"EXPOSING THE CULTS" Part 1

"The Jehovah's Witnesses"

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INTRODUCTION:

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Five reasons:

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A. J.W.'s deny Christ's <u>deity</u>
(They say he is "<u>a god</u>," not Jehovah God)

B. J.W.'s deny Christ's <u>pre-existence</u>
(they say He was originally <u>Michael the Archangel</u>)

C. J.W.'s deny Christ's <u>eternality</u>
(they say He was <u>created</u> by Jehovah God)

D. J.W.'s deny Christ's <u>bodily resurrection</u>
(they say He was resurrected with an "<u>immaterial</u>" body)

II. "Jehovah's Witnesses" believe another <u>AUTHORITY</u>
(Rev. 22:18-19; Deut. 4:2, 12:32; Prov. 30:6)

A. J.W.'s have translated their <u>own Bible</u>

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III. "Jehovah's Witnesses" teach another <u>GOSPEL</u> (Gal. 1:6-10)

A. J.W.'s peddle a "<u>works</u> salvation"

B. J.W.'s deny the <u>sufficiency of Christ</u> (II Pet. 2:1-3)

C. J.W.'s living today have no hope of <u>heaven</u>

IV. "Jehovah's Witnesses" teach another <u>DOCTRINE</u>
(Rom. 16:17-18; II Jn. 9-11)

They twist Scripture and teach heresy:

A. They are in error concerning the nature of <u>God</u>
(the Trinity is denied)

B. They are in error concerning the nature of the <u>Holy Spirit</u>

C. They are in error concerning the nature of <u>man</u>

D. They are in error concerning the length of <u>creation</u>

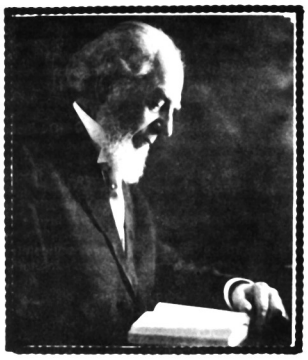
E. They are in error concerning <u>blood transfusions</u>

F. They are in error concerning the <u>visible return of Christ</u>

G. They are in error concerning <u>hell</u> and the <u>lake of fire</u>

FOUNDER:

Charles Taze Russell:



V. "Jehovah's Witnesses" follow another <u>LEADER</u>
(Mt. 20:25-27; 23:3-4, 13)

A. They are devoted to their society, not Christ

B. They are manipulated by fear, not love

CONCLUSION:

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INTRODUCTION:

Their founders:

1. Charles Taze Russell (1852-1916)
2. Joseph Franklin Rutherford (1869-1942)

Their ministry:

1. 3,592.654 J.W.'s in 1988 (Awake, Nov. 22, 1989, p. 20)
2. Meet in "Kingdom Halls"
3. Publish "Watch Tower" and "Awake"
4. Headquarters at 124 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, NY 11201

Their name:

"Jehovah's Witnesses" - They say this is the only true name for God.

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Five reasons:

I. "Jehovah's Witnesses" preach another JESUS (II Cor. 11:3-4)

A. J.W.'s deny Christ's deity

(They say he is "a god," not Jehovah God)

"...The Bible shows that there is only one God...greater than His Son. ... And that the Son, as the First-born, Only-begotten and 'the creation by God,' had a beginning. That the Father is greater and older than the Son is reasonable, easy to understand and is what the Bible teaches." ("Paradise Lost to Paradise Regained" - p. 164)

THE DEITY OF CHRIST

The Bible teaches that Christ is divine, equal with the Father, God very God, and Lord of Lords!

The Father is believed to be of greater essence than the Son.

J.W. proof: Jn. 14:28 - "Greater than I." The word translated "greater" is "meizon" (μειζων - from "megas"), which compares extent, not essence; degree, not quality. Note: Jesus did not say the Father was "better" than the Son (πλειων - Mt. 5:20; 12:41).

God "the Father," being Spirit (Jn. 4:24) had a more extensive influence on the world than the Son, who was limited to a physical body while on earth. In other words, Jesus being incarnate could only be at one place at one time while on earth (He surrendered the use of His omnipresence for a time - Heb. 2:9). This is why He said that His disciples should "rejoice" when He spoke of His ascension to the Father (v. 28).

After Jesus received a glorified body following the resurrection and after He ascended to Heaven, He was restored to His former greatness (Jn. 17:5; Mt. 18:19; Phil. 2:9). He can now work on a larger scale geographically (cp. v. 12; SEE Eph. 1:20-23, 4:10; Col. 3:11 - "Christ now fills all things").

Though this is not the point in John 14:28, it is also important to note that the Father is greater than the Son in position (headship) in the Trinity (I Cor. 11:3). What the Father DOES, He does THROUGH the Son, BY the Spirit. There is "subordination" in the modes of operation or function, but never any difference in essence mentioned in Scripture.

A. Jesus is Directly Called "God."

"Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us" (Mt. 1:23).

1. He is called God by John.

John 1:1 - "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and

the Word was God." (the "Word" refers to Jesus - v. 14).

I Jn. 5:20 - "And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life."

Rev. 21:7 - "He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son."

2. He is called God by Thomas.

Jn. 20:27-29 - "...and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas answered and said unto Him, My Lord and my God. Jesus said, Because ye have seen me, thou hast believed..."

If Thomas erred so seriously in addressing Jesus as God, why was there no correction by Jesus? And why did Jesus commend his faith?

3. Jesus refers to Himself as God.

John 5:17-18 - "But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work. Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God."
John 10:30 - "I and my Father are one." [Note the reaction of the Jews (v. 33) - "...Thou, being a man, makest thyself God." jesus shortly after this said, "...that ye may know and believe that the Father is in me,a nd I in him. Therefore they sought again to take him: but he escaped out of their hand" (v. 38, 39).
John 14:9 - "...he that hath seen me hath seen the Father..."

4. He is called God by the writer of Hebrews.

Heb. 1:3 - "His Son...who being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person..."

5. He is called God by God the Father.

Heb. 1:8 - "But unto the Son He saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of Thy kingdom." (quoting Ps. 45:6, 7)

6. He is called God by the Apostle Paul.

"Israelites...whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, Who is over all God blessed for ever. Amen."

Acts 20:28 (Luke quoting Paul) - "...Feed the church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood."

Phil. 2:6 - "Who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God."

Col. 1:15 - "Who is the image of the invisible God."
Col. 2:9 - "For in Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily." ("fullness" = completeness or perfection; "Godhead" = to have the same essence as God)

I Tim. 3:16 - "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory."

Titus 2:13 - "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ." (cp. I Jn. 5:20; Rev. 21:7; Is. 9:6)

B. Jesus has the Divine Titles of God.

1. "Son of God" -

The word "Son" refers to identity (See pages 30-31 in the notes).

Christ is identified with God because He has the same nature.

To be the "only begotten Son" (Jn. 3:16) means to have a unique relationship to the Father that no one else has or ever will have.

2. "God"

Jn. 1:1, 20:27-29; Rom. 9:5; I Tim. 3:16; Titus 2:13, Heb. 1:8; I Jn. 5:20; etc.

3. "Lord"

Such a title identifies Christ with Adonai and Yahweh of the Old Testament (Jn. 13:13, 20:28; Acts 4:33; Rom. 10:9; Rev. 17:14; cp. Jn. 12:41 with Is. 6:5).

4. "God with us" Mt. 1:23; Is. 7:14.

5. "The Holy One" Acts 3:14; Is. 6:1-3, 10:20.

6. "First and Last" Is. 44:6; Rev. 22:13.

7. "Savior" Is. 43:11; Titus 2:13.

C. Jesus Claimed and Exercised the Prerogatives of God.
(Christ had the rights of God, and did the works of God.)

1. **Forgives sins** (Mk. 2:10; Lk. 7:48)

2. **Raises the dead** (Lk. 7:12-15; Jn. 5:25, 29; 6:39-44; 11:24, 25).

3. **Controls nature** (Mt. 8:26).

4. **Judges motives** (Mt. 7:22-27).

5. **Receives worship** (Ps. 2:8, 12; Mt. 8:2, 9:18; 14:33; 15:25; 28:9, 17; Jn. 9:35, 38; 20:28, 29; Lk. 24:51, 52; by angels - Heb. 1:6; by all men - Phil. 2:10.

   [Note: Peter (Acts 10:25, 26), Paul (Acts 14:11-18) and angels (Rev. 19:10 refused to be worshipped.]

6. **Taught with independent authority** (Mt. 7:29).

   Jesus did not say, "Thus saith the Lord" as the prophets did, but boldly states, "I say unto you" (cp. Mt. 5).

7. **Sends the Holy Spirit** (Jn. 15:26).

8. **Creates** (Gen. 1:26; Jn. 1:3; Col. 1:15, 16).

   Note: "Firstborn" (Col. 1:15) is a Jewish concept which refers to preeminence or authority, not origin (cp. Col. 1:18 - EX: Jacob & Esau). Jesus had the rights of the firstborn. Cp. Jn. 3:16 - "only begotten" - lit. "one of a kind"; "unique"; not referring to origin. Cp. Heb. 11:17 - Isaac was not Abraham's only son. Cp. Acts 13:33 - reference to the resurrection.

9. **Sustains** (He preserves creation) (Col. 1:17; Heb. 1:3).

10. **He is the only Judge** (cp. Jn. 5:22 with Rev. 20:11).

11. **He is to receive equal honor with the Father**
    (Jn. 5:23).

12. **The only Savior** (cp. Is. 43:11 with Jude 25; I Pet. 3:18).

13. **He grants eternal life** (Jn. 10:28).

14. **He answers prayer** (Jn. 14:14).

D. Jesus Christ has the Same <u>Attributes</u> as God.

1. **Self-existence** (Jn. 8:58 - "I am"; Jn. 1:14, 14:6).
2. **Immutability** (Heb. 13:8 - "The same...for ever")
3. **Eternal** (Rev. 22:13 - "Alpha & Omega"; cp. Is. 44:6; Jn. 8:35).
4. **Omnipresent** (Mt. 28:20 - "I am with you always"; cp. 18:20).
5. **Omniscient** (Jn. 21:17 - "Lord, thou knowest all things"; cp. Jn. 1:48, 2:24, 4:18, 29).
6. **Omnipotent** (Rev. 1:8 - "Almighty"; cp. Jn. 1:12, 4:19-21; Phil. 3:21, 21).
7. **Life** (Jn. 1:4 - "In Him was life").
8. **Truth** (Jn. 14:6 - "I am the truth").
9. **Infinity** (meaning no limits or boundaries except those that are self-imposed) (Eph. 3:8 - "unsearchable"; cp. Col. 2:3).
10. **Perfection** (Col. 2:9 - "<u>fulness</u> of the Godhead"; Eph. 4:13).
11. **Omnisapience** (I Cor. 1:24 - "the wisdom of God").

[NOTE: References to Trinity in Scripture: I Cor. 6:11, 12:4-6; II Cor. 1:21, 22; 13:14; Gal. 3:11-14; I Th. 5:18-19; I Pet. 1:2.]

E. Jesus Christ <u>Fulfills Old Testament Scriptures</u> which Apply to Jehovah God.

The following parallels between the Old Testament and New Testament prove that Jesus is Jehovah:

1. "Creator"

Jehovah is Creator (Is. 44:24; Prov. 16:4; cp. Gen. 1:26, 27).
Jesus is Creator (Jn. 1:3; Col. 1:16).

2. "First and Last"

Jehovah is the First and the Last (Is. 44:6).
Jesus is the First and the Last (Rev. 1:8, 17, 18; 22:12, 13).

3. "Highest Glory"

Jehovah has the highest glory (Is. 42:8).
Jesus has the highest glory (Jn. 17:5; II Pet. 3:18).

4. "Forgiver"

Jehovah alone can forgive sin (Is. 43:25).
Jesus forgives sin (Mk. 2:7-10).

5. "Holy One"

Jehovah is the Holy One (Is. 43:3, 14).
Jesus is the Holy One (Acts 3:14).

6. "The One coming"

Jehovah is coming with His reward (Is. 40:10).
Jesus is coming with His reward (Rev. 22:12).

7. "Shepherd"

Jehovah is the Shepherd (Ps. 23:1).
Jesus is the Shepherd (Jn. 10; Heb. 13:20, 21; II Pet. 5:4).

8. "King"

Jehovah is King (Zech. 14:9).
Jesus is King (Rev. 19:16).

9. "I Am"

Jehovah is the "I Am" (Ex. 3:14).
Jesus is the "I Am" (Jn. 8:58, 59; 18:5-8).

10. "Worshipped and Served"

Jehovah is the One to be worshipped and served (Deut. 6:5).
Jesus is the One to be worshipped and served (Mt. 14:33; Jn. 9:38; Heb. 1:6; Ro. 1:1; Ja. 1:1).

11. "One God"

Jehovah is the only true god (Is. 43:10).
Jesus is the true God (I Jn. 5:20).

12. "The only Savior"

Jehovah is the only Savior (Is. 43:11).
Jesus is the only Savior (Mt. 1:21; Acts 4:12; Titus 1:3, 4).

13. "The Changeless One"

Jehovah is the Changeless One (Mal. 3:6).
Jesus is the Changeless One (Heb. 13:8).

14. "The One to be loved"

Jehovah is the One to be loved (Deut. 6:5).
Jesus is the One to be loved (I Cor. 16:22).

15. "The One Lord"

Jehovah is the one Lord (Zech. 14:9).
Jesus is the one Lord (I Cor. 8:6; Eph. 4:5).

16. "The Redeemer"

Jehovah is the Redeemer (Is. 49:26).
Jesus is the Redeemer (Titus 2:13, 14).

17. "The Fountain of life and light"

Jehovah is the Fountain of life and light (Ps. 36:9).
Jesus is the Fountain of life and light (Jn. 1:4; 4:14).

18. "The One who refreshes the thirsty"

Jehovah is the One who refreshes the thirsty (Is. 44:3).
Jesus is the One who refreshes the thirsty (Jn. 7:37, 38).

19. "The One who swallows up death"

Jehovah is the One who swallows up death (Is. 25:8).
Jesus is the One who swallows up death (II Tim. 1:10).

20. "The One to be looked to for salvation"

Jehovah is the One to be looked to for salvation (Is. 45:22).
Jesus is the One to be looked to for salvation (Jn. 6:40, 1:29).

21. "The Holy Lord of <u>Glory</u>"

Jehovah is the Holy Lord of Glory (Is. 6:1, 3, 10).
Jesus is the Holy Lord of Glory (Jn. 12:37-41 *v.41).

22. "The Light of New Jerusalem"

Jehovah is the Light of New Jerusalem (Is. 60:19).
Jesus is the Light of New Jerusalem (Rev. 21:23).

23. "The only One to be prayed to"

Jehovah is the One to be prayed to (Mt. 6:9; cp. Is. 45:20; 44:17, 18).
Jesus is the One to be prayed to (Jn. 14:14; Acts 7:59-60).

24. "The One who calms the sea"

Jehovah is the One who calms the Sea (Ps. 107:29).
Jesus is the One who calms the Sea (Mt. 8:26).

25. "The One who cleanses sin"

Jehovah is the One who cleanses sin (Is. 43:25).

Jesus is the One who cleanses sin (I Jn. 1:7).

26. "The One who chastens (disciplines)"

Jehovah is the One who chastens (Prov. 3:12).
Jesus is the One who chastens (Rev. 3:19).

27. "The Rock"

Jehovah is the Rock (Deut. 32:4; Ps. 78:19, 20, 35).
Jesus is the Rock (I Pet. 2:6-8; Acts 4:11, 12; I Cor. 10:4).

28. "The Judge of the Earth"

Jehovah is the Judge of the earth (Gen. 18:25).
Jesus is the Judge of the earth (II Cor. 5:10).

29. "The One whom Israel tested in the wilderness"

Jehovah was tested in the wilderness (Num.21:5-7)
Jesus was tested in the wilderness (I Cor. 10:9)

The list of parallels on the previous pages is by no means exhaustive. Many more can be discovered. The parallels between Jehovah of the Old Testament and Jesus of the New Testament clearly identify Jesus with Jehovah! Jesus is Jehovah! No wonder He will one day be called "The LORD (Jehovah) our Righteousness" (Jer. 23:6).

NOTE: By calling Jesus Jehovah, we are not denying the fact that the Father is Jehovah and that the Holy Spirit is Jehovah. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are together the eternal Jehovah God, as the Scriptures clearly teach.

If Jesus were not Jehovah, the Bible would be the most contradictory Book ever written. But the truth is, the Bible is not a contradictory Book, because Jesus is Jehovah God!
The evidence for Jesus' deity is conclusive. Those who deny it dishonor the Father (Jn. 5:23) and face eternal tragedy (Jn. 8:24).

"Thus saith the Lord:

You call me Light and
You see me not.
You call me the Way and
You follow me not.
You call me Truth and
You believe me not.
You call me Just and
You trust me not.
You call me Mighty and
You fear me not.
You call me Salvation and
You honor me not.
You call me Rich and
You ask me not.
You call me Worthy and
You praise me not.
You call me eternal and
You seek me not.
You call me Master and
You obey me not.

When you force me to condemn you,
blame me not.

Jesus is God Almighty!"

B. J.W.'s deny Christ's <u>pre-existence</u>
(they say He was originally <u>Michael the Archangel</u>)

"Being the only begotten Son of God,...the Word would be a prince among all other creatures. In this office he [Christ] bore another name in heaven,

which name is "Michael" ... Other names were given to the Son in course of time." (The Truth Shall Make You Free, p. 49)

Christ is believed to be Michael in "pre-human" state.

The name Michael means "who is like God?" Note: In Jude 9, Michael wasn't even equal tot he status of Satan. In this verse, he is called the "archangel." Note how the archangel is CONTRASTED with Christ in I Thes. 4:16.

The Son is said to have existed "before all things" (Col.1:17)
"Alpha & Omega...beginning and the end"
Jesus could not be Michael because He created Michael! (Col.1:16)

C. J.W.'s deny Christ's eternality
(they say He was created by Jehovah God)

"Being God's first creation, He was with the Father in heaven from the beginning of all creation. Jehovah God used him in the creating of all other things that have been created." (From Paradise Lost to Paradise Regained, p. 126, 127).

They say: Christ was created by Jehovah God. J.W. proof:

a. Col. 1:15 - "firstborn." Note: Interpreter must understand historical setting and Hebrew (Jewish) thought, and word usage (idiomatic expressions). "Firstborn" (πρωτοτοκος) has nothing to do with creation. Paul should have used πρωτοκτιστος if this is what he meant.

"Firstborn" (πρωτοτοκος) in the Jewish mind refers to the one with the birthright (EX: Jacob - Gen. 27). The word refers to rights to property or possessions, to authority, and to right to rule. See Gen. 49:3 for this definition (cp. Deut. 21:17). Note also that "Israel" is called "firstborn" by God (Ex. 4:22). Therefore, "firstborn" is a title of pre-eminence as specifically stated in Colossians 1:18. Being called the "firstborn" meant to have a position of honor and privilege (Ps. 89:27). Follow the flow of thought between Col. 1:15, 16 ff, and you will find that honor (pre=eminence) is in view, not origin.

In the context of Colossians, the Apostle Paul is arguing AGAINST what the J.W.'s are asserting: namely, the Gnostic heresy that Jesus Christ was the first of many other created intermediaries between God and men.

b. Rev. 3:14 - "Beginning of the creation of God." The Greek term for "beginning" is ρχη, which can be translated "origin" or "source" and also "authority" or "rulership," which is the most likely intended

meaning in view of the context. Note usage in Luke 12:11, 20:20; and Col. 2:10.

c. John 3:15 - "Only begotten" - μονογενης. "Mono" = one; "genea" = generation, clan, race, or kind. Jesus is the "one of a kind" Son, or in other words, the "unique" Son of God the Father. (cp. Heb. 11:17, where Isaac is called the "only begotten" son, yet Abraham had Ishmael before Isaac!).

D. J.W.'s deny Christ's <u>bodily resurrection</u>
(they say He was resurrected with an "<u>immaterial</u>" body)

"This firstborn from the dead was raised from the grave, not a human creature, but a spirit (<u>Let God Be True</u>, p. 276).

"...Jehovah God raised him from the dead, not as a human Son, but as a mighty immortal spirit Son ... For forty days after that he materialized, as angels before him had done, to show himself alive to his disciples..." (<u>Let God Be True</u>, p. 40)

Christ is believed to have NOT risen bodily. Note, however, Lk. 24:36; Jn. 20:27-28, 21:12-14; I Pet. 3:18; Rev. 1:7; Acts 1:3, 5:30-32.

II. "Jehovah's Witnesses" believe another <u>AUTHORITY</u>
(Rev. 22:18-19; Deut. 4:2, 12:32; Prov. 30:6)

A. J.W.'s have translated their <u>own Bible</u>

PERVERSIONS OF THE JEHOVAH WITNESS BIBLE ("New World Translation")

1. **Insertion of "other"** - Col. 1:15-17; Phil. 2:6; Rev. 3:4).

2. **Insertion of the name "Jehovah" every time "Lord"** (κυριος) is mentioned in the N.T. (237 times). EXCEPT when in reference to Christ.

3. **John 1:1 - "a god."** Note: Jn. 1:6, 12, 13, 18 are also without the article. Greek rule: Whenever the predicate nominative <u>precedes the verb</u>, it never takes the article. Note: Heb. 10:31 is without the article, but the word "the" is still added in the N.W.T.

   Also note in Jn. 1:1, "In the beginning" - the N.W.T. has "in a beginning" in the footnotes.

   If the translation was "a god," then Scripture would teach polytheism! The N.W.T. footnote also lists 35 references where the predicate noun takes the article; however, all are with the pred. noun coming AFTER the verb. (the same goes for their LXX references).

4. **Mistranslation of Phil. 2:6**, which should read: "Who, while existing in the form of God, did not consider [it] robbery (stealing) to be equal to God."

5. **Titus 2:13** - "When `kai' (και) connects two nouns of the same case, if the article precedes only the first noun, the latter always refers to the same person or object" - Granville Sharp (cp. II Pet. 1:1).

6. **Rev. 3:14 - N.W.T. - "The beginning of the creation <u>BY</u> God."** However, the Greek is του θεου = "of God" - not "by" (πο).

7. **Prov. 8:22** - does not mean to create, but to "beget" (if indeed the passage is even referring to Christ). "Create" = "to make" = .

B. J.W.'s blindly believe their <u>own interpreters</u>

When going door to door: "But what if the householder raises a question that you cannot answer?" "Then do some research in the <u>Watch Tower Society's Publications</u> to determine the best way to share the good news with the individual the next time you call." (<u>The Watch Tower</u>, Nov. 15, 1989, p. 13-14)

III. "Jehovah's Witnesses" teach another <u>GOSPEL</u> (Gal. 1:6-10)

A. J.W.'s peddle a "<u>works</u> salvation"

"Immortality is a <u>reward</u> for faithfulness" (<u>Let God Be True</u>, p. 74)

"But the Bible also offers a ray of hope ... If a man turns to God through Jesus Christ and seeks meekness and righteousness that man can gain eternal life - Zeph. 2:3" (Let God Be True, p. 67)

Regarding: SALVATION

> Christ's death is believed to have only the potential of saving man from annihilation, but not from the justice of God. Note however: Rom. 3:21, 22, 26; 8:1.

B. J.W.'s deny the sufficiency of Christ (II Pet. 2:1-3)

"The atonement is a ransom paid to Jehovah God by Christ Jesus and is applicable to all who accept it in righteousness. In brief, the death of Jesus removed the effects of Adam's sin on his offspring and laid the foundation of the New World of righteousness including the Millennium of Christ's reign." (Jehovah of the Watch Tower, p. 30).

"That which is redeemed or bought back is what was lost; namely, perfect human life, with its rights and earthly prospects." (Let God be True, p. 114)

C. J.W.'s living today have no hope of heaven

"Who, and how many, are able to enter the Kingdom? Revelation limits the number to 144,000 that become a part of the Kingdom and stand on Mount Zion - Rev. 14:1, 3; 7:4-8 (Let God be True, p. 121)

IV. "Jehovah's Witnesses" teach another DOCTRINE (Rom. 16:17-18; II Jn. 9-11)

J.W.'s do not have a doctrinal statement so as to keep their doctrine elusive and alterable. Their doctrine, however, can be discerned by the materials they publish: "Awake"; "The Watch Tower"; and other anonymous publications by the Watch Tower Society.

They twist Scripture and teach heresy:

A. They are in error concerning the nature of <u>God</u>
(the Trinity is denied)

Concerning the Trinity, J.W.'s claim: "...Such doctrine is not of God" (<u>Let God Be True</u>, p. 100)

"The obvious conclusion is . . . that Satan is the originator of the Trinity doctrine" (<u>Let God be True</u>, p. 101)

"The Trinity doctrine was not conceived by Jesus or the early Christians" (<u>Let God Be True</u>, p. 111)

B. They are in error concerning the nature of the <u>Holy Spirit</u>

Regarding: THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is believed to be an "invisible active force." Note, however: Jn. 14:16-18, 26; 15:26, 27; 16:7-14. These verses reveal the personality of the Spirit. Note also the personal pronouns used in reference to Him! The Holy Spirit is described in Scripture as having an ability to: know (I Cor. 2:11), love (Rom. 15:39), will (I Cor. 12:11), be grieved (Eph. 4:30), be offended (Mt. 12:3), and lied to (Acts 5:3, 4; Note - lying to the Holy Spirit is lying to God).

C. They are in error concerning the nature of <u>man</u>

"Thus we see that the claim of religionists that man has an immortal soul, and therefore differs from the beast, is not Scriptural." (<u>Let God be True</u>, p. 59, 60)

""Thus it is seen that the serpent (the Devil) is the one who originated the doctrine of the inherent immortality of the soul" (<u>Let God Be True</u>, p. 66)

Regarding: MAN

Man's soul (spirit) is believed to be only mortal. See: I Cor. 15:47-49; II Cor. 5:6-8, 12:2; Ja. 2:26; II Pet. 1:13-15; Mt. 10:28; II Cor. 4:16.

D. They are in error concerning the length of <u>creation</u>

Creation took 42,000 years, because 1 day = 1,000 years in II Peter 3:8 (which actually says "<u>as</u>" 1,000 years, and vice-versa!). (cp. Ps. 90:4, which must mean 1,000 years = yesterday)

E. They are in error concerning <u>blood transfusions</u>

No blood transfusions allowed because of command in Lev. 17:24.

F. They are in error concerning the visible return of Christ

"Christ Jesus came, not as a human, but as a glorious spirit creature" (Let God be true, p. 185)

"Some wrongfully expect a literal fulfillment of the symbolic statements of the Bible. Such hope to see the glorified Jesus coming seated on a white cloud where every human eye will see him... Since no earth men have ever seen the Father ... neither will they see the glorified Son" (Let God Be True, p. 186).

"It does not mean that he [Christ] is on the way or has promises to come, but that he has already arrived" (Let God Be True, p. 187, 188)

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"It is a settled Scriptural truth, therefore, that human eyes will not see him at his second coming, neither will he come in a fleshy body." (The Truth Shall Make You Free, p. 295)

"...Christ Jesus came to the Kingdom in A.D. 1914, but unseen to men." (The Truth Shall Make You Free, p. 300)

G. They are in error concerning hell and the lake of fire

"...God dishonoring religious doctrine..." (Let God Be True, p. 68)

"It is so plain that the Bible Hell is the tomb, the grave, that even an honest little child can understand it, but not the religious theologians." (Let God Be True, p. 68)

"The doctrine of a burning hell where the wicked are tortured eternally after death cannot be true, mainly for four reasons: 1) Because it is wholly unscriptural; 2) Because it is unreasonable; 3) Because it is contrary to God's love; and 4) Because it is repugnant to justice." (Let God be true , p. 80).

Regarding: HELL

Luke 16 is believed to be merely a "picture of life on earth today." See: Rev. 14:11, 20:5, 6, 11-13; Dan. 12:2; Is. 26:19. J.W.'s teach that "unbelievers are annihilated." Note references to soul - Mt. 10:28; Rev. 6:9, 10; spirit -Acts 7:59; Lk. 23:46; Heb. 12:22, 23. "Destruction"

(πολλυμι) does not mean annihilation in Mt. 9:17, 10:42, 26:52; Lk. 9:24 (cp. I Cor. 1:18, 19). Note reference to torture in Mt. 25:46, and judgment in

I Th. 5:3 (cp. I Cor. 5:5).

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"EXPOSING THE CULTS" Part 1

"The Jehovah's Witnesses"

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The DEITY of JESUS CHRIST

Jesus is Directly Called "God."

"Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name <u>Emmanuel</u>, which being interpreted is, <u>God with us</u>" (Mt. 1:23).

1. **He is called God by John.**
John 1:1 - "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was <u>God</u>." (the "Word" refers to Jesus - v. 14).

I Jn. 5:20 - "And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his son Jesus Christ. This is <u>the true God</u>, and eternal life."

Rev. 21:7 - "He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and <u>I will be his God</u>, and he shall be my son."

2. **He is called God by Thomas.**
Jn. 20:27-29 - "...and be not faithless, but believing. And

Thomas answered and said unto Him, My Lord and my God. Jesus said, Because ye have seen me, thou hast believed..."

If Thomas erred so seriously in addressing Jesus as God, why was there no correction by Jesus? And why did Jesus commend his faith?

3. **Jesus refers to Himself as God.**
John 5:17-18 - "But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work. Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God."

John 10:30 - "I and my Father are one." [Note the reaction of the Jews (v. 33) - "...Thou, being a man, makest thyself God." jesus shortly after this said, "...that ye may know and believe that the Father is in me,a nd I in him. Therefore they sought again to take him: but he escaped out of their hand" (v. 38, 39).
John 14:9 - "...he that hath seen me hath seen the Father..."

4. **He is called God by the writer of Hebrews.**
Heb. 1:3 - "His Son...who being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person..."

5. **He is called God by God the Father.**
Heb. 1:8 - "But unto the Son He saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of Thy kingdom." (quoting Ps. 45:6, 7)

6. **He is called God by the Apostle Paul.**
"Israelites...whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, Who is over all God blessed for ever. Amen."

Acts 20:28 (Luke quoting Paul) - "...Feed the church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood."

Phil. 2:6 - "Who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God."

Col. 1:15 - "Who is the image of the invisible God."

Col. 2:9 - "For in Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily." ("fullness" = completeness or perfection; "Godhead" = to have the same essence as God)

I Tim. 3:16 - "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory."

Titus 2:13 - "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ." (cp. I Jn. 5:20; Rev. 21:7; Is. 9:6)

Jesus has the Divine Titles of God.

1. **"Son of God" -** The word "Son" refers to identity. Christ is identified with God because He has the same nature.
To be the "only begotten Son" (Jn. 3:16) means to have a unique relationship to the Father that no one else has or ever will have.

2. **"God"** Jn. 1:1, 20:27-29; Rom. 9:5; I Tim. 3:16; Titus 2:13, Heb. 1:8; I Jn. 5:20; etc.

3. **"Lord"** Such a title identifies Christ with Adonai and Yahweh of the Old Testament (Jn. 13:13, 20:28; Acts 4:33; Rom. 10:9; Rev. 17:14; cp. Jn. 12:41 with Is. 6:5).

4. **"God with us"** Mt. 1:23; Is. 7:14.

5. **"The Holy One"** Acts 3:14; Is. 6:1-3, 10:20.

6. **"First and Last"** Is. 44:6; Rev. 22:13.

7. **"Savior"** Is. 43:11; Titus 2:13.

Jesus Claimed and Exercised the Prerogatives of God.

(Christ had the rights of God, and did the works of God.)

1. **Forgives sins** (Mk. 2:10; Lk. 7:48)

2. **Raises the dead** (Lk. 7:12-15; Jn. 5:25, 29; 6:39-44; 11:24, 25).

3. **Controls nature** (Mt. 8:26).

4. **Judges motives** (Mt. 7:22-27).

5. **Receives worship** (Ps. 2:8, 12; Mt. 8:2, 9:18; 14:33; 15:25; 28:9, 17; Jn. 9:35, 38; 20:28, 29; Lk. 24:51, 52; by angels - Heb. 1:6; by all men - Phil. 2:10.
[Note: Peter (Acts 10:25, 26), Paul (Acts 14:11-18) and angels (Rev. 19:10 refused to be worshipped.]

6. **Taught with independent authority** (Mt. 7:29).
Jesus did not say, "Thus saith the Lord" as the prophets did, but boldly states, "I say unto you" (cp. Mt. 5).

7. **Sends the Holy Spirit** (Jn. 15:26).

8. **Creates** (Gen. 1:26; Jn. 1:3; Col. 1:15, 16).
Note: "Firstborn" (Col. 1:15) is a Jewish concept which refers to preeminence or authority, not origin (cp. Col. 1:18 -EX: Jacob & Esau). Jesus had the rights of the firstborn. Cp. Jn. 3:16 - "only begotten" - lit. "one of a kind"; "unique"; not referring to origin. Cp. Heb. 11:17 - Isaac was not Abraham's only son. Cp. Acts 13:33 - reference to the resurrection.

9. **Sustains** (He preserves creation) (Col. 1:17; Heb. 1:3).

10. **He is the only Judge** (cp. Jn. 5:22 with Rev. 20:11).

11. **He is to receive equal honor with the Father** (Jn. 5:23).

12. **The only Savior** (cp. Is. 43:11 with Jude 25; I Pet. 3:18).

13. **He grants eternal life** (Jn. 10:28).

14. **He answers prayer** (Jn. 14:14).

Jesus Christ has the Same Attributes as God.

1. **Self-existence** (Jn. 8:58 - "I am"; Jn. 1:14, 14:6).
2. **Immutability** (Heb. 13:8 - "The same...for ever")
3. **Eternal** (Rev. 22:13 - "Alpha & Omega"; cp. Is. 44:6; Jn. 8:35).
4. **Omnipresent** (Mt. 28:20 - "I am with you always"; cp. 18:20).
5. **Omniscient** (Jn. 21:17 - "Lord, thou knowest all things"; cp. Jn. 1:48, 2:24, 4:18, 29).
6. **Omnipotent** (Rev. 1:8 - "Almighty"; cp. Jn. 1:12, 4:19-21; Phil. 3:21, 21).
7. **Life** (Jn. 1:4 - "In Him was life").
8. **Truth** (Jn. 14:6 - "I am the truth").
9. **Infinity** (meaning no limits or boundaries except those that are self-imposed) (Eph. 3:8 - "unsearchable"; cp. Col. 2:3).
10. **Perfection** (Col. 2:9 - "fulness of the Godhead"; Eph. 4:13).
11. **Omnisapience** (I Cor. 1:24 - "the wisdom of God").

[NOTE: References to Trinity in Scripture: I Cor. 6:11, 12:4-6; II Cor. 1:21, 22; 13:14; Gal. 3:11-14; I Th. 5:18-19; I Pet. 1:2.]

Jesus Christ Fulfills Old Testament Scriptures which Apply to Jehovah God.

The following parallels between the Old Testament and New Testament prove that Jesus is Jehovah:

1. **"Creator"**

Jehovah is Creator (Is. 44:24; Prov.16:4; cp. Gen.1:26,27).
Jesus is Creator (Jn. 1:3; Col. 1:16).

2. "First and Last"
Jehovah is the First and the Last (Is. 44:6).
Jesus is the First and the Last (Rev. 1:8, 17, 18; 22:12,13).

3. "Highest Glory"
Jehovah has the highest glory (Is. 42:8).
Jesus has the highest glory (Jn. 17:5; II Pet. 3:18).

4. "Forgiver"
Jehovah alone can forgive sin (Is. 43:25).
Jesus forgives sin (Mk. 2:7-10).

5. "Holy One"
Jehovah is the Holy One (Is. 43:3, 14).
Jesus is the Holy One (Acts 3:14).

6. "The One coming"
Jehovah is coming with His reward (Is. 40:10).
Jesus is coming with His reward (Rev. 22:12).

7. "Shepherd"
Jehovah is the Shepherd (Ps. 23:1).
Jesus is the Shepherd (Jn. 10; Heb. 13:20, 21; II Pet. 5:4).

8. "King"
Jehovah is King (Zech. 14:9).
Jesus is King (Rev. 19:16).

9. "I Am"
Jehovah is the "I Am" (Ex. 3:14).
Jesus is the "I Am" (Jn. 8:58, 59; 18:5-8).

10. "Worshipped and Served"
Jehovah is the One to be worshipped and served (Deut.6:5)
Jesus is the One to be worshipped and served
(Mt. 14:33; Jn. 9:38; Heb. 1:6; Ro. 1:1; Ja. 1:1).

11. "One God"
Jehovah is the only true god (Is. 43:10).
Jesus is the true God (I Jn. 5:20).

12. "The only Savior"
Jehovah is the only Savior (Is. 43:11).
Jesus is the only Savior (Mt. 1:21; Acts 4:12; Titus 1:3, 4).

13. "The Changeless One"
Jehovah is the Changeless One (Mal. 3:6).
Jesus is the Changeless One (Heb. 13:8).

14. "The One to be loved"
Jehovah is the One to be loved (Deut. 6:5).
Jesus is the One to be loved (I Cor. 16:22).

15. "The One Lord"
Jehovah is the one Lord (Zech. 14:9).
Jesus is the one Lord (I Cor. 8:6; Eph. 4:5).

16. "The Redeemer"
Jehovah is the Redeemer (Is. 49:26).
Jesus is the Redeemer (Titus 2:13, 14).

17. "The Fountain of life and light"
Jehovah is the Fountain of life and light (Ps. 36:9).
Jesus is the Fountain of life and light (Jn. 1:4; 4:14).

18. "The One who refreshes the thirsty"
Jehovah is the One who refreshes the thirsty (Is. 44:3).
Jesus is the One who refreshes the thirsty (Jn. 7:37, 38).

19. "The One who swallows up death"
Jehovah is the One who swallows up death (Is. 25:8).
Jesus is the One who swallows up death (II Tim. 1:10).

20. "The One to be looked to for salvation"
Jehovah is the One to be looked to for salvation (Is.45:22).
Jesus is the One to be looked to for salvation (Jn. 6:40, 1:29, Acts 4:12).

21. "The Holy Lord of Glory"
Jehovah is the Holy Lord of Glory (Is. 6:1, 3, 10).
Jesus is the Holy Lord of Glory (Jn. 12:37-41 *v.41).

22. "The Light of New Jerusalem"
Jehovah is the Light of New Jerusalem (Is. 60:19).
Jesus is the Light of New Jerusalem (Rev. 21:23).

23. "The only One to be prayed to"
Jehovah is the One to be prayed to (Mt. 6:9; cp. Is. 45:20; 44:17, 18).
Jesus is the One to be prayed to (Jn. 14:14; Acts 7:59-60).

24. "The One who calms the sea"
Jehovah is the One who calms the Sea (Ps. 107:29).
Jesus is the One who calms the Sea (Mt. 8:26).

25. "The One who cleanses sin"
Jehovah is the One who cleanses sin (Is. 43:25).
Jesus is the One who cleanses sin (I Jn. 1:7).

26. "The One who chastens (disciplines)"
Jehovah is the One who chastens (Prov. 3:12).
Jesus is the One who chastens (Rev. 3:19).

27. "The Rock"
Jehovah is the Rock (Deut. 32:4; Ps. 78:19, 20, 35).
Jesus is the Rock (I Pet. 2:6-8; Acts 4:11, 12; I Cor. 10:4).

28. "The Judge of the Earth"
Jehovah is the Judge of the earth (Gen. 18:25).
Jesus is the Judge of the earth (II Cor. 5:10).

29. "The One whom Israel tested in the wilderness"
Jehovah was tested in the wilderness (Num.21:5-7)
Jesus was tested in the wilderness (I Cor. 10:9)

The list of parallels on the previous pages is by no means exhaustive. Many more can be discovered. The parallels between Jehovah of the Old Testament and Jesus of the New Testament clearly identify Jesus with Jehovah! Jesus is Jehovah! No wonder He will one day be called "The LORD (Jehovah) our Righteousness" (Jer. 23:6).

NOTE: By calling Jesus Jehovah, we are not denying the fact that the Father is Jehovah and that the Holy Spirit is Jehovah. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are together the eternal Jehovah God, as the Scriptures clearly teach. The evidence for Jesus' deity is conclusive. Those who deny it dishonor the Father (Jn. 5:23) and face eternal tragedy (Jn. 8:24).