

AN EXAMINATION OF PASSAGES CITED BY THE
JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES TO DENY JESUS IS GOD

The Bible clearly teaches that Jesus is God. In Hebrews 1:8 God, the Father calls Jesus God when He says to Him, "Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever." In John 20:28 Thomas who was a monotheistic Jew, confesses that Jesus is his God and emphasizes that fact when he says to Him, "My Lord and my God!" In John 1:1 the Apostle John declares that Jesus is God when he says "the Word was God." In Titus 2:13 the Apostle Paul refers to Jesus as "the great God,"¹ and in Colossians 2:9 he states that Jesus is God when he says "in him," i.e., Jesus "dwelleth all the fullness" or abundance "of the Godhead," i.e., deity² "bodily." In John 10:30 Jesus Himself claims to be God when He says "I and my Father are one," or, as it is rendered in the Greek New Testament, "I and the Father, we are one," and the word "one" here is neuter, indicating that Jesus is claiming to be the same substance as the Father, i.e., He is claiming to be God.

Yet, although the Bible clearly teaches that Jesus is God the Jehovah's Witnesses deny this doctrine, and cite Bible passages which they say contradict it. Therefore, I want to examine six of these passages so that we might see that when these passages are properly understood, they don't contradict the doctrine that Jesus is God, but are perfectly consistent with it.

¹Since Jesus is called "the great God" in this passage and the LORD (Jehovah) is called "the great God" in Deuteronomy 10:17, Jesus and the LORD (Jehovah) have to be the same divine being, for there is only one "great God."

²The Greek word translated "Godhead" in this verse means "deity," and it denotes the essence of God. This Greek word is different from the Greek word translated "Godhead" in Romans 1:20 which means "divinity" or "divine nature," and which denotes the qualities or attributes of God.