

10. Why did the 1969 *Yearbook of Jehovah's Witnesses* (p 50) delete the words “and Christ Jesus” when it cited the Society’s Charter?

11. Why does the Watchtower’s *Insight on the Scriptures* (Vol 2, p 524), which is nearly a word-for-word reprint of its earlier *Aid to Bible Understanding* (p 1242), delete that “relative” worship may be ascribed to Christ?

12. Could it be because the Watchtower has stated that “relative worship” is “idolatry”? (*Make Sure of All Things, Hold Fast To What is Fine, 1965 edition, p 249*)

13. Why does the Father command all the angels to worship Christ (*Heb 1:6*)? Are the angels guilty of idolatry? Is the Father guilty of misleading the angels into this idolatry?

14. If in fact, as Jehovah’s Witnesses claim, Jesus is Michael the archangel, are the angels worshipping another angel? Where in Scripture is it explicitly stated that Jesus Christ is Michael the archangel (or vice versa)?

15. Why does the 1981 *New World Translation* (and subsequent editions) insert the word “obseance” into Hebrews 1:6, while pre-1981 printings of the *New World Translation* have Jehovah’s command as “worship”?

16. Why does the Watchtower Society brag in its publication, *Revelation – Its Grand Climax at Hand* (p 36), that it has over the years consistently eliminated songs honoring Jesus and replaced them with songs to Jehovah in its songbooks? Didn’t Jesus tell us to honor the Son the same as the Father (*John 5:23*)?

The Atoning Work of the Savior

17. Why does the April 1, 1979 *Watchtower* magazine (p 31) state that Jesus Christ is the mediator for only the 144,000 anointed Christians? Are you one of these anointed Christians? If not, who then is your mediator?

18. Jehovah’s Witnesses who are not of the anointed class will receive either “everlasting life” or “everlasting cutting-off” on the basis of their treatment of the anointed Jehovah’s Witnesses – “wheat-like anointed brothers” (*August 1, 1981 Watchtower magazine p 26*). Doesn’t this teaching constitute that the anointed class serve as a Christ or Savior for rank-and-file Jehovah’s Witnesses? Did Jesus not warn us that “false Christs” would arise (*Matt 24:24*)?

19. Since Watchtower theology limits the New Covenant to only 144,000 persons, does this mean that the millions of other Jehovah’s Witnesses are still under the Old Covenant (the law of sin and death)? Or is there a third covenant? (Provide Scripture reference)

20. If Jesus is your Savior, why then do you reject him by not partaking of his “body and blood” (as Jehovah’s Witnesses teach) when it’s passed at the annual memorial service? Didn’t Jesus say that unless you eat of his flesh and drink of his blood you have no life in you, nor will you inherit eternal life (*John 6:53-58*)?

21. Since God’s Word tells us to partake of the bread and wine only “until he comes” (*1 Cor 11:26*), why then do Jehovah’s Witnesses annually observe this celebration if, as the Watchtower teaches, Jesus returned in 1914?

22. Jesus said, to see the kingdom of God, you must be “born again” (*John 3:3*). Are you born again? If not, what is the basis of your hope of seeing the kingdom of God?

The New World Translation

23. What are the names of the men who comprised the Translation Committee of the Watchtower’s *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures*? What are their credentials (degrees in biblical languages) that would qualify them to produce a Bible translation?

24. The Translation Committee has attempted to justify its rendering of John 1:1, “...and the Word was a god” by claiming that the Greek word for God (*theos*) appears without the definite article (“the”). Why then does the Translation Committee render *theos* in John 1:6, 12 & 13 as “God” (not “a god”), when the Greek word likewise appears without the definite article? In all, over 280 instances can be cited in the New Testament where *theos* appears without the definite article and the Translation Committee has rendered the vast majority as “God.” Hasn’t the Watchtower made up its own rule of Greek grammar and then followed it only when needed to fit its theology?

25. The *New World Translation* states in John 1:3 that “not one thing” was made apart from Jesus. Does this contradict the Watchtower’s teaching that Jesus was created?

26. Why has the Watchtower added the word “other” four times to Colossians 1:16, 17? Before the Watchtower’s insertion into Paul’s statement, aren’t Paul and John in agreement that Jesus is outside the realm of created things or beings? Doesn’t the Watchtower’s “other” insertions create a conflict between what Paul and John are stating?

Watchtower Prophetic Speculation

27. *All Scripture is Inspired of God and Beneficial* (p 9) says that Jehovah originates his utterances, Jesus transmits the message, Jehovah’s active force carries the message earthward and God’s prophet on earth publishes the message. Who is God’s “prophet on earth” that publishes Jehovah’s utterances?

28. The April 1, 1972 *Watchtower* magazine (p 197) says that an affirmative answer can be given to the question as to whether Jehovah has a prophet on earth. Who is this prophet?

29. The Watchtower prophet published the following as messages from Jehovah. Are they *true* or *false* messages?

- 1874 was the date of Christ’s return (*The Time is At Hand, p 170*).
- 1914 marked the battle of the great day of God Almighty with the complete overthrow of this earth’s rulership (*The Time is At Hand, p 101*).

• Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and other Old Testament patriarchs were resurrected in 1925 and are now living on earth (*Millions Now Living Will Never Die, pp 89,90*).

• 1940 ushered in the end of religion and with it the complete downfall of Satan’s organization (*Religion, p 336*).

• 1975 marked the end of 6,000 years of human history and started the 1,000-year “millennium” reign of Jesus Christ (*Life Everlasting in the Freedom of the Sons of God, pp 29,30*).

30. Why were Jehovah’s Witnesses selling their homes and property in 1974? (*Kingdom Ministry magazine, May 1974, p 3*)

31. Does “new light” contradict “old light”? Does truth get truer? Explain.

32. The Watchtower gospel hinges upon the alleged second coming or presence of Christ in 1914. The 1914 date is based upon the chronology that Jerusalem was captured by Nebuchadnezzar in 607 B.C. Why do historical scholars state that this event took place in 587/586 B.C.? How could the Watchtower’s chronology be correct when Nebuchadnezzar’s reign as king was from 605-562 B.C.?

33. What was the “Creator’s promise” in the masthead of the October 22, 1995 issue of *Awake!* magazine? In the very next issue, November 8, 1995, what was the “Creator’s promise” in the masthead? Who changed the “Creator’s promise”? For what reason?

Spiritual Authority

34. If Jehovah’s Witnesses were cut off from the Watchtower organization’s publications, then would their supply of spiritual food dry up? (*The Watchtower, 3/1/89, p 12*)

35. Are Jehovah’s Witnesses able to understand the Bible apart from Watchtower publications (*The Watchtower, 5/1/57, p 274; 11/1/61, p 668*)? Didn’t Jesus tell us that the Holy Spirit will guide us into truth (*John 16:13*)? Can a person with only a Bible come to an accurate knowledge of the truth without the aid of Watchtower publications?

36. Is the Bible for everyone? Why then does the Watchtower state that the promises found in the Greek Scriptures (New Testament) only apply to the 144,000 anointed Christians? (*The Watchtower, 6/1/74, p 376*)

37. Does the Spirit of Christ dwell in you? Have you then passed or failed the test of faith as given by the Apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians 13:5?

The second president of the Watchtower Society set forth the challenge to investigate and expose the error of Jehovah’s Witnesses theology when he proclaimed, “If the message Jehovah’s Witnesses are bringing to the people is true, then it is of greatest importance to mankind. If it is false, then it is the duty of clergymen and others who support them to come boldly forward and plainly tell people where the message is false” (*The Golden Age, 1/18/33, p 252*). ◻

The Deity of Jesus Christ According to the Scriptures

Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch...and this is his name whereby he shall be called, **THE LORD** [*Jehovah*] **OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS**” (*Jer 23:5-6*). “Behold, a virgin...shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel...*God with us*” (*Matt 1:23*). Jesus Christ is not only God, but God-man—“In him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily” (*Col 2:9*). When Christ took on human nature, he already possessed the divine nature—“Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be *equal with God*: but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men...” (*Phil 2:6-8*). It is important to note that what immediately follows this passage—“that at the name of Jesus *every knee should bow...and every tongue should confess* that Jesus Christ is Lord” (*vv 9-11*)—springs from Isaiah 45:22-23—“Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for *I am God*, and there is none else...unto me *every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.*”

As a rule, the Jehovah’s Witness translators always rendered “Kurios” (in the Greek New Testament) as “Jehovah” when it referred to the Father, but “Lord” when it referred to Jesus Christ. Wherever the New Testament quotes the Old Testament, the New World translators could tell whether to use “Lord” or “Jehovah” in their New Testament by noticing if the Hebrew word which the New Testament quoted was “Jehovah.”

In 1 Peter 2:3, however, they faced a real problem. The passage quotes Psalm 34:8—“Taste and see that *Jehovah* is good” (*NWT*). In 1 Peter 2:3, they translated it—“Provided you have tasted that *the Lord* is kind.” Why did they not follow their own rule and translate it—“*Jehovah* is kind”? because it’s undeniable that Peter is referring to Christ—“If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious. *To whom coming*, as unto a living stone” (*vv 3-4*). In this manner the Watchtower translators would often try to hide the truth that Jehovah of the Old Testament is the Lord Jesus Christ.

Clear Biblical Statements

- “The Word was God” (*John 1:1,18*)
- “God blessed forever” (*Rom 9:5*)
- “God was manifest in the flesh” (*1 Tim 3:16*)
- “Fulness of the Godhead” (*Col 2:9*)
- “The True God” (*1 John 5:20*)
- “The Mighty God” (*Isaiah 9:6*)
- “God and Savior” (*2 Peter 1:1*)
- “The great God and our Saviour” (*Titus 2:13*)
- “I and my Father are one” (*John 10:30*)

- The Jews attempted time and again to kill Jesus, for they clearly understood his speech as he claimed to be God (*John 5:18; John 10:33; Mark 14:62-64*).
- He called God his Father making himself “equal” (*John 5:17,18*)
- “All things that the Father hath are mine” (*John 16:15*)
- “There is none good but one, that is, God” (*Matt 19:17*)
- Thomas called him “My Lord and my God” (*John 20:28*)
- Paul said “God” shed “his own blood” (*Acts 20:28*)
- Christ was “from the days of eternity” (*Micah 5:2 NAS*)
- Christ is “The eternal Father” (*Isaiah 9:6 NAS*)
- “In the beginning was the Word”—origin (*John 1:1,2*)

Yahweh in the OT applied to Jesus in the NT

- “Call his name Immanuel—God with us” (*Isaiah 7:14—Matt 1:23*)
- “Prepare ye the way of the LORD” (*Isaiah 40:3—Matt 3:3; Mark 1:2,3; Luke 3:4; John 1:23*)
- John was sent before “the LORD” (*Malachi 3:1—Matt 11:10*)
- “Call on the name of the LORD” (*Joel 2:32—Acts 2:16-21; Rom 10:9-13*)
- Knees bow to Jesus (*Isaiah 45:22,23—Phil 2:10,11*)
- “Worship the Son” (*Psalms 97:5,7—Heb 1:6*)
- “Thy throne, O God” (*Psalms 45:6—Heb 1:8*)
- “Made the heavens” (*Psalms 102:24-27—Heb 1:10-12*)
- The pierced One (*Zech 12:8-10—John 19:37; Rev 1:7*)
- Song of Moses/song of the Lamb (*Deut 32:3,4—Rev 15:3,4*)

OT “Yahweh” Titles applied to Jesus in the NT

- “The First and the Last” (*Isaiah 41:4; 44:6—Rev 1:5-8,17,18; 2:8; 22:13*)
- “I AM” (*Exo 3:14; Isaiah 43:10—John 8:24,58; 18:5-6; Mark 14:62*)
- “Judge” (*Gen 18:25—Matt 25:31-46; 2 Tim 4:1; Jude 14,15*)
- “Light” (*Psalms 27:1; Isaiah 60:19,20—Matt 4:16; John 1:9; 8:12; Rev 21:23*)
- “Savior” (*Isaiah 35:4; 43:11; 45:21—Titus 3:4-6*)
- “Rock” (*Deut 32:4,31; Psalms 78:35; Isaiah 8:13,14—Rom 9:32,33; 1 Peter 2:4-8*)
- “Shepherd” (*Psalms 23:1; Isaiah 40:10,11—John 10:11,14*)
- “Creator” (*Isaiah 44:24—John 1:3; Col 1:16*)
- “King” (*Psalms 24:8-10—Matt 2:2; Acts 17:7; 1 Tim 1:17; 6:15; Rev 15:3; 17:14*)
- “Bridegroom” (*Hosea 2:16-23; Isaiah 62:1-5—Mark 2:19; John 3:29*)
- “Healer” (*Psalms 103:2,3—Acts 9:34*)
- “The Lord of Glory” (*Psalms 24:8-10—1 Cor 2:8; James 2:1*)

The Trinity—Events/Formulas/Parallels

- Incarnation (*Luke 1:35*)
- Baptism of Jesus (*Matt 3:16,17*)
- Baptism of believers (*Matt 28:19*)
- A blessing (*2 Cor 13:14*)
- Gifts, service, working (*1 Cor 12:4-6*)
- Access to the Father/spiritual temple (*Eph 2:18,22*)
- We are delivered and strengthened (*Rom 15:30-32; Eph 3:14-17*)
- God’s so great salvation accompanied by gifts (*Heb 2:3,4*)
- Resurrection of Jesus (*John 2:19; 10:18; Acts 2:24; 3:26; 1 Peter 3:18*)
- The Holy Spirit sent from the Father (*John 14:26; 15:26*)
- “Honor the Son even as the Father” (*John 5:23*)
- “Know the Son/know the Father” (*John 8:19; 17:3*)
- Believe in God/believe in Jesus (*John 14:1*)
- See Jesus/see the Father (*John 14:9*)

- “Spirit of God/Spirit of Christ” (*Rom 8:9*)
- “For whom we exist, through whom we exist” (*1 Cor 8:6*)

Divine Actions and Attributes

- Forgives sins (*Mark 2:5-10; Luke 5:20-24; 7:47-50; Acts 5:31*)
- Receives worship (*Matt 14:33; 28:9; Heb 1:6; Rev 5:8-13—see Luke 4:8*)
- Receives prayer (*John 14:14; Acts 7:59; 1 Cor 1:2*)
- Gives life, light (*John 1:4; 11:25; 14:6*)
- From heaven (*John 3:13; 6:51*)
- Coming with his saints (*Zech 14:5; 1 Thess 3:13; Jude 14,15*)
- Will raise all men (*John 5:27-29; John 6:39,44*)
- Gives eternal life (*John 10:28; 17:2*)
- Gives peace (*John 14:27; 16:33*)
- Upholds all things (*Col 1:17; Heb 1:3*)
- Sends his angels (*Matt 13:41*)
- Self existence (*John 2:19; 5:26; 10:17,18*)
- Eternal (*Isaiah 9:6; Micah 5:2; John 1:1; 8:58; 17:5; 1 John 1:2*)
- Omnipresence (*Matt 18:20; 28:20; John 3:13; 14:20,23; 2 Cor 13:5*)
- Omniscience (*Matt 9:4; 12:25; Luke 6:8; 9:47; John 2:23-25; 21:17*)
- Omnipotence (*Matt 28:18; John 1:3; 10:18; Col 1:16,17; Heb 1:3*)
- Unchangeable (*Heb 1:11,12; 13:8*)
- Life (*John 1:4; 5:26; 11:25; 14:6*)

Jesus Christ is Yahweh

God is Yahweh <i>Jer 32:18; Isaiah 43:10; 44:24; 45:21-23—quoted at Phil 2:10,11</i>	Christ is Yahweh <i>Isaiah 9:6; Jer 23:5,6; John 1:1; 20:28; 2 Pet 1:1; Titus 2:13; Heb 1:8; 1 John 5:20</i>
God is Lord of lords and God of gods <i>Deut 10:17; Psalms 136:1-3</i>	Christ is Lord of lords and King of kings <i>1 Tim 6:14-16; Rev 17:14; 19:16</i>
God is Creator <i>Gen 1:1; Job 33:4; Isaiah 40:25,26</i>	Christ is Creator <i>John 1:3; Col 1:15-17; Heb 1:8-13</i>
God is Light <i>Psalms 27:1; Isa 60:19,20; 1 John 1:5</i>	Christ is Light <i>John 1:9; 8:12; Rev 21:23</i>
God is Judge <i>Gen 18:25; Psalms 9:7,8; 96:10-13</i>	Christ is Judge <i>Rom 14:10-12; 2 Cor 5:10; 2 Tim 4:1</i>
God is Savior <i>Isaiah 43:3,11; 45:21; Titus 1:3,4</i>	Christ is Savior <i>Luke 2:11; Phil 3:20; Titus 1:3,4</i>
God is the Rock <i>Deut 32:4,31; Psalms 78:35; Isa 8:13,14</i>	Christ is the Rock <i>Rom 9:32,33; 1 Peter 2:4-8</i>
God is the First and Last <i>Isaiah 41:4; 44:6; 48:12</i>	Christ is the First and Last <i>Rev 1:5-8,17,18; 2:8; 22:12,13</i>
God is Alpha and Omega <i>Rev 1:8</i>	Christ is Alpha and Omega <i>Rev 22:12,13</i>
God is the Stumbling Stone <i>Isaiah 8:13-15</i>	Christ is the Stumbling Stone <i>Acts 4:10,11; 1 Peter 2:7,8</i>
God is I AM: “Ego Eimi” in LXX <i>Exo 3:14; Deut 32:39; Isaiah 43:10</i>	Christ is I AM: “Ego Eimi” in NT <i>John 8:24,58; 18:5</i>

Jesus is “Jehovah” in the Jehovah’s Witness Bible!

Who is God?—Jehovah (*Deut 6:4*).

No other “gods”—(*Isaiah 44:6-8; 45:5,22; 46:8-11; Deut 32:39; Ex 20:2-3*). Yet the NWT calls Jesus “a god” (*John 1:1*).

Bow before another god?—No (*Ex 34:14*). Knees bend to the Father (*Eph 3:14*). Knees bend to Jesus (*Phil 2:9-11*).

Who is the Lord?—God (*Acts 4:24; 17:24; Eph 4:5-6*). Jehovah (*Deut 10:17*). Jesus (*Luke 2:1; Rom 10:9; 1 Cor 8:6; Rev 17:14; 19:16*).

How many Lords?—One Lord (*1 Cor 8:6; Eph 4:5-6; Jude 4*).

Who is Savior?—God (*2 Sam 22:3; Psalm 7:10; 17:7; Isaiah 43:3; 45:15; Luke 1:47; 1 Tim 1:1; 2:3; 4:10; Titus 1:3; 2:10; 3:4; Jude 25*). Jehovah alone (*Isaiah 43:11; 45:21; 49:26; 60:16; Hosea 13:4*). Jesus (*John 4:42; Acts 5:31; Phil 3:20; 2 Tim 1:10; Titus 1:4; 2:13; 3:6; 2 Peter 1:1,11; 2:20; 3:18; 1 John 4:14*).

Who forgives sins?—God (*Mark 2:7; Luke 5:21*). Jesus (*Mark 2:5-7,10; Luke 5:20-24; 7:48*).

Who is the Shepherd?—Jehovah (*Psalms 23:1; Isaiah 40:10-11*). Jesus (*John 10:11,14*).

Who is the Mighty God?—Jehovah (*Isaiah 10:20-21; Jer 32:18*). Jesus (*Isaiah 9:6*).

Who has witnesses?—Jehovah (*Isaiah 43:10; 44:8*). Jesus (*Acts 1:8; 13:31*).

Who is the First and the Last?—Jehovah (*Isaiah 44:6; 48:12*). Jesus (*Rev 1:7,12,17,18; 2:8; 4:8; 22:12,13,16,20*).

Who is Alpha and Omega?—Jehovah (*Rev 1:8*). Jesus (*Rev 22:12,13,16,20*).

For whom did John prepare a way?—Jehovah (*Isa 40:3; Luke 1:76; John 1:23*). Jesus (*Matt 3:3,11-17; Mark 1:1-3; John 1:23-36*).

Who created all things?—God (*Gen 1:1; Eph 3:9*). Jehovah alone (*Isaiah 44:24; 48:13*). Jesus (*John 1:1-3*). If Jesus is a created being, then he is a “thing” that “came into existence.” But this verse says that “all things came into existence” through him. “By him all [other] things were created” (*Col 1:16 NWT*). What is “[other]”? Why did the Watchtower Society insert *other* into this crucial passage when it’s not in the original language? *Psalm 102:25-27* clearly refers to Jehovah (*v 22*), yet the NT directly quotes this passage and applies it to the Son of God (*Heb 1:10-12*). The same is said of “Jehovah” (*Isaiah 44:24*).

Who is the Stumbling Stone?—Jehovah (*Isaiah 8:13-15*). Jesus (*Acts 4:10-11—see marginal reference pointing to Peter 2:7-8*). The NWT cross references the “Jehovah” passage in *Isaiah* with *1 Peter 2:8*! There Peter speaks of the “stone that the builders rejected” which “has become [the] head of [the] corner” (*NWT*). Instead of obscuring his deity, the NWT here points to and proclaims Jesus Christ to be “Jehovah”!

Who did Isaiah see?—Jehovah (*Isaiah 6:1,5*). Jesus (*John 12:41-42*). The apostle John in his gospel applies *Isaiah*’s vision of Jehovah’s glory to our Lord Jesus Christ. The NWT marginal reference points from this passage back to Jehovah’s glory of *Isaiah 6*. The “him” to “put faith in” and “confess” is none other than the glorious “him” that *Isaiah* saw and spake of! ▣

Questions for Jehovah’s Witnesses

Jehovah’s Witnesses claim that they alone have absolute truth concerning God and the Christian faith. They even call their belief system “the truth.” Contrary to these assertions, former members of this group have stated “the trouble with a religion that has all the answers is that one is not allowed to ask questions.”

Nonetheless, Jehovah’s Witnesses continue to present themselves as the all-knowing source of biblical truth. This illusion of infinite knowledge as God’s exclusive “channel of communication” is easily shown to be erroneously by presenting questions to them which cannot be answered.

The Gospel of the Resurrection

1. Why would Jesus state that a sign of his authority would be the resurrection of his body (*John 2:18-22*), if, as Jehovah’s Witnesses claim, he was raised “spiritually”?

2. If Jesus was raised as a spirit, then what happened to his body? (Provide Scripture reference)

3. If Jesus is a spirit, then why did Paul write some 30 years following the resurrection that Christ is existing in a physical body? – “In him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead *bodily*” (*Col 2:9—Greek: soomatikoós = physical form*).

4. If Jesus was raised as a spirit, then why did he deceive his disciples into thinking he was resurrected in a body of flesh and bone (*Luke 24:36-48*)?

5. If only a spirit or ghost, not “flesh and bone,” could transcend through locked doors and windows, then was Jesus a spirit when he walked on water (*John 6:19*)?

6. If Jesus was raised as a spirit and only materialized in different forms, then why, on the road to Emmaus, were the eyes of the disciples “veiled” or “holden” to keep them from recognizing him (*Luke 24:16; see also what happened in v 31*)?

7. What gospel is preached by Jehovah’s Witnesses in their door-to-door publishing work? The gospel preached by born-again Christians is the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Is this the same gospel or a different gospel than that which is preached by Jehovah’s Witnesses?

8. What is the gospel by which we are saved, according to the Apostle Paul (*1 Cor 15:1-4*)? What is the result of preaching “another gospel” (*Gal 1:8,9*)?

The Worship of Christ

9. If no worship is to be rendered to Jesus Christ (*The Watchtower, 1/1/54, p 31*), then why does the Watchtower Society’s Charter state that one of its expressed purposes for existence is for “public Christian worship of Almighty God and Christ Jesus”?