

Jesus v. Michael

Is Jesus Christ the created archangel, Michael?

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Questions About Jesus for Jehovah's Witnesses

(all quotes from Watchtower publications)

1. Do you believe that God sent His Son to ransom the human race? (John 3:16)

"As mankind's source of salvation Jehovah God provided for **the perfect man, whose life could ransom the human race, by transferring the life force of his chief angelic Son in the heavens to the womb of a virgin.** Because the child that was born did not receive its life through Adam's line of descent but from God, it was perfect. Thus Jesus Christ became equal to Adam and able to ransom mankind by laying down his perfect human life."

2. Do you believe that it was necessary for Michael the archangel's life to be transferred into the virgin Mary for Jesus to be born?

"Since actual conception took place, it appears that Jehovah God caused an ovum or egg cell in Mary's womb to become fertile, accomplishing this by **the transferal of the life of his firstborn Son from the spirit realm to earth.** (Gal. 4:4) Only in this way could the child eventually born have retained identity as the same person who had resided in heaven as the Word . . . "

3. Do you know that Michael's being or personality is called a "soul"?

"So it is with a human being. There is a body and a life principle, the union of which makes the soul. His experiences--his home-life, his education, his environment, his travels, his finances, his private **affairs--all go to make up his personality. It is not his body, but his soul that has these experiences . . .** To the individual, it does not matter what particles compose his new body. What he is in is the resurrection of his soul--his being--his personality."

4. Do you know that Michael's soul (person) was a combination of two things: a spirit body and a life force (spirit)?

"Being signifies existence, and **there can be no being or existence without life and body both.** Withdraw life and the or existence ceases, for life is but a power or principle, the same in the lower animals as in man; the difference in qualities between man and the brute, consisting not in a different kind of life, but in a different kind of body. **Any being is properly called a soul or person. This is the Scriptural sense and usage of the word soul, so little understood; viz. being (life and body combined)...**"

"With this view of the meaning of the word, soul, viz: That it includes all being or existence (a combination of life and body) us inquire. What dies--the principle of life, or the body? We answer, neither; the life principle is one which pervades all creation just as does electricity. **This principle of life pervades and is an essential element of all being, in tree, in fish, in fowl, in beast, in man, in angels, and in the fullest degree in God** who is its source or fountain. This principle cannot be said to die though if it be withdrawn from any creature to whom God has given it, that creature will die--cease to have being. Thus the breath of life is taken from beasts, birds, fish and man."

"Neither can it be properly said that the body dies, since, separate from the principle of life the body never had life and consequently could not die. The body without the spirit (of life) is dead and that which is dead cannot die."

WHAT THEN IS DEATH--WHAT DIES?

"We answer, the being dies--ceases to have being or existence. **Death is the dissolution, or separation of the things which combined, constitute being,--namely, life and body.**"

5. Do you know that the life force is like electricity, which activates many things but does not take on their qualities? In other words, do you know that the life force is neither alive nor dead, but is an impersonal thing?

"All things having life, either spiritual or fleshly, have an organism or body. **Life itself is impersonal, incorporeal, being merely the life principle.**"

"The spirit is much like electricity, which activates many things but **does not take on their qualities.**"

"Thus the spirit could not have personality but must be an impersonal force. The invisible spirit or life-force active in both man and the animals might be compared with electricity, also an invisible force..."

"The same invisible force that produces sound in one appliance can produce heat in another. The electric current, however, **never takes on the characteristics** of the machines or appliances in which it functions or is active."

"If the breath or power of life be withdrawn, death results. Now the question is what dies? Does the breath die? Surely not; it never had sentient existence but is a principle or power of life. **It has no thought, no feeling, no intelligent existence; it cannot die.**"

6. Do you know that only Michael's life force, not his body, was transferred from heaven to earth?

"This did not mean that, for the Jewish virgin girl Mary to conceive, one of the heavenly spirit sons of God had to be sent to crawl into the microscopic ovum or egg cell in Mary's body and fertilize it. Such a thing is unreasonable, an absurdity! "

"Then there happened what the apostle Paul reveals to us: God's principle Son in heaven, God's "**only-begotten Son,**" **emptied himself of his heavenly form and glory,** that God, his heavenly Father, might miraculously transfer his life to the womb of Mary the Jewish virgin, and have a human birth and come to be "in the likeness of men." Thus God's Son came down from heaven."

"His human birth was not an incarnation making him part man and part spirit person. No; **but in this transfer of his life to the virgin's womb Jehovah's God-like Son divested himself of everything spirit** and heavenly and became a man."

"That the heavenly Word of God divested himself of everything as a God-like spirit except his life-force and that he lowered himself to become no more than a perfect man, his inspired apostle bears witness."

7. Do you understand that Michael's life force did not take his personality or soul to earth, since his soul, his personality, ceased to exist when his body and life force were separated?

See quotes from question #4.

8. Do you think that there was no 'personal' connection between Michael and Jesus Christ?

9. Do you know that the Apostle Paul warns us about those who preach "another Jesus," not the real Jesus? (2 Corinthians 11:14)

10. Is the teaching that Michael is Jesus, the teaching of "another" Jesus?

11. Does the Watchtower Society teach the real Jesus or another Jesus?

12. Do you believe in another Jesus?

He (Jesus) isn't Michael; they have the wrong Jesus-- "Another" Cor.11:3-4). In summary....

- 1. The birth of Jesus could only be accomplished by Michael's life being transferred into the womb of Mary.**
- 2. The living person Michael is defined as having both a life force and a spirit body. The only thing transferred from heaven was his life force, not his body.**
- 3. Unwittingly, the Society has boxed itself into an irreconcilable problem. According to their doctrine, a life force is IMPERSONAL, not taking on the characteristics, the qualities of the person it is connected with. Therefore Michael's life force did NOT possess either life or personality!**

The conclusion is very clear: Since nothing of Michael that was living or personal was sent into Mary's womb--the Michael (life force and spirit body) did not come to earth. Thus, Michael was not born to the virgin Mary. He is not Jesus Christ! You can be assured that the Witness has probably never contemplated the connection between Michael and Jesus. Therefore, the answer is that Jesus is NOT Michael the Archangel; He is God the Word made flesh!