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#1

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How can Jesus be Worshipped if only 'a god' II

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#2

truffy

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😊 Thanks Grace, I was getting so confused searching for new posts, and I do this in between my jobs on this farm, way too time consuming. So Katie and the new guy, lets carry on to this thread, if you don't mind? And remember if a farm boy can beat yuh, anyone can, so get scrambling all you cowhands, and let's have some fun in between, its just a discussion. 🙄😊

Tim 😊😊😊



08-30-2006 #3

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And Katie, if you don't mind, I will wait for my book ordered on that subject, and even then it will have to be studied before I can give you a definite answer on your question regarding [John 1:1c](#). Can you wait that long Katie? Is there such a big hurry on your part Katie? I like to learn new things and I'm not so scared of searching the truth, so let's wait, if you don't mind Katie? It will take some time for this order (around 6 days) and more time to study, OK, Katie?

Tim 😊😊😊



08-30-2006 #4

newWitness

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15 Reputation Points



How about responding to my post the last one before AmazingGrace started this new thread. That would be a good way to start this thread.



08-30-2006 #5

imJR

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If NewWitness actually did assert that "Christians are stupid", then NewWitness isn't going to be on the board for very long.

Read the Board rules.



08-30-2006 #6

newWitness

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I did not such thing, I was asserting that the thoughts of the author of that website that truffy was talking about were without merit and unscholarly. I don't believe that saying that someone is unscholarly is implying that they are stupid. I did read the rules.



08-30-2006 #7

AmazingGrace

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It was driving me crazy trying to find the new posts. I think there should be new board rules that when the scroll is off the screen it automatically starts a new thread! 😊

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yes!"w52 7/1 p391 See 1Jo 4 truth



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#8

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I apologize boys, I should have said implying, not asserting.

Hey NW, would you mind repeating your question in this thread so I don't have to try to dig it out of the other one? Thanks!

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#9

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Quote:
Originally Posted by newWitness

Truffy,
<http://www.bible.ca/trinity/trinity-texts-john1-1.htm> has nothing to offer to counter our position on this! If you look at this link, the first thing you notice is this mis-application:

Quote:

*"The irrefutable argument stated:
This verse is so simple it is impossible to get it wrong. An illustrated paraphrase of the text would be:*

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- "In the beginning was EVE, and EVE was with MAN, and EVE was MAN. SHE was in the beginning with MAN."

Even adopting the Jehovah's Witnesses paraphrase, the New World Translation's, (NWT hereafter) unscholarly insertion of "a god" of the text makes no difference:

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- "In the beginning was EVE, and EVE was with MAN, and EVE was a MAN."

*"
I need to go no further on that website to see that the person owning the page has no idea what the greek says. The above would be correct if [John 1a,b](#) didn't have the definite article, but it does in John's Gospel.*

So, if you were to place the definite article in the above sentence it totally changes what the person is saying.

In the beginning was EVE, and EVE was with (the) MAN, and EVE was MAN. SHE was in the beginning with (the)MAN. This is what the persons sentence should have said.

This person obviously has no interest in being scholarly, he/she is only trying to stumble people who already know the truth. You can tell their lack of interest

because they don't even include words that are in the greek to try and make their analogy.

I see no reason for going on at that link, if they are going to be ignorant from the start.

Please come to the truth about God the Father and his son Jesus.

How can truffy explain this fact, that the author of the website is trying to misapply an analogy. The author tries to reason out [John 1:1](#) with the garbage stated above. Where is the definite article in the above reasoning with the sentences with EVE. To be precise there should be a definite article in their sentences also. Where is it. Its not the same as [John 1:1](#). This is garbage. No scholar would even consider this as reasonable, so we will leave it to Truffy to explain. Go ahead since you were the one to lead us to this website.



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#10

sharpjohn63

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I will chime in here.....

since I don't remember doing so before LOL. Anyway the only way that Jesus can be worshipped is if He is God. He cannot be worshipped any other way because doing so would be worshipping a false god and we know what God has said about that. What I do not understand is why can't people just have faith and believe that Jesus Christ, God the Son is still God, just as much as God the Father is God, or God the Holy Spirit is God. I have asked myself what it is that makes the WT so vehemently opposed to the idea that Jesus Christ is God. Well the only answer that I have come up with is that they do not want for whatever the reason to accept personal responsibility for their sin, they do not want to be held accountable, so if they deny the deity of Jesus, then His sacrifice is not really meant for them, because they did not believe He is God incarnate to begin with. Now I realize this sounds nuts, but think about it. So I put the following questions to the resident JW's here on this forum.

So who did Jesus die for?

who's sins does His blood cover?

Where in the Bible does Jesus refuse and rebuke anyone who worshipped Him?

Jesus is either Lord of all or He is not Lord at all

Peace

John

Christ is the perfect expression of God in human form

Jesus is my ROCK



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#11

[newWitness](#)

Member

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Posts: 695
15 Reputation Points



A completely simple answer to your questions. Did the God of the OT(Jehovah) say to worship him? YES!!!!
Did Jesus say he(Jesus) was to be worshipped? NO, not once!!!!
That leads me to think that the greek word for worship must also mean something else such as, kneel down, bow, do obeisance. I am sure even in your bible you will find where that greek word was translated differently. So again, it is a trinitarian bias that places worship to Jesus.



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#12

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you did not answer my questions.....

You answer has nothing to do with my questions. Can you answer them or not? that is all I want to know. FYI my Bible teaches that Jesus is the Messiah the Son of the living God who Himself is God in the flesh. My Bible is written in English and modern at that as it is the NKJ, however for almost twenty years I used a KJV. The point is I do not read ancient Greek so I have to have faith that the Bible I am using is accurate and true. I must say I find it no surprise that you did not try to answer my questions, no JW has so far. In fact they have not even tried. What is it with you JW and your obsession with the translations from the original Greek and Hebrew. I guess it is because faith and trusting and obeying God is a foreign concept to you and the WT.

Peace

John

BTW I found this on the Greek word for Worship.....

The Greek word for worship used in the New Testament is proskuneo. It means to bow in homage. It conveys an element of affection from a lower being to a higher one.

[John 20:27,29](#) "Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving but believeing." And Thomas answered and said to Him, "my Lord and my God." Jesus said to him "Thomas because you have seen Me you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Jesus not once rebuked or stopped Thomas because Jesus is God and worshipping Him is right.

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Jesus is my ROCK

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#13


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Quote:

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God has commanded us to worship only him ([Deuteronomy 6:13](#)). Even Jesus knew this, since he quoted this to Satan when he was tempted ([Matthew 4:10](#)). Why did he never admonish anyone when they worshipped Him? Even God commanded the angels to worship Jesus ([Hebrews 1:6](#)).

Both Jehovah and Jesus are given the same worship by the 24 elders in the book of Revelation. Jehovah is "worthy to receive glory and honor and power" ([Revelation 4:11](#)). Jesus is "worthy to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing" ([Revelation 5:12](#)). Every creature in heaven and on the earth give identical praise and worship to both God and Christ in verse [Revelation 5:13-14](#).

The same greek word translated to "worship" for God in the new testament is the same greek word used for Jesus. Only the NWT translates it different.

What do you expect from a translation that calls the baby Jesus an "it" in [Matthew 2:11](#) **NWT 11 And when they went into the house they saw the young child with Mary its mother, and, falling down, they did obeisance to it. They also opened their treasures and presented it with gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.**

Who worshipped Jesus? And, not one time Jesus refused.

Angels

[Hebrews 1:6](#)

Disciples

[Matthew 14:33](#)

[Matthew 28:9](#)

[Matthew 28:17](#)

[Luke 24:52](#)

Wise men

[Matthew 2:2](#)

[Matthew 2:11](#)

Leper

[Matthew 8:2](#)

Ruler

[Matthew 9:18](#)

Woman of Canaan

[Matthew 15:25](#)

Mother of Zebedee's children

[Matthew 20:20](#)

Blind man

[John 9:38](#)

Have a nice day 😊

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#14

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To Amazing Grace... I truly apologize for straying from the subject at hand but I couldn't help but notice your sig line. Around thirteen to fourteen years ago I was standing in line at a local hot dog stand and when I got my order I looked down and saw a stack of business cards that patrons could take. On one side was a business solicitation and on the other was your very sig line. I did not know Christ at the time but the message was very powerful to me in a personal way. I know this card and the message on the back opened my eyes to the glory of Christ. I still have it in my wallet to this day. Powerful stuff my friend, powerful stuff! 😊

Jesus loves you and so do I!!!



08-31-2006

#15

olivetree

Junior Member



Join Date: Jan 2006
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26 Reputation Points



Early on in the previous tread I established that this is an irrelevant line of argument. It does not matter that the greek word can be translated: to kneel down, to bow, or do obeisance.

Because if one renders [John 1](#) "a god", it means that Jesus is another god different than Yaweh. And according to the Scripture, followers of Yaweh are not to worship, kneel to, bow to or do obeisance to any God but Yaweh. Therefore, if the apostles did these things to another god even in the form of a man (even if they did not understand what they were doing), the are not followers of Yaweh and hence could not have passed on Scripture from God. If this is so, then the New testament cannot be trusted.

BUT THIS IS NOT THE CASE.

The apostles understood what they were doing. They were worshipping Yaweh incarnate in the person of Jesus.

The other line of argument that I refuted was that this word greek was used

in the greek old testement to show men and women giving honor to kings and prophets and even angels.

In the new testament, we see an entirely different story. Jesus is the only person the apostles ever give obeisance to without being rebuked. The apostles had a different understanding; that they were not to bow down to anyone, man, angel, idol, king, or prophet, except Yaweh. Peter immediately rebuked Cornelius when he bowed to him. Throughout the book of acts the apostles refused to give honor to the high priest, as Jesus also did at His trial. In the book of Revelation, John is rebuked twice for bowing down to the angel that was guiding him through the vision, but in the beginning of the book the glorified Jesus does not rebuke him when he did the same.

The fact remains that if Jesus is another god, he cannot be worshiped, period. The traditional tranlation stands on this, not greek grammar.

Although, many have made very satisfactory arguements that the translation stands here as well.

Btw, Jesus may not have directly said He was to be worshiped, but by His actions, He did not deny it. It is obvious by the apostles actions post gospel that Jesus taught them not to bow to anyone except God. Why would he teach them this but allow himself to be worship as an angel or man? Because He is God with us, the incarnation of Yaweh.

Peace and Joy, Bill

John 17:20,21 "that they all may **be one**, as You, Father, in Me, and I in You; that they also may **be one** in Us, **that the world may believe that you sent Me.** 🙄 😊



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#16

[katierussell](#)

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But it will not change that which I quoted from it that tells you the subject of John1:1c is not theos as you erroneously think! I also quoted you [A Grammatical Analysis of the Greek New Testament](#). Will you be ordering that too? There are plenty of other works that will tell you what is the subject and what is the predicate in the Greek of [John 1:1c](#) truffy! Have you not got Vine's? It tells you "the Word" is the subject of the sentence, exemplifies the rule that the subject is to be determined by it having the article when the predicate is anarthrous." Now, you do not have to wait at all to admit your error in thinking that theos is the subject of [John 1:1c](#) do you truffy?

But you do not even have to get the book you say you ordered, or look at Vine's. Why? Because I even showed you from the common translation of the Greek by English Bibles, to wit: "the Word was God" that this shows that theos is not the subject? Do you not even know English truffy? So, there is no need to "wait" truffy!

Also, you have yet to acknowledge that theos in [Luke 12:24](#) has the article but theos in John1:1c does not and so your 'example' is not parallel.(And of course theos in the [Luke 12:24](#) is the subject not the predicate noun!) Why do we have to "wait" for your acknowledgement of this and so your admitting that the clause in [Luke 12:24](#) has nothing whatsoever to do with how one can translate the clause of [John 1:1c](#)? I have asked you time and time to acknowldge this and so acknowledge your gross error. Are you "scared" to "learn" you have made this gross error and admit it on this board truffy?



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#17

[katierussell](#)

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Posts: 1,481



It is just a "discussion" but if one is shown something as a fact over and over but they will not learn it or acknowledge it what is the use of such a discussion? You have consistency ignored my questions to you and now you say we will all have to wait for the book you ordered! But you do not need a book to tell you either who is the subject of [John 1:1c](#) nor that [Luke 12:24](#) is no parallel to [John 1:1c](#). Just average

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intelligence would be enough!



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#18

[newWitness](#)

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Katie, I am not, truffy, I am newWitness. I am on your side. Truffy is dodging my question. I am not implying that you are dodging mine.



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#19

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?Like I said the greek word for worship can be interpreted several ways. Many bibles do interpret it in many ways in different verses, how do you explain that? Proving that Christ is not God, that leads me to believe that the greek word for worship is not translated correctly for Jesus. If Jesus is the God of the Old Testament he would have demanded to be worshipped.



08-31-2006

#20

[truffy](#)

Inactive



Join Date: Jul 2006

Posts: 1,593

27 Reputation Points



I'm having tremendous difficulty getting into this site, so I'll do my best to reply and I hope this will work. NW, if you looked at the explanation just below what you pasted in your post, it will explain all this, but you didn't want to go any further, so you are biased...

Quote:

Just as "man" can refer specifically to male to the exclusion of female, So also God can refer to the Father to the exclusion of the Son. However, just as "man" can include both male and female as a class of being, ([Gen 5:2](#) "He created them male and female, and He blessed them and named them Man"), so too "God" can include both Father and Son as a class of being, as in [John 1:1](#).

If you look up [Genesis 5:2](#) and compare it with [John 1:1](#), you will see the comparisons are the same when it comes to the class of being.

- 1- man can refer to male not female
- 2- God can refer to Father not Son
- 3- man can also refer to both male and female in [Genesis 5:2](#)
- 4- God can refer to both Father and Son in [John 1:1](#)...

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"In the beginning was EVE, and EVE was with MAN, and EVE was a MAN.

Jesus is the son of man, which is not only male, but male and female. I would say the same would hold for Jesus being the son of God, not only is God only the Father but also the Son, if you compare [Genesis 5:2](#) with [John 1:1](#). If you look even further down that same page <http://www.bible.ca/trinity/trinity-texts-john1-1.htm> you will see the initial comments explaining it further. I can't paste all that in this reply because pasting too much is against the rules. I hope you see the rest of that page this time, otherwise there will be no more discussion.

Tim 😊😊😊



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