

### In the beginning was the Word

- The Word is already existing in the beginning. He existed before all created things.
- Hence the Word is eternal.
  1. Eternal = no beginning and no ending.
  2. Eternal = beginning and no ending.
  3. Eternal = a certain quality as in "eternal life."
- Cf. Gen. 1:1-5 and Jn. 1:1-5

1. In the begin.	1. In the begin.
2. God	2. The Word
3. Created	3. Made/came into being
4. Heaven and Earth = universe	4. All things = universe
5. And God said	5. Word = speech
6. Let there be light	6. The light shines

### The word was with God

(The Word is distinct from God.)

- *With* = a prep. Clearly showing distinction from something else.
- The Gk. preposition suggests a personal relation and not just spacial proximaty.
- This personal suggestion is supported by the Gk. masculine pronoun "this (masc.) one" in verse two.

### The Word was God

(The Word is **not** distinct from God.)

- The JW so-called translation ignores Greek grammar which all other translations follow.
- How do we handle these last two **clauses** or sentences?
  1. They are opposite = making no judgment about them.
  2. They are contradictory = this is a judgment based on human reasoning.
  3. They are paradoxical = this is a judgment that submits human reasoning to Scripture. This is **only a** seeming contradiction not a real **one**.
- Four Relationships re. Rationality.

**Suprarational** = above reason

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**Arational** = outside the realm of rationality (e.g. in the realm of aesthetics)