

## Witnessing Responsibly to Jehovah's Witnesses

### The Psychology of Combat

1. We **must** acknowledge that there is **NO** intentional attempt on the part members of the Watchtower society to deceive. It is wrong for us to move on without this consideration. Though enemies – love.

2. A few humbling questions for US before we engage them:

1. Are we able without uncertainty to prove the Holy Spirit is God with actual verses?
2. Colossians 1:15 teaches that Christ was the first 'created' thing, doesn't it?
3. Jesus says like Moses that there are gods that aren't Jehovah (John 10:34-38). So Jesus being a god doesn't mean He is Deity does it?

3. You cannot answer enough questions to convert a lost soul. JW or otherwise.

4. You will be defensive naturally. You do not need to be. If the Word of God is powerful, our forcefulness is not necessary.

5. **Do's and Don't (From experience)**

<u>Do's</u>	<u>Don't</u>
Pray	Rush to a fight
Invite to church	Invite Home*
Ask simple questions	Be on defense – It's a mark of cults to Confuse, don't do the same
Display patience and love	Get frustrated – It's not about you
Remind both of You that the Bible has the final say	Give them authority
Find a point and stay there (John 1:1 & 17:3)	Let page turning derail you
Make either a mental or verbal commitment to become friends (or at least show kindness)	Give them martyr fuel (a slammed door or angry spirit makes them stronger)
Stay on task of true interpreting of a passage	Doubt the power of God's Word

\*If you have spent real time understanding the WS and can handle the Word on the spot, it could be that you should invite a JW over.

### A Note About the Watchtower

- History (Intro)
- Cult (in true sense)

### Some Theology

1. Deny the Deity (Godhood) of Christ and assert He is a created angel
2. Deny the Scriptural Teaching on Hell in favor of annihilationism
3. Deny that all believers will be with Christ in Heaven (144,000)
4. Deny the Doctrine of the Trinity altogether
5. Deny the personality of the Holy Spirit

### John 1:1 and John 17:3

1. Exegesis of John 1:1
  - a. Verse 3 doesn't allow for a "first created" interpretation.
  - b. Colossians 1
2. Need not destroy the New World Translation
3. John 17:3

This is the place to camp and not move until the point is made?  
If Jesus is "a god" is he a true God or a false god?

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Joh 1:1 Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν ὁ Λόγος, καὶ ὁ Λόγος ἦν πρὸς τὸν Θεόν, καὶ Θεὸς ἦν ὁ Λόγος.

**John 1:1** εν<sup>G1722</sup> IN "THE" αρχη<sup>G746</sup> BEGINNING ην<sup>G2258</sup> [G5713] WAS ο<sup>G3588</sup> THE λογος<sup>G3056</sup> WORD, και<sup>G2532</sup> AND ο<sup>G3588</sup> THE λογος<sup>G3056</sup> WORD ην<sup>G2258</sup> [G5713] WAS πρὸς<sup>G4314</sup> τὸν<sup>G3588</sup> WITH θεον<sup>G2316</sup> GOD, και<sup>G2532</sup> AND θεος<sup>G2316</sup> GOD ην<sup>G2258</sup> [G5713] WAS ο<sup>G3588</sup> THE λογος<sup>G3056</sup> WORD.

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Col 1:15-17 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. (16) For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. (17) And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

Col 1:15-17 ὅς ἐστιν εἰκὼν τοῦ Θεοῦ τοῦ ἀοράτου, πρωτότοκος πάσης κτίσεως, (16) ὅτι ἐν αὐτῷ ἐκτίσθη τὰ πάντα, τὰ ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς καὶ τὰ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, τὰ ὄρατα καὶ τὰ ἀόρατα, εἴτε θρόνοι, εἴτε κυριότητες εἴτε ἀρχαὶ εἴτε ἐξουσίαι· τὰ πάντα δι' αὐτοῦ καὶ εἰς αὐτὸν ἔκτισται· (17) καὶ αὐτός ἐστι πρὸ πάντων καὶ τὰ πάντα ἐν αὐτῷ συνέστηκε,

Col 1:15-17 ος<sup>G3739</sup> WHO ἐστιν<sup>G2076</sup> [G5748] IS "THE" εικων<sup>G1504</sup> IMAGE του<sup>G3588</sup> OF θεου<sup>G2316</sup> GOD του<sup>G3588</sup> THE αορατου<sup>G517</sup> INVISIBLE, πρωτοτοκος<sup>G4416</sup> FIRSTBORN πασης<sup>G3956</sup> OF ALL κτισεως<sup>G2937</sup> CREATION; (16) οτι<sup>G3754</sup> BECAUSE εν<sup>G1722</sup> BY αυτω<sup>G846</sup> HIM εκτισθη<sup>G2936</sup> [G5681] WERE CREATED τα<sup>G3588</sup> ALL παντα<sup>G3956</sup> THINGS, τα<sup>G3588</sup> THE THINGS εν<sup>G1722</sup> IN τοις<sup>G3588</sup> THE ουρανοις<sup>G3772</sup> HEAVENS και<sup>G2532</sup> AND τα<sup>G3588</sup> THE THINGS επι<sup>G1909</sup> UPON της<sup>G3588</sup> THE γης<sup>G1093</sup> EARTH, τα<sup>G3588</sup> THE ορατα<sup>G3707</sup> VISIBLE και<sup>G2532</sup> AND τα<sup>G3588</sup> THE αορατα<sup>G517</sup> INVISIBLE, ειτε<sup>G1535</sup> WHETHER θρονουι<sup>G2362</sup> THRONES, ειτε<sup>G1535</sup> OR κυριότητες<sup>G2963</sup> LORDSHIPS, ειτε<sup>G1535</sup> OR αρχαι<sup>G746</sup> PRINCIPALITIES, ειτε<sup>G1535</sup> OR εξουσιαι<sup>G1849</sup> AUTHORITIES: τα<sup>G3588</sup> ALL παντα<sup>G3956</sup> THINGS δι<sup>G1223</sup> BY αυτου<sup>G846</sup> HIM και<sup>G2532</sup> AND εις<sup>G1519</sup> FOR αυτον<sup>G846</sup> HIM εκτισται<sup>G2936</sup> [G5769] HAVE BEEN CREATED. (17) και<sup>G2532</sup> AND αυτος<sup>G846</sup> HE ἐστιν<sup>G2076</sup> [G5748] IS πρὸ<sup>G4253</sup> BEFORE παντων<sup>G3956</sup> ALL, και<sup>G2532</sup> AND τα<sup>G3588</sup> ALL παντα<sup>G3956</sup> THINGS εν<sup>G1722</sup> IN αυτω<sup>G846</sup> HIM συνεστηκεν<sup>G4921</sup> [G5758] SUBSIST.

ἄλλος

allos

**Thayer Definition:**

1) another, other

**Part of Speech:** adjective

**A Related Word by Thayer's/Strong's Number:** a primary word

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