

LESSON 07: THE TWO NATURES OF THE CHRIST

Memory work

48. Q. But are the two natures in Christ not separated from each other if His human nature is not present wherever His divinity is?

A. Not at all,

*for His divinity has no limits
and is present everywhere.*

So it must follow that His divinity

*is indeed beyond the human nature which He has taken on
and nevertheless is within this human nature
and remains personally united with it.*

Homework

Following is a quote from the official web-site of the Jehovah's Witnesses:

Jesus is Jehovah's most precious Son – and for good reason. He is called “the firstborn of all creation,” for he was God's first creation (Colossians 1:15). There is something else that makes this Son special. He is the “only-begotten Son.” (John 3:16) This means that Jesus is the only one directly created by God. (http://www.watchtower.org/e/bh/article_04.htm)

We saw during the lesson that “only-begotten” need not mean Jesus had a beginning, it can also mean that He alone shares the essence (nature) of the Father.

1. (5) Their appeal to “firstborn of creation” in Colossians 1:15 also looks strong. Yet, firstborn does not necessarily have to mean “born first in order”. What could this phrase also mean? (Hint: Ps 89:27 or think about the fact that Jacob became the firstborn of Isaac even though he wasn't born first.)

2. (5) Explain how you would defend (*apologetics!*) the fact that Jesus is truly God.
