

LETTERS TO MY JEHOVAH'S WITNESS FRIEND 2

Prescript: This is the second of the letters to my friend who is a Jehovah's Witness. For four months I wrote to her about Jesus and who He is. She, as well as all other Jehovah's Witnesses, does not believe that Jesus is God and thus, I have begun corresponding with her concerning this issue. I am sharing these letters with you so that you will not only know what you believe about Jesus' deity, but will know why you believe it. There are so many Christians who merely believe in the deity of Christ because their Pastor or parents or a Godly friend told them so. In a world swarming with cults who want to persuade us and our children to follow them, we need to know WHY we believe that Jesus is divine. Read this letter to find Biblical answers for those who do not adhere to this basic Christian belief.

Hello my friend

I was visiting my daughter in North Carolina for a week but had to come home early because my husband Eddie had gotten so sick. He finally went to the doctor's and got an antibiotic. He is doing better now.

Yesterday I spent a boring day in the Hall of Justice doing jury duty. In New Jersey we only have to spend a day there unless we are called to be a juror. I was not called so I am home today. YES!

You asked me, in your last letter, what I thought about the Biblical restriction against making any images of things in heaven. This question reminded me of the days when I had images of Mary and the saints in my home. But, since I started studying the Word, I have rid myself of them. Exodus 20:3-5 states, "You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. You shall not worship them or serve them, for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God." Jehovah is the only God. He says so through Moses: "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!"

This quote leads me to a question I have about the translation of John 1:1 in the Witnesses' Bible, "The New World Translation." This Bible translation reads, "In the beginning the Word was, and the Word was with God, and the Word was **a god**." Beside the fact that there is no other Greek scholar in the world who translates it thus, there is the fact that you now have two gods—Jehovah and this "a god." How can there be two gods when Jehovah asserts that "the LORD is one!"?

Additionally, the New World Translation of John 1:1 contradicts what Jehovah has proclaimed in the remainder of the Scriptures. Jehovah states in Isaiah 45:21b "There is **no other God besides Me**, a righteous God and a Savior; **there is none except Me**. Turn to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, **and there is no other**." In this verse Jehovah declares that He is the only God. Jehovah also affirms, in Isaiah 45:5, "'I am Yahweh, and **there is no other; besides Me there is no God**. And in Isaiah 44:6b, "Thus says Yahweh, the King of Israel and His Redeemer, Yahweh of Hosts: I am the first and I am the last (Jesus also claims to be the first and the last in Rev. 1:17), and there is **no God besides Me**." What shall I do with this "a god" that I find in John 1:1 of the New World Translation?

Not only does Jehovah claim that He is the only God, but He also asserts that He does not even know of this "a god" the Witnesses have in John 1:1. In Isaiah 44:8 Jehovah declares, "You are My witnesses. **Is there any God besides Me**, or is there any other Rock? **I know of none**." How can Jehovah testify that Jesus is "a god" when He acknowledges no other God but Himself? The only answer I can come up with is that Jesus must be God, as the Christian faith has always proclaimed.

I am looking forward to your letter, my friend, and your answers to these questions. It is always wonderful to hear from you.

Barbara