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04-17-2006

#1

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Explain the "personifications"

JW's often say that the Holy Spirit is personified like rocks, water, blood etc. are sometimes personified in the bible. It's about time for some JW who actually believes the WT's teaching on the Holy Spirit to explain these "personifications." Someone (maybe 2laws) posted this list before. I changed the order and added [Nehemiah 9:20](#).

The Holy Spirit

(can be) grieved [Eph. 4:30](#) (cf. [1Thess 4:13](#))
 (can be) insulted [Heb 10:29](#)
 (can be) known* [John 14:17](#)
 (can be) lied to [Acts 5:3,4](#) (cf. [Heb 6:18](#))
 (can be) received [John 14:17](#) [1Cor 2:12](#)
 can be resisted [Acts 7:51](#)
 can be spoken against [Matt 12:31,32](#) [Mark 3:29](#) [Lk.12:10](#)
 (can be) tested [Acts 5:9](#)

is called Eternal [John 14:16](#) ([Heb 9:14](#))
 is called God: [Acts 5:4](#)
 is called Lord: [2Cor 3:17,18](#)
 is from Heaven [Matt 3:16](#) [Mark 1:10](#) [Lk.3:22](#) [John 1:32](#)
 is Holy: [Matt 12:32](#) [Acts 5:3](#) [13:2](#) ([Rom.1:4](#))
 is our Helper: [John 14:16,26](#) [15:26](#) [16:7](#) (Paraclete)
 is Truth: [1John 5:6](#) (cf. [1John 2:20-27](#))

adopts [Rom. 8:15](#)
 appoints [Acts 20:28](#) (cf. [Acts 1:7](#) [1Thess 5:9](#))
 baptized in His Name*
 bears witness [John 15:26](#) [Heb 10:15](#) [1John 5:6](#)
 bears witness with [Rom. 8:16](#) (cf. [Rom.2:15](#) [9:1](#))
 comforts [Acts 9:31](#) (cf. [2Cor. 1:3](#))
 declares [John 16:13,14,15](#)
 did many other things [John 16:12,13](#)
 did not permit [Acts 16:7](#) (cf. [Acts 14:16](#))
 dispatches [Acts 10:20](#)
 Divinely reveals [Luke 2:26](#)
 dwells within [John 14:17](#) [Rom.8:9,11](#) (cf. [Mark 9:25](#))
 forbids [Acts 16:6](#) (cf. [Luke 9:49,50](#) [11:52](#) [18:16](#))
 (gives) Life* [John 6:63](#) [2Cor.3:6](#)
 gives* (ability) [1Cor.12:7-11](#)

gives* [Acts 2:4](#)
 Glorifies another [John 16:13,14](#)
 guides* [John 16:13](#) (cf. [Act6 8:31](#))
 hears [John 16:13](#) (cf. [John 11:42](#) [1John 4:6](#))
 helps [Rom. 8:26](#) (cf. [Luke 10:40](#))
 instructs [Nehemiah 9:20](#)
 Leads [Acts 4:1](#) [Luke 4:1](#) [Rom.8:14](#)
 Longs (yearns) [James 4:5](#)
 Loves* [Rom. 15:30](#) (cf. [1 John 4:8](#))
 makes it plain [Heb 9:8](#) [1Pet.1:11](#)
 pleads [Rom. 8:26,27](#) (cf. [Rom.11:2](#))
 raised Christ [Rom. 8:11](#)
 receives [John 16:14,15](#)
 remains [John 14:17](#) (cf. [1John 4:12,15](#))
 reminds [John 14:26](#)
 reproves [John 16:8](#) (cf. [Titus 1:9](#) [Heb 12:5](#))
 reveals [1Cor 2:10](#) (cf. [Gal 1:15,16](#))
 searches [1Cor 2:10](#) (cf. [Rom.8:27](#) [IPet.1:11](#))
 sends [Acts 13:4](#)
 shares [2Cor.13:14](#)
 signifies [Acts 11:28](#)
 Snatches away [Acts 8:39](#) (cf. [John 10:28,29](#) [2Cor 12:2](#))
 speaks (directly) [Acts 8:29](#) [10:19](#) [11:12](#) [13:2](#) (cf. [19:15](#))
 speaks aptly [Acts 28:25](#)
 speaks skillfully [1Tim 4:1](#) (cf. [Acts 24:1](#) orator)
 teaches* [Luke 12:12](#) [John 14:26](#) (cf. [John 8:28](#))
 thinks [Acts 15:28](#) (cf. [Acts 15:25](#))
 thoroughly witnesses [Acts 20:23](#) (cf. [Luke 16:28](#) [Acts 2:40](#))
 thrusts out [Mark 1:12](#)
 (wants us to be) baptized [Matt 28:19](#)
 wills [1Cor 12:11](#) (cf. [2Pet.3:9](#))
 witnesses [Acts 5:32](#) (cf. [Acts 2:32](#) [3:15](#))

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#2

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Here are a couple more in the NWT.

Makes us new [Titus 3:5](#)
 Sanctifies us [2 Thess. 2:13](#)

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Wow Crispus, not bad for so called "electricity" with supposedly "no personality."

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#4

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I totally agree with Laurie! This post of your's, Crispus, is to the glory of our Omnipotent, Glorious, & Eternal Thrice Holy God!

I would also like to add this post of your's to the Apologetics For All Christians section of the up and coming Watch-a-Tower Ministeries Christian Research Forum; giving you & 2laws, the credit for the research.

Thank you!

**For His glory,
Watch-a-Tower**



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"If the message the Jehovah's Witnesses are bringing to the people is true, then it is of greatest importance to mankind. If it is false, then it is the duty of the clergymen and others who support them to come boldly forward and plainly tell the people wherein the message is false." Golden Age, January 18, 1933 p.252



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#10

Laurie

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Well alphabetical order is very essential you know Crispus! Thanks so much, I added it on already yesterday because I didn't hear back, and thought you wouldn't mind eh. ;>)

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unto all the saints, cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers [Eph. 1:15-16]



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#11

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So how would you counter the argument that the Holy Spirit is just a personification of an impersonal entity?

Some people would say that the Holy Spirit is simply God's operational presence (or his dynamic) reaching into the world to create, inspire, work miracles, etc. Hebrew literature abounds with examples of personifications of impersonal entities. One of the best examples is Solomon's personification of wisdom in Proverbs chapter 8 where *Lady Wisdom* stands, cries out, has a mouth & lips, etc. She even seems to share an apartment with someone called Prudence ([Proverbs 8:12](#))! James Dunn's book *Christology in the Making* offers many examples from the Judaism of Jesus' day of the widespread use of this device in relation to God's attributes.

Some people would say that the phrase "spirit of God" has connotations of the *inner life* of God, often being used synonymously with his thought and, by extension, his expressed word. The same could be said of our human spirits. They too can be vexed, grieved, insulted, etc. without being a separate person subsisting within our essence. In fact [1 Cor. 2:11](#) describes the relationship between God and his spirit in the same terms as that between a man and his spirit – which is obviously not another person.

Someone told me that throughout the Bible the Hebrew and Greek words for God's *spirit* are always in the neuter and always have corresponding neuter articles, adjectives, participles, and pronouns. In other words, the spirit is always an 'it', although this is not always reflected in English translations. Apparently the Greek for [John 14:17](#) reads more like this:
Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it sees it not, neither knows it; but ye know it; for it dwells with you, and shall be in you.
 Perhaps someone here who knows Greek can verify/deny this allegation?

I can see a parallel between the concept of the spirit of God and the name of God.

According to the Bible the name of God can be:

Thanked - [Psalm 30:4](#); [1 Chron. 16:35](#)
 Sung to - [Psalm 18:49](#)
 Called on - [Genesis 4:26](#); [Romans 10:13](#)
 Trusted - [Psalm 33:21](#)
 Feared - [Nehemiah 1:11](#)
 Blessed - [Nehemiah 9:5](#)
 Loved - [Psalm 5:11](#)
 Hallowed - [Matthew 6:9](#)
 Praised - [Psalm 7:17](#)

And God's name can:

Travel - [Isaiah 30:27](#)
 Heal - [Acts 3:16](#)
 Protect - [Psalm 20:1](#)
 Dwell in a particular place - [Deuteronomy 16:2](#); [1 Kings 11:36](#)

Dwell in a particular person - [Exodus 23:21](#)

Because of the fear of offending God by talking about him flippantly or irreverently, Jews tended to avoid referring to God directly. Instead they used a figure of speech called metonymy. For example, Matthew often says 'kingdom of heaven' instead of 'kingdom of God'. And [Hebrews 1:3](#) says that Jesus sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, meaning that he sat down at the right hand of God.

In [Ezekiel 1:26-18](#) the prophet describes a vision he saw of God. To avoid speaking too directly about God himself, Ezekiel says "This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of God" instead of saying something much blunter such as "This is what God looked like".

In the same way I think Jews sometimes referred to God's name as a roundabout way of referring to God himself because they did not have the audacity to be so forthright, frank, and explicit. In the following verses the meaning stays the same if you remove the word *name* and substitute *the Lord* (or similar) in its place:

I am ready not only to be imprisoned but even to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus. [Acts 21:13](#)

Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. [John 3:18](#)

There is none like you, O LORD; you are great, and your name is great in might. [Jeremiah 10:6](#)

It was a covenant of fear, and he feared me. He stood in awe of my name. [Malachi 2:5](#)

For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name. [Acts 9:16](#)

My point is: How do we know that the Bible does not use the concept of the spirit of God in a similar way to the name of God? I do not believe the name of God is a fourth member of the godhead, despite the way the Bible personifies the name of God.

I am genuinely seeking the truth and would be glad to hear some thoughtful responses please. 😊

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#12

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One that's not listed above is [Romans 8:27](#) because in the NWT it's translated 'meaning' instead of mind.

And he who searches our hearts knows **the mind of the Spirit**, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will (NIV).

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#13

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Another interesting gem from God's Word is the Holy Spirit is called both the Spirit of God, and the Spirit of Christ [[Romans 8:9](#)]
Also when Jesus is speaking of the Holy Spirit being sent to comfort His own in [John 14:16-17](#), he then says riught following "I will not leave you comfortless, I WILL COME TO YOU! [[John 14:18](#)]

Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers [Eph. 1:15-16]



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#14

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Quote:

Originally Posted by **KINGLUX**
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Eric, please be careful in using your words. We are to speak truth in love. It is our hope that the precious JW's will seek the True Light Jesus Christ. Remember that we are to plant seeds of truth, others may water, but God is the one that will make those needed seeds of truth to grow. While we may not necessarily get a "response" from JW's, there is no doubt that seeds of truth are being planted, and we know that God's Word never returns to Him void. Please remember to be gentle when speaking to JW's. It's one thing to make chllenging statements, and refuting gross error and blasphemy of the WTBS ... and this is no doubt extremely difficult for the JW's to take in and acknowledge, and this is why we need to be evermore so gentle and loving, as we know that God desires that none should perish, but attain everlasting life, that we know can only be found in Jesus Christ. And I am certain that all "ex-JW's" that are on this forum, that have been saved by the grace of our Lord can testify that it was most difficult for them to acknowledge these things, and how grateful they were for the patience, love, and prayers of the Christians that were working ever so tenderly with them, for the glory of our Savior. This is also a reminder to myself.

**With Christian love,
Watch-a-Tower**



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#16

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Here are a few passages for anyone to read in context.

[Romans 2:11](#) For there is no respect of persons with God.

Apostle John bare record of this concerning Jesus Christ:

[John 1:3-17](#) All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of

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men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name [was] John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all [men] through him might believe. He was not that Light, but [was sent] to bear witness of that Light. [That] was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, [even] to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me. And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. For the law was given by Moses, [but] grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

Apostle Paul stated:

[1 Corinthians 1:17-18](#) For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

...

[1 Corinthians 1:23-25](#) But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

[1 Corinthians 1:26-2:2](#) For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, [are called]: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, [yea], and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in his presence. But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord. And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.




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#17

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Mexican Hawk appears to be a JW in disguise! Anyway, I'll answer a couple of points:

Quote:

Originally Posted by **Mexican Hawk**

My point is: How do we know that the Bible does not use the concept of the spirit of God in a similar way to the name of God?

If it did it would tell us! However, healing is done in Jesus name in [Acts 3:16](#) so I'm glad that you agree that Jesus is God, as you said that's God's name.

Quote:

Originally Posted by **Mexican Hawk**

*In fact [1 Cor. 2:11](#) describes the relationship between God and his spirit in the same terms as that between a man and his spirit – **which is obviously not another person.***

The logic here is a joke. "Even so the thoughts of God **no one knows** except the Spirit of God." if we follow the Hawk's logic then the the Father does NOT know his own thoughts, but the only one who does know his thoughts is a NON person electricity field inside of him. Because the Holy Spirit is the ONLY one who knows the Father's thoughts. That's how they view the Holy Spirit.

The reason that the Holy Spirit knows the thoughts of God is because he IS God.

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Perhaps someone here who knows Greek can verify/deny this allegation?*

That "someone" is YOU, 🌐 . The world as in all humanity is described as "it," Jesus is described as "it," so are they NEUTER as well?

The Hebrew word for spirit is *Ruach* and is *feminine*. The Greek is *Pneuma* and is *neuter*. The bible tells us that "Jehovah IS the Spirit." Does this mean that Jehovah is Neuter? Does it mean that ALL types of spirits are neuter? Are all spirits in the Hebrew OT female????

Jehovah is a Spirit WITH a spirit according to JW's. Is Satan a Spirit WITH a spirit? Are angels Spirit's WITH spirit's or are they a stand alone spirit? Are they all impersonal personifications because they can speak, direct, guide etc?

Cheers
Paul



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#18

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Dwell in a particular person - [Exodus 23:21](#)

I'm reading a book by Judson Cornwall and he touches on this subject:

"Old Testament characters were said to "live in their names," for those names so often unveiled the character of the person...These names often reveal the fundamental nature of the person which gives us insight into the motivation behind their actions. Similarly, God has capsulized His nature, His glory and His excellence into *the meaning of His name*. His name is one of His methods of causing us to understand Him."

Praying the Scriptures by Judson Cornwall p. 127 (emphasis mine)

Now can any JW explain all these "personifications" of the Holy Spirit? Does it say anywhere in the bible that God's Name can be grieved or intercedes for believers?

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#19

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T'was me, yet not me.

Quote:

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Feel free since I'm not the one who posted originally 😊 (I think it was twolaws). I just changed it so it was in alphabetical order and added three more to the BIG list of "personifications" which have yet to be explained.

I originally posted this list many moons ago, yet I can take no credit for it.

I came across an amazing 20-page booklet called "Reasoning From The Scriptures on the Holy Spirit", which studies the orthodox and JW view of the HS. This list is actually a chart found on the last page. Each attribute listed gives a scripture referring to Jesus, and the HS, each displaying that attribute (see chart below)

The booklet was by one "Royce Bilusack". Here is his web page:

<http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Forum/8318/>

His web page is difficult to read, but the booklet is amazing.

Here is the chart I mentioned:

Personality of the Holy Spirit

On each line you will see:

1. some attribute of personhood
2. scriptures showing how Jesus displays that attribute.
3. scriptures showing how the Holy Spirit displays that attribute.

Have fun

is our Helper (Jesus:[1 Jn 2:1](#) (Paraclete)) (HS:[Jn 14:16,26](#) [15:26](#) [16:7](#) (Paraclete))

is called God (Jesus:[Jn 1:18](#) [20:28](#)) (HS:[Acts 5:4](#))

is called Lord (Jesus:[Jn 20:28](#) [1Cor 8:6](#) [Eph.4:5](#)) (HS:[2Cor 3:17,18](#))

is called Eternal (Jesus:[Jn 8:35](#) [12:34](#) [Rev 1:18](#)) (HS:[Jn 14:16](#) ([Heb 9:14](#)))

is Truth (Jesus:[Jn 14:6](#)) (HS:[1John 5:6](#) (cf. [1John 2:20-27](#)))

is Holy (Jesus:[Mk 1:24](#) [Lk 4:34](#) [Acts 3:14](#)) (HS:[Mat 12:32](#) [Acts 5:3](#) [13:2](#) (Rom.1:4))

Glorifies another (Jesus:[Jn 8:54](#) [17:4](#)) (HS:[Jn 16:13,14](#))

is from Heaven (Jesus:[Jn 6:38,50,51,58](#)) (HS:[Mat 3:16](#) [Mk 1:10](#) [Lk 3:22](#) [Jn 1:32](#))

(can be) known (Jesus:[Jn 10:14](#) [14:7,9](#)) (HS:[Jn 14:17](#))

(gives) Life (Jesus:[Jn 5:21](#)) (HS:[Jn 6:63](#) [2Cor.3:6](#))

gives (ability) (Jesus:[Eph. 4:11](#)) (HS:[1Cor.12:7-11](#))

gives (Jesus:[Mat 15:36](#) [Mk 6:7](#)) (HS:[Acts 2:4](#))

shares (Jesus:[1Cor 1:9](#) [1John 1:3](#)) (HS:[2Cor.13:14](#))

Loves (Jesus:[Rom. 8:35](#) [2Cor 5:14](#) [Eph.3:19](#)) (HS:[Rom. 15:30](#) (cf. [1 Jn 4:8](#)))

comforts (Jesus:[Phil 2:1](#) (paraklessis)) (HS:[Acts 9:31](#) (cf. [2Cor. 1:3](#)))

adopts (Jesus:[Jn 14:18](#) (orphans)) (HS:[Rom. 8:15](#))

Longs (yearns) (Jesus:[Phil 1:8](#)) (HS:[James 4:5](#))

helps (Jesus:[Mat 11:28-30](#) [Heb 2:18](#) [4:15+](#)) (HS:[Rom. 8:26](#) (cf. [Lk 10:40](#)))

pleads (Jesus:[Rom. 8:34](#) [Heb 7:25](#)) (HS:[Rom. 8:26,27](#) (cf. [Rom.11:2](#)))

wills (Jesus:[Mat 11:27](#)) (HS:[1Cor 12:11](#) (cf. [2Pet.3:9](#)))

thinks (Jesus:[Mat 3:9](#) [17:25](#)) (HS:[Acts 15:28](#) (cf. [Acts 15:25](#)))

guides (Jesus:[Rev 7:17](#)) (HS:[Jn 16:13](#) (cf. [Act6 8:31](#)))

Leads (Jesus:[Jn I 0:27](#)) (HS:[Acts 4:1](#) [Lk 4:1](#) [Rom.8:14](#))

sends (Jesus:[Jn I 5:26](#)) (HS:[Acts 13:4](#))

dispatches (Jesus:[Jn 17:18](#)) (HS:[Acts 10:20](#))

thrusts out (Jesus:[Mat 9:34](#)) (HS:[Mk 1:12](#))

Snatches away (Jesus:[I Thess 4:17](#)) (HS:[Acts 8:39](#) (cf. [Jn 10:28,29](#) [2Cor 12:2](#)))

raised Christ (Jesus:[Jn 2:19- 21](#)) (HS:[Rom. 8:11](#))

forbids (Jesus:[Mk 10:14](#) ([Mat 16:20, 23](#))) (HS:[Acts 16:6](#) (cf. [Lk 9:49,50](#) [11:52](#) [18:16](#)))

did not permit (Jesus:[Lk 4:41](#)) (HS:[Acts 16:7](#) (cf. [Acts 14:16](#)))

reproves (Jesus:[Rev 3:19](#)) (HS:[Jn 16:8](#) (cf. [Titus 1:9](#) [Heb 12:5](#)))

appoints (Jesus:[Jn 15:16](#)) (HS:[Acts 20:28](#) (cf. [Acts 1:7](#) [1The 5:9](#)))

searches (Jesus:[Rev 2:23](#)) (HS:[1Cor 2:10](#) (cf. [Rom.8:27](#) [IPet.1:11](#)))

signifies (Jesus:[Jn 12:33](#) [18:32](#) [21:19](#)) (HS:[Acts 11:28](#))

makes it plain (Jesus:[2Pet. 1:14](#)) (HS:[Heb 9:8](#) [IPet.1:11](#))

reveals (Jesus:[Mat 11:27](#) [Lk 10:22](#)) (HS:[1Cor 2:10](#) (cf. [Gal 1:15,16](#)))

Divinely reveals (Jesus:[Rev 1:1](#) [Gal.1:12](#)) (HS:[Lk 2:26](#))

reminds (Jesus:[Jn 15:20](#) [16:4](#) [Rev 2:5, 3:3](#)) (HS:[Jn 14:26](#))

teaches (Jesus:[Mat 4:23, 5:2, 9:35](#)) (HS:[Lk 12:12](#) [Jn 14:26](#) (cf. [Jn 8:28](#)))

declares (Jesus:[Jn 4:25](#)) (HS:[Jn 16:13,14,15](#))

speaks (directly) (Jesus:[Jn 3:3,7,10,12, 6:35](#) [20:26](#)) (HS:[Acts 8:29](#) [10:19](#) [11:12](#) [13:2](#) (cf.19:15))

speaks aptly (Jesus:[Mk 12:32](#) [Lk 20:39](#)) (HS:[Acts 28:25](#))

speaks skillfully (Jesus:[Jn 7:46](#)) (HS:[1Tim 4:1](#) (cf. [Acts 24:1](#) orator))

witnesses (Jesus:[Rev 1:5, 3:14, 22:18](#)) (HS:[Acts 5:32](#) (cf. [Acts 2:32](#) [3:15](#)))

bears witness (Jesus:[Jn 4:44, 7:7](#) [Rev 22:20](#)) (HS:[Jn 15:26](#) [Heb 10:15](#) [1John 5:6](#))

bears witness with (Jesus:[Jn 8:18](#)) (HS:[Rom. 8:16](#) (cf. [Rom.2:15](#) [9:1](#)))

thoroughly witnesses (Jesus:[Jn 18:37](#)) (HS:[Acts 20:23](#) (cf. [Lk 16:28](#) [Acts 2:40](#)))
 hears (Jesus:[Jn 15:15](#) (cf.[John 5:24](#))) (HS:[Jn 16:13](#) (cf. [Jn 11:42](#) [1John 4:6](#)))
 receives (Jesus:[2Pet. 1:17](#) [Rev 2:27](#)) (HS:[Jn 16:14,15](#))
 (can be) received (Jesus:[Jn I:12](#)) (HS:[Jn 14:17](#) [ICor 2:12](#))
 dwells within (Jesus:[Jn 14:23](#)) (HS:[Jn 14:17](#) [Rom.8:9,11](#) (cf. [Mk 9:25](#)))
 remains (Jesus:[Jn 8:35,12:34](#)) (HS:[Jn 14:17](#) (cf. [1John 4:12,15](#)))
 can be resisted (Jesus:[Jn 5:39, 40](#)) (HS:[Acts 7:51](#))
 (can be) tested (Jesus:[Heb 4:15](#)) (HS:[Acts 5:9](#))
 (can be) lied to (Jesus:[Mk 14:56, 57](#)) (HS:[Acts 5:3,4](#) (cf. [Heb 6:18](#)))
 spoken against (Jesus:[Mat 12:32](#) [Lk 12:10](#)) (HS:[Mat 12:31,32](#) [Mk 3:29](#) [Lk 12:10](#))
 (can be) grieved (Jesus:[Mat 26:37, 38](#) ([Mk 3:5](#))) (HS:[Eph. 4:30](#) (cf. [1The 4:13](#)))
 (can be) insulted (Jesus:[Mat 27:30](#)) (HS:[Heb 10:29](#))
 baptized in his name (Jesus:[Mat 28:19](#)) (HS:[Mat 28:19](#))
 did many other things (Jesus:[Jn 20:30,31, 21:25](#)) (HS:[Jn 16:12,13](#))

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I originally posted this list many moons ago, yet I can take no credit for it. flunky

I thought it might be you but wasn't sure. The layout on that site isn't very good but it has a lot of great info on the WT's view of the Holy Spirit. To read more on the Holy Spirit on that site click on "Is the "Holy Spirit" a FORCE, or a Sentient BEING, (or BOTH)?" and <http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Forum/8318/sf-af.html>

On the initial post the links for two verses didn't come out right. It should be "is Truth: [1 John 5:6](#) (cf. [1 John 2:20-27](#))."

"Jesus Christ coming in the flesh." Present middle participle of *erxomai* treating the Incarnation as a continuing fact which the Docetic Gnostics flatly denied."
 A.T. Robertson on 2 John 7



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