Jesus is NOT Michael The Archangel

Millions of people wrongly believe Michael the archangel is Jesus Christ! While the Seventh Day Adventists believe Michael is deity, the Jehovah's Witnesses adamantly oppose the deity of Christ, even denying Jesus was ever prayed to or worshiped, but both sadly believe he is Michael! Let's look at their claims to see if this is credible.

Michael the archangel is only referred to on five different occasions throughout the entire Bible. Four times are: Dan 10:21; Dan. 12:1; Jude 1:9 and Rev 12:7. The other time is the following one showing Michael is but just one of the archangels just one of the "chief princes":

"But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, because I was detained there with the king of Persia." (Dan. 10:13)

Additionally, the word archangel is only found one time besides Jude 9:

"For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first." (1 Thess. 4:16)

Which archangel is coming down from heaven is unclear since there are more than one. It might not even be Michael. Furthermore, we must logically conclude from 1 Thess. 4:16 that if Jesus' coming with the voice of an archangel makes him an archangel, then Jesus is a trumpet too, because he is also coming with the trumpet call of God.

This is all the Jehovah's Witnesses and Seventh Day Adventists got! Nothing shows Jesus to be Michael the archangel; nonetheless, they have cited those verses to teach their unfounded "Jesus is Michael" dogma to the destruction of souls. Again, Michael is just one of the chief princes, but he, and all other angels, also "worship" Jesus (Heb. 1:6), thereby clearly excluding Jesus from being...
Michael. As for who Jesus really is, consider the clarity of this:

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made". (John 1:1-3)

Before coming to earth Jesus was called "the Word" (Jn. 1:1 cf. 1:14) and shown to be God by nature (deity). Col. 1:16 shows Jesus created everything visible and invisible, including all the "invisible" angels, in heaven and earth thereby even creating Michael the archangel.

After ascending up to heaven the Lord and Savior is still called Jesus (Acts 9:5; Rev. 22:16). Rev. 22:16 further demolishes the twisting of Rev. 1:1 to wrongly portray Jesus as an angel for it was Jesus who sent his angel to John. Besides all of that, Hebrews 1 showcases Jesus deity and majesty, and it lists 8 ways that Jesus is superior to the angels, which includes Michael.

Jesus repeatedly received worship on earth (Mt. 14:33; 28:9, 17, etc.), yet angels never receive worship (Rev 19:10; 22:8-9). Jesus also receives equal praise and worship with the Father in heaven (Rev. 5:13-14). Besides all that evidence, unlike angels Jesus is prayed "to" (Acts 7:59; Acts 9:14; 1 Cor. 1:2; etc.), but Jehovah's Witnesses refuse to do that also. If Jesus were Michael the archangel, he should not have been prayed to and worshiped, and yet Jesus was both.

None of the details about Michael can be scripturally connected to the Lord Jesus Christ. The Seven Day Adventists and Jehovah's Witnesses teaching that Jesus is Michael the archangel is clearly wrong and pure religious fantasy; and they do so in violation and neglect of the scriptural evidence. To teach Jesus Christ is Michael the archangel not only downgrades the PRECIOUS Lord Jesus and robs him of his majesty and deity, but it also constitutes serious and lethal error concerning the plan of salvation and going to Jesus directly for eternal life (Jn. 5:40; 4:10; Mt. 11:28).

The early Christians followed and trusted exclusively in Jesus for salvation, and they received eternal life through him (Mt. 11:28-30; Acts 16:30-31; 7:59; Jn. 3:16; 10:27; 1 Pet. 2:6; 1 Jn. 5:12; etc.). In fact, Jesus is Eternal Life (1 Jn. 1:2). Do you know him (1 Jn. 2:3,4)?

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