

In other words, Jesus is the creator of it. The phrase "in the beginning of the creation of God" then can have two entirely different meanings in this verse. It can either mean that Jesus was the first object God created or it can mean that Jesus was the creator of the creation of God. But which of these meanings did John intend? It is evident that he intended the latter meaning, for, if the former meaning were intended, John would be contradicting what he wrote in John 1:3, and the Holy Spirit would never cause John to write anything that would contradict what He had previously caused him to write. It is evident then that John intended the latter meaning and that the phrase "the beginning of the creation of God" bears the same sense as John 1:3; that Jesus was the creator of the creation of God.

(b) Col. 1:15-17

The Jehovah's Witnesses say that the phrase "the first-born of every creature" should be translated "the first-born of all creation," and they take it to mean that Jesus was the first part of the creation to come into existence just as the first-born of a family is the first child in that family to enter the world. They say that Jesus was created first, and that after Jesus was created all other things were created. According to the Jehovah's Witnesses then, this passage also teaches that Jesus is a created being and as such he cannot be God, for God is eternal. But this is not what this passage teaches! The word "who" in vs. 15 clearly refers to Jesus. The phrase "the image of the invisible God" means that Jesus is the exact representation of God so that whatever is true of the invisible God is true also of Jesus and vice versa. This can only mean that Jesus is God. The first part of this verse then deals with the vertical relationship between Jesus and God, Jesus being the exact representation of God. Because Jesus is the exact representation of God, He said in John 14:9, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." The next part of this verse deals with the horizontal relationship that exists between Jesus and the creation.