

Some Great Things to Discuss With Jehovah's Witnesses

The following topics are taken from one of the Jehovah's Witnesses' publications I received from them titled "Reasoning from the Scriptures", © 1985, 1989; 2009 printing, Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society. Some of their conclusions you may not agree with, and others you may, but all are worthy topics to discuss with them whenever they come to your door or whenever else the opportunity arises. I know personally from growing up in a Jehovah's Witness family (until my teenage years) that many Jehovah's Witnesses are sincere, zealous believers in God and His Son, who earnestly want to share with others what they have come to understand as truth. Likewise, I encourage you to share the truth YOU have learned with them on some of these topics, with love and compassion, patience, kindness, and gentleness. May Yahweh be magnified as we share His Word. – Jeff C.

PAGE	JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES BELIEVE...
32	There is no future Antichrist
45	The "beast" in Revelation refers to human governments
56-58	Water baptism is for ALL believers. But baptism of the Holy Spirit is only for the "little flock", the "anointed ones", the 144,000, who go to heaven. (SIDE NOTE: These 144,000 are certain men AND women, chosen by God since the time of Christ.)
76-80	Only 144,000 people are "born again" – only these born again people go to heaven to rule over everyone else on earth.
88, 125	Creation was not 6 literal days. Matter could have been created billions of years ago. (SIDE NOTE: God could have started everything with a "big bang" and let evolution take over from there.)
97	God's kingdom was established in 1914. Jesus became KING at that time, and started a worldwide preaching work. Satan and his demons were hurled out of heaven at this time also. This is the beginning of "the last days". 1914 is 2520 years ("7 times") from 607 BC, when Zedekiah was the last king of Israel and Gedaliah was the last governor under Babylonian rule. See Daniel 4:1-17
100	The soul dies; it does not continue on after the body dies. It is not immortal.
114	"Old heavens and earth" refers to the old, wicked society
136	Jesus is God's son (the first creation – the "firstborn of all creation"), and is not part of a triune god. The holy spirit is not a person of a trinity; it is God's active force.
166	Mt. Zion is in heaven, not on earth. There is no special significance for the physical tribes of Israel. Jehovah's Witnesses are the only true believers and are "spiritual Israel".
172	The "beast" and his image are symbolic. "Tormented forever" means eternally dead, cut-off, not alive
175	There is no eternal torment in a fiery hell.
177	The magi were astrologers led by a star from Satan.
199	You should fear God and do not do anything to displease Him (SIDE NOTE: but things in the Old Testament that displeased Him don't matter anymore, like Sabbath, eating unclean animals, etc. Only things mentioned in the New Testament apply.)
199	Jesus has been ruling as KING since 1914.
200	Some people who were alive in 1914 will see the end of this system.
215	Jesus resurrected spiritually, not physically.
218	Jesus is Michael the archangel.
223	"Israel" has no special significance any longer. All heavenly prophecies are only for the 144,000 anointed ones.
227	Sanctification of God's name "Jehovah" is of utmost importance.
234	God's kingdom is already ruling in the heavens (since 1914). Those alive in 1914 will live to see the "great tribulation".

243	The human soul is not immortal.
268	Only the 144,000 anointed ones should eat and drink the Memorial (Passover). These are the only heaven-bound ones. (SIDE NOTE: all other believers will live forever on a paradise earth.)
337-339	A “general resurrection” will take place on earth during the 1000 years. Many, but not all, people will be resurrected and then tested and judged during the 1000 years. Their past life doesn’t matter. People who had died before for unforgiveable sins will never be resurrected, but others, God remembers and resurrects and gives them the opportunity to live forever. These are ones who died before and had committed general Adamic sin due to ignorance.
339	In Revelation 20, when it says “the rest of the dead” don’t come alive until the 1000 years are ended, this doesn’t mean “resurrected”; it means “perfected”.
345	The Sabbath was only for Israel. Words like “perpetual” just mean “for a long time”. Christ ended the law. (SIDE NOTE: other words like “forever” and “everlasting” also just mean “for a long time” when referring to certain things like Sabbath.)
346	Sunday worship came from Constantine as a way to unite pagans and Christians in his empire. (SIDE NOTE: But Sabbath worship is no longer important to God since Christ ended the law.)
347	Sabbath was only connected to Israel’s deliverance from Egypt; it is not related to creation or significant for any other reason for believers today.
348-349	The Mosaic law is not separated into “moral” and “ceremonial” laws. However, Christians are not bound to any part of the law. However, many moral standards in the Ten Commandments were restated in the New Testament (except Sabbath), so these are to be kept. The new covenant has replaced the law covenant. The law in our hearts is more effective than the law on stones.
350	Sabbath rest is every day for a Christian; it is rest from “works” through faith in Christ.
388	Angels did take on human form and fathered children (Genesis 6:1-4, Jude 6). But they are now restricted from doing so.
390, 427	Satan and his angels were cast out of heaven down to earth in 1914 (Revelation 12:9).
404	Speaking in tongues is no longer a gift today. It was just a sign back then that God had shifted his favor from the Jewish system to the newly formed Christian congregation.
433	Women are to be silent at meetings.
434	Women should cover their heads while praying and prophesying in the presence of a man.
437	The “beast” is all human government. (SIDE NOTE: They do not vote or hold public office, salute the flag, nor engage in military service.)
437	Human governments will make war with God at Armageddon.

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20	Earth will be restored to a paradise garden again.
32	Satan rules this world and its governments.
33	There will not be a “heaven” or “hell” for eternity. A “new earth” means “approved people”. (Only 144,000 anointed ones will go to heaven, all other believers will live on a paradise earth forever, and all unbelievers will simply be dead.)
40	The holy spirit is God’s active force (not a part of a triune god).
40	Jesus became the promised Messiah at his anointing/baptism.
41	Jesus is God’s son, and God’s first creation. “Jesus is the word” means “he spoke for God”. The

	son is not equal to the father (John 14:28, 1 Corinthians 11:3).
46, 51	The father resurrected the son to spirit life (not physical life).
46	Eternal life for most believers will be on a paradise earth (not in heaven).
55	The Memorial should be attended each year. (This is the only celebration that is required to recognize and keep. Only the 144,000 anointed ones may partake of the bread and wine.)
58	The soul or spirit is not immortal. (Ecclesiastes 9:5-6, 10, Psalms 146:4)
64	There is no heaven or hell after death.
73	“Judgment Day” refers to the future 1000 year period when all unrighteous people will live again and have a chance to accept God, alongside of all the resurrected righteous people. Those who didn’t know God or get a chance will have their chance. But other wicked ones who had died will never be resurrected.
73	Jesus was raised as a spirit, not a human.
74	The 144,000 are the “little flock” who go to heaven. These go instantly to heaven when they die, but everyone else lies in the grave, some awaiting resurrection, and some not.
78	Mount Zion is Jesus’ royal position in heaven. The 144,000 are righteous believers selected to co-rule with Jesus over those on the earth – these are people who have been selected by God since the time of the apostles.
85	Satan was cast out of heaven and Christ’s kingdom began in 1914.
87	“Michael” is another name for Jesus.
96	Jesus was the first creation, but then he created all other things.
98	Angels no longer appear visibly, only invisibly.
99	Rebellious angels came to earth, reproduced with women, and brought about the Flood. They took on flesh, and then later returned to heaven as spirit creatures. They can no longer take on fleshly bodies.
104	The name “Jehovah” must be used in prayers.
122	Military service, war, politics, and other government work are not allowed.
128-130	Abortion, racism, tobacco, drugs, dangerous sports/activities, sport hunting, blood transfusions, is not allowed. (SIDE NOTE: Also, divorce for any reason except adultery is not allowed, although “separation” is allowed in some circumstances.)
132	Christians are not to obey the Mosaic law.
148	The name “Jehovah” must be made known.
149	Killing, war, and politics are not allowed, but laws should be obeyed, unless they conflict with God’s laws.
151-152	“Babylon the Great” refers to all false religions. The only true religion is Jehovah’s Witnesses. There is no trinity, immortal soul, or hell.
156-159	Birthday celebrations, Christmas, Easter, Halloween, New Year’s, and other celebrations are pagan and are not allowed.
175	You must be baptized as a Jehovah’s Witness to have eternal life.
197	The divine name “Jehovah” must be used.
198	Daniel’s “70 weeks”: 455 BC (the word to restore Jerusalem →7 weeks = 406 BC (Jerusalem rebuilt) →62 weeks = 29 CE (Messiah anointed) →1 week = 36 CE, but in the middle, 33 CE Messiah is “cut off” (killed) “He who confirms a covenant with many for 1 week” was Messiah. This is not a future prophecy.
204	Paganism and idolatry is forbidden, which includes the “cross” (and saluting the flag), etc.
206	The annual Memorial (the Lord’s evening meal) is only for the 144,000 anointed ones who will

	go to heaven. These are the only ones that are part of the “new covenant”.
210	The soul is not immortal.
213	“Judgment Day” is a 1000 year future period. Many will survive Armageddon, and many others are resurrected. All will learn righteousness during this time Those who refuse are killed during this time. At the end of the 1000 years, Satan comes one last time.
217	Jesus was appointed king in 1914. (In 607 BC, Babylon captured Jerusalem. “7 times” in Daniel 4:10-16 is 2520 years.)
218	Jesus is Michael the archangel.