

Letters to My Jehovah's Witness Friend 3

I am shocked. My friend, a Jehovah's Witness with whom I am corresponding through email, is still writing to me. I have given her much to think about concerning the deity of Christ. But, though she is continuing to write to me, she is ignoring my questions. In the preceding email, I suggested that Jehovah's Witnesses have two Gods: Jehovah (the greater God) and Jesus (a lesser god). She did not contradict me. Nor did she answer me when I asked how this could be true when Jehovah declares, "Beside me there is no God" (Isaiah 44:6b). Since my friend also believes that Jehovah created Jesus (the lesser god) I could have shared with her what Jehovah states in Isaiah 43:10b, "You are My witnesses...Before Me **there was no God formed**, and there will be none after Me." And, in Deut. 32:39 Jehovah says, "There is **no God with me**." How can a Jehovah's Witness believe that Jehovah created a lesser god named Jesus when He does not acknowledge any other god being formed by Him or one who is with Him?

In this next letter, I will deal with the question of who the creator is. Although the witnesses acknowledge that Jesus is creator, they believe that God created him first and then He used Jesus to create the rest of the universe. Note how I show her that this belief is contrary to the Scriptures.

Hello my friend

Thirty-five years of memories have been torn down. I was not here for the demolition of our home and I am glad I was not. I am striving to keep in mind that a new and better home will be built in its place. But, though we have been living in our back yard in a camper for a couple of months already, things are happening very slowly. I sometimes wonder if I'll ever move out of this thirty-seven foot pod I am in.

Friend, Jehovah's Witnesses have declared that both Jehovah and Jesus are the creators of the universe. They claim that Jehovah and Jesus worked as a contractor and subcontractor. For example, Greg Gallaher is the contractor of my house. We would call Greg the builder even though he may never even touch the building materials. The subcontractors do the actual work. Thus, both the contractor and the subcontractors may each be called the builders of my house. In the same way, a Jehovah's Witness would say that Jehovah is the contractor and Jesus is the subcontractor of the heavens and the earth. Jehovah, they say, created Christ who was used by Jehovah to create the rest of the universe.

But, dear friend, what if Jehovah says that He created the universe solely on His own? What if He says He was the only one there to create the heavens and the earth? According to Isaiah 44:24, that is just what Jehovah says. Jehovah claims, "I, Jehovah, am the maker of all things, stretching out the heavens **by Myself** and spreading out the earth, **who was with Me?**" NO ONE was with Him for Jehovah claims to have done it "**by Myself**."

The Jehovah's Witness, consequently, has a dilemma. Jehovah claims that He is the exclusive creator in Isaiah 40:28: "The Everlasting God, Jehovah, is the creator of the ends of the earth." On the other hand, Jesus is said to be the lone creator: "All things came into being through Him, and **apart from Jesus nothing came into being** that has come into being" (Jn. 1:3). Hence, we either have a contradiction in the Bible (which is impossible) or Jesus is the one true God. We cannot have two creators. Jehovah Himself declares that this is impossible. Jehovah asserts that only He created the universe. Thus, Jesus must be the creator who says, "I, Jehovah, am the maker of all things, stretching out the heavens **by myself**."

Friend, these letters have, for me, been fun as well as challenging. I hope you are enjoying the dialogue. I am looking forward to your response.

Barbara