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Are Jehovah's Witness's (JW) and Mormons (M) Christians?

Sooner or later you will encounter the above two very aggressive and sometimes hostile groups. These claim they are part of Christianity but reality is that they preach "*another gospel*". There is only one way to do battle with them...the same way Jesus did when tempted by the devil: Use your sword-the scriptures. Your opinion, verses theirs will not gain any points since they are taught a false gospel from the start and they diligently study it several hours a day.

In any confrontational biblical discussion the best steps are to:

- Establish what you do agree on first (if anything)
- Move to the central points of disagreement and center on those
- Do not be swayed by rabbit chases down other paths that are deliberately set up to trap you (JW's are taught how to do this).

For example: They will ask you what is God's name. Your standard reply is "He has many names - El Shaddai, Elohim, Prince of Peace etc." because you believe in the Trinity. JW's know this and they then will confront you with hundred's of verses that call God "Jehovah". In a crowd situation you will look like a fool and the JW looks like he has the right answers.

The following is a guide to help you in these situations.

Jehovah's Witness's (JW's)

You are in agreement with their:

1. Commitment to their beliefs
1. Bible study (several hours each week)
2. Desire to have others know their belief
3. Concern for religious apostasy in the world
4. Teaching AGAINST evolution
5. Belief that the battle of Armageddon is coming soon and God will establish his Kingdom on earth.
6. Belief that Jesus was a "PERFECT MAN" and distinctly different from God the Father

Please Note:

1. JW's translated THEIR bible called "The New World Translation" in 1961. IF possible, use a bible printed prior to 1961, since prior to this the JW's used this bible as the basis of their beliefs. "The New World Translation" has multiple word and context changes to substantiate their twisted beliefs. USE THE BIBLE NOT YOUR OPINION since the very use of a bible other than theirs is the reason they say you are deceived!

However, we disagree in several key areas:

<i>POINT (s) OF DISAGREEMENT</i>	<i>VERSE (s) THAT BACKS THE BIBLICAL POSITION</i>
<p>The <u>Bible is not the authority of God's word on earth.</u> The Watchtower (JW's own publication) says this about itself " ...it is God's <u>SOLE</u> collective channel for the flow of biblical truth to men on earth". (The Watchtower, July 15, 1960, p. 439). Their private interpretations are "passed to the Holy Spirit who invisibly communicate with JW's". JW Publicity department Scottish daily Express, Nov. 24, 1954.</p>	<p>II Tim 3: 15</p> <p>Rev 22: 18-19</p> <p>2 Tim 2:9</p>

Jesus, although perfect, was the a spirit creature and originally was Michael the archangel and his brother was Satan. **He is NOT GOD**, but "A god" - *God's first creation*. He died on a stake not a cross, his body was destroyed and he was now a spirit. JW's say if Jesus was God, God was dead while Jesus was in the grave. They back this up with John 14:28 "my father is greater than I". which refers to Jesus voluntary subordination during his earthly life - his temporary rank on earth, and Col. 1:16-17 where they simply add the word ...because by him all "**other**" things were created....to signify he was also a created being. Also Col. 1:15 "firstborn" means "first created"to JW's.

Matt 1:23 Emanuel means "God with us"

John 20:28-30 If Jesus was not one with the father in all things why did the Jews want to stone him? They thought his purpose was the same as the verse states.

Col 2:9***

Romans 10:9 Jesus is Lord

Hebrews 1:6 The angels worship Jesus - in order to do this he must be God/Jehovah (see Ex. 34:14) Matt 14:33 - man worships Jesus.

Rev 22:13 first and last (their can be no two firsts and two lasts)

Mark 2:5-7 Jesus has the power to forgive sins (only God can do that)

John 1:1-5

	<p>John 1: 6-18</p> <p>John 8:565-58</p> <p>Col. 1: 15-20 First created in the Greek is Protoktistos, First born is Prototokes or <u>heir/highest rank no verse in the bible states God created Jesus.</u></p> <p>I Tim 3:16</p> <p>Deut 32:39 There is no god with me. Yet John 1:1 clearly states that Jesus (the word) was with God. Therefore he has to be THE GOD.</p> <p>John 14:6-7 I am the way...has seen the father</p> <p>Isiah 9: 6 Jesus is the mighty God (see Jer. 32:18) Both are the same (JW say he is not the AL mighty God</p>
<p>Jesus is NOT coming again! The JW's founder Charles Taze Russell prior to 1914 claimed that the world would see " the full establishment of the Kingdom of God in the</p>	<p>Matthew 24:26,27 (when they say in...<u>secret chambers, believe it not</u>)</p>

<p>earth at A.D. 1914, the terminus of the times of Gentiles." (C.T. Russell, <i>Thy Kingdom Come</i>, 1891, p 126). Since this did not occur, they now teach that God did set up his kingdom <u>invisibly</u> then, but only in Heaven.</p>	<p>Rev 1:7 (Son of Man in the clouds...<u>every eye shall see him</u>)</p> <p>According to the Deut. 18:21.22 this false prophecy is worthy of stoning!</p>
<p>The original claim by C.T. Russell was that only 144,000 would go to heaven. When that number was surpassed (it is estimated that there are over 2 million JW's in the world today), this position was modified to only 144,000 would live as spirits in heaven, the rest of "The great crowd" would not be permitted entrance into heaven and must live on earth PERFECTLY for the 1,000 year millennium or be annihilated.</p>	<p>Rev. 7:3-8</p> <p>Rev 20:6 first resurrection partakers, second death has no power.</p>

<p><u>Salvation is by works!</u> "They must be recovered from blindness as well as from death, that they , <u>each for himself, may have a chance to prove, by obedience or disobedience, their worthiness of life eternal.</u>: (C.T. Russel. Studies In The Scriptures, Vol. 1, p 158.</p> <p>"All who by reason of faith in Jehovah God and in Christ Jesus, dedicate themselves to do <u>God's will and then faithfully carry out their dedication will be rewarded with everlasting life..</u>"(Let God</p>	<p>Ephesians 2:8-9 Grace you are saved</p> <p>Romans 11:29 Lose your salvation?</p> <p>Matt 7:14 What Jesus says of the Law</p> <p>Gal 1:1-10, 2:16, 3:10, 13, 5:18,</p> <p>Romans 3;20, 4:2-6</p> <p>Hebrews 8: 6-13 Law is obsolete</p> <p>Jer 31:31 New covenant</p>
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<p>be true, p 298)</p>	<p>1 Cor. 11:23-25</p> <p>Col 2; 13-15 Canceled the written code</p> <p>Col 2; 16-23</p> <p>Romans 8:1 No condemnation</p> <p>John 6:28-29 Work of God?</p> <p>Romans 11:16 dough is holy</p> <p>James 2:10 one sin of the law guilty of all</p> <p>Romans 4:2-5, 10:4</p> <p>Titus 3:5</p>
<p><u>Hell does not exist, God exterminates you if you don't measure up.</u></p>	<p>2 Thess. 1:7-9</p> <p>Matt 25:46</p> <p>Rev. 20:7-10</p>

Mormons (M)

Mormons believe that during the time between Jesus resurrection and the 40 days he was on this earth (the time that is left out in the bible) he was in America, giving the Mormon theological teaching to the Indians. John Smith found the doctrine and it is called "Another account of Jesus

Christ" or the book of Mormon. The Mormons use the KJV Bible but it is secondary to the book of Mormon. Since it is totally opposite the account of Jesus in the bible it is hard to understand how Jesus would give us one account on one side of the world and another on the other side. As usual, the denial that Jesus accomplished total atonement is key to understanding the real author of this doctrine.

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<p>God was once a man but became God. He has a physical body as <u>does his wife</u>. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are separate Gods and <u>man himself can become a God</u>. Jesus was a spirit child and is the older brother of all men and spirit beings. He was created through an actual physical sexual act by his father (Elohim and Mary).</p>	<p>Deut 6:4</p> <p>Isiah 43:10, 44:6-8</p> <p>Matt 28:18-19</p> <p>I Pet 1:2</p> <p>John 10: 30-38</p> <p>Isiah 7:14</p> <p>Matt 1:8</p> <p>Heb 1:1-14</p>
<p>The death of Jesus on the cross does not provide full atonement for sin but it does provide everyone with a resurrection</p>	<p>2 Thess. 1:7-9</p> <p>Matt 25:46</p> <p>Rev. 20:7-10</p>
<p>The Holy Spirit is a "fluid like substance" by which the father exercises his influence.</p>	<p>Gen 1:2</p>

	<p>Matt 3:16</p> <p>Luke 11:13</p> <p>Rom 8:9, 14</p> <p>1 Cor 3:16</p>
<p>Salvation means "exalted to godhood" by works, being faithful to church leaders, Mormon Baptism, Tithing, ordination, marriage and secret temple rituals. There is no eternal life without Mormon membership.</p>	<p>Gen 3:5 You will be like God</p> <p>Ephesians 2:8-9 Grace you are saved</p> <p>Romans 11:29 Lose your salvation?</p> <p>Matt 7:14 What Jesus says of the Law</p> <p>Gal 1:1-10, 2:16, 3:10, 13, 5:18,</p> <p>Romans 3;20, 4:2-6</p> <p>Hebrews 8: 6-13 Law is obsolete</p> <p>Jer 31:31 New covenant</p> <p>1 Cor. 11:23-25</p> <p>Col 2; 13-15 Canceled the written code</p> <p>Col 2; 16-23</p> <p>Romans 8:1 No condemnation</p>

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<p>Everyone eventually goes to one of three separate kingdoms. some receive godhood, apostates and murderers go to outer darkness.</p>	<p>Matt 16:18, 23:33,</p> <p>Mark 9:47</p> <p>Luk 12:5</p> <p>2Pet 2:4</p> <p>Rev 1:18, 20:13,14</p>