

of salvation. Please give us a few points to include, given her background, and any tips on speaking to Jehovah's Witnesses. -- Maureen B.

Dear Maureen: Before you meet with a Jehovah's Witness, I urge you to know something about their beliefs in order to be on guard. They essentially deny the Trinity; teach that one can be saved by good works; and believe that at death humans either sleep until the resurrection or, if evil, suffer annihilation. Also, they think Jesus returned to earth spiritually in 1914 and is now overthrowing Satan's kingdom in order to establish His millennial kingdom, in which true believers will live on earth and a select group of 144,000 will rule in heaven with Christ. I suggest you do not focus on debating these points but on the gospel and on getting the person to read the Bible. The American Tract Society has two tracts about the Witnesses which you might wish to order (1-800-54-TRACT.) Always remember, God will save anyone who believes Christ died for his or her sins, and that includes Jehovah's Witnesses.

7. (from LSO, March 10, 1997)

Subject: What to say to a teacher who mocks creation

Dear Dr. Ryrie: I am a 15-year-old high school sophomore. My history teacher and I recently had an argument about how the earth was formed. As I am deeply religious, when he called on me and asked me how the world was formed, I told him the creation story. He laughed at me in front of the whole class and said, "I don't believe that some force waved its magic wand and created life." I told him that it wasn't an impersonal force, but a loving God. He then asked how I could prove it, or if it was only blind, ignorant faith. What do I tell him? How should I deal with this situation? -- Michelle

Dear Michelle: How inappropriate of your teacher to make fun of the biblical view of creation in front of the class. In my opinion, he owes you a public apology. However, convincing someone like that of the truth of the Genesis account of creation would not be easy--but that account is the truth. Evolution is a theory that has never been conclusively proved. People embrace it to eliminate any sense of the need for a Savior. After all, if evolution has done all it claims to do, then why do we need any outside help from a Savior? Man can do it all on his own. To deny the Genesis account makes Jesus Christ a liar, for He believed and authenticated Genesis in Matthew 19:4-6 (concerning the creation of Adam and Eve) and in Matthew 24:37-39 (the flood in the days of Noah). I doubt your teacher would be willing to make fun of Jesus in front of the class. I urge you to educate yourself in the fallacies of evolution by reading material published by the Institute for Creation Research, P.O. Box 2667, El Cajon, CA, 92021. Write first for a list of their publications and then order some to read and study for yourself.

8. (from LSO, March 12, 1997)

Subject: Are reflexology and acupuncture o.k.?

Dear Dr. Ryrie: Recently, the video production studio at which I work has been producing several videos on alternative medicine, such as reflexology, acupuncture, and therapeutic touch. I've done some research and study on the origins of reflexology and confirmed in my mind that it is based on transcendentalism. I have concluded that the basis for these alternative forms of treatment were founded in eastern religion and mysticism. I had a strong conviction that I should not help in the production of