

## Apologetics Challenging Jehovah Witness –Questions from the New World Translation

*Note to Witness – You are to be commended for your enthusiasm for God but please understand the WatchTower has lied to you.*

*Note to Apologist – Remember they are deceived and we can pray the Father will give them love of truth, happily we have more than one question sets below.*

So to start you could lead in with :

- Is Jesus equal with God? ( yes or no )
- If he is equal to Jehovah, what would that mean?

*Defense text – Ask to them read, from the New World Translation John 5:16 to 18 slowly. They will have a rebuttal – Point out that on earth Jesus submitted himself to the authority of God the Father he did not give up his divinity.*

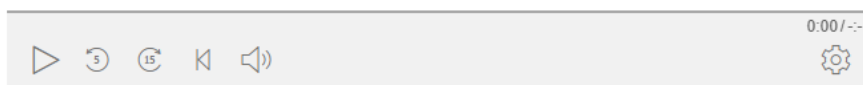
*When working with the New World Translation (NWT) : Pay attention to footnotes in the online NWT.(more below)*

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*John1:1-5 NWT*

*(Ask them to go to the Cited Texts (+) and explain each cited term or verse.)*

## According to John 1:1-51



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**Footnote** ×

Or “was divine.”

### Set #1 – Classes of JW

Find out if they agree there is distinction among themselves.

- a special class of Christian the anointed which is only for a select few (144000)
- the Earthly regular Jehovah Witness

Question 1 Jesus is a God - What kind of god is Jesus? How can Jesus be a God?  
If the Father is the only true God then Is Jesus a true God?

Question 2 What kind of god is Jesus?

Question 3 How can Jesus be a Mediator? He is not actually a mediator for the Earthly or regular JW.

**Set #2 – the Paradise Discourse (from high on the Holy Ghost)**

From <https://www.youtube.com/@Highonthehollyghost>

Question 1 Where is “paradise earth” and show me a scripture that talks about paradise?  
In scripture paradise is always referenced as heaven. (Thief on the cross)

**Luke 23:43** Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with Me in paradise".

**2 Co 12:2-4** I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. 3 And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— 4 and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter.

**Revelation 2:7** He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the Paradise of God (Revelation 2:7). - 114000 and paradise location are flipped.

Question 2 Do you believe that the soul lives on after death?  
(when they cite Ecclesiastes 9:5 then ask)

Do who know the phrase “in anything under the sun”?  
– build up your name for God in Heaven – paradise is a reward on earth – which you, when you die have no portion thereof. How you know it is on earth?

Respond with:

**2 Cor 5** For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens...

**Using the New World Translation**

Verse challenges to be answered using the New World Translation  
(they are usually prepared to answer our standard questions)

“You are my witnesses,” declares Jehovah, “Yes, my servant whom I have chosen, So that you may know and have faith in me And understand that I am the same One. Before me no God was formed, And after me there has been none. Isaiah 43:10

‘Formed’ in Hebrew: to be brought into existence so Jesus is not a created God. Shema means one in nature not one in number.

Read Hebrews 1:1-13 from the NWT – consider what it says about God’s angels.

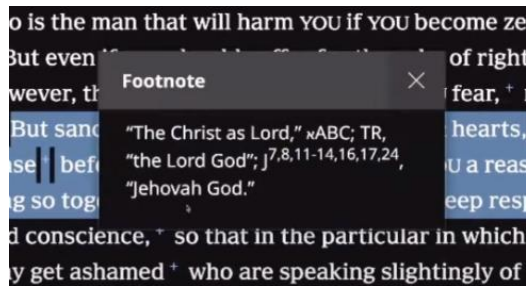
What happened in 1914? Did Jesus return invisibly and appoint his faithful slave?  
Do not settle for anything less than “Yes”. Then ask “Are you a Child of God?” – response will be  
**No** - see below

### **Question 3** *Why does the Watchtower agree that Jesus is Jehovah*

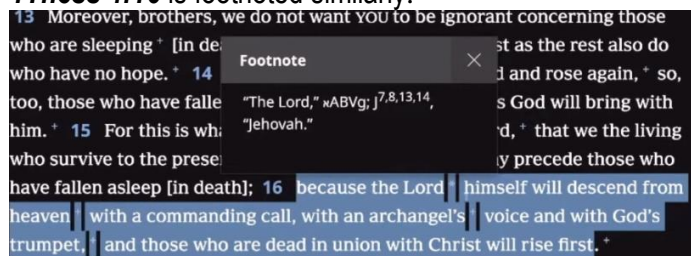
Using the online NWT translation [jw.org]go to :

**2Peter 1:1** - In verse 1 the Watchtower itself indicates that [the] is added to the phrase ‘by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ’. So it says God and Savior Jesus Christ.

**1Peter 3:15** - Note the asterisk after the phrase “sanctify the Christ as Lord” “\*” – click on it and you find the Watchtower agrees that Jesus should be identified as Jehovah as shown in the screen shot here:



**1Thess 4:16** is footnoted similarly:



The Jehovah himself shall descend from heaven.

**Jude 1:4** Pay attention to the asterisk again – Here the Watchtower re-enforces that Jehovah is Jesus the same as 1 Peter3:15 above.

The verse does not equate Jesus as Michael just as it does not equate Jesus as a trumpet.  
\*Ask the witness to consider what it means that the dead in Christ will rise first from the grave.

We submit to you as a witness that Jesus was pre-existent as God and not created from an angel. We suggest you take the time to go to this material and study for yourself. Do not take the Watchtower’s word for it. Start anew read the whole bible and see that He [Jesus] is the Alpha and Omega, the First and Last, the Beginning and the End.

Basically there are:

***Six Main Issues to be resolved:***

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1. Is there sufficient reason to believe that current Jehovah Witness doctrine is true and will not be disposed of?
2. Is it true Jehovah Witnesses predicted that Armageddon would arrive in 1975?
3. Is it true that JW.org called out Catholics for the practice saying they should avoid all pagan practices such as excommunication, shunning and wedding rings?  
3/a Why after condemning these Roman Catholic practices did the Jehovah Witness organization adopt ex-communication (Disfellowship)?
4. If Jehovah is behind the organization why doesn't he remove appointed Leaders having abused sexually abused children? Disfellowship the leader. (If they deny or doubt ask them to do a google search for Jehovah Witness pedophilia.)
5. Why did Jehovah create a global ecosystem of fear pain and death?  
(Why are animals designed as ruthless killing machines?)

### *Set #3 Light over dark transcript*

**Question 1** - Witnesses believe that in 1914 Jesus returned or began his Invisible Presence. According to the leaders when Christ returned invisibly he chose them as His one channel the faithful slave.

Try to make this the sticking point first it's a logical fallacy of circular reasoning JW leadership, teaching Jesus placed them in charge, and that's true because Jesus placed them in charge and that's true because Jesus placed them in charge you get it. - but secondly this faithful slave appointment must be believed in order to have eternal life.

They will probably go to Matthew 24 but what you'll do is show that Matthew 24:26 where Christ says not to believe anyone who says Jesus returned unseen for *"false Christ and false prophets will arise and will provide great signs and wonders so as to mislead if possible even the elect behold I have told you in advance so if they say to you behold he is in the wilderness do not go out or behold he is in the inner rooms do not believe them for just as the lightning comes from the East and flashes as far as the West so will the coming of the son of man be"*

There you have it just say to the witness Jesus said false prophets would arise near the end and your leaders arrived near the end they would give signs **which your leaders are doing and telling people Jesus arrived but you can't see him.**

Three for three whatever excuse they give just go back to the 'You're giving me signs but you can't show me Jesus with my eyes' the Bible says every eye will see him. The "These Eyes" haven't seen him, Again make this about JW leadership doing the exact thing Jesus warned us against get this across because this is how their leadership justifies themselves as being in charge.

**Question 2** - ask "Are you a child of God"?

Witnesses believe only the anointed class are children of God not the Earthly class which is the overwhelming majority of witnesses so therefore 99% will respond **No, I am not.**

Your goal here: the Bible teaches there's only one class of Christian (you could even add Witnesses taught this up until 1935). Get into this the Bible says there are Children of God and Children of the devil, Children of the free woman, Children of the slave woman so Witness which are you?

They won't really be able to answer they'll try to change the subject don't let them. You'll probably hear 'the Bible doesn't say that' but it does they just don't know any better. There are two segments of scripture that talk about the subject first **John 3** and **Galatians 3 and 4**. Please don't cherry pick here you'll need more than one verse which is Kryptonite to a witness, but go through all of Galatians 4 and finish with chapter 5 verse 1.

*We are not children of a Bond woman but of a free woman it was for Freedom that Christ set us free therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.*

Now they will no doubt rush to their proof text about this anointed class but keep them on subject and just keep asking which child are you? They can't put themselves in this category because according to their own Doctrine this is for a special class of Christian the anointed which is only for a select few which doesn't leave any room for them. If you find yourself getting into the weeds whatever they give you about these classes just ask how do you know they're not talking about Jews and Gentiles or reply look I'll look into these verses but which child are you? Now I doubt they'll say child of the devil but should they say child of the slave how can that be we're all free in Christ - are they in Christ?

**Question 3 ... Ask - *Can I read the Bible on my own and come to an accurate truth?***

Witnesses are taught they need the Publications just giving one example here

[ They may offer > unless we are in touch with this channel of communication the faithful slave that God is using we will not progress along the road to life no matter how much Bible reading we do now]

Now this is pure manipulation but unfortunately it's been woven throughout all their material shouldn't it raise a red flag their interpretation just happens to say they're [Watch Tower] in charge and you're incapable of testing it try to reveal how that's not what the Bible teaches two parts to this:

***When you ask the question can I read the Bible on my own?***

If the response is yes they'll continue with *but our literature helps us understand the Bible better* and they believe that's the case which is really saying 'No'.

But stay on track, ask - ***is the Bible alone sufficient in me having a great saving relationship with God?***

*Note: they really can't say yes and if they do just reply thanks and close the door.*  
but that's not going to happen, this will inevitably lead to the second part.

Now they'll admit you can't come to an accurate truth without their Publications and the Witnesses will try to explain how we must be taught and how that's biblical they'll give stories from Acts like the eunuch but no matter what they say [You] just follow up with :

*These people didn't have the whole Bible especially the New Testament it was still being written, I do, and I can read!*

Here's where you use scripture

***2 Timothy 3 15-17*** and from that childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to Salvation through faith which is in Jesus Christ all scripture is inspired by God and beneficial for teaching for rebuke for correction for training in righteousness so that the man or woman of God may be fully capable equipped for every good work leads to Salvation every good work all is God breathed, Nothing about needing a magazine.

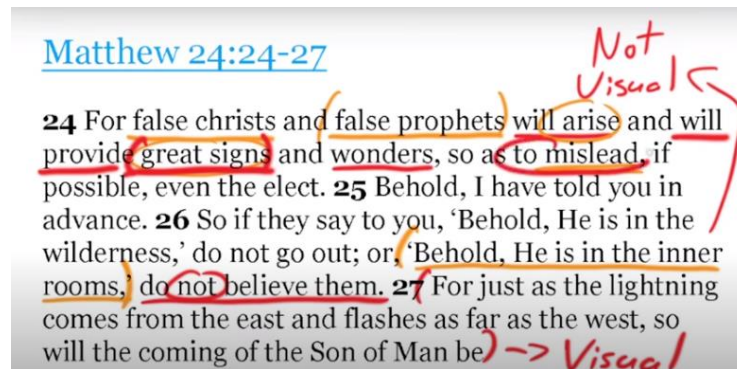
Another is first **John 2:27** *the anointing the Holy Spirit which you receive from him remains in you and you have no need for anyone to teach you this is the same Spirit of Truth the Holy Spirit that Jesus talked about the teacher that will come and teach us everything.*

So just ask Which is a better source of Truth: the Bible or your JW.org website?

Note it is really tough for a Witness to say all you need is the Bible because they have been trained to say it's not enough. Here is where you encourage them read the Bible more, which should really open their minds, God wants all people to know and come to him. Why would he make it difficult or require extra material his Word is enough - the gospel message is simple **Christ has paid for our sin by his death and rose again proving he could be trusted therefore repent turn to him so all your sin can be washed away and you can have peace with God today.**

No magazine could make that any clearer remember the goal isn't to stump but to get them thinking on their own and not having their leaders do it for them.

Also throttle your expectations. You're not going to convert them on the spot these questions are intended for those people you'll probably never see again. Consider building a relationship and guiding them to the truth – all you need is a small crack and the indoctrination will start to crumble but the individual makes that ultimate decision you can't force it. Everyone, Christian or not should want these people not to lose out and at the risk of sounding corny you do that with love not hate. These people are victims trapped in a high control group and honestly believe God is happy with them going door to door and nothing could be further from the truth.



Your best weapon is the Bible it's the only thing a witness will take with them when they leave their doctrines and can appear overwhelming and the average Jehovah's Witness appears learned but it doesn't take long to see their beliefs are mile wide but an inch deep.