Is it better to defend Christian doctrine, or have disputers prove their ideas?

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I was converted by the classic Apologetic [Apostles of Denial, E.C. Gruss] from JW belief to Orthodox Trinitarianism, over 40 years ago. Since that time I've tried to convince other JW's, and failed. They endlessly dispute every text I bring to support the Christian idea of God.

What if I have been doing this backwards? When a JW says, "the Trinity is not taught in the Bible," perhaps I should respond: "what is? What is your concept of God."

Ironically enough, for a group so invested in claiming Christians got their ideas from pagans, The JW's believe Jehovah God is the biggest "spirit body" on top of something like a pagan Greek Parthenon of "Elohim", and like them not omnipresent. Although Almighty, infinite in power unlike the angels, He lives in a "spirit-body" just like them.

In between God the biggest "spirit" in the Parthenon and the smaller "angel spirits", is the arch-angel Jesus (a.k.a. Michael)—unlike them Jesus is an "a-god". Above all other angel "Elohim" "sons of God", but below their Creator Jehovah God. They all live spatially in a place called "heaven:

"While there are physical bodies visible and palpable, there are also spiritual bodies, invisible to human eyes and entirely beyond human senses. (1 Cor. 15:44) The bodies of spiritual persons (God, Christ, the angels) are glorious...The true God is not omnipresent."—Aid To Bible Understanding, p. 247, 665 (Watchtower Bible & Tract Society, 1971)

Perhaps we would have more success demanding they prove from the scriptures their odd "pagan" view of a finite God?

Then the "shoe" is on the other foot, their proofs are being contradicted.

