

The John 1:3 Checkmate – by Dave Weeks

To begin your conversation with a JW, you might ask these questions:

1. Do you consider yourself to be a honest person?
2. Do you believe that the Bible, in It's context, is your absolute authority for faith and life?
3. Do you believe that a truth in the Bible will never contradict itself?

Then make this statement: Well, if what you just said is true, then I don't understand how you, as a JW, could have any hope. They might reply by saying, "What do you mean?" Then you ask them to read John 1:3. Let's take a look:

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

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!

What JWs do not understand is that Jesus is Jehovah. Isa 44:24 *Thus saith the LORD [Jehovah/Yahweh], thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the LORD that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself.* See also Isa 45:18 Zech 11:12-13;

12:10; 14:3-4. These verses prove that Jesus is the LORD, Jehovah or more correctly stated, the Hebrew divine name *Yahweh*. Exodus 3:14 *I AM THAT I AM*.

The “a god” Question

If you can continue your conversation with a kind and caring attitude, you may have a chance to ask this question which is truly an eye-opener. “How could anyone know that the Watchtower’s *a god* in John 1:1 is not correct?” Their reply most likely will be, “How?” You then ask him/her to read Genesis 1:1—*In the beginning God [not a god] created the heaven and the earth*.

The answer is very clearly stated in the verse that you have just read. “What do you mean?” Well, if *a god* were correct in John 1:1, then Genesis 1:1 would have to read “a god” instead of *God* created ...

You can begin to close your comments by asking them (usually there’s more than one) do you remember the first two questions that I asked you at the beginning of our conversation? Review the questions and their answers then say: If what you said is really true, then now you must choose God’s Word instead of the Watchtower’s word because – 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). Remember to get their contact info!