

JEHOVAH'S WITNESS

REFUTING FALSE DOCTRINES OF JW'S

- I. Jesus is not God. Jesus is the first and highest of created beings. Jesus is an angel. He is *the* archangel Michael. ("Michael the great prince is none other than Jesus Christ Himself" (*The Watchtower*, Dec, 1984, p 29.) (Daniel 10:1,13, 12:1)

This is the Arian heresy Arius

J. W. proof-texts:

Jn 1:1 In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was a god.

Jn 3:16 "Jehovah's first creation was his only begotten Son" (an attempt to preempt Jn 1:14)

Rev 3:14 the beginning of (The ruler of)the creation of God (a mistranslation)

Coll 1:15-17 The first-born of (NIV over) all creation.... By means of him all *other* things have been created (they insert the word other)

Jn 14:28 The Father is greater than I

Jn 20:17 My God

1 Cor 15:28 the head of Christ is God.

Claim: Jesus is never worshipped in the NT

Jesus is never called Jehovah, so he is not God, because Jehovah is the only name of God.

Answer:

Compare Coll 1:16 to Hebrews 2:10

Besides, just look at Coll 1:16 all things were created by Christ....all things were created by him and for him.

Heb 1:2 the entire universe

OT: God is the creator

NT: Jesus is the creator Jesus is God.

Jn 8:58 Before Abraham was born, I AM (Exodus 3:14)
...they picked up stones to stone him.

Jn 10:30 I and the Father are one. Clear enough? Read through vs. 33.

Coll 2:9 The fullness of deity lives in bodily form.

(NWT: Because it was in him that all the fullness of the divine quality dwells bodily)
Not one single Greek scholar will support the NWT

Jn 20:28 My Lord and my God.

Titus 2:13 Our great God and savior, Jesus Christ

(NWT: the Great God and of the savior of us, Jesus Christ)

Is 43:11 God says that only he saves

God our savior and Jesus Christ our savior used interchangeable in Titus

Phil 2:5,6 Who being in very nature God, ...

Zech 12:10 They will look on me, the one they have pierced...

(NWT look to the one whom they pierced)

Isaiah 9:6,7

(if time... Heb 1:6 angels are commanded to worship (proskuneo) Jesus.)

II. The Holy Spirit is not deity or part of God. It is a force for good.

“The Holy Spirit is not a person, but is a powerful force that God causes to emanate from himself to accomplish his holy will” (*Reasoning from the Scriptures, 1989, p 381*)

The HS can be likened to electricity, “a force that can be adapted to perform a great variety of operations.” (*Should You Believe in the Trinity?, 1989, p.20*),

Naturally, if JW’s deny deity to Christ, they have to do so with the Holy Spirit as well.

Arguments:

HS never given a name.

Mark 1:10, Acts 2 etc. describe the HS coming on people with power—allowing people to work miracles, filling people up. Can a person fill someone up? (answer: Eph 3:19 filled with God)

Genesis 1:2 NWT “God’s active force was working to shape the earth”

Answers?

1 Cor 2:10 The Spirit searches all things.

Eph 4:30 Do not grieve the Holy Spirit.

1 Cor 12:11 The Holy Spirit distributes spiritual gifts to each one individually just as He wills.

Jn 14:16 ...another helper, that He may be with you forever...

Jn 16:5,f ... the Counselor... I will send him to you... When he comes, he will convict the world

Matthew 28:18 ...in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. JW's make a big deal out of the HS not having a name....

Acts 13:2 The HS says Set apart for Me Barnabus and Saul for the work to which I have called them.

Acts 16:6 The HS forbids Paul to preach

Acts 8:29 The HS told Philip to speak to the Ethiopian.

Matthew 12:32 Anyone who speaks against (blasphemes) the HS will not be forgiven. Can you blaspheme a force? (besides, God Rev 13:6 and Jesus Matt 27:39 can be blasphemed)

III. Jehovah is the only legitimate name for God, both in NT and OT
Proof-texts:

Ezekiel 39:6 "People will have to know that I am Jehovah."

Matthew 6:9 Our Father in heaven, praised be your name.

Exodus 3:15 ...This is my name forever, the name by which I am to be remembered from generation to generation.

Romans 10:13 "Everyone who calls on the name of Jehovah will be saved"

JW's: Those who do not call God his proper name, Jehovah, are not saved!
(a very familiar cult methodology)

...and by the way, Jesus is never called Jehovah in the OT or the NT, so this is further proof that he is not God.

a. Response to these passages: to the ancients, the name of a person was taken as a personification of the person. "Halt in the name of the king"

b. The word Jehovah is never used in either the OT or the NT

YHWH plus the vowels for ADONAI (Lord) = YAHOWAH

Went into Yiddish, then into German as Jehovah.

c. God has many other names in the OT Elohim, Adonai, etc.
(JW's claim superstitious Jews selectively took YHWH out without any evidence at all)

d. God is never called YHWH even once in the NT. (Father, God, Lord, etc. Jesus never called his Father Jehovah. (Abba, Father, into your hands I commit my spirit)

e. Get this.... JW's claim that the early church changed all the references to YHWH in the New Testament. This one is absolutely ridiculous. We have manuscripts from AD 125

IV. There is no punishment in hell.

JW's claim that there is no conscious existence after death. There is no soul apart from the physical body. This even applies to Jesus. God will re-create us at a later time to live in a new physical body. All go to a common "Hell" upon death to experience soul-sleep.

Some, 144,000 JW's (the "anointed class", the "little flock" of Luke 12:32) will live with God as spiritual beings, in heaven (Rev 7:4)

The other (my "other sheep" of John 10:16) JW's will live on a physical paradise earth.

Proof-text: Matthew 6:10 Your kingdom come, on earth as it is in heaven NWT: "Let your will take place, as in heaven, also upon earth."

Proof-text: Ecclesiastes 9:5 "the dead know nothing"

Everyone else will simply cease to exist.

Example: NWT Luke 23:43 I tell you today, you will be with me in Paradise (vs. I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise)

Matthew 25:46 NWT "And these will depart into everlasting cutting-off" vs depart into eternal punishment.

Note: eternal life and eternal punishment use the same words.

Answer?

Rev 14:9-12 smoke of their torment rises forever and ever.

Vs 13 Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. Blessing and punishment are laid alongside one another.

Mark 9:44 What does this mean if hell does not involve punishment.

Daniel 12:2 How can you have one without the other.

Luke 12:46-48 Degrees of punishment. If there is no punishment, how can there be degrees of punishment?

Luke 16:19-28 torment = pain.

V. Salvation:

Salvation impossible apart from total obedience to the Watchtower Society and participation in the programs of the Society (such as going door-to-door).

"To get one's name written in the Book of Life will depend on one's works"
(*The Watchtower*, 1 April, 1947, p 204)

“...working hard for the reward of eternal life.” (*The Watchtower*, 15 Aug, 1972, p 491)

Only the anointed are born again

Others are recreated and based on their performance during the 1000 year reign of Christ will earn eternal life in a physical paradise on earth.