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How can Jesus be worshiped if only a "god"?

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#381

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Quote:

Originally Posted by **AmazingGrace** ▾
Mind sharing what is false? I'd be interested in finding out the truth. I certainly don't want to go thinking or saying something is true when it isn't.

Thanks. I appreciate you taking the time. I'm off for the night. I'll catch up with you tomorrow.

God bless.

Well here is a nice example of gross misrepresentation:

When asked in a Scotland courtroom if he could translate [Genesis 2:4](#) into Hebrew, Franz replied that he could not.

Franz did not say he could not, he said he would not. There is a big difference between being unable to do something and not being willing to invest the time to do something who doesn't deserve the effort. Even Ray Franz, the author of Crisis of Conscience, has admitted that he had seen Fred reading straight from Hebrew before. While translating back is harder (which I can testify to that being true when it comes to Greek), nothing indicates that Franz could not.



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Cross: "You, yourself, read and speak Hebrew, do you?"
Franz: "I do not speak Hebrew."
Cross: "You do not?"
Franz: "No."
Cross: "Can you, yourself, translate that into Hebrew?"
Franz: "Which?"
Cross: "That fourth verse of the Second Chapter of Genesis?"
Franz: "You mean here?"
Cross: "Yes."
Franz: "No. I won't attempt to do that."

In 1954 Franz was supposedly in the midst of writing the New World Translation. So what was the problem with translating one small verse in Genesis? One SENTENCE even? Should the "principle" translator of the entire NWT be hesitant of translating one sentence? Maybe he was shy?

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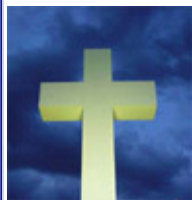


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nopes, I couldn't hold the giggle back. 😊 I'm bad. Sorry Mondo, I'm not laughing at you, but Keith's comment is a riot, you gotta admit (well you don't have to, but you know what I mean :>)

Du

- Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. **1 John 4:1**



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hi robert if we are to believe hell is literal then shoudnt we believe that everything the bible says about it.matt 25;46kjr [KJV:And these shall go away into everlasting punishment:but the righteous into life eternal.](#)

with out any sarcasm robert i find your ideah re: "time" very interesting because i have spoken to many of different faiths including pasters,and preists and i have not come across this before.

can you ellaborate.

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#393

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What do you think [Isaiah 9:6](#) says?

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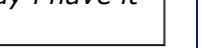
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First off, can we say that you keep repeating this argument and it didn't work the first time. You are trying to liken Christ to a king or an angel or Abraham. Now is that in context with the subject at hand? I would say no.

I trust that actual SCHOLARS have translated the many bibles I use, but I don't trust the NWT which was not translated by scholars. Perhaps the spirits helped them discern their meaning like they did Greber?

My question is why do you not ask Jesus to show you the truth of his word?

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So by your assertion here, Jesus can't be Jehovah because he prayed to him? Can you please explain your understanding of the trinity? Can you also explain [John 5:22-24](#):

John 5:22-24 (Amplified Bible)

22Even the Father judges no one, for He has given all judgment (the last judgment and the whole business of judging) entirely into the hands of the Son,

23So that all men may give honor (reverence, homage) to the Son just as they give honor to the Father. [In fact] whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, Who has sent Him. 24I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, the person whose ears are open to My words [who listens to My message] and believes and trusts in and clings to and relies on Him Who sent Me has (possesses now) eternal life. And he does not come into judgment [does not incur sentence of judgment, will not come under condemnation], but he has already passed over out of death into life.

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Quote:

Originally Posted by **mondo**

...[John 20:28](#) isn't an issue at all. As a god to Thomas, and Thomas could rightfully identify Jesus as hO QEOS MOU. Not an issue.

[John 20:28](#) (GB) Then Thomas answered, & said vnto him, Thou art my Lord, and my God.

Literal translation, "The Lord of me and the God of me"

Both are exclusive terms - Thomas acknowledges Jesus as his supreme God.

JW's are often accused of being polytheists, but are more henotheistic (belief in a 'supreme' Deity and (a) lesser deities) Both are as heretical as Arianism from which JWism sprung!

JESUS IS JEHOVAH, THE ALMIGHTY!!!

Ray 😊

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Truly that parallel was detestable to God and to his servants.

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Originally Posted by **Allan 747** [▶](#)
... Trinitarians don't believe in 3 separate Gods , we believe in 3 separate persons who make up the one God.

Nowhere in defining the Trinity will any apologist worth his /her salt use the word "seperate" to define the Persons of the Godhead. Drop that word from your vocabulary when describing the Godhead. It is wrong. They are 'distinct' NOT 'seperate' 😊

Ray 😊

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Quote:

Originally Posted by **mondo** [▶](#)
I'm not going to bother discussing Vine further with you,

Alright.

Quote:

I've already made my case and you can't overcome it, pure and simple. You've gotten to the point where you are grossly misrepresenting Vine, implying that he said things that he did not say at all. Any honest reader of your comments can see right through them when compared to what Vine says, but I will go ahead and address what you said with respects to Robertson.

Oh. I see. You're not going to discuss Vine further with me, -- unless it's to malign **me**, of course.

Want to call me a crybaby again?

Imply I'm immature and yammer at me to grow up again? That, too?

[sarcasm]I'm stunned by your exemplary behavior. Stunned, I tell you. We should all act as honorably, with such nobility of character, with such utter and unpolluted integrity.[/sarcasm]

I have not misrepresented Vine, grossly or otherwise. I have quoted him, in context (which you could not be bothered to do) -- TWICE. **I** at least provided the readers of this thread with the context -- a foundation to judge the matter for themselves.

Nor have I implied Vine said anything. I simply forced you to consider context and the context does not reflect **your** a priori assumptions. Your repetitive assertions (and utter denial of context) **does**, however, quite adequately illustrate your desperation to find **any** reference, regardless of context and the authorities' intended meaning, whose words might be twisted to fit **your** theology.

And btw, "Any honest reader..." is loaded language, a bad habit of yours I've noted in previous discussions.

Quote:

Robertson specifically cites [John 1:1](#) as an example where the imperfect **might be** aoristic. The context does nothing to substantiate that it is eternally durative. You must come to the text with that conclusion a priori in order to demand that reading of the text, pure and simple.

(Emphasis above mine.)

Might be does not equate to **is**. I (nor anyone else that I'm aware of) has argued that *en* is imperfect denoting continued existence simply because it's imperfect. The imperfect need not always reflect continued action, as I already noted previously in regards to imperfects that refer to speech/commanding verbs (per your quote of Robertson). In fact, my original post specifically noted elements in the context of 1:1a that points to *en* as continued existence.

Your argument that imperfect does not always point to continued action is a strawman.

I agree. I don't think I've ever disagreed.

That, however, **proves nothing** in regards to [John 1:1a](#).

If you will go way back to my original post, you will see that I mentioned the context of 1:1a in regards to the imperfect tense being widely accepted of 1:1a

as pointing to continued existence among scholars. *In the beginning...*, *en arche* **as well as** John's deliberate use of *en* and *egeneto* throughout the prologue.

Quote:

Sure, gladly. [John 1:10](#) does that. He was not eternally in the world, but he came to be in the world and yet it uses HN, but in the same text it says that the world came to be through him. There is not a mystical contrast here, it is just a different emphasis.

I already responded to this in post 321 of this thread, but since you apparently missed it, I'll repeat:

Quote:

He was in the world (*en tōi kosmōi ēn*). Imperfect tense of continuous existence in the universe before the Incarnation as in [John 1:1](#) and [John 1:2](#). (RWP, 1:10)

But that's just Robertson. What do other commentators say?

Quote:

Not merely at His advent, but before His incarnation no less than after it. See on [John 1:4](#), [John 1:5](#). (VWS, 1:10)

John Gill, I think, best answers your assertions in regards to how you demand "world" must be defined in 1:10, though:

Quote:

This is to be understood, not of his incarnation; for the word was denotes past existence in the world, even all the time past from the creation of the world; and the world intends the world in general, as opposed to Judea, and the people of the Jews in the next verse; besides, the incarnation of the word is spoken of in [John 1:14](#) as a new and distinct thing from this: but of his being in the world, when first made, and since, by his essence, by which he fills the whole world; and by his power, upholding and preserving it; and by his providence, ordering and managing all the affairs of it, and influencing and governing all things in it: he was in it as the light and life of it, giving natural life and light to creatures in it, and filling it, and them, with various blessings of goodness; and he was in the promise and type before, as well as after the Jews were distinguished from other nations, as his peculiar people; and he was frequently visible in the world, in an human form, before his incarnation, as in Eden's garden to our first parents, to Abraham, Jacob, Manoah, and his wife, and others,

The difficulty you propose exists only if one woodenly demands world has only one meaning.

In the interest of fairness, however, I must say that Barnes (and perhaps Clarke?) disagree on 1:10, in that Barnes wrote that this verse referred to Christ's incarnation alone. But, I think Gill answers that. If you get a chance, followup on Vincent's see also above, to 1:4 and 1:5 and comparing RWP entries for same.

Also, would you care to respond to John's use of *en arche* in context as regards the imperfect *eimi*? I posted Vincent's WS in regards to this previously, but if you like, I'll c/p it again.

Finally, you say:

Quote:

Thus, as I said to begin with, HN in [John 1:1](#) does not prove that Jesus is eternal. It is your argument and so the burden of proof is on you. You are free to believe that this text expresses that, but it in no way proves that even remotely.

The authorities I've cited (4 thus far? 5?) support my position. If you'd like more quotations, again, I'd be happy to provide them.



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#400

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Quote:

Originally Posted by [Allan 747](#)
Well I guess the next logical question would be, why did he refuse? There must be something in the transcript that you can read into for the answer.

A very good question. Mondo, will you please answer his question and also tell me why would he refuse under oath while he was so preoccupied in translating the whole NWT Bible from front to back in such a big hurry without completing his courses in Greek and not even bother taking the courses in Hebrew also? If he had the Holy Spirit in him, then was the Holy Spirit with him in that courtroom also? If yes then wouldn't you think the Holy Spirit would definitely assist this guy without hesitation while the transcripts were being written for the whole world to see?

Tim 😊😊😊



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