

10 Reasons Why I could never be a Jehovah's Witnesses.

Here are 10 Scriptural and Doctrinal reasons that will reveal the falsehood of this cult. This is not a history lesson, but I just want to concentrate on the issues that separate this cultic belief from the truth in God's Word. The basic teachings of this sect are in conflict with the Scriptures. 10 of their unique doctrinal errors and comments are listed here and constitute sound reasons why no one may unite with the Witnesses and still hold to the truth of God.

My whole purpose for writing this info into an easy to understand in booklet form, is to provide Christians with an easy read view of the issues and to be able lead some to the truth of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

1. THE JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES DENY THE ABSOLUTE, UNIQUE DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST

Scripture demonstrates that the Lord Jesus Christ is Jehovah, **Isaiah 41:4, 44:6 and 48:12** and declare that the attribute of being the "**first and last**" belongs to Jehovah alone.

In **Revelation 1:7, 8, 11, 17 and 22** Jesus Christ is shown possessing this very attribute, thereby making Him the Jehovah of these Isaiah passages, and indeed of the entire Old Testament.

Isaiah 45:22-25 speaks of a universal worship, which one day all mankind will render unto Jehovah.

Phil. 2:9-11 applies this Isaiah passage to Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 44:22, 23 sets forth Jehovah as the redeemer.

Eph. 1:7 establishes Jesus Christ as this redeemer.

In **Isaiah 45:24 and 54:17** Jehovah is our righteousness.

In **1 Cor. 1:30** Jesus Christ is our righteousness.

Isaiah 43:11 reserves for Jehovah alone the work of saving man. "Besides Me there is no Saviour."

Titus 2:13 teaches that Jesus Christ is the Saviour, thereby establishing Him as the Jehovah of Isaiah chapter 43.

An honest student of the Scripture will read and compare the verses used above.

2. THE JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES TEACH THAT JESUS CHRIST IS A CREATED BEING - SIMPLY ANOTHER GOD.

This doctrinal error is achieved through a counterfeit translation in their New World Translation of the Christian Greek Scripture which renders **John 1:1, "And the Word was a god."**

Isaiah emphatically denies this error in **43:10, 44:6 and 45:5, 21**, and shows their translation of **John 1:1** to be illegitimate.

Four times Jehovah declares the impossibility of there being "another god" or "a god" beside Himself.

Every honest student of Scripture must acknowledge the solitary aloneness of Jehovah.

In one approach, JW's attempt to show that Jesus cannot be God because He was created. The verse they use here is **Colossians 1:15, "And He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation."** Here the Witnesses say Christ is the *first-born* which they say means, "first created being of God." Therefore, they conclude Jesus cannot be God since He was created.

The key to understanding this verse is understanding the term *first-born*, what does it mean? The Greek word for "first created" is the word *Protoktioti*. If Paul wanted to say Christ was the first created being, he would have used this word but he does not. He uses another term, *Prototokos*. Paul is referring to the Jewish use of the word *first-born* which not only means first one born but also is used as a title of sovereignty and pre-eminence.

Here's an example of the meaning of the word. In **Psalm 89:27** God says of David, "I also shall make him My first-born, the highest of the kings of the earth." Let's take a good look and see how *first-born* is used here. Is David the *first-born* son of Jesse? No, he is the eighth and youngest son of Jesse. Then how is it that David is the first-born? In the Old Testament use of the word, he is *first-born* in that he is pre-eminent or sovereign of all the kings of the earth.

Now stick that usage of *first-born* into the context of **Colossians 1:15**, and it fits perfectly. Not only that, have the Witnesses read on with you to **verse 18**. Verse 18 shows that Paul is clearly talking about the pre-eminence of Christ for he says, "**He is also the head of the body**" and "**the first-born**" for the purpose, "**that in everything he might be pre-eminent.**" If we were to replace *first-born* in verse 18 with the term *pre-eminent*, it would fit perfectly in the context. However, if we replaced it with *first created*, it would not fit in that context.

Another verse the Witnesses use to show Jesus was created is **Revelation 3:14**, "**And to the angel of Laodicea write: 'The Amen, the faithful and true witness, the Beginning of the creation of God....'**" Here the faithful witness is Jesus and He is called, "The Beginning of the creation."

The Greek word for beginning is *arche*, which is used in many ways. It is used to mean "**origin or source of, or ruler,**" but not first creation. Turn with the Witness to **Revelation 21:6**. In these two verses, Jehovah calls Himself the beginning. Does that mean Jehovah was created? No. Therefore, the Witnesses use of the term *beginning*, is incorrect.

Jesus was never created. **John 1:1 states, "In the beginning was the Word"** Jesus was with God from eternity past; Jesus has no beginning because He is the eternal God.

3. THE JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES DENY THE BIBLICAL DOCTRINE OF THE TRINITY

Though the truth of the Trinity is amusing to the Witnesses, nevertheless it constitutes part of the revelation of God.

A. Bible students discover there is a Person in Scripture known as the Father, who is God (**Eph.1:2**).

B. There is another Person in Scripture called the Son, Jesus, Jesus Christ who is God (**Titus 2:13**).

C. There is still another Person called the Holy Spirit, Holy Ghost, Spirit of God who is God (**Acts 5:3,4**).

The one Greek word *theos*, "God," is used of all three Persons, thus ascribing the same divinity of each. The careful student also notes the fact of the Trinity in **Isaiah 48:16, 17; 28:19 and 2 Cor. 13:14**. Simply stated, that there is one God manifest in three Persons known as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and since each Person is God, the persons are equal. Also see: **Deuteronomy 6:4 and Isaiah 44:6**.

The doctrine of the Trinity is the belief that there is one God who has revealed Himself in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three persons make up the one true God. These three persons are of the same substance, equal in power and glory. It is important we understand this doctrine because the wrong Jesus or the wrong God cannot save us from eternal death. Paul makes a clear warning of this in **2 Corinthians 11:4**.

The Bible clearly states that there is only one God. **Deuteronomy 6:4** states, "*Hear O Israel, the Lord is our God, the Lord is one.*" **Isaiah 44:6** states, "*I am the first and I am the last, and there is no God besides me.*" Clearly, these verses reveal that there is only one God. Yet, there are three separate persons in the Bible who are called God and have the characteristics only God can have. The Trinity is a difficult concept to grasp, because we are finite beings trying to explain an infinite God who is beyond our understanding.

Let's take a look at some verses that back up our doctrine of the Trinity. The Father is obviously called God as seen throughout the Bible. No one will argue that point. So there is one member of the Trinity, the Father. Jesus the Son, is a separate person but He is also called God. **John 1:1** says, "*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*" **Titus 2:13** says, "*Looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus.*" So here we see clearly, the Son is also called God.

The Holy Spirit is also a separate person, and He is also called God. First, let us understand, the Holy Spirit is not an impersonal force. He is a person and has the characteristics of a person. He can be grieved (Eph. 4:30), He speaks (Acts 13:2), and He can be lied to (Act 5:3-4). In **Acts 5:3-4** the Holy Spirit is called God, "*But Peter said, 'Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit?... You have not lied to men, but to God.'*"

So we see clearly that there are three persons in the Bible, and all three are called God. Yet, we must remember, there is only one God according to the verses we looked at **Deuteronomy 6:4** and **Isaiah 44:6**. Therefore, we come to the conclusion that the Trinity is made up of three separate persons who are the one true God.

4. THE JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES DENY THE BODY, CORPOREAL RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST FROM THE DEAD

False doctrine declares "The man Jesus is dead, only His spirit arose." The witness of Jesus Christ is quite different (**Luke 24:36-45**). Even a casual glance at **v. 39** dispels any doubt concerning the bodily resurrection.

- A. Thomas met the physically resurrected Christ (**John 20:24-29**),
- B. As did the other disciples who ate fish with Him (**John 21:12-14**).
- C. Paul testifies to the corporeal resurrection of Jesus Christ in **1 Cor. 15:3-19**.
- D. The guards at the tomb, the chief priests and Sanhedrin would never have become excited, **Matt. 28:11, 15** if "only His spirit arose."

There is a lot more on this topic, but this is plenty to get you conversing and putting to rest the falsehoods that the JW's believe. On to the next...

5. THE JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES DENY THE REALITY AND ETERNITY OF FUTURE PUNISHMENT

Scripture teaches the reality of hell.

- A. The Lord Jesus Christ spoke more of hell than heaven and informs us that hell is a furnace of fire, (**Matt. 13:49-50**);
- B. A place for Satan and his emissaries, (**Matt. 25:41**);
- C. And unquenchable fire, (**Mark 9:42-48**);

Furthermore, He insisted upon the fact that hell is eternal. The Greek word aionios, which is defined as that which is without end, and;

- A. which is used to describe the everlasting life mentioned in **John 3:16**,
- B. and the eternity of God in **Rom. 16:26**
- C. is deliberately used by Christ to describe the duration of hell (**Matt. 18:8**),
- D. and by John in **Rev. 14:11**.

Aionios does not have a double meaning. If it means that God is eternal and the life which the believer receives is eternal, then it must mean that hell is also eternal.

6. THE JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES ARE CONFUSED ABOUT THE 144,000

Through good works and sincere effort it is the hope of Jehovah's Witnesses to become one of the 144,000. In the two chapters in which the 144,000 are mentioned, **Revelation 7 & 14**, the student of Scripture notes that the 144,000 are;

- A. Literal Jews of the ancient tribes with no Gentiles among them **(7:4-8)**;
- B. are all males **(14:4)**;
- C. are virgins **(14:4)**;
- D. will minister during the Great Tribulation **(14:6-13)**;
- E. and do not earn their office by works, but are imagination.

Can sound Biblical interpretation allow a Gentile sect to claim for its devotees a place among the 144,000.

7. THE JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES DENY THE PERFECT SALVATION OF CHRIST'S CROSS

Without any warrant from Scripture, the Witnesses teach that the Millennium, the thousand year reign of Christ upon the earth, will afford all mankind from Adam onward conditions, to earn salvation.

Where is there a single Bible verse supporting this?

- A. The Lord Jesus Christ has purchased our salvation on the Cross, **Rom. 3:21-26**,
- B. it remains for man to believe and be saved **(Eph. 2:8-9 and Acts 16:30, 31)**.
- C. Salvation is wholly apart from human effort **(Rom. 3:27, 28)**.

8. THE JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES CHIDE THE BELIEVERS' HOPE OF HEAVEN

Many JW's believe that heaven will be here upon the earth. The existence of Heaven with God, where He is does not exist in the Bible. **John 14:1-3; Phil. 3:20, 21; Pet. 1:3-5**; and **Rev. 3:21** are but a few of the many passages in Scripture which speak of the "living hope" of being with Christ forever.

9. THE JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES DENY PRESENCE OF THE BELIEVER WITH CHRIST UPON DEATH

According to **2 Cor. 5:8, Phil. 1:21-24** and **Luke 16:20-22**, the believer, immediately upon death, passes into the presence of Christ.

- A. The body sleeps in the ground **(John 11:11-14)**,
- B. awaiting the resurrection **(1 Cor. 15:20-23)**,
- C. while the soul and spirit now separated from the body **(Jas. 2:26)**, pass into heaven.

10. THE JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES DENY THE BODILY VISIBLE RETURN OF JESUS CHRIST

The JW's say, "We must not expect Him to come again as a human being" "Coming is properly translated presence and refers to the invisible presence of the Lord." In contrast, a Bible student discovers the truth that Jesus Christ IS coming back again physically, literally.

- A. In **Revelation 1:7** "*every eye shall see Him*";
 - B. In **1 Thess. 4:16, 17** "*the Lord Himself shall descend from Heaven*"; and
 - C. In **Acts 1:10, 11** He "*shall so come in like manner as we have seen Him go into heaven.*"
- The testimony of these passages is irrefutable.

Key Points to Keep in Mind When Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with Jehovah's Witnesses

PRAYER

Never underestimate the power of prayer, as in all our endeavors as Christians, prayer is our most powerful tool. Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with Jehovah's Witnesses is not the easiest. As soon as you are aware that Jehovah's Witnesses are going from door to door in your neighborhood, begin praying for guidance and direction from the Holy Spirit.

LOVE

As Christians we realize the importance of showing love toward others. But it is important to keep in mind why showing love toward Jehovah's Witnesses is essential. The Jehovah's Witness at your door is very sincere. They believe they must warn as many non-Witnesses as they can of the impending doom the Watchtower organization has deceived them into believing is coming upon all who are not part of their organization. They truly believe they are serving God. Don't be rude to them or give them any excuse to bolster their "martyr complex". They will simply walk away thinking "I must be in the right religion I'm being persecuted as Christ was".

SHARE YOUR TESTIMONY WITH JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Describe your relationship with Christ, tell them what Jesus has done for you in your life, and what He can and will do for them. They cannot argue with you, they can't open their Bible and prove you don't have a relationship with Christ. Jehovah's Witnesses have no personal testimony of a relationship with God through Christ; they reject being born again, and therefore cannot give a testimony of a personal salvation. The Watchtower Society tells them that each one must "work out their salvation". Hopefully they will contrast your relationship with Christ with the fact that their relationship with God is entirely dependent on their loyalty to the Watchtower Society.

If you lack the time to get into an involved discussion with them you could stop here and accomplish much. Imagine if Jehovah's Witnesses were to hear testimony after testimony as they go from door to door. The Watchtower Society teaches them that Christians are a lost, unhappy people that go to church to have their ears tickled with the teachings they want to hear. They are taught by the Watchtower that Christians lack a relationship with God and do not live by their faith. Since attending any Church is forbidden for all Jehovah's Witnesses they simply accept this teaching as true. Your testimony may help them to realize that not everything that the Watchtower Society teaches them is accurate, and could make great inroads into getting them to doubt the Watchtower Society.

If however you are in a position to make reaching Jehovah's Witnesses part of your ministry tell them you are very interested in the Bible and would like to learn more. This could be a very time consuming commitment. Jehovah's Witnesses will want to meet with you once a week for an hour or more each time, and you will need to set aside adequate time each week to prepare for their visit. This ministry is not for everyone; it is easy to become discouraged when trying to reach the closed mind of Jehovah's Witnesses. But please keep in mind this may be the only way the Jehovah's Witnesses at your door will ever hear the truth of God's word. I encourage you to prayerfully consider trying to reach Jehovah's Witnesses as a part of your ministry. They are misled into believing that they must "work out their salvation", they do not know God's grace and they do not have a relationship with Jesus. They may have a smile on their face but a false prophet is misleading Jehovah's Witnesses.

65 questions every Jehovah's Witness should be asked using the NWT

These questions have been put together using information from many different sources. All verses are from the New World Translation (NWT) so that the translation of these verses cannot be questioned by Jehovah's Witnesses. If the Watchtower Society (WTS) decides to change any of these verses (like they did with Heb 1:6), then the obvious question for the individual Jehovah's Witness is why did the WTS change their own Bible. "...keep testing whether you are in the faith" (2Cor 13:5)

1. The WTS claims it uses the Bible as it's "supreme authority". Where in the Bible does anyone count their time in preaching on a slip of paper and are assigned record cards of activity, determining this as a "gauge to their spirituality"? Where in the Bible are Pioneers, Auxiliary Pioneers, District Overseers, Circuit Overseers, Bethelites, and Kingdom Halls?
2. To what was Jesus referring to by the term "this temple" in Jn 2:18-19? In Jn 2:21 John clearly states that when Jesus used the term "this temple", he was referring to his body. If what the WTS teaches about Jesus' body after his death is correct, then how do you explain these verses?
3. If the Holy Spirit is God's impersonal "active force", why does he speak directly and refer to himself as "I" and "me" in Acts 13:2?
4. Col 1:16, in talking about Jesus, says that "... All [other] things have been created through him and FOR HIM". If Jesus were Michael the Archangel at the time of creation, would an angel have created all things for himself? Isa 43:7 says God created "everyone ... for my OWN glory ..."
5. The WTS claims that Ezekiel's prophecy of the Jews returning to their land is fulfilled in their organization. Ezek 36:24, 28 says "and I will take you out of the nations and collect you together out of all the lands and bring you in upon your own soil" and "You will certainly dwell in the land that I gave to your forefathers, and you must become my people and I myself shall become your God." If this is fulfilled in the Watchtower organization, then how are they returning to the land of CANAAN as promised to the forefathers? Ps 105:8-11
6. Consider also what is said concerning those who fulfill this prophecy. Ezek 36:22 says, "Therefore, say to the house of Israel, this is what the sovereign Lord Jehovah has said: 'not for your sakes I am doing [it] O house of Israel but for my holy name, which you have PROFANED among the nations where you have come in.' Since the WTS claims that it is spiritual Israel and fulfills these prophecies in Ezekiel, how do Jehovah's Witnesses believe they have profaned God's name among the nations?
7. Since the WTS prohibits the use of blood transfusions, why does it permit the infusion of albumin, clotting factors, and gamma globulins, all of which are derived from human blood? Since Acts 15:29 clearly refers to the old Jewish law of not EATING blood (Gen 9:4, Lev 3:17, Deut 12:16), and since the WTS has changed its teachings so many times on major issues like organ transplantation, the definition of "generation", the year of Armageddon, etc, etc, and simply calls these changes "New Light", how can you be sure they won't someday change their teachings on blood transfusions and refer to the change as "New Light" also?
8. Does Prov 4:18 really justify an organization replacing doctrines and failed prophecies with new doctrines and prophecies, or does it simply contrast the benefit to the "righteous" of obeying a wise father (Prov 4:10-19)? False teachings can be called "false words" and Prov 13:5 says, "A false word is what the righteous hates..." When the WTS changes a teaching to something that is totally different, is it like a light that is getting brighter and brighter or more like having one false light (word) completely turned off and a totally different light turned on? Do you think the WTS would be critical of any other organization that changed its teachings as many times on as many different issues over the last 100 years

as the WTS has?

9. Regarding Jesus' return to earth, Jehovah's Witnesses believe that it occurred in 1914 as an invisible return. That event is described in Zechariah 14:4, which states, "... and his feet will actually stand in that day upon the mountain of the olive trees which is in front of Jerusalem on the east." If Jesus has no body and if his return was invisible, how do you explain this verse?
10. Paul said, "... for as often as you eat this loaf and drink this cup, you keep proclaiming the death of the Lord, until he arrives." (1Cor 11:26). If Christ arrived in 1914, why do Jehovah's Witnesses continue to partake of the bread and wine? Shouldn't they have stopped in 1914?
11. Since the WTS claims "apostolic succession", can it trace its roots all the way back to Christ (Mt 16:18)? If so, who was it that "passed the torch of God's spirit" to C. T. Russell when he founded the organization? What was the name of this individual or individuals?
12. The NWT translates Jn 1:1 as "... and the Word was WITH God, and the word was a god." How can the Word (Jesus) be "a god" if God says in Deut 32:39, "See now that I -- I am he, and there are NO gods together with me..."?
13. The WTS teaches that the 144,000 of Rev 7:4 is to be taken literally. If chapter 7 of Revelation is to be taken literally, where then does the Bible say that the 144,000 will come from? See Rev 7: 5-8.
14. Since the WTS currently rejects most of the teachings of its founder, Charles Taze Russell (who was president of the organization from 1879-1916), and since they also reject "judge" Joseph Franklin Rutherford, who succeeded Russell as president from 1916-1942, how can you be sure that in 25 more years, the WTS won't reject the current president, Milton Henschel (1992-present), as they did Russell and Rutherford? What kind of confidence can you have in an organization that rejected its founder and first two presidents for the first 63 years of its existence - over 50% of the time they have existed?!
15. If there is no conscious awareness after death, how could the "spirits in prison", who lived during the time of Noah, be preached to by Christ after His death (I Pet 3:18-20) and how could the good news be "declared even unto the dead" (I Pet 4:5-6)?
16. Since the WTS has received "new light" regarding the 1914 generation, and completely changed their views on this, does this mean that all the former Witnesses who were disfellowshipped years ago for the same view the organization is now teaching will automatically be accepted back into fellowship again? Were these ex-Witnesses in fact disfellowshipped for what is now taught as "the Truth"?
17. If there are 144,000 spirit anointed people who have a heavenly hope, and a great crowd of people who have another hope of everlasting life on paradise earth, why does Paul say that there is only ONE hope (Eph 4:4), instead of two?
18. On pgs. 66, 69, 211, 423, 560, 648, and 719 of *Jehovah's Witnesses--Proclaimers of God's Kingdom*, reference is made to *The Finished Mystery*, which was the 7th of the *Studies in the Scriptures* series published by the WTS in 1917 (pg 66, 719), and was the major publication of the WTS at that time. On pgs. 88, 648, and 651, a picture of this book appears, complete with the winged disk symbol of the Egyptian sun god Ra on its front cover. Is it true that *The Finished Mystery* taught that Christ was the Almighty of Rev 1:8 (pg 15), that Christ established a "Church" (pg 17), that Christ returned invisibly in 1874 (pg 54, 60, 68). that the Holy Spirit has a personality (pg 57), that the great pyramid of Giza was God's stone witness and was used to predict the year of Armageddon (pg 60), that Armageddon would definitely occur in the spring of 1918 (pg 62), that Christ was crucified (pg 68), that Leviathan of the Bible refers to the steam locomotive (pg 85), and that Michael is the Pope of Rome and the angels are

his bishops (pg 188)? According to "current" WTS teachings, Christ returned invisibly in 1914 and in 1918 chose the WTS as his earthly organization because they were the only ones teaching "the Truth". If this was so, then Jesus would have known the teachings of the WTS as put forth in *The Finished Mystery*, published in 1917. Do you really think that Jesus would have chosen an organization which taught so many things that were not correct according to "current" WTS teachings and are no longer taught as "the truth"?

19. In Jn 20:28, John refers to Jesus in Greek as "Ho kyrios moy kai ho theos moy". This translates literally as "the Lord of me and THE God of me". Why does Jesus, in Jn 20:29, affirm Thomas for having come to this realization? If Jesus really wasn't the Lord and THE God of Thomas, why didn't Jesus correct him for making either a false assumption or a blasphemous statement?
20. If Christ will not have a visible return to earth, then how will he be seen by "ALL the tribes of the earth" (Mt 24:30), and by "EVERY eye" (Rev 1:7) when he returns? How can Christ "APPEAR" a second time (Heb 9:28) if he will not have a visible return to earth?
21. In Rev 19:1, where does it say that the great crowd will be?
22. If the Holy Spirit is God's impersonal active force, how could he: Be referred to as "he" and "him" in Jn 16:7-8 and Jn 16:13-14; Bear witness (Jn 15:26); Feel hurt (Isa 63:10); Be blasphemed against (Mk 3:29); Say things (Ezek 3:24, Acts 8:29, 10:19, 11:12, and Heb 10:15-17); Desire (Gal 5:17); Be outraged (Heb 10:29); Search (I Cor 2:10); Comfort (Acts 9:31); Be loved (Rom 15:30); Be lied to and be God (Acts 5:3-4)?
23. What is the correct spelling of God's proper name, "Yahweh" or "Jehovah"? If Jehovah's Witnesses maintain that "Yahweh" is more proper, why do they misspell it "Jehovah"? If the name of God is so important, then should you not only pronounce it correctly, but spell it correctly too?
24. Jn 1:3 says that Jesus created "all things", but in Isa 44:24, God says that he "by myself created the heavens and the earth" and asks the question "Who was with me?" when the heavens and the earth were created. How can this be since if Jesus had been created by God, then he would have been with God when everything else was created?
25. If the soul is the body, why does Jesus make a distinction between the body and the soul in Mt 10:28?
26. In Col 1:15-17, the NWT inserts the word "other" 4 times even though it is not in the original Greek (See Gr-Engl Interlinear). Why is the word "other" inserted? How would these verses read if the word "other" had not been inserted? What does scripture say about adding words to the Bible? See Prov 30:5-6.
27. In Phil 2:9, the NWT inserts the word "other" even though it doesn't appear in the original Greek (See Gr-Engl Interlinear). What is the reason for inserting this word? Is the word "Jehovah" a name? See Exo 6:3, Ps 83:18, and Isa 42:8. How would the verse read if the word "other" had not been inserted? What does scripture say about adding words to the Bible? See Prov 30:5-6. If Christians are persecuted for the sake of Jehovah's name, why did Christ tell the first Christians that they would be persecuted for the sake of his (Jesus') name, instead of Jehovah's (Mt 24:9, Mk 13:13, Lk 21:12,17, Jn 15:21, and Acts 9:16)? If the name "Jehovah" is so important, then why does Acts 4:12 say, "There is salvation in no one else; for there is not another name [vs 10 Jesus Christ] under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must get saved"? If the teachings of the WTS are correct, would this not have been the logical place for God to have used the name "YHWH" or "Jehovah"? Since the word "Jehovah" didn't appear until at least the 12th century, and since the term "Jehovah's Witnesses" wasn't used by the WTS until the early 1930's, doesn't this mean that the first century Christians were not known as

"Jehovah's Witnesses"?

28. The WTS makes the claim, "Like the Primitive Christian Community - the religious publication 'Interpretation' stated in July 1956: 'In their organization and witnessing work, they [Jehovah's Witnesses] come as close as any group to approximating the primitive Christian community..." - *Jehovah's Witnesses- Proclaimers of God's Kingdom*, pg 234, and on pg 677 of the same book, a caption appears titled "Like the early Christians". Do Jehovah's Witnesses pray the "Our Father" (Mt 6:9-13), break bread together (celebrate the Eucharist) frequently (1Cor 10:16-17, 1Cor 11:26-27), come together on Sunday to break bread (Acts 20:7), confirm the Holy Spirit by the laying on of hands (Acts 8:15-17, 19:5-6, Heb 6:2, 2Tim 1:6), ordain (appoint) priests (elders) through the laying on of hands (Acts 6:5-6, 13:2-3), pray to Jesus (Mt 11:28, Acts 7:59-60, 1Cor 16:22-23, Rev 22:20), anoint the sick with oil (Mk 6:12-13, Jas 5:14), often kneel down to pray (Acts 9:40, 20:36, 21:5, Lk 22:41), consider themselves to be witnesses of Christ (Acts 1:8, 10:39, 13:31), have deacons (1Tim 3:8, 10, 12), fast from Jesus Christ (Acts 4:10-12), celebrate Pentecost (Acts 2:1, 20:16, 1Cor 16:8), have special people that look after widows and orphans (Acts 6:1-4, Jas 1:27), occasionally drink wine (1Tim 5:23)? If not, then how can Jehovah's Witnesses consider themselves to be like the primitive Christian community?
29. In Rev 14:13, how can the dead be "happy" and find "rest", if there is no conscious awareness after death?
30. Is it true that the WTS's prophecy that Armageddon will come before "the end of the generation of 1914" (*You Can Live Forever In Paradise On Earth*, pg 154), is no longer taught as "the Truth"? If so, then does this mean that this teaching of the WTS, which they have taught as "the Truth" for decades, was really a false teaching? Since the WTS claims that they are the "one channel that the Lord is using during the last days of this system of things" (*Jehovah's Witnesses-Proclaimers of God's Kingdom*, pg 626) and that the governing body is "the mouthpiece of Jehovah God", does this mean that God changed His mind about this teaching and the definition of "generation"? Is it possible that God could change His mind? Has the WTS ever changed their mind before about a teaching that they once taught as "the Truth"? The WTS has taught that Armageddon was going to occur in: 1914 - *The Time Is At Hand*, 1888 (1911 ed.), pg 101; *Zion's Watchtower*, 1/15/1892, pg 22
1918 - *The Finished Mystery*, 1917, pg 62, 485
1925 - *Millions Now Living Will Never Die*, 1920, pg 89-90, *Watchtower*, 7/15/24, pg 211
WWII - *Watchtower*, 9/15/41, pg 288
1975 - *Kingdom Ministry*, 6/69, pg 3; *AWAKE!*, 10/8/68, etc.
Before the end of the generation of 1914 - *You Can Live Forever In Paradise On Earth*, pg 154; *AWAKE!* 10/8/95, pg 4
Since the WTS claimed that their teaching that Armageddon would come before "the end of the generation of 1914" was "Jehovah's prophetic word" (WT, 5/15/84, pg 6) and "the Creator's promise" (*AWAKE!* 10/8/95, 9/22/95, 9/8/95, etc. pg 4), therefore speaking "in the name of God" (Deut 18:22), then according to Deut 18:20- 22, doesn't this mean that the WTS is truly a modern day false prophet? See Mt 7:15, 24:11, Mk 13:22, 2Pet 2:1, 1Jn 4:1, Rev 19:20,20:10.
31. If the name Jehovah is so important, then why is it never used in the entire Greek New Testament? If men edited out the proper name of God, "YHWH", when they copied the New Testament, as only the WTS claims, thereby altering God's word, then how can we have confidence in ANY of the New Testament? Should we discard the New Testament or the WTS as unreliable?
32. If Jesus was executed on a torture stake, with both hands together over his head, as only the WTS teaches, why does Jn 20:25 say "... unless I see in his hands the print of the nailS...", indicating that there was more than one nail used for his hands? Two nails would have been used if he was crucified on a cross.

33. Can Jehovah's Witnesses hold and discuss openly with other Witnesses opinions that differ from orthodox WTS teachings? If no, why not?
34. The NWT translates the Greek word "esti" as "is" in almost every instance in the New Testament (Mt 26:18, 38, Mk 14:44, Lk 22:38, etc). See Greek-English Interlinear. Why does the NWT translate the same Greek word as "means" in Mt 26:26-28, Mk 14:22-24, and Lk 22:19? Why the inconsistency in the translation of the word "esti"? If the NWT were consistent and translated the Greek word "esti" as "is" in these verses, what would these verses say? Why did so many of Jesus' disciples leave him when he told them they must eat his body in order to have eternal life? See Jn 6:25-69, Mt 26:26-28.
35. Rev 20:10 says, "And the Devil... the wild beast and the false prophet [already were]; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever". Where will the Devil, the wild beast, and the false prophet be "tormented day and night forever and ever"? Likewise, Rev 14:9-11 says, "... If anyone worship the wild beast... he shall be tormented with fire and sulphur ... And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever..." Where could "anyone" be "tormented... forever and ever"?
36. Jesus Christ is referred to as "Mighty God" in Isa 9:6 ("For there has been a child born to us, there has been a son given to us... And his name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God..."). Jehovah is referred to as "Mighty God" in Isa 10:20-21. How can this be if there is only ONE God?
37. If the WTS claims they are not "inspired" but does refer to themselves as "God's spirit-directed Prophet", what is the difference? Is there such a thing as an "uninspired prophet"? Why would anyone be part of a religious organization which claimed that their teachings were NOT inspired?
38. In the NWT, every time the Greek word "proskuneo" is used in reference to God, it is translated as "worship" (Rev 5:14, 7:11, 11:16, 19:4, Jn 4:20, etc.). Every time "proskuneo" is used in reference to Jesus, it is translated as "obeisance" (Mt 14:33, 28:9,28:17, Lk 24:52, Heb 1:6, etc.), even though it is the same word in the Greek (see Gr-Engl Interlinear). Especially compare the Greek word "prosekunhsan" used with reference to God in Rev 5:14, 7:11, 11:16, and 19:4 and used with reference to Christ in Mt 14:33, 28:9, and 28:17. What is the reason for this inconsistency? If the NWT was consistent in translating "proskuneo" as "worship", how would the verses above referring to Christ read?
39. The NWT translates the Greek word "kyrios" as "Jehovah" more than 25 times in the New Testament (Mt 3:3, Lk 2:9, Jn 1:23, Acts 21:14, Rom 12:19, Col 1:10, 1Thess5:2, 1Pet 1:25, Rev 4:8, etc.). Why is the word "Jehovah" translated when it does not appear in the Greek text? Why is the NWT not consistent in translating kyrios (kurion) as "Jehovah" in Rom 10:9, 1Cor 12:3, Phil 2:11, 2Thess 2:1. and Rev 22:21 (see Gr- Engl Interlinear)?
40. The NWT translates the Greek words "ego eimi" as "I am" every time it appears (Jn 6:34, 6:41, 8:24, 13:19, 15:5, etc.), except in Jn 8:58 where it is translated as "I have been". What is the reason for the inconsistency in this translation? If "ego eimi" was translated in Jn 8:58 the same way it is translated in every other verse in which it appears, how would Jn 8:58 read? See Exo 3:14.
41. In Rev 22:12-13, Jesus Christ, the one who is "coming quickly", says of himself, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end". In Rev 1:17-18, Jesus, the one who "became dead, but, look! I am living forever and ever", refers to himself as the first and the last. Rev 21:6, in speaking of God, says, "...I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end ...". God is also referred to as the "first" and the "last" in Isa 44:6 and Isa 48:12. How can this be since by definition of these words there can only be one first and one last?
42. Jesus uses the phrase "Truly I say to you, ..." over 50 times in the Bible. In the NWT, the comma is placed after the word "you" every time except in Lk 23:43, where the comma is placed after the word

"today". Why is the comma placed after "today" instead of after "you" in this verse? If the translation of this phrase in Lk 23:43 was consistent with the translation of this phrase in all the other verses in which it appears (see concordance), and the comma was placed after the word "you", how would it read?

43. Jn 1:3 says in reference to Christ, "All things came into existence through him, and apart from him not even one thing came into existence". How could Christ have been a created being if ALL things came into existence through him? If Jesus was a created being, then according to Jn 1:3, Jesus would have had to create himself.
44. If the great crowd is to have everlasting life on paradise EARTH, why does IThess 4:17 say, "...we the living who are surviving will, together with them, be caught away in clouds to MEET THE LORD IN THE AIR; and thus we shall always be with the Lord"?
45. If Christians are persecuted for the sake of Jehovah's name, why did Christ tell the first Christians that they would be persecuted for the sake of his (Jesus') name instead of Jehovah's (Mt 24:9, Mk 13:13, Lk 21:12, 17, Jn 15:2 and Acts 9:16)?
46. In Mt 1:23, who is Matthew referring to here that has been given the name which means "With Us Is God"?
47. The Bible says that ONLY God is our savior (Hos 13:4, Isa 43:11,45:21, etc.). How can it be then, that the Bible repeatedly says that Jesus Christ is our savior (Lk 2:11, Phil 3:20, Tit 2:13, 3:6, 2Pet 1:1, 2:20, 3:18, etc.)?
48. Referring to Isa 14:9-17, if there is no conscious awareness after death, how could Sheol "... become agitated at you in order to meet you on coming in..." (v.9), how could the souls in Sheol "... speak up and say to you..." (v.10-11), how could the souls in Sheol when "...seeing you will gaze even at you; they will give close examination even to you, [saying,] This this the man'..." (v. 16-17), and how would you be aware that this was happening?
49. Heb 3:1 refers to "holy brothers, partakers of the heavenly calling". In Mk 3:35, Jesus says, "Whoever does the will of God, this one is my brother..." Therefore, according to the Bible, whoever does the will of God is a brother of Jesus and a partaker of the heavenly calling. How can this be if the Watchtower Society teaches that only 144,000 people go to heaven?
50. Heb 11:16, in speaking about some of the faithful people of the Old Testament (Abel, Noah, Abraham, etc.) says, "But now they are reaching out for a better [place], that is, one belonging to heaven..." and, "... their God for he has made a city ready for them." The footnote on the word "city" refers to HEAVENLY Jerusalem of Heb 12:22 and Rev 21:2. How can this be since according to the teachings of the Watchtower Society, the only people who will go to heaven are the 144,000 spirit anointed who have been chosen from people who lived after Christ died?
51. In Lk 24:36-39 and in Jn 20:26-27, Jesus showed his disciples the wounds in his body as proof of his resurrection. If Jesus' body had been destroyed by God after he died, how could Jesus show the disciples his body which had the wounds in his hands, feet, and side and claim that he is not just a spirit, "because a spirit does not have flesh and bones just as you behold that I have" (Lk 24:39)?
52. If Christ was created by God and was the wisdom of God (Prov 8:1-4, 12, 22-31), then before Jesus would have been created, God would have had to have been without wisdom. How is it possible that God could have ever been without wisdom?

53. Rev 7:11 says that "before the throne" is in heaven where "all the angels were standing". Rev 14:2-3 says "And I heard a sound out of heaven ... And they were singing as if a new song before the throne ...". Rev 7:9 says, "... look, a great crowd ... standing before the throne...". Rev 7:14-15 says, "...There are the ones that come out of the great tribulation ... That is why they are before the throne of God ...". Therefore, if "before the throne " means in heaven (Rev 7:11, 14:2-3), and the "great crowd" is "before the throne" (Rev 7:9, 7:14-15), where does that mean that the great crowd will be?
54. In Lk 20:37-38, how could Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob be "all living to him (God)", since they all died hundreds of years before Jesus said this?
55. If the soul dies when the body dies, how could the "souls" of Rev 6:9- 11, who were of those who had been "slaughtered" (i.e., killed), cry out "with a loud voice, saying: 'Until when Sovereign Lord ...'?"
56. In Mt 28:19, Jesus tells his disciples to baptize "people of all the nations ...in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the holy spirit". Why would the disciples be instructed to baptize in the name of anybody or anything who was not God? Do Jehovah's Witnesses follow the command of Jesus and baptize "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the holy spirit"?
57. If the human soul IS the person, how could the soul go out of a person (Gen 35:18) or come back into a person (1 Kings 17:21)?
58. The Watchtower Society teaches that the earth will never be destroyed or depopulated. How can it be, then, that God says in Isa 51:6, "... the earth itself will wear out, and its inhabitants will die like a mere gnat...", and that Jesus says in Mt 24:35, "Heaven and earth will pass away...", and that John says in Rev 21:1 that he saw "... a new heaven and a NEW earth, for the former heaven and the FORMER earth had passed away, and the sea is NO MORE."?
59. Referring to Lk 12:4-5, what would be left of a person after they were killed that could be thrown into Gehenna?
60. Who or what does the spirit of Christ (Phil 1:19, Gal 4:6, Rom 8:9) refer to? In Gal 4:6, how is it possible that the spirit of Christ could come into our hearts? How is it possible that the spirit of CHRIST could reside in someone? If what the Watchtower Society teaches is true, how could Paul make this statement if Christ was a spirit person residing in heaven?
61. In Jn 8:56, Jesus says, "Abraham your father rejoiced greatly in the prospect of seeing my day, and he saw it and rejoiced". Since Abraham died hundreds of years before Jesus said this, how could Jesus say that Abraham "saw it and rejoiced", if there is no conscious awareness after death?
62. In Jn 6:51, Jesus says that a person must eat "of this bread" in order to "live forever", and that "the bread that I give IS my flesh". In Jn 6:63, Jesus says "... Unless you eat the flesh of the son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in yourselves." In Jn 6:54-55, Jesus says, "He that feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has everlasting life..." and "... for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink." Do you partake of the flesh of Christ, as Jesus commanded, in order to have life in yourself and in order to live forever?
63. In Acts 17:31 Paul says, "Because he has set a day in which he purposes to judge the inhabited earth in righteousness by a MAN whom he has appointed, and he has furnished a guarantee to all men in that he has resurrected him from the dead". Did Paul believe that the future judge of the world, Jesus Christ, would be an immortal MAN or an invisible spirit creature?

64. The WTS teaches that Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob will not reside with Christ in his heavenly kingdom. How then do you explain Mt 8:11 in which Jesus says, " But I tell you that many from eastern parts and western parts will come and recline at the table with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of the heavens"?
65. Every true Christian would agree that we should follow the commands of God. In Mk 9:7, God the Father commands us to listen to Jesus. Do you follow this command and listen to Jesus? After all, Jesus died for your personal sins (1Jn 2:2, 1Pet 2:24). Jesus tells us to go directly to him (Mt 11:28-30), and the Father commanded us to listen to Jesus. Why? Because JESUS gives us everlasting life (Jn 10:28), and so that JESUS will enter our house and be with us and give us the right to sit on his throne (Rev 3:20- 21). Do you pray to Jesus as Paul and the early Christians did (1Cor 1:2)? Do you partake of the flesh of Christ as Jesus commanded (Jn 6:51)? If not, then are you following the command of the Father who said "Listen to him"?