God?*" Despite this admission that Jesus is worshiped they use the word "obeisance" to teach their followers not to worship Jesus.

**Christian Answer:
JESUS IS WORSHIPPED**

While on earth Jesus accepted the worship of men (Matthew 14:33; 28:9), even while directing worship to God alone (Matt. 4:10), showing Himself to be God. Every knee must bow to Jesus (Phil. 2:9-10).

**J.W. Claim:
JESUS WAS RAISED A SPIRIT**

JW's teach Jesus materialized bodies after His resurrection. (Pg. 217, "Reasoning"). J.W's. use 1 Peter 3:18 which says Jesus was "*made alive in the Spirit.*"

**Christian Answer:
JESUS HAD A BODILY RESURRECTION**

The term "in the Spirit" does not mean "a spirit". The apostle John was "in the spirit" in Rev. 1:10. Romans 8:9 tells us that the whole congregation was "in the Spirit." Does this mean John and the early church had become spirits and lost their fleshly bodies ? No! Read Romans 8:11.

Jesus Himself told His disciples He was NOT A SPIRIT after His resurrection [Luke 24:33-45] The thought of Jesus materializing fake nail prints on his fake body is nonsense to everyone but the Watchtower Society.

**J.W. Claim:
JESUS DID NOT DIE ON A CROSS**

J.W.'s give many meanings for the instrument of Jesus' execution, selecting the word "stake", but admitting it could equally be a "timber," "piece of wood" or a "beam." ("Reasoning" book, page 89). A "beam" of course needs to be supported by a "post", so cannot be a "stake" . Their reasoning is faulty as usual.

**Christian Answer:
JESUS DIED ON A CROSS**

If Jesus' hands were together over His head with one nail piercing both hands, why did the disciple Thomas say in John 20:25,

*"Unless I shall see in His hands the imprint of the NAILS and put my finger into the place of the **NAILS...**"*

Since there was more than one nail, Christ's hands were NOT together over his head, but separated. WHY Jesus died is the important thing, not HOW He died. God's blood purchased the church. [Acts 20:28], See also Rom. 5:15-18.

THE TRINITY

J.W. Claim:
J. W.'s claim the Trinity is "Not a Bible teaching" (page 405, " Reasoning" book.)

**Christian Answer:
TRINITY IS THE BIBLE TRUTH ON GOD**

The word "TRINITY" means "Tri-Unity". While not used in the scripture as a Bible term, it conveys what the Bible teaches concerning God. The ONE GOD of the Bible is revealed to us in three ways, as the FATHER, SON and HOLY SPIRIT. There is only ONE GOD.

OLD TESTAMENT:

"I am He. Before Me there was no God formed, and there will be none after Me. I, even I, am the LORD and there is no savior besides Me." Isaiah 43:10,11.

NEW TESTAMENT:

" God is only one" [Galatians 3:20]. "You believe that God is one. You do well; even the demons also believe and shudder." [James 2:19]. We cannot absolutely comprehend the infinite God with our finite minds. The early church recognized this and had a common confession "Great is the mystery of Godliness." [1 Tim.3:16].

The one God of scripture is revealed 3 ways, and we must accept God's revelation of Himself to us. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are all called GOD - Therefore they must be the ONE GOD.

Description	The Father Jehovah	The Son Jesus	The Holy Spirit
All called [one] God	Psalms 89:26	1 Tim 1; 16,17	Acts 5:3,4
All [one] creator	Isa. .44:24	Col.1:16 John 1:3	J ob 33: 4
All raised Jesus [once]	1.Thess. 1;9,10	John 2:19-21	Romans 8:11
All wrote scripture	Exodus 20:22	John 5:24	1 Tim. 4:1
All directed God's work	Zech. 1:3,6	Matt. 28: 17-20	Acts 13:2
Blasphemy punished	Exodus 20:7	Luke 12: 8 & 9	Matt. 12:31
All eternal	Psalms 93:2	Isaiah 9:6	Hebrews 9:14
All all knowing	Psalms 147:5	John 2 24,25	Isa. 40:13,14
All omnipresent	Jeremiah 23:24	Mat. 18:20	Psalms 139:7-10

THE FATHER

Since there is no dispute with J.W.'s that the Father is God, we proceed to the Holy Spirit & Son.

THE HOLY SPIRIT

"The Lord is the Spirit" says 2 Cor. 3:17-18. Who then is the Lord? *"Jesus is Lord of All"* says Acts 10:36. Deuteronomy 32:6 identifies the Lord as the Father. The three are the one Lord. The Holy Spirit is called "The Spirit of Christ" or "The Spirit of God" interchangeably in Romans 8:9.

Notice the terminology in Acts 5:1-10 where the three terms interchange. "Holy Spirit," "God" and "Spirit of the Lord". Truly " God is Spirit" [John 4:24]. Although the Father and Son seem to receive more mention in Scripture, the reason is stated in John 16:13-15 where the work of the Holy Spirit is revealed, namely to glorify the Father through the Son. Beautiful tri-unity!

JESUS CHRIST THE SON

In scripture Jesus is called "God" but is also spoken of as being "with God" or the "Son of God". In our natural thinking we cannot understand the "mystery" of Jesus Christ [Col. 2:2]. Scripture reveals that Jesus Christ is truly God and truly Man. Jesus is God [Heb. 1:8], the True God in [1 John 5:20], The Only God [1Tim. 1:16, 17.]

He came to earth as Emmanuel - God with Us [Matt. 1:23]. For a "little while" He became lower than the Angels [Heb. 2:9], and although existing in the form of God, He emptied Himself [i.e. set aside His Divine privileges] and took the form of a man. [Phil. 2:5-8].

He was still Deity [Col. 2:9] but functioned as a man to buy back what Adam lost - a perfect human life [Rom. 5:12,15]. While a perfect man, Jesus placed HIMSELF in the divine order [1 Cor 11:3] and for this time said " The Father is greater than I am," [John 14:28], "greater" being a Greek word denoting position [not nature].

The Jews knew Jesus' claim to be the "Son of God" showed He considered Himself equal to the Father in nature [John 5:18; 10:30-33; 14:7-9]. After proving faithful to death, Jesus was exalted and worshiped with a "name above every name" [Phil. 2:9-10].

IN CONCLUSION

Jehovah's Witnesses claim that they alone are the true followers of God on earth, and yet they do not even have God's name right. According to Watchtower sources, the use of the name "Jehovah" began with a Catholic Monk in 1270 A.D. God's revealed name in scripture is YHWH, and is unpronounceable. The closest we can get is "Yahweh". Write to us for details.

Jehovah's Witnesses downgrade Jesus Christ, making Him inferior to their "Jehovah", claim He is an archangel, and deny His Deity. Their bible, "The New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures" is not a translation at all, but a distortion of God's Word. They claim support for their "translation" from spirit mediums and other cult groups, but not one recognized Greek or Hebrew scholar will endorse their efforts. Write to us for documentation.

While we have set the matters straight on J.W. Doctrine, we are in no way attacking individual Jehovah's Witnesses. Our purpose in writing this booklet is to equip Christians to defend their faith, which the J.W.'s have bitterly attacked, calling our doctrines "satanic".

We know we must love these deceived people with the love of Christ and lead them to a saving knowledge of Him. Many thousands have been set free already. A combination of the word of God, and prayer and the convicting power of the Holy Spirit can set these people free of bondage. Please join us in this outreach.

**The Jesus of the Bible -
TRULY GOD, TRULY MAN!**

Scripture Context	Applied to the Father Jehovah	Applied to the Son Jesus
"God"	Psalms 89:26	Hebrews 1:8
"Mighty God"	Jeremiah 32: 18	Isaiah 9:6
"True God"	Jeremiah 10: 10	1 John 5: 20
"Almighty God"	Genesis 17: 1	Rev. 1:8 with 22:20
"Only God"	Isaiah 45: 22	1 Tim 1: 16,17
"Lord of Lords"	Deut. 10: 17	Rev. 17: 14
"Redeemer"	Gal.3:13,14	Isaiah 44: 6
"Holy Holy Holy"	Isaiah 6: 3	Rev. 4:8 with 22:20
"Holy One"	Isaiah 12: 6	Act. 3: 14
"I Am"	Exodus 3: 14	John 8: 58
"Creator"	Isaiah 44: 24	Col. 1: 16
"Savior"	Isaiah 43: 11	Luke 2: 11
"King"	Psalms 29: 10	Rev. 17: 14
"Redeemed people"	2 Sam. 7: 23,24	Titus 2: 14
"Father"	Matt. 6: 9	Isaiah. 9: 6
"Rock"	Deut. 32: 4	1 Cor. 10: 4
"Judge"	Gen. 18: 25	2 Tim. 4: 8
"Shepherd"	Psalms 23: 1	John 10: 11
"Same"	Psalms 102: 27	Heb. 1:12, 13:8
"First & Last"	Isaiah. 44: 6	Rev. 1: 17
"Above all"	Psalms 97: 9	John 3: 31
"Over all"	Psalms 103: 19	Rom. 9: 5
"Worshipped"	Psalms 95: 6	Matt. 28: 9
Control elements	Psalms 107: 29	Matt. 8: 27
No end to years	Psalms 102: 25-27	Heb.1: 10-12
Everlasting throne	Psalms 93: 2	Heb. 1: 8
Endless kingdom	Psalms 146: 10	2 Pet. 1:11
"Exalted"	Psalms 108: 5	Phil. 2: 9
"Pierced"	Zech. 12: 10	Rev. 1:7
Only master	Jude 4	Jer. 3:14
Every knee will bow and confess Him	Isaiah 45:23 Rom. 14:11	Phil.2:10
Whoever calls on Him will be saved	Joel 2:32	Rom 10:9-13
Both valued & sold for 30 pieces of silver	Zech. 11: 12,13	Matt. 26:14-16

**Truly, God's blood purchased
the Church - (Acts 20:28)**