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08-29-2006

#421

### Toejamken

Junior Member

Join Date: Jul 2006  
Location: NW Florida  
Posts: 89  
16 Reputation Points

Quote:

Originally Posted by **mondo** ▾  
Ken,

*You rather shot yourself in the foot with your examples of places and things ("Jehovah Rapha, Jehovah Nissi, etc"), for this is exactly what I'm refering to! Those names include the very name of God, but they are not God! They are places and the name of those places include the divine name. This is exactly the same thing with the child. He is a child, he represents God as his Christ, yet he is not that God any more than the places you reference are God...This is one of the most damaging things to your position, which is that exactly the opposite of this is the case! The whole thing is **one** name! It is not several names, but a single name. It is not telling us titles that belong to the child, but it is the name of the child just as in [Isaiah 8:3](#). And again, as the LXX brings out, the child is named this because he is that one's "messenger."*

Hello Mondo,

I haven't shot myself in the foot at all. If you had read [Jeremiah 23](#), you should have noticed Jesus is called "YHWH our Righteousness". If YHWH says Jesus is YHWH, I'm going to trust what He says even though it is a mystery.



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#422

### AmazingGrace

CARM Super Member



Join Date: Jun 2006  
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So what does it actually say?

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#423

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501-1000 Posts

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You have and you don't even realize it, for you are doing it again! This name for Jesus is identical to the names of places and things that you mentioned earlier! It doesn't make those places/things God any more than Jesus' name makes him God! Your exegesis is inconsistent.



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#424

**mondo**

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Quote:

Originally Posted by **Keith Courage**  
*If it is a "singular" name as you put it, then you cannot split it out and apply part to Jesus and the rest to YHWH. The attributes of the "singular" name apply to one Person or the other. And if the Prince of Peace is not Jesus, then I rest my case.*

Well, that could be debated, but I have no problem with that for God is actually called a prince.



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#425

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No, that was as valid as I could make it at the time since I find your reasoning faulty at best. Are you seriously telling me that I should not look at [Isaiah 9:6](#) and see that Jesus is being spoken of there?

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#426

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Amazing grace, why don't you go back and make a response to what I'm saying. In doing that, you will have to carefully read what I wrote and thus you will see what I am and what I am not saying.



08-29-2006

#427

**truffy**

Inactive



Join Date: Jul 2006  
Posts: 1,593  
27 Reputation Points



Quote:

Originally Posted by **mondo**  
*No he doesn't. You are thinking that the word QEOS in western terms, not 1st century.*

Well then you people are the ones with the limited Greek knowledge, not me! In [John 20:28](#) you get ho theos, and in [John 1:1c](#) you claimed theos is not God because there is no 'ho' in front of it, so if Thomas did not say God did he spell it backwards or what?

Tim 😊😊😊



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Well you are again showing your limited knowledge, for the article is used here because of the genitive pronoun MOU in direct address. One cannot make this expression in the nominative case without the article, and so it has no bearing on whether or not the article indicates the Almighty or not. If Jesus is "a god" and "a god to Thomas" than Thomas would have to say either QEE MOU or hO QEOS MOU. Not a big deal.



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#429

**Keith Courage**

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Quote:

Originally Posted by **mondo**  
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\*\*\* [Worldwide Security Under the Prince of Peace pp 13-14](#) \*\*\*

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IN THE eighth century before our Common Era, the prophet Isaiah was inspired to say to God's people: **"For there has been a child born to us, there has been a son given to us; and the princely rule will come to be upon his shoulder. And his name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.** To the abundance of the princely rule and to peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and upon his kingdom in order to establish it firmly and to sustain it by means of justice and by means of righteousness, from now on and to time indefinite."—[Isaiah 9:6,\\*7](#).

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I agree with your leaders that the Prince of Peace is non other than the Lord Jesus Christ. And if this Title is solely His, then so are the others in [Isa 9:6](#), including "Mighty God". It is not just a mere name that really describes YHWH. It is the ROLE of the Son of God.

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You deny the one who bought you.

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One is my leader, the Christ. The writers of that are wrong.



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#432

**Toejamken**

Junior Member

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Quote:

Originally Posted by **Ongyo no Kiheiji**

**...And since the Bible calls the angels 'gods' (elohim) at Psalm 8:5**

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***(just as Jesus is called theos, which is the equivalent of elohim) and they received proskuneo from a number of God's people (with no rebuking from the angels, no dire consequences, etc.), one could conclude that the Israelites are polytheistic, or that God allowed those whom He has called gods (that are not independent of his authority) to rightly receive proskuneo as well (by virtue of the authority granted to them by God Himself) without one accusing the Israelites of polytheism.***

Hello Ongyo,

Please excuse me for interjecting a comment here. I assume that you are a Jehovah's Witness, and believe Jesus is an angel by your comments.

In the passage where Jesus is accused of making Himself to be God (the Father), He did not use any OT verses to defend Himself concerning angels being called elohim.

In the book of Hebrews Jesus is clearly distinguished from angels, and God commands them to worship Him.

In addition to the word Elohim being used in reference to Jesus, YHWH is also used. In [Jeremiah 23](#) we read:

"Behold, the days are coming," declares the LORD,  
When I will raise up for David a righteous Branch;  
And He will reign as king and act wisely  
And do justice and righteousness in the land.  
In His days Judah will be saved,  
And Israel will dwell securely;  
And this is His name by which He will be called,  
'The LORD our righteousness.'"

These are just a few reasons I have rejected WTBT doctrine. I believe Jesus is God. *Theos* is also the equivalent of YHWH in the NT. Jesus cannot be YHWH unless They possess the same substance, and this is a mystery. ([1 Timothy 3:16](#))

Ken



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#433

**mondo**

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#434

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Quote:

Originally Posted by **mondo**  
*Yes, those would be the so-called gods, not the "many gods."*

Hello Mondo,

I edited my last post and submited it shortly after you made this comment I have quoted above.

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"No, but I say that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons and not to God; and I do not want you to become sharers in demons." [1 Corinthians 10:20](#)

Those "many gods" are not really gods at all. That is the context.

Ken



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*Ken*

If that is what Paul was saying, he would not have called them "many gods" for they are not gods, they are merely so-called. Paul clearly distinguished the two groups.

Notice the following reference: "For even supposing there are (exist) gods so called ([2 Thessalonians 2. 4](#)), whether in heaven (as the sun, moon, and stars) or in earth (as deified kings, beasts, etc.), as there be (**a recognized fact, Deuteronomy 10.17; Psalm 135.5; 136.2**) **gods many** and lords many.' **Angels and men in authority are termed gods in Scripture**, as exercising a divinely delegated power under God (compare [Exodus 22.9](#), with v.28; [Psalm 82.1, 6; John 10.34,35](#))." [ Jamieson, Robert. Fausset, A.R. Brown, David. Commentary on the Whole Bible, (Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House), ] (emphasis added)

[1 Cor. 10:20](#) simply has no bearing on [1 Cor. 8:5](#). It is a completely different context



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#438

[mondo](#)

501-1000 Posts



Quote:

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Originally Posted by **Keith Courage** >

*As in the other thread, I am glad when you disagree with Watchtower Society, except when they are in fact right, which they are in this case. So I have mixed emotions.*

You've not substantiated the case at all! I've soundly demonstrated otherwise.



08-29-2006

#439

**mondo**

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Quote:

Originally Posted by **AmazingGrace** >

*Hmmm, you're right, I certainly did miss that point. And I'm still missing it. And I honestly can't see where you are trying to go except to try to confuse the issue.*

Here is a quote from the Jewish Study Bible that might make it easier to understand.

"The Mighty God...ruler": This long sentence is the throne name of the royal child. Semitic names often consist of sentences that describe God; thus the name Isaiah in Hebrew means "The LORD saves"; Hezekiah, "The LORD strengthens"; in Akkadian, the name of the Babylonian king Merodach-baladan (Is 39:1) means "the god Marduk has provided a heir." These names do not describe that person who holds them but the god whom the parents worship. Similarly, the name given to the child in this v. does not describe that child or attribute divinity to him, contrary to classical Christian readings of this messianic verse."



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#440

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Hello Mondo,

You can say my exegesis is inconsistent, but that doesn't mean it is true. You have chosen to reject my comments, and those of others which has affected your ability to comprehend what we write.

Ken



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