

GIVING AN ANSWER PART 3

Jehovah's Witness

John 1:1 — Ejn ajrch/; hj:n oJ LovgoV , kai; oJ LovgoV hj:n pro;V to;n Qeovn , kai; QeovV hj:n oJ LovgoV.

John 1:1 — In [the] beginning was the Word, and the Word was with (the) God, and (*) God was the Word.

Holy Spirit is not a person, but a force, divine activity. –

Heresy: Modalism – condemned at the First Council of Ephesus (431 A.D.)

John 4:24: *"God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."*

- The Holy Spirit speaks: **2 Samuel 23:2:** *"The Spirit of the LORD spoke by me, And His word was on my tongue."* **Ezekiel 11:5:** *Then the Spirit of the LORD fell upon me, and He said to me, "Say, 'Thus says the LORD, "So you think, house of Israel, for I know your thoughts.'" Acts 13:2:* *While they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."* **Acts 21:11:** *And coming to us, he took Paul's belt and bound his own feet and hands, and said, "This is what the Holy Spirit says: 'In this way the Jews at Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this belt and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.'* " **Hebrews 3:7:** *Therefore, just as the Holy Spirit says, "TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE..."* **Mark 13:11:** *"When they arrest you and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour; for it is not you who speak, but it is the Holy Spirit."* **Acts 28:25:** *And when they did not agree with one another, they began leaving after Paul had spoken one parting word, "The Holy Spirit rightly spoke through Isaiah the prophet to your fathers.*
- The Holy Spirit teaches, imparts wisdom: **Luke 12:12:** *"...for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say."*
- The Holy Spirit prophesies: **Acts 1:16** *"Brethren, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit foretold by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus."* **Acts 4:25:** *"who by the Holy Spirit, through the mouth of our father David Your servant, said, 'Why did the Gentiles rage, And the peoples devise futile things?'"* **Acts 20:23:** *except that the Holy Spirit solemnly testifies to me in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions await me.* **Acts 21:11:** *And coming to us, he took Paul's belt and bound his own feet and hands, and said, "This is what the Holy Spirit says: 'In this way the Jews at Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this belt and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.'* "
- The Holy Spirit can be grieved: **Isaiah 63:10:** *But they rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit; therefore He turned Himself to become their enemy, He fought against them.*
- Can be lied to: **Acts 5:3:** *But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back some of the price of the land?"*
- Can be blasphemed: **Mark 3:29:** *but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin "*
- Is a witness of Christ's death and resurrection: **Acts 5:32:** *"And we are witnesses of these things; and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him."*
- Treated the same as God and Christ: **Matthew 12:32:** *"Whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come."*
- Referred to in Scripture as "he" just as God is: **John 14:26:** *"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you."*

- Approves or Disapproves the work of His people: **Acts 15:28:** "*For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay upon you no greater burden than these essentials...*" **Acts 16:6:** *They passed through the Phrygian and Galatian region, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia.*