

3. The Apostle John declares Jesus is God

a. John 1:1-3

(1) Discussion of John 1:1

(a) New World Translation of John 1:1

"In (the) beginning the Word was, and the Word was with God, and the Word was a god."

Note: In the latter part of this verse, the Jehovah's Witnesses translate the Greek word θεός "a god" with a little "g". The reason they do this is as follows: the Jehovah's Witnesses say that when the Greek word Θεός refers to God, it is always preceded by the definite article. They say there is no definite article before the Greek word θεός in the latter part of this verse. Therefore, they say the Greek word θεός should be translated "a god" with a little "g". They say that this makes it clear that the Word who is "a god" is not the same being as "the God" mentioned in the middle part of this verse.

(b) Evaluation of the New World Translation of John 1:1

Grammatically, the Greek word θεός in the latter part of this verse may be translated "a god" with a little "g", but if the Jehovah's Witnesses translate it that way, they must take the consequences. The consequences are twofold:

- i. The Jehovah's Witnesses make themselves guilty of polytheism.

The Jehovah's Witnesses make themselves guilty of polytheism because by translating the Greek word θεός in the latter part of John 1:1 "a god", they are saying that there is "a god" in addition to the God mentioned in the middle part of this verse and that is polytheism! That is expressing belief in more than one God!