

THE JOHN 1:3 CHECKMATE

All things were made by him [Jesus Christ]; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

For those of you who have a burden to help Jehovah's Witnesses (JWs) and Mormons find the truth, you now have before your eyes exactly what you need. If truth matters to a JW or Mormon more than anything else, then the truth in John 1:3 will set them free. The way this verse accomplishes that is an amazing thing to study. It has the awesome power to unveil Jesus to people who don't know who He is. It's something that ordinary people can learn to use with the greatest of ease. By simply putting John 1:3 in play by using the Watchtower's New World Translation (NWT) or the Mormon's Joseph Smith Translation (JST), these people will be faced with the conflict that, by the grace of God, will be able to help them see that Jesus is the eternal Son of God and the Creator of all things. There is no escaping this truth in John 1:3 it's a "checkmate" every time – game over!

The first thing that we might do is to get you to see how verses one and two set up the conclusion reached in verse three. What do you mean by that? Three statements are made in verse one and verse two repeats the second statement. Then verse three gives the natural result or conclusion based on the information given in John 1:1.

Let's take a look: 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God (John 1:1-2). Statement (1) is that the Word (Jesus) existed in the beginning before anything was created. Statement (2) is that Jesus was with the Father in the beginning before anything was created, which is repeated again in verse two. Statement (3) is that the Word (Jesus) by nature is God. Now comes verse three which uses this information to draw a conclusion that by an inference (evidence provided in verse one) the Word (Jesus) must be the Creator of all things without any exceptions. John 1:3 is simply a corollary to the previous two verses and its logical declaration.

Doesn't John 1:3 say that Jesus created all things and not even one thing came into existence without Him, and wouldn't all things include Michael the Archangel? If you don't believe that Jesus created ALL THINGS, how could you have any hope? Then ask them to read Matt 10:33 — But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

Now let's see the John 1:3 text in comparison:

John 1:3 (KJV) All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

John 1:3 (JST) All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made which was made.

John 1:3 (NWT) All things [this would include Michael the Archangel] came into existence through him, and apart from him not even one thing came into existence.

At this point you just have to decide who and what you believe, God's Word or a lie.

One cannot believe in a false Jesus and a false God and have true salvation. You could say – If you do not know who Jesus is, all the rest doesn't matter. Jesus said: But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven (Matt 10:33).