

Spirit is not God. To substantiate their false teachings, they quote a series of scholars "deliberately out of context" as demonstrated in the following website (Anti-Trinitarian Deception Exposed): http://www.bible.ca/ trinity/trinity-Smith.htm. The author of this website, Steve Rudd, did an excellent job in exposing the abuses and deceptions of the Jehovah Witnesses. Consider this first quote from the watchtower website explaining why the

> The Illustrated Bible Dictionary gives one reason. Speaking of the Trinity, this publication admits: "It is not a biblical

> formulation of it can be found in the Bible." Because the Trinity is "not a biblical doctrine," Trinitarians have been desperately looking for Bible texts - even twisting them - to find support for their teaching. [(Article online; s.v. "Is Jesus God?" Available at http:// www.watchtower.org/ ; document accessed Friday, September 17, 2010)].

Steve Rudd presented a table to show how they quote people out of context in a misleading way. The below is according to the layout provided by the copyright owner,

Quoting: Hodder and Stoughton: The Illustrated Bible Dictionary

The Quotation the "The word Trinity is not found in the Jehovah Witnesses Bible ... It did not find a place formally

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Part 3, p. 1597)

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the Trinity, it contains all the elements out of which theology has constructed the

Dictionary, Hodder and Stoughton, 1980,

Illustrated

Though it is not a Biblical doctrine in the sense that any formulation of it can be found in the Bible, it can be seen to underlie the revelation of God, implicit in the Old Testament and explicit in the New Testament. By this we mean that though we cannot speak confidently of the revelation of the Trinity in the Old Testament, yet once the substance of the doctrine has

been revealed in the New Testament, we can read back

many implications of it in the Old

Testament. (The Illustrated Bible

Dictionary, 1980, Part 3, Hodder

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How the Watchtower quoted the source: "The fanciful idea that [elo-him] referred to the trinity of persons in the Godhead hardly finds now a supporter among

scholars. It is either what grammarians

call the plural of majesty, or it denotes

the fullness of divine strength, the sum of

powers displayed by God." (William

Smith: A Dictionary of the Bible, p 220; quoted in, Should you belived the Trinity?, Watchtower Publication)

"The name (Jehovah) is never applied to

a false god, nor to any other being except

one, the ANGEL-JEHOVAH who is

therby marked as one with God and who

appears again in the New Covenant as

"God manifested in the flesh." (William Smith: A Dictionary of The Bible, p220)

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trinity.

**OBSERVATION:** In the above, we notice that the Jehovah Witnesses give the impression that these scholars said the Trinity doctrine cannot be presented from the Bible. That is obviously the opposite of what the scholars

**ABOUT** 

They are not Christians. Christians mean Christ's followers. Do the Jehovah Witnesses define themselves as Christ's followers? Not at all! So if you want to be a Christian, then it is not the place for you; <u>unless you no</u> longer believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and God. Then, farewell! But if you are willing to take a closer look at the Jehovah Witnesses, here is your guide for the assessment. How did the early Christians practice their faith in God and Christ? Scripture says, "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers" (Acts 2:42). Do the Jehovah witnesses follow the Apostle's teaching? Do they break bread (the Body and Blood of Christ) like the apostles and the early Church? Do they pray like the apostles and the early Christians? Do they fellowship like the apostles and the early Christians? Remember, "By their fruits ye shall

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Smith takes the view that the "angel wilderness"

manifestation of Jesus Christ. Smith obviously does not believe that Jesus is a creature, for he openly states that Jesus is called "Jehovah". While we do not agree with Smith's

comments that "elohim" does not indicate a plurality of persons, because it finds little support among scholars, Smith is a Trinitarian who believes other passages teach the

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Two sentences later [Smith writes]:

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Steve Rudd (\*\*\*Used with permission).

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**WITNESSES** 

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know them" (Matthew 7:16, 20; AVS).

Christian call him an ordinary man?

**BEGINNING?** 

Church.

WHAT DO CHRISTIANS PREACH FROM THE

St. Paul writes, "For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified" (1Corinthians 1:22-23, RSV). What does this mean? Jesus said, "You shall be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8). We witness to the mystery of Christ (life, suffering, death, resurrection and ascension) and what he revealed. He is the only way to God and he is God (Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1). God the Father calls his Son God: "But of the Son he says, "Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever, the righteous scepter is the scepter of thy kingdom" (Hebrews 1:8). How can a

The Jehovah Witnesses sects are confused with the designation of Jesus as "the Son of God". They are thinking in terms of human fatherhood and human sonship. But it does not apply. This is about metaphysical Fatherhood and metaphysical Sonship. Jesus was begotten from all eternity without any "metaphysical mother" in heaven. See how the Bible clarifies it: St. John writes, "This was why the Jews sought all the more to kill him, because he not only broke the Sabbath but also called God his Father, making himself equal with God" (John 5:18). Therefore, Son of God implies equality with God. Remember when the high priest placed Jesus under oath, saying, "I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God" (Matt 26:63). Jesus replied, ",,You have said so" ... Then the high priest tore his robes, and said, "He has uttered blasphemy" (Matthew 26:64-65). Why did the high priest rip his robes? (cf. Matt 26:65). As a theologian and scholar of the Hebrew Scriptures, he truly understood what Jesus meant; namely, that "Son of God" in relation to "God the Father" signifies equality. This is the faith of the Apostles and the Early

From all eternity, Jesus is truly God (John 1:1). After the incarnation in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary, while remaining truly God, he became truly Man. He is One Person (Divine Person, the Second Person of the Trinity) but two natures (Divine Nature and Human Nature). Therefore, we distinguish the context in which he speaks and acts as God or as man. As man, Jesus is less than the Father; as God, he is equal to Him. St. Paul explains how Jesus is equal with God but emptied himself to save us: "Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a

being born in the likeness of

men...." (Philippians 2:5-7). Thus, as human, Jesus said, "If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I go to the Father; for the Father is greater than I" (John 14:28). Also, as true man he lacked full knowledge of all things; thus he said, "But of that day or that hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but

St. Paul, writing to Titus, showed the two aspects (human and God), saying, "For the grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all men, training us to renounce irreligion and worldly passions, and to live sober, upright, and godly lives in this world, awaiting our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus

<u>Christ</u>" (Titus 2:11-13). Before his Ascension into heaven, Jesus laid claim to his divine glory, authority, splendor and power, saying to the Father, "Father, glorify thou me in thy own presence with the glory which I had with thee before the world was made" (John 17:5). Can you see that St. Paul is right? Jesus only emptied himself for a time! Hence, the Epistle to the Hebrews declares, "But we see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, crowned with glory and honor" (Hebrews 2:9). Is the above the way the Jehovah Witnesses profess

HOW DO CHRISTIANS WORSHIP SINCE THE

Christians are baptized "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..." (Matt 28:19) and so worship God in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..." (Matt 28:19). Jesus is the indispensable link: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). Because Jesus is God, he is worshipped in heaven: "And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and with golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints..." (Rev 5:8, 14). He is worshipped on earth: When the apostles saw him "they worshiped him" (Matthew 28:17). Only God can be worshipped! Even the angels worship Jesus through the command of God the Father: "Let all God's angels

Are these some form of lesser worship? Not at all! Scripture says, "The Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him" (John 5:22-23). The same worship, veneration and honor due to the Father are due also to the Son. God commanded this as St. Paul declares, "Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Phil 2:9-11). Do the Jehovah witnesses worship Jesus as the angels, apostles and the early Christians?

See the core of the Church's worship from the beginning: "On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread..." (Acts 20:7). The Christian Church always gathered to break bread on Sundays from the beginning. What does breaking of bread mean? St.

> For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he

comes (1Corinthians 11: 23-26).

Is this the way the Jehovah Witnesses worship on

HOW DO CHRISTIANS PRAY and FELLOWSHIP

The apostles and the early Christians prayed in the name of the Lord Jesus: "Peter said, 'I have no silver and gold, but I give you what I have; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk" (Acts 3:6). Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.... Lord, do not hold this sin against them" (Acts 7:59-60). Paul prayed, "I charge you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her" (Acts 16:18). Do the Jehovah Witnesses pray in the name of Jesus? Not at

THE NOTORIOUS ERRORS OF THE JEHOVAH

Jesus said, "You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free" (John 8:32). The notable falsifications of the Truth by the Jehovah Witnesses are in the area of the <u>denial of the Trinity</u> (the true divinity of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit); the denial of the existence of Hell which Jesus said is real; the placing of limit on the <u>number of those to go to heaven</u> (only 144,000 people).

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY: The Scripture has

numerous references but it suffices to provide the

following: "Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness ... "(Gen 1:26). Who is the US? It did not say, "Let me make man ...." Accordingly, the inspired Word of God indicates "Plurality-God"; what we understand as "Trinity". God is qualified by "US", not by "Me" (right from the beginning of the Bible). Therefore, each time we see the word, God, we should think about "US". God indicates "Plurality in the One Godhead." It does not imply three Gods, but One God in Three Divine Persons. The "Let us make man..." is explained in Scripture as follows: "By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and all their host by the breath of his mouth" (Psalm 33:6). The Word of the Lord is Jesus Christ and the Breath of God is the Holy Spirit. If this is not clear enough, the Scripture directly applies the "US" to the Son, saying, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made" (John 1:1-3). Then, it is also applied to the Holy Spirit, that during creation, "the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters" (Genesis 1:2). "The spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life" (Job 33:4). Consequently, we know from these references to whom the "US" refers. How then can anyone deny the revelation of the Trinity? It's simply ignorance. God is actually Three-in-One. Jesus gave the teaching, saying, "I and the Father are one" (John 10:30). He then stated, "If you had known me, you would have known my Father also; henceforth you know him and have seen him. Philip saith to him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you do not know me, Philip? He who has seen me has seen the Father; how

can you say, 'Show us the Father'?" (John 14:7-9).

follow the faith of the apostles!

TRUE DIVINITY OF JESUS: Quoting John Chapter

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Witnesses say, "In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God and the Word was a god" (John 1:1). Other Bible versions state rightly, "... and the Word was God" (John 1:1). What do the Jehovah Witnesses imply then by changing the capital "G" to a small "g"? They imply and actually teach that Jesus is not fully God. What? Is Jesus Christ half-God? Not at all! Scripture says, "For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell..." (Col 1:19). Again, "For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily" (Col 2:9-10). Consider the strength of Christ's divinity in these passages: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Heb 13:8); "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty" (Rev 1:8, 11; 21:6). Jesus is the one who is with the Father from all eternity, who was born to us, suffered, died, was buried, rose and ascended into heaven. And Jesus is the one who is to come in glory and power at the end. Then, note that "ALMIGHTY" is applied to him. We also read, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end" (Rev 22:13). Does that seem like half-God? Not at all! Please, we

TRUE DIVINITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: Jesus

Christ showed that the Holy Spirit is a "Person" God. The Jehovah Witnesses however reject the Personhood of the Holy Spirit. They reduce Him to simply an "Active Force". What an anomaly! Consider these passages: "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you" (Acts 1:8). This does not equate the Holy Spirit simply with Power (Active Force); it simply says that when the Person of the Holy Spirit comes He will give us power. You will receive your money when Joseph comes. Is Joseph equivalent to money? Not at all! Also, "Do not quench the Spirit" (1Thess 5:19); or "men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God" (2Pet 1:20-21). These passages only stress the importance of being attentive and obedient to God the Spirit in us, using our freedom. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit dwell in us guiding and protecting us to be good. Hence, Jesus says, "If a man loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him" (John 14:23). They do not imply that the Spirit is equivalent to an influence or a forceful fire or a dove. That the Holy Spirit manifests his presence through "tongues of fire" or "Might Wind" or "Dove" does not

imply He is the force of Wind or Fire or Dove.

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The following passages show that the Holy Spirit is a

"When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth ... he will speak, and he will <u>declare to you</u> the things that are to come. <u>He will</u> glorify me" (John 1613-14). The personal pronoun, 'He', used here is not accidental. It indicates Personhood. Only a person with intellect, mind and will can declare, speak, guide,

"And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, in whom you were sealed for the day of redemption" (Eph 4:30; cf. Isa 63:10). Only a Person who can feel could be grieved, and be

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord" (Luke 4:18-19); "The Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them'.... So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia; and from there they sailed to Cyprus." (Acts 13:2, 4). Only a person with a

purpose can send someone on a mission.

the wind or the power of electricity?

"Therefore I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. And whoever says a word against the Son of man will be forgiven; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven" (Matt 12:31-32); "Whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin" (Mark 3:29). Only a person with rights and rules can be sinned against. Can you sin against the power of

"When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth" (John 16:13); "And he who searches the hearts of men knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God" (Romans 8:27); "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?" (Romans 11:34); "For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what person knows a man's thoughts except the spirit of the man which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God" (1Corinthians 2:10-

These immediate four references show beyond any reasonable doubt that the Holy Spirit is a Person (the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity). He is all knowing; he knows all truth, knows our secret intentions and knows even the depths of God's mind. Can the Power/force of wind or power/force of electricity know something? How can Active Force or Power have knowledge of God and able to teach people? Only a person can teach people and

The Trinity was present in the Old Testament, but it is in the New Testament that Jesus fully revealed the Mystery to us. Hence, these Trinitarian expressions are unique to

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,

baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..." (Matt 28:18-19).

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love

of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all" (2Corinthians 13:14). This is the Christian faith! Jehovah Witnesses are not

Christians. Be warned beforehand!

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judgment" (2Peter 2:4).

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IS THE EXISTENCE OF HELL REAL? How can a

Christian deny this very clear teaching of Jesus Christ and the apostles? Let these passages speak for themselves: "And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell" (Matthew 10:28); "Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the

angels" (Matthew 25:41); "And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire" (Mark 9:43); "For if God did not spare the angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of nether gloom to be kept until the

HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL GO TO HEAVEN?

The Jehovah Witnesses erroneously teach that only 144,000 people will go to heaven. What confusion! This is wrongly drawn from one passage: "And I heard the number of the sealed, a hundred and forty-four thousand sealed, out of every tribe of the sons of Israel" (Rev 7:4); "Then I looked, and lo, on Mount Zion stood the Lamb, and with him a hundred and forty-four thousand who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads.... No one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who had been redeemed from the earth" (Revelation 14:1, 3). Note that this number is "sealed, out of every tribe of the sons of Israel". Have you ever read the Book of Numbers to see the population distribution of Israel when they originally

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only the Father" (Mark 13:32).

their faith and preach? Think again!

**APOSTLES' TIME?** 

worship him" (Hebrews 1:6).

Certainly not! Think again!

Paul explains,

Sundays? Think again!

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round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our forever God Amen" (Revelation 7:9-12). **CONCLUSION:** In the parable of the sower, Jesus said, Conclusion "When any one hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in his heart; this is what was sown along the path" (Matthew 13:19). Do not be the seed sown along the path! Where and when did the Jehovah Witnesses sects originate? "The first forms of Jehovah's Witnesses were started in the late 1800's in Allegheny, Pennsylvania, astray.

U.S.A" (http://wiki.answers.com). Please, do not be led The ONLY Church Christ founded is recorded in the Bible. It did not begin in Pennsylvania, U.S.A or any other country. It began in Jerusalem under the Roman Empire (Acts 1:8) and was inaugurated on Pentecost day (Acts 2:1-21; Luke 24:49). Scripture shows it was already firmly established during the First Century: "So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was built up; and walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit it was multiplied. Now as Peter went here and there among them all ...." (Acts 9:31-32). This Church only SPREADS to other parts of the world; never to begin anywhere else. The "river flow" of this spread as envisaged by Jesus Christ himself is from "Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8). There is no link between the Church in the Bible and the Jehovah's Witnesses. God's Church did not begin in the 1800's. Christ warned us to listen to his apostles and their legitimate successors: "He who hears you hears me, and he who rejects you rejects me, and he who rejects me rejects him who sent me: (Luke 10:16; 16:16). They are the stewards of Christ's Church (1Cor 4:1). Outside this arrangement, all that Jesus and the Apostles said is that "FALSE PROPHETS WILL COME AND MISLEAD PEOPLE" (Matt 7:15; Matt 24:3-5, 11; 23-26; Acts 20:29 -30; Rom 16:17-18; 2Cor 11:12-15; 1Tim 4:1; 2Tim 4:3-4; 1John 2:18-19; Jude v 17-21Jer 14:14-15). Finally, "Today, when you hear his voice [i.e. *The Voice* 

> of the Lord Jesus, the Word of God], do not harden your hearts" (Hebr 4:7). Please, let not indecision and procrastination make you remain one of the victims of the Jehovah Witnesses" false teachings that Jesus warned against. If you have already fallen victim, it is not too late to return to the Lord Jesus Christ in his Church. "Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2Cor 6:2). You need to contact a Catholic **Priest as soon as possible!** May the Holy Spirit enlighten all and save them from the menaces of the Jehovah

Witnesses through Christ our Lord, Amen!