

Just Thinking Apologetics

In John chapter one the “Word” or Jesus are to be seen as one and the same. Verse one states, “and the Word was God.” This is clearly a statement by John under the guidance of the Holy Spirit that Jesus is God. Jesus is not to be understood as created or lesser in nature than God. Jesus is one of the three persons that make up the holy Trinity. Some have tried to counter that the proper translation is “a god” for this passage, but this contradicts the Greek word used here as recognized by the majority of all scholars, whether they are Christian or not. John uses the Greek word “theos” and in the context of the entire first chapter of John one, the proper understanding is that of “God,” not “a god.”

The same Greek word, “theos” is used in verse 6, 12, 13, and 18. Again in each case it is in reference to “God” not “a god.” The point here is that verse one clearly is in agreement with the following verses, in describing Jesus (the Word) as being God. The evidence to translate John 1:1 to mean “a god” simply does not exist. The only individuals (Catholic and Protestant) who would support such a view are part of a minority liberal camp that has a predetermined theology they are trying to push. One again, the evidence for “a god” simply does not exist.