

{other} things created. That is, all other things were created by Him. They have to put the word "other" in to show that Jesus is created but that verse 16 is talking about all the rest of creation apart from Him.

Then they come down to the last part of verse 16 where it says "and all things were created by Him," and they have to say, "all {other} things." You see, Jesus was created, but all other things were created by Him. Jesus obviously did not create Himself. So all other things were created by Him and for Him. He is before all "other" things. Jesus was created, but He is before all other things, other than Himself that was created. And by Him all "other" things consist. You see, they have to take the word "other" and add it in four times in order to get the idea across that Jesus is a created being and that this is making a difference between this part of the creation and all the rest of the creation.

That is the New World Translation, and that is exactly what they do. The only basis they have for doing it is the assumption that the "firstborn of all creation" means that Jesus is the first created being. It is an assumption they cannot prove. They assume that is what it means. They have no proof for it. They assume that is what it means, and on the basis of that assumption they put the word "other" in verses 16 and 17 four times to try to show that while Jesus was the first created being, He created after He was created all the rest of the creation.

When you change the meaning of the text you have to start adding words, and you have no right to do that. You do not have any right to add anything to what the Lord has said. The way it is worded here, Jesus, as far as His relationship to God is concerned, is God. He "is the image of the invisible God." When you see Jesus you see God, because He is God. As far as His horizontal relationship to