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Was “a god” or was God correct in John 1:1c?

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Those of you who have dialoged with Jehovah's Witnesses (JWs) know that they will read from the Watchtower's (WT) *New World Translation* (NWT) to try to prove that Jesus is not God. One of their main objections comes from the last part on John 1:1 as quoted here: *In [the] beginning the Word was, and the Word was with God, and the Word was a god.*

Many WT followers are taught superficial arguments that reference the Greek and rules that they have made up that would justify the use of “a” before God. The truth is that when their rule is applied to other verses like these (John 1:6,12,13,18) and many more, there is no “a” and lowercase “g” used for God. Usually at the end of the dialog the JW feels like he has proven his point and the NWT's “a god” is correct. Maybe the best reply would be the most obvious one and the simplest one to use.

At the beginning of your conversation, it is imperative to get the JW to agree to the context and harmony rules. The harmony rule (no truth in Scripture will contradict itself) will show that the WT's “a god” is an obvious impossibility.

To begin your conversation just ask the JW this question: “Do you know how anyone would know that a god in John 1:1c is not correct? Answer: If a god were correct, then Genesis 1:1 would have to say, “In the beginning a god created the heaven and the earth instead of God, otherwise the Scripture would not harmonize and it would contradict itself.”

Gen 1:1 KJV *In the beginning God created the*

heaven and the earth.

Now let's take a look at John 1:1-3 and ask ourselves some questions that will give us more understanding — John 1:1 *In the beginning was the Word [Jesus], and the Word [Jesus] was with God, and the Word [Jesus] was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. Let's start with In the beginning.* In both Genesis 1:1 and John 1:1, *in the beginning* is an inference to God's eternal existence without any point of origin. *In the beginning* applies to all three statements made in John 1:1, e.g., in the beginning existed Jesus, in the beginning Jesus existed with God, and *in the beginning* Jesus was God [God the Son or the Son of God].

John 1:2 simply restates that in the beginning Jesus was eternally with God. John 1:3 is a corollary to verses one and two. It is the reasoning involved in concluding that Jesus is the Creator of all things. In other words, the natural conclusion following verses one and two, which is stated in verse three is that Jesus must be and is the Creator of all things.

Genesis 1:1 NWT *In [the] beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*

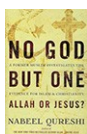
John 1:3 NWT *All things came into existence through him, and apart from him not even one thing came into existence.*

Not even one thing would include Michael the Archangel, who is the WT's created Jesus. May the Lord help us to reach JWs with the truth!

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THE FIELD

RESULTS OF READINESS

The five rules of engagement are listed in this passage of Scripture, and this report highlights patience. 2Tim 2:24 *And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, 25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves ...* About two years ago, a pastor introduced me to man named Yasser, who is a Muslim and the owner of a restaurant near his church. The conversation was friendly and mostly directed towards my experience in Muslim countries where I had ministered. I left with a burden to somehow connect him with the gospel and the Lord Jesus Christ. In February, I ate at his restaurant again with the hope of giving him this book, but he was too busy to speak with me. I returned to that area again at the end of May. It was awesome to see how the Lord had answered my patient time of prayer. When I was seated at a table, he was in an isolated booth about 30 feet in front of me and no one else was in the area. I remained still for a few more moments and prayed ... and then walked to him and said, "Hello Yasser, I met you about 2 years ago and have been praying for you. Would you take this book and read it?" He looked at the cover and with a sober glance into my face he said, "Yes, yes, I will." I thanked him and returned to my seat shouting praises to God in my soul knowing that the Lord was working in his heart. I called the pastor and gave him the good news and we agreed that this was a good start. He informed me that he had recently met someone who has a lot of experience in leading Muslims to the Lord and they would continue to follow up with Yasser. As we look to Him, we also want to thank you for all that you do to help make our ministry possible. ☺



CULTEVANGELISM COURSE

The first in-church course is now reaching its fourth week. Once people understood that this is not a Sunday school class, but instead a course for learners that requires about five hours of study and preparation each week, we were down to business. The folks that remained were willing to put in the effort in hopes that they would be used by the Lord to see JW's recognize that they are lost without any hope. Perhaps the best way to describe the course is to say that it has two parts. First, students learn how the Scripture supports the truth that Jesus is God and the creator of all things. Second, they learn how to get a JW to see the conflict between the Watchtower's Jesus, who is Michael the Archangel, a created being, and the Jesus of the Bible who is the Eternal Son of God and the Creator of all things. Here's a look at the course outline:

Cult Evangelism Course by Dave Weeks

Course Outline

Lesson One – Learning the Rules

Lesson Two – Applying the Rules

Lesson Three – Who Is the Creator of All Things?

Lesson Four – Who Is Jehovah/Yahweh?

Lesson Five – Col 1:15 Firstborn: Literal or Figurative?

Lesson Six – Executing the Checkmate

Prov 16:3 Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.

Lesson six is truly an awesome experience of seeing Jesus execute perhaps the most effective "checkmate" ever made.

We are hopeful that many more folks in our churches will become interested in learning more about Jesus and learning how to reach the unreached with the true Jesus of the Bible, the Eternal Son of God. May the Lord richly bless each of you!

"PUTTER'S PEN" WRITES AGAIN

Matt 23:27 *Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchers, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.*

Well, we did it! We are finally moved in and all boxes unpacked and put away. This downsizing really does have advantages, one being no steps to do laundry, fewer rooms to clean, and I love hearing the pitter-patter of little feet coming down the stairs, a knock on the door and voices once again saying, "Mamaw, can you make me something to eat?" Yep, old age is looking better every day.

My favorite feature in our new home is my garbage can, but little did I know that it would turn into a daily spiritual reminder. When closed it looks as beautiful as the rest of the newly made cabinets, but inside the door is nothing but garbage! It reminds me of Matt 23:27 and to not be like the Pharisees whose outward conduct appeared beautiful, but whose hearts were full of hypocrisy, pride, malice. . . and garbage!

Thank You Lord, for my garbage can! Until next time, Jehovah-jireh, "Putter"



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For I determined not to know any thing among you save Jesus Christ and Him crucified. 1 Cor 2:2