

# What TBFers NTKA Jehovah's Witnesses

## The Seven Doctrinal Truths of Christianity That Transcend Denominations

### Who God Is

True/Real, Personal, Triune and Gracious (TTTOOOJRSLIVE)

### Who Christ Is

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Person of the Trinity; the Incarnation of God: the God-Man

### Who We Are

GIs: Guilty before God with an Inability to Save Ourselves (Romans 3:20-27)

### What Christ Did

+R Life...SAS (Substitutionary Atoning Sacrifice) LBSR (Literal Bodily Resurrection)

### What We Must Do

Salvation by God's Grace Received by Faith in Christ Alone (Romans 4:5)

### What Christ Will Do

Literal/Bodily, Supernatural/Udeniable 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent

### What the Bible Is

The Verbally Inspired Word of God

## Official Jehovah's Witness Doctrine Concerning the Super Seven The Watchtower Bible and Tract Society

### Who God Is

One God in One Person "Jehovah God"

### Who Christ Is

The First Created Being-Called Michael the Archangel in the Old Testament

### Who We Are

Able to Save Ourselves by Our Merit Through the Watchtower Society

### What Christ Did

He Did NOT Die on a Cross, He Did Not Physically Rise from the Dead

### What We Must Do

Keep All the Laws and the Commandments of the Bible as a Jehovah's Witness

### What Christ Will Do

He Returned "Invisibly" in 1914, He Will Return Visibly to Destroy All non-JWs

### What the Bible Is

The Word of God Which Can ONLY Be Understood by the Leaders of the JW's

# Take This To Heart

## What TBFers NTKA Jehovah's Witnesses

1: The vast majority of them are "nice/moral people" who are sincere in their beliefs. They are not a physical danger to others.

2: Their (recent-1880s) theological system is biblically flawed and spiritually toxic.

3: They are members of a theological cult: which is a relatively recent movement which claims to be the restoration of true Christianity but in fact denies clear and major teachings of the New Testament/historic Christianity.

### **1 and 2: By denying the Trinity**

...they are forced to deny the Deity of Jesus and thus teach a false concept of God/Jesus

### **3: By denying true guilt and inability**

...they teach people can/must save themselves (the ultimate DIY project)

### **4: By denying the SAS/LBSR of Christ**

...they blaspheme the very CORE of Christianity (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

### **5: By denying salvation by grace though faith alone in Christ alone**

...they reduce Jesus to a helper as opposed to the Savior

### **6: By making the 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent of Christ an exclusive affirmation of their Organization...**

...they theologially highjack the program of God for humanity

### **7: By claiming the Bible cannot be understood apart from their Organization...**

...they strip Scripture of its inherent authority and chain themselves to human leaders

## Jehovah's Witnesses

### What Do You Do When They Come to Your House?

1: Be Courteous-How You Act is Important

2: Take Control of the Conversation

3: Clearly Talk about Clear Scriptures

(Salvation by Grace/Faith Alone in Christ Alone)

# Jehovah: THE Name of God?!?

YHWH, the LORD and Jehovah

## Jehovah's Witnesses Teach

We must call on the name of Jehovah in order to have the chance to work for/earn our salvation on a restored Earth in the End-Times and yet:

- 1: The Hebrew YHWH is used almost 7000 times in the OT. It is usually translated "LORD" and in some English translations "Jehovah".
- 2: The original vowels are assumed to be "a" and "e" so the full form in English letters is YaHWeH (pronounced "Yah-way"). It is a form of the Hebrew verb "to be" and literally means "I am". It reveals God as the Self-Existent Eternal Being-who is ever faithful to His program/promises.
- 3: Yahweh is the "Covenantal" or "Salvation" Name of God. It emphasizes God's unique character and saving purpose. It is like God's personal name especially for believers-we who "know" Him in/through His salvation.
- 4: As a convention, this Hebrew word is translated into English using all capital letters "LORD" to distinguish this special term from a different OT Hebrew name for God, "Adonai" which is translated "Lord".
- 5: The earliest English translations used the term "Jehovah" to translate YHWH. Why? After the writing of the OT, by tradition, Jewish readers of the Scripture would NOT pronounce the word "Yahweh" and would instead substitute the term Adonai-out of respect/reverence for the Personal name of God. Hundreds of years after this tradition began, when vowels (in the form of dots and lines below or above the consonants) were added to the text of the Hebrew OT **but to remind people NOT to pronounce the word Yahweh, the vowels for Adonai were added to the consonants of YHWH.** This form would have looked extremely odd to the Hebrew reader-since those letters with those vowels spelled out a nonsense/non-word. But again **this was designed to remind readers to see Yahweh but to say Adonai.** Hundreds of years later when European scholars in the Middle Ages, first attempted to translate ancient Hebrew (with the more modern vowel points) they did not know about the convention...and simply transliterated what they saw "YHWH" with the vowels of Adonai and came up with the new/hybrid term: "Jehovah". Before the original background of this hybrid was discovered, the term "Jehovah" had gained traction among English speakers...and had in effect become a technical term for YHWH.

However in light of the background/actually meaning most modern translations use the term "LORD."

6: The most recent edition of the KJV uses the term seven times including Psalm 83:18: "whose name alone *is* JEHOVAH [the Hebrew text says YHWH] the most high over all the earth."

**Ironically the original leaders of the Jehovah's Witnesses did not know any of the above and insisted (and JW's still insist) "Jehovah" is THE ultimate term and the "real" name of God!?!**

JEHOVAH—"is an erroneous form of the divine name of the covenant God Israel." *The New Schaff-Herzog Encyclopedia*

JEHOVAH – "is an artificial form." *The Interpreters Dictionary of the Bible*

JEHOVAH – "the vowels of one word with the consonants of the other were misread as 'Jehovah.'" *Encyclopedia International*

JEHOVAH—"is an inaccurate reconstruction of the name of God in the Old Testament." *Merits Students Encyclopedia*

YHWH—"When Christian scholars of Europe first began to study Hebrew, they did not understand what this really meant, and they introduced the hybrid name 'Jehovah'...THE TRUE PRONUNCIATION OF THE NAME YHWH WAS NEVER LOST. Several early Greek writers of the Christian church testify that the name was pronounced 'YAHWEH.'