

# Quick Facts About Jehovah's Witnesses

## God the Father

- The Father is Almighty God. He is not part of a Trinity.
- Jesus was his only direct creation.
- His personal name is Jehovah and he should be addressed by that name.
- Prayer and worship should be directed to the Father.
- At one time they thought he lived on the star Alcyone in the Pleiades constellation.
- He limits his knowledge of the future.
- He reacts to circumstances as they occur.
- He is not omniscient or omnipresent.

## Jesus Christ

- He is not God. He is not a person of the Trinity. He is not equal to God. He is "a god." He is a created being.
- God created everything else through Jesus.
- He was Michael the Archangel before coming to earth.
- His life force was transferred by holy spirit to Mary.
- When on earth he was a perfect sinless man, nothing more and nothing less.
- He was raised from the dead as Michael the Archangel without a physical body.
- His body was dissolved into gases in the tomb.
- He generated bodies to appear to the disciples after his resurrection. These bodies even included nail holes.
- His ransom consisted of giving up his fleshly body and the right to live forever on earth as a perfect human, which he had earned by living a sinless life.
- His ransom paid for Adam's sin alone. This gives people the opportunity to earn their salvation by believing in God and doing good works.
- You should not pray to or worship Jesus.
- Jesus and the devil are referred to as the "Morning Stars."
- At one time they taught that Jesus returned invisibly in 1874 to rule the earth. Now they believe he returned invisibly in 1914.
- He is the mediator only for the "anointed remnant." He is not mediator for all men.
- He died on a stake, not a cross.

## Heaven

- Only 144,000 go there.
- Those who go to heaven will rule with Christ as kings over those who remain on paradise earth.
- At one time they taught that heaven was closed in 1881, now they believe it closed in the mid-1930s.

## Resurrection

- God "remembers" people exactly as they were when they died. (Note: this is not you. It is an exact copy of you. This is re-creation, not resurrection.)

### **Organization**

- You must be associated with the organization of Jehovah's Witnesses to survive Armageddon. JW's are baptized in the name of "Jehovah's spirit-directed organization."
- You must follow the counsel of the organization and not openly question anything they say.
- The organization is not infallibly inspired.
- At the same time, you must be fully devoted to obeying the organization.
- The organization is known as "mother."
- Only the organization understands the Bible. No independent person can.
- It is called a theocracy, which means "rule from God."

### **Communion**

- Held once a year. Only the surviving "remnant" may partake. This is about 8,000 JW's out of current membership of 6,400,000

### **Armageddon**

- Early on they taught that it would happen in Oct. 1914.
- They changed their prediction to 1915.
- Then they taught it would occur in 1918.
- They changed it again to 1925.
- They changed it again to 1940's.
- They did it again in 1975.
- Only loyal JW's will survive Armageddon.

### **Angels**

- Angels are used by God to communicate "new light" to the remnant here on earth.
- They help guide the preaching work of JW's here on earth by leading them to call on people who are seeking God.
- Before the Flood, angels materialized bodies and married human women, producing giant, hybrid offspring spoken of as "Nephilim" in the Old Testament.

### **Christendom**

- Part of Babylon the Great.
- Apostasy set into Christianity shortly after the deaths of the apostles.
- All of Christendom will be destroyed at Armageddon.
- It teaches "God-dishonoring doctrines."

### **Politics**

- They cannot salute the flag.
- They cannot say the pledge of allegiance.
- They are pacifists.
- They cannot run for political office or vote in elections.