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Good morning!

Concerning Jehovah's Witnesses...

1. I've just put three pieces of information in the mail for you which help analyze the false doctrines of Jehovah's Witnesses. I've got several books on the subject, also, if you want to read more.
2. JW is like a glass of pure drinking water with a few fatal drops of poison added to it. A lot of it looks good, but it is a fatal beverage. Just to give you a brief summary of their errors:

1) They deny the deity of Jesus Christ. They believe that Jesus is actually the archangel, Michael, is not equal to God and is not a member of the Trinity. In fact, they deny the truth of the Trinity. As a powerful angel, they believe that Jesus is a "mighty god" but not "Almighty God."

2) They deny the Holy Spirit. They speak of "holy spirit" (note the absence of capitalization) by which they mean simply the "influence" of Jehovah God, like referring to "Tim's personality."

3) They deny salvation by grace alone through faith. They believe that you must earn your salvation. This is a major reason why they are so aggressive about knocking on doors. They are "earning their way to the Kingdom."

4) They have their own translation of the Bible called the New World Translation. It has many inaccuracies to support their peculiar doctrines and is rejected by all reputable biblical language scholars.

Watch out for JW callers. They are highly trained in confusing Christians. They have a ready reply for every argument you can think of. They are extremely aggressive in their witness, and unless you are prepared, they will have you doubting just about everything important you ever believed about the Bible. For example, I was once witnessing to a JW man in Chicago and pointed out to him that in Isaiah 9:6 it is said of Jesus, the coming Messiah, that He is "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." I asked him if he agreed that this is a prophetic passage pointing to Jesus Christ. He did agree. So I pointed out that here Jesus is called "Mighty God", thus affirming His deity. He replied that Jesus is a "mighty god" because he is a powerful angel, but he is not "Almighty God" and thus is not on the same level as Jehovah God. At that point I just gave up.

JW is a good example of what Paul warned Timothy about in I Timothy 4:1-2, "The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.

2 Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron."

Let me know if you have any further questions.

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