

**Scriptures and Doctrine :: jehovas witness****jehovas witness - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2006/6/16 9:04**

i meet often people from the watchtower jehovas witness people, now i talk to them alot and now i need some help, i need bibleverses on the triunity of god or verses that i can use when i talk whit them.
So if you can give me some verses that i can study and if you can help me out im much grateful.
Now i know they are trying to convert me but i pray god will use me to turn it on them and they themself will be truly saved and born of god , that they may have their eyes opened to the truth. So pray for me please.

gods peace to all of you
christian

Re: jehovas witness - posted by InTheLight (), on: 2006/6/16 9:37

You may find the following item from Greg Koukl helpful in this matter...

DEITY OF CHRIST

My purpose is to answer the Arian challenge by giving an airtight, scriptural proof for the deity of Jesus Christ. This technique is so simple you should be able to sketch it out on a napkin from memory the next time someone knocks on your door.

Remember, you don't have to master every counter-argument to every verse thrown at you. All you need is one unequivocal textual proof to make your case. Here it is. It comes from the Gospel of John.

Most discussions of this nature focus initially on John 1:1. It says, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." That's the way your Bible reads. But the Jehovah's Witness's New World Translation renders the verse this way: "In the beginning the Word was, and the Word was with God, and the Word was a god."

The heated discussion that follows is almost never productive. Don't waste your time wrestling with Greek grammar neither of you understand. Just drop down two verses. Verse three says, "All things came into being by Him , and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being." The NWT is virtually the same: All things came into existence through him, and apart from him not even one thing came into existence."

Have your visitor read the verse out loud. Then take out a napkin or a piece of scratch paper and draw a large box. Explaining that this box represents everything that exists. Run a line right through the middle of the box, dividing everything that exists into two categories.

On the left side write "all things that never came into being," that is, all things that exist but have never been created. Ask your friend, "What goes in that box?" If he says "God" he got the right answer. God is the only thing that exists that has never been created. God alone is eternal and uncreated. Put the word "God" in the left-hand side of your box.

Label the right side "all things that came into being," that is, all created things. Write "all created things" there. Everything in this box was created through Jesus, according to verse three. Ask your friend if he understands that. Now write "created through Jesus" outside the box and run an arrow to the right side.

Take a moment to point out to your guest how this illustration is structured. The larger box includes everything there is, was or ever will be. Each particular existent falls into one of two categories: created or not created.

According to the law of excluded middle either a thing was created or it wasn't created--there is no third option--so the categories are all-encompassing. According to the law of non-contradiction a thing can't be both created and not created, so the categories are mutually exclusive. Any particular thing has to be one or the other. It's very simple.

Next you're going to determine what category Jesus belongs in. Take a coin out of your pocket. Tell your guest this coin represents Jesus Christ. Hand him the coin and ask him to place Jesus in the category where He belongs.

The first impulse of a Jehovah's Witness, of course, is to place Jesus in the category of "all things that came into being" because that's what their theology dictates. In keeping with the teaching of Arius in the early fourth century, there was a time "when the Word was not." Jesus was the first created being and everything else was created by Jehovah through Jesus.

But John 1:3 doesn't allow that option. Look at the wording carefully. John says, "All things came into being by Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being," or in the NWT, "...and apart from him not even one thing came into existence" (emphasis mine).

John says the same thing two different ways for emphasis and clarity: everything that ever came into being owes its existence to Jesus, who caused it all to happen. If Jesus caused all created things to come into existence, then He must have existed before all created things came into existence. Therefore, the Word could not have been created.

In other words, if Jesus created everything that has come into being, and Jesus also came into being (as they contend), then Jesus created Himself. He would have to exist as Creator before He existed as a created thing, which is absurd. Therefore, Jesus can't be placed in the square labeled, "all things that came into being."

Just a side note. Much is made of the Greek word *dia*, translated "by" in the first phrase, but can also be translated "through." But it makes no difference whether all things were created "by" Jesus or "through" Jesus with Jehovah as the agency (as the Witnesses suggest). The point is that in either case Jesus is existing before the creation of all things that ever came into being.

So, the coin can't be placed on the right. At this point your visitor may want to place Jesus somewhere on the paper outside the larger box. But, as we've seen, you can't do that. These categories are all-encompassing and mutually exclusive; there's no "place" outside to put Him. Everything goes on one side of the larger box or the other.

If Jesus can't be placed on the right side with created things, then He must go on the left with uncreated things, identifying Jesus as the uncreated Creator. Jesus is God.

Re: jehovas witness - posted by enid, on: 2006/6/16 12:02

From my experience, when dealing with Jehovah witnesses, I speak to them about hell. Why? They get scared, convicted, and leave. They will stick around and talk about anything in the Bible, as long as you don't mention hell. Oh, they will talk about hell and say it is only the grave. They will say Jesus went to hell, meaning the grave. But then show them the book of Revelation and mention the lake of fire and they will say it is only a parable, or some other excuse. Show them that it is appointed unto men once to die and after that the judgement. How can you be judged after you are dead if the grave is the end of our lives? It isn't. They will say, I can't believe a loving God would send someone to such a terrible place. However, don't reason with them. They will refer to their reasoning book, that is not the Bible, it is just their man-made interpretation of scripture. And seek godly advice from other Christians. Study the scriptures with other believers. You don't have to win them to Christ, or win any discussion. If you do, great! The thing is to show them where you stand in accordance with scripture and that no weapon formed against you will prosper. God bless.

Re: - posted by boomatt (), on: 2006/6/16 12:18

REV 1:8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

REV 21:6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely

REV 1:17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:

REV 1:18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

my question is: Why was Jehovah god alive, dead, and then alive for evermore? Who is this talking about?

JESUS

This gets them everytime, because it reads just as well in their translation. I guess they forgot to change that.

Re: jehovas witness - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2006/6/16 13:49

well i found some scriptures...

Rev 7:15 Because of this they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His sanctuary. And He sitting on the throne will spread His tabernacle over them.

they say this will be on earth as i understod the man i was speaking to but clearly we will be in heaven

Heb 8:1 Now a summary over the things being said: We have such a High Priest, who sat down on the right of the throne of the Majesty IN HEAVEN,

Heb 8:2 Minister of the Holy of Holies, and of the true tabernacle which the Lord pitched, and not man.

Re: - posted by RyanFishel, on: 2006/6/16 17:19

I really like Inid's recommendation on bringing up the reality of hell. The same with Mormons, you can bring that up with them also to help them see the inconsistent teachings within there church and at the same time minister to them as an unbeliever.

Hypothetically, if I was Satan I'd make religions that tried to keep up Christian external morality and convince people that the realities of hell don't exist. It's a winning combination to feel like a "good person" and feel as though you are pushing a very "tolerant" & "peaceable" religious view. Very deceptive and very effective... Satan does truly come as an angel of light to deceive.

oh and a quick note - posted by RyanFishel, on: 2006/6/16 17:34

If you find you are talking about the trinity, then you know that they are playing offensively and taking the attacks. You can play defensive with a few scriptures, but better to get off the topic quick and get to the message of the cross, grace not works & hell. Just speak of Christ as you know who He is throughout the conversation, just talk normally... as a Christian.

Your quick defensive verses can be something like this :

1 Corinthians 3:16 -Spirit of God in man

Galatians 2:20; 4:6 -Spirit of Christ in man

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 -Holy Spirit in man

Now you look at yourself... and say to them... So what is in me? I am born-again of the Spirit that Jesus spoke of, the same Spirit that descended on pentacost at the birth of the Church.

Jesus said that the Holy Spirit would bring the Father and the Son unto us...

I have the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit in me, but if they are not also all the same.. then it is getting a little bit crowded in me... isn't it? Crowded in here all 3 of them (sarcastic), or maybe you know the Risen One? Risen in you? 3 in 1.

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Re: jehovas witness - posted by brentw (), on: 2006/6/16 17:44

In street preaching we have people calling JW's actually christians....they say "these christians bug us to death".... I try to tell them they are not christians! So sad that society doesnt know the difference.

As Ravenhill used to say: JW's are hells witness'.

Re: - posted by Graftedbranc, on: 2006/6/20 11:50

Quote:
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The Lord JESus as the Eternal Word is the Eternal God, the ETernal Only begotten Son of God.

The Lord Jesus as a Man took on created humanity. He was born in the created womb of created Mary and derives His created humanity from Her. He partook of flesh and blood, that is created human flesh and blood.

That all things came into being through Him as God is followed by, "And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us, and we beheld His glory...

In His humanity he grew, he lived a human life, he ate, he learned, he suffered, and He died and was resurrected. His humanity was not eternal, but was created humanity. But in resurrectin His humanity is glorified and transfigured by His divine Life and He is forever both God and Man.

The Lord Jesus is fully God and fully Man. He is the God/Man. And so the Lord JESus is the eternal union of the Uncreated ETernal God with Created humanity.

Graftedbranch

Testimonies - posted by aeryck (), on: 2006/6/20 15:34

Dear hmmmhhh hmmmhhh,

What I found most helpful in understanding the life of those in the Jehovah's Witnesses is the personal testimonies of those who were once part of the Organisation. Doctrinal arguments tend to lead in ever increasing circles, and the truth is nobody was ever argued into the Kingdom.

Try this link: The testimony of Cookie Claffy

In His service,
Aeryck

Re: jehovas witness - posted by inastruzay (), on: 2006/6/20 19:18

dear friend,

you know they usually travel in pairs -- one that has quite some knowledge and another that they are training.

I cut to the chase once with a couple of Jws in montana -- they said you will never convince or change us and we can not convince or change you, therefore we will go -- they were sitting at my dining table. I said -- at least let me pray for you before you go, the leader said oh no! no way! I asked why? he said because you do not serve the same God that we do

Man these guys and girls that shared have a lot of wisdom and experiance -- remember do it in the Spirit.
Peace

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2006/6/21 0:08

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And that is what God is doing with us. Amen.

In Christ: Phillip

Re: jehovas witness - posted by mamaS, on: 2006/6/29 2:08

My husband recommended these books for you:

"Jehovah's Wintesses Answered verse by verse" David A. Reed. ISBN 0-8010-7739-7

"Answering Jehovah's Wintesses Subject by Subject" David A. Reed ISBN 08010-5317-X

"Reasoning from the Scriptures with the Jehovah's Witnesses" Ron Rhodes ISBN 1-56507-106-9

Also, here is something he just wrote out the other day:

Verses for the Jehovah's Witnesses Regarding:

The deity of Jesus Christ.

Jesus is uncreated and eternal.

Hebrews 7:3 "Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but ma

de like unto the Son of God”

Micah 5:2 “But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.”

Jesus created everything.

Isiah 44:24 Jehovah states that He created the world by Himself. “Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the LORD that maketh all things ; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself”

John 1:3 “All things were made by him (Jesus); and without him was not any thing made that was made”

Col 1:16 “For by him (Jesus) were all things created”

Jesus is called God.

John 20:28 “And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.”

Heb 1:8 “But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever”

Verses 10, 11 and 12 of the first chapter of Hebrews is quoted verbatim from psalm 102 (which is said to be in reference to Jehovah) and is said in verse 8 of Hebrews chapter 1 to be in reference to Jesus.

1st Tim 3:16 “And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh”

Col 2:9 “For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.”

Jesus is worshipped.

Matt 4:10 Jesus states that only God is to be worshipped. “Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.”

Matt 8:2 “And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.”

Matt 9:18 “While he spake these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler, and worshipped him”

Matt 14:33 “Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.”

Matt 15:25 “Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me.”

Matt 28:9 “And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, “All hail.” And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him”

Matt 28:17 “And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.”

Heb 1:6 “And again, when he bringeth in the firstborn into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.”

The Deity and Personality of the Holy Ghost

The Holy Spirit is called God.

Acts 5:3-4 “But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.”

The bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ

If Jesus was only resurrected in Spirit then He was deceptive to present Himself as resurrected bodily.

John 2:18-22 “Then answered the Jews and said unto him, What sign shewest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things? Jesus answered and said unto them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. ” Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? But he spake of the temple of his body. When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.”

John 20:27 “Then saith he to Thomas, “reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. ”

Luke 24:37-44 “And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, “Peace be unto you. ” But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. And he said unto them, “Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? ” “Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. ” And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them his hands

ands and his feet. And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, "Have ye here any meat? " And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb. And he took it, and did eat before them. And he said unto them, "These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. "

Col 2:9 "For in him dwelleth (present tense; after the death of Christ) all the fulness of the Godhead bodily."