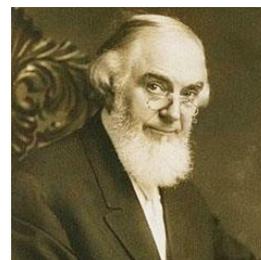


# Jehovah's Witnesses

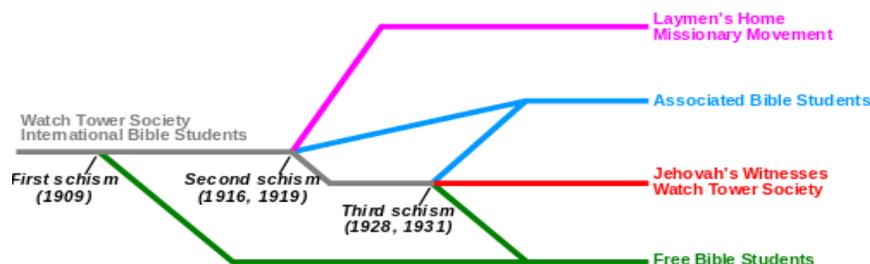
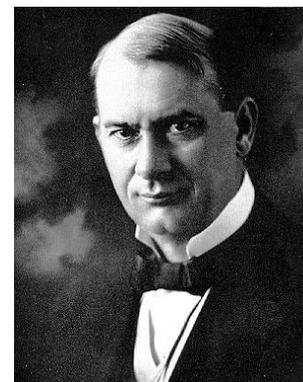
**Founder:** Charles Taze Russell (b Feb. 16, 1852) (d Oct 31, 1916)  
 good and successful leader with many, colorful legal  
 "entanglements" and scandals.



**Publications:** "Awake!"  
 "Watchtower" (Earlier known as "Herald of the Morning" - 1879)

1870 Russell forms - Bible Class-- Pittsburgh to reject doctrine of eternal punishment  
 1879 Russell publishes "Herald"  
 1884 Russell begins "Zion's Watchtower Tract Society"  
 1886 Russell begins 7 volume books "Studies in the Scriptures"(originally "The Millennial Dawn")

1908 Headquarters to New York City—First Split  
 1917 After Russell's death seventh volume, "The Finished Mystery" causes split  
 1917 Clean Split - larger group follows Rutherford now called "Jehovah's Witnesses"  
 Russell's group -The Dawn Bible Students Association



**NOTE** - America was founded by \_\_\_\_\_ men and women in the 1600, and 1700's. Even a casual observation of literature and architecture reveals this clearly. However, with great prosperity and freedom our ancestors forgot God from 1820-1860 (didn't take long did it?). During this time there was a great swell of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ that swept our nation including political, educational and philosophical leaders. Christianity's reaction to all of this was complacency and mockery. I wonder if God permitted the Civil War, to get us back to Him. It is during this satanic incubation period that several key movements or their founder flourished. AND we never had any kind of an awakening/revival since the Civil War to bring us back to Him!

## Check the list:

Mormonism - Joseph Smith, Brigham Young early 1800s  
 Christian Science - Mary Baker Eddy mid 1800s  
 Spiritism - Fox Sisters mid 1800s

Evolution - Charles Darwin mid 1800s  
 Jehovah's Witnesses - Charles Taze Russell mid 1800s  
 Unity School - mid 1800s

## Basic Beliefs of Russellites, Jehovah's Witnesses

1. One God—Jehovah, No Trinity, Jesus was a lesser "god", Holy Spirit is a force.
2. Salvation---Begins with work of Jesus, ends with your faithfulness, Immortality is reward for faithfulness, No eternal hell only annihilation, Kingdom of Heaven and only 144,000 enter.
3. Jesus---A lesser god, spirit creature, Rose from dead as a "spirit creature", Returned to earth in 1914, expelled Satan and is setting up the Theocratic Millennial Kingdom
4. Bible---Originally, inerrant, infallible, inspired Word of God
5. Man--Created in image of Jehovah, Willfully sinned, Need to follow Christ until death to inherit the Kingdom, Human governments are the devils organization
6. Satan--- a great angel who rebelled, destiny is death by annihilation

## WITNESSING TO SINCERE JW SEEKERS

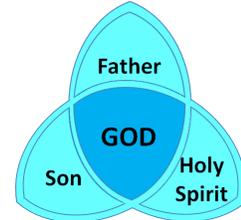
The most attacked doctrine in Christianity is the \_\_\_\_\_! The first link in the “Trinity chain” is the deity of \_\_\_\_\_. If you can show the deity Christ then proving the deity of the Holy Spirit is usually easy. You will never convince a JW that Christ or the Holy Spirit are really God by quoting verses such as Matthew 28:19-20. You have to start at the beginning and use a process of logic. And since the doctrine of the Trinity is hard to understand it makes the task all the more difficult.

You will not convince a JW of anything by just quoting scripture verses. The doctrine of the Trinity is what is under attack, especially the deity of Christ. You must start at the beginning basics and define terms.

The term “Trinity” must be defined to the JW. The Trinity is three different gods.

But that is not the Christian, Biblical definition at all.

We believe that there is in the nature of \_\_\_\_\_ God, three distinct \_\_\_\_\_



## LOGIC STRUCTURE

P1 If we can prove that there are three persons called God, or Jehovah

P2 And if there is only one Jehovah God, then

C All three are the same Jehovah God

## STEP BY STEP

**Step 1** Is there a person called the Father?

*For He received honor and glory from **God the Father** when the voice came to Him from the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased.”* 2 Peter 1:17

Is the Father Jehovah?

**Step 2** Is there a person called the Son?

*For He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to Him from the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is **My Son**, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased.”* 2 Peter 1:17

Is the Son Jehovah?

<sup>6</sup> *And when He brought His supreme Son into the world, God said, “Let all of God’s angels worship Him.”*

<sup>7</sup> *Regarding the angels, He says, “He sends His angels like the winds, His servants like flames of fire.”*

<sup>8</sup> **But to the Son He says, “Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever.** Hebrews 1:6-8

Every “God” that appears here and all of chapter 1 is “theos” the usual word for Jehovah God

**Step 3** Usually if you make step 2 then next one with the Holy Spirit is easy and you use Acts 5.

<sup>3</sup> *Then Peter said, “Ananias, why have you let Satan fill your heart? **You lied to the Holy Spirit,** and you kept some of the money for yourself. <sup>4</sup> The property was yours to sell or not sell, as you wished. And after selling it, the money was also yours to give away. How could you do a thing like this? **You weren’t lying to us but to God!**”*

Acts 5:3-4

## Old Testament Approach

Exodus 3:14 God said to Moses, **"I AM WHO I AM."** This is what you are to say to the Israelites: **"I AM"** has sent me to you."

John 8:51-58; 10:30-33

<sup>51</sup> I tell you the truth, if anyone keeps My word, he will never see death."

<sup>52</sup> At this the Jews exclaimed, "Now we know that you are demon-possessed! Abraham died and so did the prophets, yet you say that if anyone keeps your word, he will never taste death. <sup>53</sup> Are you greater than our father Abraham? He died, and so did the prophets. Who do you think you are?" <sup>54</sup> Jesus replied, "If I glorify Myself, My glory means nothing. My Father, whom you claim as your God, is the one who glorifies Me. <sup>55</sup> Though you do not know Him, I know Him. If I said I did not, I would be a liar like you, but I do know Him and keep His word. <sup>56</sup> Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing My day; he saw it and was glad." <sup>57</sup> "You are not yet fifty years old," the Jews said to Him, "and you have seen Abraham!"

<sup>58</sup> "I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, **I AM!**" John 8:51-58

<sup>30</sup> **I and the Father are one.**" <sup>31</sup> Again the Jews picked up stones to stone Him, <sup>32</sup> but Jesus said to them, "I have shown you many great miracles from the Father. For which of these do you stone Me?" <sup>33</sup> "We are not stoning you for any of these," replied the Jews, "but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God." John 10:30-33

**NOTE:** The JW New World Translation (1950) will have a footnote on John 8:58...saying that "I am" should be the in the Greek "imperfect indefinite tense"—"I have been." **Problem---** . So, they did a revision in 2013 and left "I AM" completely out and inserted "I have been."

Also, notice in their "Bibles" there are no references to the "scholars" that worked on this translation. When confronted with this challenge they say it was not important to glorify men and thus take glory from God. Well ain't that spiritual. Later, Nathan H. Knorr, Fredrick W. Franz, Albert D. Schroeder, George Gangas, and Milton Henschel were identified as major part of the team. None of these men had \_\_\_\_\_ university training, much less training in Biblical language. Franz was the one exception who had barely a year of university training claiming his study of Greek. However, his training (one class) was not in Biblical Koine (coin-nay) Greek but in classical Greek. He claimed familiarity with Hebrew, Portuguese, Latin, Spanish, German and French for Biblical translating.

## **New Testament**

### **Revelation Approach**

<sup>8</sup> "I am the **Alpha and the Omega**," says the **Lord God**, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, **the Almighty**"

Revelation 1:8

Who is speaking?

What is his self-acclaimed title?

Revelation 22:7,12, 13

<sup>7</sup> "Behold, I am coming soon! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy in this book." <sup>12</sup> "Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with Me, and I will give to everyone according to what He has done. <sup>13</sup> **I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.**

Revelation 22:16,20,13 (same passage)

<sup>16</sup> **"I, Jesus,** have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star." <sup>20</sup> He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, **Lord Jesus.**  
<sup>13</sup> **I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last,** the Beginning and the End.

Revelation 1:12-17 Who is this? Obviously, Jesus

<sup>12</sup> I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, <sup>13</sup> and among the lampstands was someone "like a son of man," dressed in a robe reaching down to His feet and with a golden sash around His chest. <sup>14</sup> His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes were like blazing fire. <sup>15</sup> His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and His voice was like the sound of rushing waters. <sup>16</sup> In His right hand He held seven stars, and out of His mouth came a sharp double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

<sup>17</sup> When I saw Him, I fell at His feet as though dead. Then He placed His right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. **I am the First and the Last.**

Isaiah 44:6

<sup>6</sup> "This is what the LORD says— Israel's King and Redeemer, **the LORD Almighty: I am the first and I am the last;** apart from Me there is no God.

## Hebrews Approach

<sup>1</sup> In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, <sup>2</sup> but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, and through whom He made the universe. <sup>3</sup> The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being, sustaining all things by His powerful word. After He had provided purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. <sup>4</sup> So He became as much superior to the angels as the name He has inherited is superior to theirs.

<sup>5</sup> For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? <sup>6</sup> And again, when God brings His firstborn into the world, He says, "Let all God's angels worship Him." <sup>7</sup> In speaking of the angels He says, "He makes His angels winds, His servants flames of fire."

<sup>8</sup> **But about the Son He says, "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever, and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom.**  
Hebrews 1:1-8

## ISAIAH APPROACH

Isaiah 9:6

<sup>6</sup>For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on His shoulders. And He will be called: Wonderful Counselor, **Mighty God,** Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 10:20-21

<sup>20</sup>But they will faithfully trust the LORD, the Holy One of Israel. <sup>21</sup>A remnant will return; yes, the remnant of Jacob will return to **the Mighty God.**

**Note**---JW will say it should be Almighty God in 10:20, however, it is the same Hebrew phrase "al gbur" in both cases and must be translated them same both chapters.

Is there a Person called the Spirit? Matthew 28:19

<sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the **name** of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Singular??

Is the Spirit Jehovah God?

Acts 5:3-4

<sup>3</sup> Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? <sup>4</sup> Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied to men but to God."

**Final Thoughts:** Trinity is not 1+1+1=3, it is 1 x 1 x 1= 1.

John 14:28 paradox?? See Philipians 2:1-10, Colossians 1:1-20, Matthew 28:17

Water as picture of the Trinity---ice, water, steam

Millennial verses not fulfilled. (lamb and lion)

144,000 are clearly Jews---Revelation 7

**The JW movement is growing due to the lack of basic Bible knowledge on the part of Christians.**

**KNOW YOUR BIBLE!!**

**ANSWERS:**

Christian, Spiritism, Occultism, T r i n i t y,  
C h r i s t, One, Persons, There is no such tense, Any