

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES

On May 11, 2013, we received the following email from a visitor challenging the honor and glory we give to Jesus.

“I have read your article on truth [What is Truth?] I agree whole heartily, in John 14:1-6, that the Son of God came to earth to do something about the truth. What was that? He came to show us the way TO THE FATHER,.....not make himself out to be the source of truth. He explained many times, what he spoke came from his Father. The anointing spirit of truth comes not from Christ, but from Father Jehovah.

“And you made a strange reference in your article,.....you said Jesus as 'the Creator'.. had to come down to earth and explain the truth.....Jesus could have dematerialized his body and gone back to heaven.....and Jesus could have had angels come rescue him, etc, or something to that effect. You are doing something here I sense is very similar to what several on [another site] did, aren't you? Beginning to glorify Jesus, instead of the Father as the source of truth, holy spirit, and our worship? . . .The scripture's thrust in John 14 is this; Jesus Leads us somewhere...where? TO the FATHER...not himself as the source of truth and worship. It appears you are saying Jesus is the truth....not so...the Father is. "Sanctify them by means of the truth. YOUR WORD is truth." John 17:17. It is Jehovah your God you should worship....him alone", he said to Satan.

“Do what Jesus did, place the source of all truth where it rightly belongs; the Father. Your readers may misunderstand, and begin to be led along with Jesus-worship. . . .We must listen to Jesus HIMSELF.....teach about his FATHER, not himself. He always sought his Father's glory, not his own. Just because WT did not acknowledge Jesus, and put his Lordship in the proper place, we need to be careful of the Satan-trap of going clear the other way, and worship Jesus to the exclusion of our very God and Father....Jehovah....(Jesus'(s) included.) Not everything WT taught is wrong, they had much right, you know.

“This is the gospel; truth. Jesus came to speak his Father's words..."Just as I hear, I speak." I do not do a single thing on my own initiative" he said. (John 8:28) I think it would be good to make sure of what your emphasis is on in your follow -up article. Clarify to the readers,to worship the one who made all things... Jesus only helped him in this at his side..... ."Let US make man in our image." Rev. 5:13....."To the one sitting on the throne, and to the Lamb, be the blessing and the honor, and the glory, and the might might forever. " "Father, glorify your name. ' (Jesus prayed).... "Therefore a voice came out of heaven, "I both glorified it and will glorify it again." (Jehovah speaking) John 12:28 Father Jehovah is still on the throne, is he not? Magnify his name, as his son did, my brother. (John 12:49.....7:28,29)

“When we love Jesus, we will seek to imitate him, giving all due honor and glory to the Father, just as he did... not make himself the object of our worship. That may be the impression you are giving, unknowingly to your readers. I hope that is not your intention. (Phil. 2:5-11)”

To the author, we are deeply distressed at your email. Nevertheless, we appreciate you sending it so that we can make our position known on this issue. We agree with you that the Father is the only one to be worshiped. We have never published **anything** suggesting that Jesus is to be worshipped. But Jesus certainly has earned man's glory and honor.

“For this very reason also **God exalted him to a superior position** and kindly gave him the name that is above every [other] name, so that **in the name of Jesus every knee should bend** of those in heaven and those on earth and those under the ground, and **every tongue should openly acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord** to the glory of God the Father.” – *Philippians 2:9-11*

We firmly believe this. No, Jesus did not come to earth to “do something about truth,” he **IS** truth. Jesus unambiguously said:

“**I am** the way **the truth** and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” – *John 14:6*

We believe him.

Paul and John explained that Jesus is our direct creator when they wrote:

“All things came into existence **through him**, and apart from him not even one thing came into existence.” – *John 1:3*

“He is the image of the invisible God, **the firstborn of all creation**; because **by means of him** all [other] things were created in the heavens and upon the earth, the things visible and the things invisible, no matter whether they are thrones or lordships or governments or authorities. **All [other] things have been created through him and for him.**” – *Colossians 1:15-16*

We believe them.

Yes, John wrote:

“Sanctify them by means of the truth; your word is truth.” – *John 17:17*

And he also wrote:

“In [the] beginning the Word was, and the Word was with God, and the Word was a god. This one was in [the] beginning with God.” – *John 1:1-2*

So according to John, Jesus **IS** the word of God. **We believe him.**

Brother, there is no competition between the Father and Jesus.

“This is my Son, the beloved, whom I have approved; listen to him.” – *Matthew 17:5*

“I do nothing of my own initiative; but just as the Father taught me I speak these things.” – *John 8:28*

“I and the Father are one.” – *John 10:30*

“I have not spoken out of my own impulse, but the Father himself who sent me has given me a commandment as to what to tell and what to speak.” – *John 12:49*

Christians are to exercise faith in Jesus if they want life:

“He that **exercises faith in the Son** has everlasting life; he that disobeys the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God remains upon him.” – *John 3:36*

“For this is the will of my Father, that everyone that **beholds the Son and exercises faith in him** should have everlasting life, and I will resurrect him at the last day.” – *John 6:40*

“I am the resurrection and the life. He that **exercises faith in me**, even though he dies, will come to life; and everyone that is living and **exercises faith in me** will never die at all.” – *John 11:25-26*

“Exercise faith in God, **exercise faith also in me.**” – *John 14:1*

And we are to be witnesses of Jesus, not Jehovah:

“Go therefore and make disciples of people of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the holy spirit, teaching them to observe all the things **I have commanded you.**” – *Matthew 28:19-20*

“You will receive power when the holy spirit arrives upon you, and you will be **witnesses of me** both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the most distant part of the earth.” – *Acts 1:8*

And, for all those who seek salvation:

“Furthermore, there is **no salvation in anyone else**, for there is **not another name** under heaven that has been given among men by which we must get saved.” – *Acts 4:12*

This is no disrespect to the Father. He authorizes all of this, and **we believe and exercise faith in all of this!**

But the most reprehensible thing you wrote was your suggestion that properly honoring Jesus is a “**Satan-trap.**” It is a trap of Satan to glorify the Son of God?? Shame on you, brother! You hold yourself out as a student of the Bible? We suggest you read it again! Especially the writings of the apostle John. We have little tolerance for this.

The problem is that you do not understand the concept of Deity, therefore you cannot fully grasp the relationship between the Father and the Son. We will be writing an article soon on that topic.

In the meantime, **we stand firm** in our position that Jesus Christ is the Son of God who is our direct creator (*Colossians 1:15-16*) and our Eternal Father (*Isaiah 9:6*). See our articles **Who is Jesus? You Will Be Witnesses of Me**, and **Lastly He Sent His Son**. As Jesus himself said:

**“All authority has been given me in heaven and on the earth.” –
*Matthew 28:18***

For our part, we honor Jesus Christ, bend our knees to Jesus, exercise faith in him, follow him, and glorify him. **AND ... WE ... WILL ... NOT ... YIELD.** But we will pray for you.

“Elaia Luchnia”
