



## Offense against the New World Translation

The **New World Translation (NWT)**, the Jehovah's Witnesses' official Bible, has been widely criticized for **mistranslating key biblical passages** to fit the doctrines of the Watchtower Society. Here are several **strong counterarguments** against its reliability:

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### 1. John 1:1 – The Deity of Christ is Denied

**NWT:** *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was **a** god.”*

**Correct Translation (NASB95, ESV, KJV, etc.):** *“...and the Word was **God**.”*

- The **Greek text** (καὶ θεὸς ἦν ὁ λόγος) does **not** justify inserting “a” before “God.”
  - This mistranslation denies **Christ's full divinity** and aligns with **Arianism**, an ancient heresy condemned by the early Church (Council of Nicaea, 325 AD).
  - **Greek grammar** (Colwell's Rule) supports the traditional rendering, not the NWT's forced translation.
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### 2. Colossians 1:16-17 – The Insertion of “Other”

**NWT:** *“...because by means of him all **other** things were created...”*

**Correct Translation:** *“...For by Him all things were created...”*

- The word “**other**” (ἄλλα) does not exist in the Greek text.
  - The **NWT inserts “other”** to deny that Christ is the **Creator of all things**, making Him a created being.
  - This contradicts **Isaiah 44:24**, where Yahweh alone is the Creator.
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### 3. Titus 2:13 & 2 Peter 1:1 – The Granville Sharp Rule

**NWT:** *“...while we wait for the happy hope and glorious manifestation of the great God and of our Savior, Jesus Christ.”*

**Correct Translation:** “...the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.”

- **Greek grammar (Granville Sharp Rule)** proves that “**God and Savior**” refer to the same person—**Jesus Christ**.
  - The NWT **deceptively adds “and of”** to separate **God** from **Jesus**, weakening the clear affirmation of Christ’s divinity.
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#### 4. Philippians 2:6 – Altering Christ’s Nature

**NWT:** “...who, although he was existing in God’s form, ***gave no consideration to a seizure, namely, that he should be equal to God.***”

**Correct Translation:** “...who, although He existed in the form of God, ***did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped.***”

- The NWT **distorts** the meaning by making Jesus refuse equality with God.
  - The **correct meaning:** Jesus **humbled Himself**, not that He denied His equality with God.
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#### 5. Luke 23:43 – Jesus and the Thief on the Cross

**NWT:** “Truly I tell you ***today***, you will be with me in Paradise.”

**Correct Translation:** “Truly I tell you, ***today you will be with me in Paradise.***”

- The NWT **moves the comma** to support the **Watchtower doctrine** that the dead are unconscious.
  - The **Greek text and context** support that the thief was to be with Christ in Paradise **that very day**.
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#### 6. Hebrews 1:6 – Worship of Jesus is Weakened

**NWT:** “...and let all of God’s angels ***do obeisance to him.***”

**Correct Translation:** “...let all the angels of God ***worship Him.***”

- The Greek word **hat is the (proskuneó)** means “**to worship**” but is deliberately weakened to “do obeisance.”
  - This avoids affirming that **Jesus is worthy of worship**, contradicting Revelation 5:11-14.
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## 7. The Lack of Qualified Translators

- The **NWT translation committee** had **no recognized scholars** trained in Greek or Hebrew.
  - Raymond Franz, former JW Governing Body member, **exposed the lack of linguistic expertise** in his book *Crisis of Conscience*.
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## 8. The Jehovah's Witnesses' Own Double Standard

- **JWs attack all other Bible translations** as corrupt, yet their **own translation is doctrinally biased**.
  - The **Kingdom Interlinear Translation (KIT)**, their own Greek interlinear Bible, **contradicts the NWT's renderings** in many places!
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## Conclusion: The NWT is Doctrinally Corrupt

- It **rewrites Scripture** to fit **Jehovah's Witness theology**, rather than faithfully translating the original texts.
- It **denies the deity of Christ, His role as Creator, and proper worship** of Him.
- No **credible** Greek or Hebrew scholars **support it**.

💡 **Christians should reject the NWT** and rely on faithful translations like the **NASB95, ESV, or KJV**, which are based on **sound scholarship and manuscript evidence**.



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