
Jesus was citing Ex. 3:14 here where Jehovah says, "I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

The Hebrew word "I am" is written as YHWH, which is translated by older translations as Jehovah and by newer translations as Yahweh.

The Jews knew exactly what Jesus meant when he called himself "I am" (Jehovah), because as soon as he said it, they took up stones to try to kill him for blasphemy. (John 8:59)

In Isa 42:8 we read, "I am Jehovah; that is my name! I will not give my glory to another..."

But in 2 Peter 1:17 says Jesus, "received honour and glory from God the Father..."

Jehovah does not give his glory to another, but he gives it to Jesus.

SO WHAT CAN WE conclude from this? It seems we have no choice but to say that Christ the Son is God along with the Father. Otherwise, it makes no sense.

God is God in three persons – God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, just as Jesus said, "in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit" (Matt. 28:19).

Thank you for taking the time to

read this little booklet.

Maybe you have many other questions, because there is not enough space to respond to all possible questions in a little booklet. We would be glad to meet you to discuss these questions, or to answer them by e-mail.

May Jehovah guide you in all things. "You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:32)

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations! For perhaps the first time in your life you are studying and reading the Bible, and praying to Jehovah regularly, and meeting together regularly with others who are seeking Him.

You are seeking Jehovah, and you will find Him as the Bible says: "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." (Jer. 29:13)

At the same time, Jesus warns us that "many false prophets will appear and deceive many people" (Matt. 24:11).

How can we know if we are being led astray by false teaching? How can we protect ourselves and our families against cults?

First off, we need to hear both sides. Some religious groups do not permit their members to speak to persons

about God who are not in their group, but the Bible says otherwise: “The first to present his case seems right, till another comes forward and questions him” (Proverbs 18:17).

So let us ask some questions.

THE MOST IMPORTANT question may be about Jesus, because the Bible says what we believe about him will affect our eternal destiny:

“No-one who denies the Son has the Father; whoever acknowledges the Son has the Father also” (1John 2:23).

John 3:36 says, “Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God’s wrath remains on him.”

Jesus said, “whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven.” (Matt. 10:33)

So our question is: Who really is Jesus? Is he a created being, or is he God himself? If we do not honor Christ for who he really is, will we enter heaven?

The Bible speaks about Christ in Psalm 2:11-12: “Serve Jehovah with fear and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry and you be destroyed in your way, for his wrath can flare up in a moment.”

Notice that the Bible says we should “Kiss the Son.” What does that

mean? It involves worship. The word for worship in the original Greek of the New Testament is “proskuneo”. The word is defined as “worship, bow before, kiss the hand in worship.”

Worship is reserved only for God, as Jesus said in Matt. 4:10: “Worship Jehovah your God, and serve him only.”

BUT WHY THEN does Jehovah say that we should worship Jesus? In Heb. 1:6 Jehovah says of Jesus, “Let all God’s angels worship him.”*

John 5:23 says, “that all may honour the Son just as they honour the Father.” How do we honor the Father? We worship him. The Bible says we should do the same for Jesus.

Other passages show the same thing. For instance, Thomas bowed before Jesus to worship him. If Jesus is not Jehovah, he should have stopped him, just like Peter did when Cornelius bowed to worship him (Acts 10:25-26), or when John bowed before an angel twice (Re 19:10, 22:9).

* (The word worship here in the original Greek is proskuneo, exactly the same word translated as worship in Matt. 4:10. However the New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures (Jehovah’s Witness Bible) changes this word from “worship” to “honor” in Heb. 1:6)

Jesus is not a little god, but God himself. Jesus is called Emmanuel in the Bible, which means “God with us.” (Matt. 1:23)

Jehovah calls himself the “First and the Last” in Isa 44:6 But Jesus is called the First and the Last in Revelations 2:8.

Are there two firsts, and two lasts, or just one?

Jehovah says in Isa 44:8: “Is there any God besides me? No, there is no other Rock; I know not one.” Jehovah is also called the Rock in Isa 26:4.

But Jesus is called God in John 1:1 (“and the word became God”) and in John 20:28 (“my Lord and my God”). He is called the Rock in 1 Cor. 10:4 (“that rock was Christ.”)

SO ARE THERE TWO GODS or one? Are there two rocks? The Bible says there is only one God and only one Rock -- God is one, but he exists in three parts, just like an egg is one, but has three parts – the shell, the yolk and the white.

Jesus spoke of this unity when he said: “I and the Father are one.” (John 10:30) and “Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father” (John 14:9).

Jesus even called himself Jehovah! In John 8:58 Jesus told the Jews, “before Abraham was born, I am!”