

Christology (Jehovah's Witnesses)

1. "The Bible informs us that he was created before the other sons of God's family (A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament, Arndt and Gingrich)."
2. "A further study into John 1:1-3, more completely proves that Jesus was not God. In John, Ch 1, he is spoken of as being the Word of God, that is to say, the mouthpiece or representative speaker for God (Chaos of the Cults, Van Baalen)."
3. "Prior to coming to earth Christ did not think himself to be equal with God. He did not follow the course of the Devil and plot and scheme to make himself like an equal of God, to rob God or usurp God's place (Let God Be True, p.35)."
4. "God exalted Jesus after his resurrection higher than he was in his pre-human existence (Let God Be True, p.40)
5. "While Jesus was in the flesh, he was a perfect human being; since his resurrection, he is a perfect spiritual being (Russellism or Rutherfordism, T.T. Shields, p.17)."
6. "He lived as a spirit creature in heaven before coming to earth (Chaos of Cults, p.269)."
7. "This system denies the deity of Christ as vehemently as it does the Trinity (Chaos of Cults, p.269)."
8. "Upon his death as a man his body was annihilated. He was resurrected in the spirit as possessor of divine nature, or new creature (Into The Light of Christianity, W.J.Schnell, p.155)."
9. "Every person dedicated to do God's will as follower of Christ Jesus and who acts as a Witness for Jehovah can properly be called one of Jehovah's Witnesses (Let God Be True, p.233)."
10. "Jesus Christ returns, not again as a human, but as a glorious spirit person (Chaos of The Cults, p.269-270)."
11. "Soon Christ on his heavenly throne will use his kingly authority to destroy the wicked and deliver sheeplike ones who will inherit the earthly realm of the Kingdom (Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, p.54)."
12. "The plain truth is that this (The Trinity) is another of Satan's attempts to keep God-fearing persons from learning the truth of Jehovah and his Son, Christ Jesus. No, there is no trinity (Let God Be True, p. 111)."
13. "Christ gave Himself a ransom that He might give to every man an individual trial for life. The ransom does not guarantee everlasting life to any man, but guarantees a second chance (Studies in Scripture, C.T. Russell, Vol I, p.150)."
14. "They must be recovered from blindness as well as from death, that they each for himself, may have a full chance to prove, by obedience or disobedience, their worthiness of life eternal (Ibid, Vol I, p.153)."

15. Christ returned in 1914, "marking the end of the Gentile times or the appointed times of the nations (Ibid, p,201)."
16. "Some have earnestly believed that Jesus was God Himself. But such a conclusion is not warranted by the Scriptures (The Harp of God, J.T.Rutherford, p.100)."
17. "He was Michael the archangel. This archangel became a man at the birth of Jesus, thus losing his angelic nature completely. This Russellism rejects the divine nature of Jesus. He may have been a secondary god but not Jehovah God (Chaos of The Cults, p. 223)."
18. "Christ was formed countless millenniums ago as the first and only direct creation of his Father, Jehovah, and because of his proven, faultless integrity, was appointed by Jehovah as the vindicator and chief agent of life toward mankind (Make Sure of All Things, Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, p.107)."
19. "This child, Jesus, was not God, but God's Son (The Truth That Leads to Eternal Life, Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, p.48)."
20. "Neither was Jesus a combination of two natures, human and spiritual. The blending of two natures produces neither the one or the other, but an imperfect, hybrid thing, which is obnoxious to the divine arrangement (Studies in Scripture, VolI, pp. 177-179)."
21. "It was not until the time of his consecration even unto death, as typified in his baptism at thirty years of age that he received the earnest of his inheritance of the divine nature (Russellism or Rutherfordism, T. T. Shields, p.17)."
22. "Jesus removed the effects of Adam's sin by his sacrifice on Calvary, but the work will not be fully completed until the survivors of Armageddon return to God through free will and become subject to the theocratic rule of Jehovah (Jehovah of the Watchtower, Martin and Klann, p.32)."
23. "One unforfeited life could redeem one forfeited life and no more (Spirit of Truth and Error, Keith L. Brooks)."
24. "He was not God; he has a beginning; God created him (Russellism Unveiled, W.E. Biederwolf, pp.9,10)."
25. "He was not exalted to the divine nature until the human nature was actually sacrificed - dead (Ibid, pp. 11-12)."
26. "Christ's death was a ransom. Just as the father of a kidnapped child offers a ransom to the kidnappers for the return of the child, so Christ's death is a ransom in the sense that it is an eternal giving up of his human life to God in 'exchange' for the eternal lives of His people (Christian Answers to Jehovah's Witnesses, W.H.Kneeder, p.27)."