

on the subject of *references*, doesn't it interest you that on the page where the **WT** makes all their claims about what these Fathers taught about Jesus, they list **no references at all!** That's right! *Not one!* They refer you to *none* of their writings! Of course, we all know the reason for that—what they're saying is *false*, and they know it. Compare that with this paper—*every* statement by these Fathers we have carefully documented and made it as easy as possible for you to check out for yourself. Three years ago I wrote a letter to the **WT** in which I asked for the references. No response. Six months later I kindly wrote another letter requesting the same. Up to today, three full years later, still no response. **JWs** have *no idea* of the true nature of the organization they are involved with—that is, *no idea* of the true nature of the **leaders** of the organization. And that's where their allegiance lies. From *The Watchtower*:

Presently the Governing Body is composed of ten men...They offer spiritual direction to all [**JWs**]...Witnesses gladly look to the mature brothers of the Governing Body for direction and guidance in matters of worship. (3/15/1998, p21)

What follows is just a simple and honest comparison: What do these "*mature brothers*" of the **WT** say? And what did the Fathers *actually* say?

JUSTIN MARTYR

First, there is Justin Martyr. The **WT** states:

The Ante-Nicene Fathers were acknowledged to have been leading religious teachers in the early centuries after Christ's birth. What they taught is of interest. Justin Martyr, who died about 165 called the pre-human Jesus *a created angel*...

Notice the **WT** doesn't have the words *created angel* in quote marks (""). That's because Justin Martyr *never said* Jesus was **created**. Justin did, however, identify him as "the Angel of the LORD." Under the subtitle, *How God Appeared to Moses*, he said:

Now the Word of God is his Son...and he is called Angel and Apostle...**THE ANGEL** of God spake to Moses, in a flame of fire out of the bush, and said, **I AM THAT I AM, THE GOD** of Abraham, **THE GOD** of Isaac, **THE GOD** of Jacob...The Jews, accordingly, being throughout of opinion that it was the Father of the universe who spake to Moses, though he who spake to him was indeed **THE SON OF GOD**...the Father of the universe has a Son; who also, being the first-begotten Word of God, is even **GOD**. And of old he appeared in the shape of fire and in the likeness of an angel to Moses and to the other prophets...¹

That's about as far as you can get from a

created being! This "Angel of the LORD" (the Son of God!) declared himself to be **The God** of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob! and identified himself by the name of YHWH (Yahweh)! (*Exod 3:1-15*) Often in the **OT** people experienced the presence of **God** in human or angelic form. These divine visitations have been called "Christophanies"—pre-Bethlehem "Messiah appearances" (*see Gen 16:7-13; 22:11-18; 31:11-13; 32:24-30; Josh 5:13-15; Judg 6:11-24; 13:1-24*). Dispelling that silly **WT** myth is *easy* from the works of Justin!

...to recount the prophecies, which I wish to do in order to prove that Christ is called both **GOD** and **LORD OF HOSTS**...²

...Christ...who is the **LORD OF HOSTS**, by the will of the Father who conferred on him [the dignity]; who also rose from the dead, and ascended to heaven, as the Psalm and the other Scriptures manifested when they announced him to be **LORD OF HOSTS**...But that they are angels and powers whom the word of prophecy by David [commands] to lift up the gates [Psalm 24], that he who rose from the dead, Jesus Christ, the **LORD OF HOSTS**, according to the will of the Father, might enter...³

But if you knew, Trypho, who he is that is called...a Man by Ezekiel, and like the Son of man by Daniel, and a Child by Isaiah, and Christ and **GOD** to be **WORSHIPED** by David...if you had understood what has been written by the prophets, you would not have denied that he was **GOD**...⁴

IRENÆUS

Next is Irenaeus. The **WT** states that Irenaeus taught that Jesus was *inferior* to God, that he was *not equal* to the "One true and only God." Again, very noticeably, the words they want to impress upon your mind—**inferior** and **not equal**—are *not within quote marks!* These are nothing but empty **WT** words! They are not the words of Irenaeus! He taught that the Father is the head of Christ, even as the Bible says. But *headship* does not imply *superiority of nature*. Women are under the *headship* of their husbands, yet *not inferior* to them. They both share the same nature of humanity. But as to Christ's nature, the following quote shows that Irenaeus knew well **who Christ was**:

Therefore, by remitting sins, he did indeed heal man, while he also manifested himself who he was. For if no one can forgive sins but God alone, while the Lord remitted them and healed men, it is plain that he was himself the Word of God made the Son of man...since he was man, and since **HE WAS GOD**, in order that since as man he suffered for us, so as **GOD** he might have compassion on us, and forgive us...⁵

CLEMENT OF ALEXANDRIA

Next is Clement of Alexandria. The **WT** says:

Clement of Alexandria, who died about 215, called God "the uncreated and imperishable and only true God." He said that the Son "is next to the only omnipotent Father" but *not equal* to him.

Again! The two *power words* they never want you to forget—**not equal**—are nothing but **WT** words! They are *not* within quote marks, and are *not* the words of this eminent Church Father! Did Clement consider the Son to be *unequal* to the Father? It doesn't look like it from what he says here:

When [John] says, "That which was from the beginning," he touches upon the generation **WITHOUT BEGINNING** of the Son, who is co-existent with the Father. There was, then, a Word importing an **UNBEGINNING ETERNITY**; so also the Word itself, that is, the Son of God, who being, by **EQUALITY OF SUBSTANCE**, one with the Father, is **ETERNAL** and **UNCREATED**.⁶

TERTULLIAN

Next is Tertullian. They drop this bombshell:

Tertullian, who died about 230, taught the supremacy of God. He observed: "The Father is *different* from the Son (another), as he is greater; as he who begets is *different* from him who is begotten; he who sends, *different* from him who is sent."

"*Different!*" Well said! Yes! There are *different persons* within the nature of the Godhead—*three of them*, in fact! That's why Trinitarians happily sing the *Holy, Holy, Holy* hymn that concludes with "**God in three persons, blessed Trinity**"—three persons, all having the *same nature!* It's hard to believe the **WT** thinks this is such a big secret! Let's give Tertullian some room now to tell us about God and Christ:

If the number of **THE TRINITY** also offends you, as if it were not connected in the simple Unity, I ask you how it is possible for a Being who is merely and absolutely One and Singular, to speak in the *plural* phrase, saying, "Let us make man in our *image* and after *our own likeness*"; whereas he ought to have said, "Let me make man in my own image"...He is either deceiving or amusing us in speaking plurally, if he is One only and singular. Or was it to the angels that he spoke, as the Jews interpret the passage, because these also acknowledge not the Son?...Nay, it was because he had already his Son close at his side, as a *second Person*, his own Word, and a *third Person* also, the Spirit in the Word, that he purposely adopted the plural phrase.⁷

The Word of life...before he came in the flesh, was the "Word in the beginning with God" the Father...For although the Word was **GOD**, yet was he with God, because he is **GOD OF GOD**; and being joined to the Father, is with the Father.⁸

We have been taught that he proceeds forth from God, and in that procession he is generated; so that he is the Son of God, and is called **GOD** from *unity of substance* with God. For God, too, is a Spirit. Even when the ray is shot from the sun, it is still part of the parent mass; the sun will still be in the ray, because it is a ray of the sun—there is no division of substance, but merely an extension. Thus Christ is Spirit of Spirit, and **GOD OF GOD**...that which has come forth out of God is at once **GOD** and the Son of God, and the two are one. In this way also, as he is Spirit of Spirit and **GOD OF GOD**, he is made a second in manner of existence—in *position, not in nature*; and he did not withdraw from the original source, but went forth. This ray of God, then...is in his birth **GOD AND MAN UNITED**.⁹

HIPPOLYTUS

Next is Hippolytus. According to the **WT**:

Hippolytus, who died about 235, said that God is "the one God, the first and the only One, the Maker and Lord of all," who "had nothing co-eval [of equal age] with him...But he was One, alone by himself; who willing it, called into being what had no being before," *such as the created pre-human Jesus*.

Another **WT** fable! The *six power words* at the end that they want to stamp on your brain are *not* within (*what?*) **quote marks!** *They made them up!* Here's what Hippolytus really said:

God, subsisting alone, and having nothing contemporaneous with himself, determined to create [not the "pre-human Jesus!" but] **THE WORLD**. And conceiving the world in mind, and willing and uttering the word, he made it;...Beside him *there was nothing*; but he, while existing alone, yet **EXISTED IN PLURALITY**.¹⁰

God, before the creation of anything, **EXISTED IN PLURALITY!** There can be *no doubt* that the **WT** knows what Hippolytus actually taught and *intentionally* edited this out of their deceitful "quotation." Let's hear him even further:

John...acknowledges this Word as **GOD**, when he says, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word **WAS GOD**." If, then, the Word was *with God*, and *was also GOD*, what follows? Would one say that he speaks of two Gods? I shall not indeed speak of two Gods, but of *one*; of *two Persons* however...¹¹

Thus then, too, though demonstrated as **GOD**, he does not refuse the conditions proper to him as man, since he hungers and toils and thirsts in weariness, and flees in fear, and prays in trouble. And he who as **GOD** has a sleepless nature, slumbers on a pillow... This is **THE GOD** who for our sakes became man...¹²

ORIGEN

Origen is the final Father the **WT** attempts to use to belittle Jesus. This is one they *really* should have left alone! *Origen knows who Jesus is!* What follows is taken from a response to Celsus who accused Christians, because they *worshipped Jesus*, of not worshiping *one God alone*.

If Celsus had known that saying, "I and my Father are one," and the words used in prayer by the Son of God, "As Thou and I are one," he would not have supposed that we worship any other besides him who is **THE SUPREME GOD**. "For," says he, "My Father is in me, and I in him."...**WE WORSHIP ONE GOD, THE FATHER AND THE SON**...the Father of truth, and the Son, who is the truth; and these, while they are two, considered as persons or subsistences, are one in unity of thought, in harmony and in identity of will.¹³

If it be objected to us...that we ourselves are accustomed to observe certain days, as for example the Lord's day...I have to answer, that to the perfect Christian, who is ever in his thoughts, words, and deeds serving his natural Lord, **GOD THE WORD**, all his days are the Lord's, and he is always keeping the Lord's day.¹⁴

...the Son of God, divesting himself of his **EQUALITY WITH THE FATHER**, and showing to us the way to the knowledge of him, is made the express image of his person: so that we, who were unable to look upon the glory of that marvellous light when placed in the greatness of his **GODHEAD**, may, by his being made to us brightness, obtain the means of beholding the divine light by looking upon the brightness.¹⁵

And that you may understand that the **OMNIPOTENCE** of Father and Son is one and the same...listen to the manner in which John speaks in the Apocalypse: "Thus saith the Lord God, which is, and which was, and which is to come, **THE ALMIGHTY**." For who else was "he which is to come" than Christ? And as no one ought to be offended, seeing God is the Father, that **THE SAVIOUR IS ALSO GOD**; so also, since the Father is called omnipotent, no one ought to be offended that **THE SON OF GOD** is also called **OMNIPOTENT**.¹⁶

For in this way will that saying be true which he utters to the Father, "All Mine

are Thine, and Thine are Mine, and I am glorified in them." Now, if *all things* which are the Father's are also Christ's, certainly among those things which exist is the **OMNIPOTENCE** of the Father; and doubtless **THE ONLY-BEGOTTEN SON** ought to be **OMNIPOTENT**, that the Son also may have all things which the Father possesses.¹⁷

That's it! an easy comparison of facts! You're probably wondering why in the world the **WT** would so obviously misrepresent the truth. The answer to that is very simple: They want you to believe that the Early Fathers were the "early Christians" who would drastically disagree doctrinally with the Church of today. They need this connection to the early days—some connection to Jesus and his apostles—so they do not appear to be just another Johnny-come-lately, 19th-century, anti-Christian, religious cult. That's what it amounts to. They're trying to "save face."

The **WT** claims that the Early Fathers taught that Jesus was *created*, *inferior* and *not equal* to the Father. But we have seen that the Fathers use the word "**Trinity**," and say that God, before the creation of anything, existed in plurality, that the Son was without beginning, eternal, uncreated, possessing equality with the Father, that he is God of God, God the Word, the Supreme God, I am that I am, God to be worshiped, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, omnipotent, Lord of Hosts, and the Almighty.

So when they close this section on the Ante-Nicene Fathers with the statement that "the testimony of the Bible and of history makes clear that the **Trinity was unknown** throughout biblical times and for several centuries thereafter," they show themselves to be **SHAMELESS LIARS**. This is why I was not ashamed at the beginning to use the words **BUMS AND BAMBOOZLED!**

"By their fruits ye shall know them"

(Matthew 7:20)

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WHO IS GOD?— Jehovah (*Deut 6:4*).

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NO OTHER "GODS"— (*Isaiah 44:6-8; 45:5,22; 46:8-11; Deut 32:39*). Yet the **JW** Jesus is "a god" (*John 1:1*).

BOW BEFORE ANOTHER GOD?— No (*Ex 34:14*).
Knees bend to the Father (*Eph 3:14*).
Knees bend to Jesus (*Phil 2:9-11*).

WHO IS THE LORD?— God (*Acts 4:24; 17:24*).
Jehovah (*Deut 10:17*). Jesus (*Rom 10:9; 1 Cor 8:6; Phil 2:11*).

HOW MANY LORDS?— One Lord (*1 Cor 8:6; Eph 4:5*).

WHO IS SAVIOR?— God (*Luke 1:47; 1 Tim 1:1; Jude 25*).
Jehovah alone (*Isa 43:11; 45:21; 49:26; 60:16; Hosea 13:4*).
Jesus (*John 4:42; Acts 5:31; Phil 3:20; 2 Tim 1:10; 2 Peter 1:11*).

WHO FORGIVES SINS?— God (*Mark 2:7; Luke 5:21*).
Jesus (*Mark 2:5-7,10; Luke 5:20-24; 7:48*).

WHO IS THE SHEPHERD?— Jehovah (*Psalms 23:1; Isaiah 40:10-11*). Jesus (*John 10:11,14; Heb 13:20; 1 Peter 2:25*).

WHO IS THE MIGHTY GOD?—
Jehovah (*Isaiah 10:20-21; Jer 32:18*). Jesus (*Isaiah 9:6*).

WHO HAS WITNESSES?— Jehovah (*Isaiah 43:10; 44:8*). Jesus (*Acts 1:8; 10:36-43; 13:31; 22:15*).

WHO IS THE FIRST AND THE LAST?— Jehovah (*Isaiah 44:6; 48:12*). Jesus (*Rev 1:17,18; 2:8; 22:12,13,16,20*).

WHO IS ALPHA AND OMEGA?—
Jehovah (*Rev 1:8*). Jesus (*Rev 22:12,13,16,20*).

WHO IS THE STUMBLING STONE?—
Jehovah (*Isaiah 8:13-15*). Jesus (*Matt 11:4-6; Acts 4:10-11; Rom 9:32-33; 1 Cor 1:23; 1 Peter 2:4-8*).

FOR WHOM DID JOHN PREPARE A WAY?—
Jehovah (*Isaiah 40:3; Luke 1:76; John 1:23*).
Jesus (*Matt 3:3,11-17; Mark 1:1-3; John 1:23-36*).

WHO CREATED ALL THINGS?— God (*Gen 1:1; Eph 3:9*).
Jehovah alone (*Isaiah 44:24; 48:13*). Jesus (*John 1:1-3*).
If Jesus is a *created* being, then he is a "thing" that "came into existence," but John 1:3 says, "*all things* came into existence through him." Yet in Colossians 1:16-17, the **NWT** says, "By him all *other* things were created." The word "other" is inserted *four times* here, but it's not in the Greek! By deceptively inserting *other*, the **JWS** want you to believe that Jesus *himself* was *created*, then he created all "other" things. Also, Psalm 102:25-27 clearly refers to Jehovah (*v 22*), and the **NT** directly quotes this passage and applies it to the Son of God (*Heb 1:10-12*). The same is also said of "Jehovah" in Isaiah 44:24.

WHO DID ISAIAH SEE?— Jehovah (*Isaiah 6:1-5*).
Jesus (*John 12:37-42*). John applies Isaiah's vision of Jehovah's glory to *Jesus Christ!*
The **NWT** marginal reference points from this passage (*v41*) back to Jehovah's glory of Isaiah 6. The "him" to "put faith in" and "confess" (*v42*) is none other than the glorious "him" that Isaiah saw and spake of! □

BAMBOOZLED!

By

The Watchtower's

"Should you believe in the Trinity?"

Are you one of the millions in the world today who've been **BAMBOOZLED** by the **BUMS** up there in Brooklyn, New York heading up the **Watchtower Society (WT)**? The whole Jehovah's Witness (**JW**) clan believes without a doubt that those dozen or so old men, the *Governing Body*, who supervise all **WT** publications, are the sole repository of **God's truth** for the whole earth! A **BUM** is someone who's "good-for-nothing." When it comes to spiritual matters, those guys are worthless. In this brief tract we intend to prove it, in one of the most *crucial* areas of all—**who Jesus is**. **BAMBOOZLE**—to cheat someone: to trick or deceive through misleading statements or falsehoods. Now, there's a definition that's tailored to fit! It's just the right size for that **grand group of grumpy ol' grandpappies!**

"But you shouldn't speak about religious leaders that way!" Yeah, they probably said the same thing to Elijah as he was *mocking* the *false prophets* of Baal on Mt. Carmel (*1 Kings 18:27*). They were all **BUMS**, too, you see; and he knew it. All their religious instruction didn't amount to a *hill-o-beans—it was just rubbish!* Not long ago there was handed to me a **WT** publication—"Should you believe in the Trinity?" (*1989*). After researching it carefully, I found that it, too, *is just a piece of trash!* While we have already published a pamphlet exposing it for what it is, this present tract refutes exclusively the lies the **WT** spews out on page #7. There they blatantly pervert and falsify what the **Early Church Fathers** taught about **Jesus**.

What we're doing is one of the simplest things to do today—checking the documents to see whether the **WT's** claims are *true* or *false*. That's all! We're not preaching, nor in any way setting forth our beliefs. And our *opinion* of the **WT** has nothing to do with it! Historical facts and documentation, that's all! And it's all right there at your fingertips. Just open the *Bible Study program* on your computer. If you don't have one, one of your close friends does, for sure. I have two of them listed at the end of the tract in *Easy References*. Just follow through, and open the desired Church Father. I've carefully listed every reference to make it as easy as possible for you. And while we're