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*"Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price,"* Isa. 55:1.

*"...freely ye have received, freely give,"* Mat. 10:8.

# DOES OUR CREATOR HAVE A NAME?

## Foreword

**This booklet** contains four of the many articles I have read or written during my research over the past 13 years concerning the Names of our Creator and His Son. As you may know, most English versions of the Hebrew Scriptures use substitutes for the Name of the Deity we worship. But many people mistakenly think "the LORD" and "GOD" are translations of the Name of the Most High. It is my hope and prayer that this short booklet will shed some much needed light on an important subject.

There is a scripture in the Old Testament that asks a question. It is found in Proverbs, and goes like this:

*Proverbs 30:4 Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? Who hath bound the waters in a garment? Who hath established all the ends of the earth? What is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell?*

Of course, this is speaking of the Heavenly Father, and obviously, His Son. Who else could ascend or descend to or from heaven at will? Who else could gather the wind in His fists? Who else could bind the waters in a garment? Who else has established all the ends of the earth?

But what is the answer to His question? Do you know? Not many do, because a satanic deception has been perpetrated on the whole world. His true Name has been hidden for centuries, yet it is there for all who will, to see. This booklet will not only answer that

question, but will reveal how the most important Name in the entire Universe came to be "lost," neglected and, in some cases, scorned and ridiculed.

We will also show that, contrary to popular opinion, the Most High has only ONE name - not many names, as some falsely teach. He does, however, have several titles. But a title is not a name. We will also show that proper nouns such as names of people, things and places, are not translated from language to language, but are transliterated. This means that the same sounds are brought forward into the new language as closely as is possible, allowing for ethnic accents and linguistic limitations.

Sometimes one language simply will not have the proper letters to bring forth certain sounds into another tongue. An example is the Hebrew letter for our sound, "sh." There is no corresponding sound in the Greek alphabet, so names like "Joshua" (Yahshua in Hebrew) are impossible to transliterate precisely.

Another interesting fact is that neither the Hebrew nor the Greek language has a "J" sound. What makes this so interesting, is that the Bible is simply full of place names and people names that begin with "J" in our English Bibles. But the "j" is a recent addition to our alphabet, having evolved from the letter "i" within the last 500 years. It comes to us through Latin and French influence, and was totally unknown in Bible times. In every Biblical instance where you see a proper noun beginning with a "J," it should be pronounced with a "Y" sound. Thus, Jerusalem is really Yerushalem, Judea is Yudea, Jesus is Yahshua (this name, Yahshua, has both the "Y" sound, and the "sh" sound). Joshua, the Israelite general who succeeded Moses, had the same name as our Savior. Even the term "Jew" is properly "Yehuda," or "Yahuda."

So, let us begin. You should check the references given as much as possible; at least check your home dictionary, encyclopedia and Bible under the names and subjects given.

I hope you have a pleasant and profitable study. Write for more information if you wish. It will be sent, free of obligation. ~*Frank Brown*

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# THE NAME YAHWEH

Most of us have Authorized (King James) versions of the Bible. You will note that the One Who inspired it to be written is called “The LORD,” as in Exodus 3:15, where He is quoted as saying, “Thus shall you say unto the children of Israel, The LORD God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name forever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.”

Again, in the Ten Commandments, Exodus 20:7, the third commandment is quoted as saying, “Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh His Name in vain.” Most other translations of the Bible also render His Name as “the LORD,” or “GOD,” in small capital letters.

But is this the Creator’s Name? Is this what He inspired to be written? **No, it most definitely is not!** The Bible was originally written in the Hebrew language, because it was given to Hebrew prophets He had called for that purpose. What they wrote was the Name He gave Himself: the Hebrew letters, יהוה, pronounced Yod, Hay, Waw, Hay (read right to left), corresponding in English to YHWH. This is called the Tetragrammaton, or the “four letters.” Look up in your own dictionary or encyclopedia, “tetragrammaton,” “YHWH,” Yahweh, Jehovah, God and Lord.

Originally the Hebrew language did not have vowels. Only consonants were written, and the reader provided the vowel sounds. The Jews, in their own encyclopedia, confirm that the Name should be pronounced “Yahweh,” but they will not pronounce it. They developed a superstition that it was too sacred and holy to be pronounced, so they substituted “Adonai,” meaning “My Lord,” or “the Lord.” They used two scriptures to justify this: the Third Commandment, Exodus 20:7, and Leviticus 24:16, which says, **“And he that blasphemeth the Name of Yahweh, he shall surely be put to death; all the congregation shall surely stone him: as well the stranger, as he that is born in the land, when he blasphemeth the Name shall be put to death.”**

They thought the best way to avoid blaspheming His Name was to

avoid it altogether. So they quit using it, writing the vowels of “Adonai” up over it where it appeared in their Hebrew Scriptures (about 7,000 times), so the reader would read “Yahweh,” but pronounce “Adonai,” meaning "Lord" in English.

And Bible translators for the most part have followed this unauthorized man-made custom in their own translations. Yet most of them tell us in their prefaces or forewords what they have done, and that the proper name of the Most High is Yahweh.

Well, you might ask, what difference does this make? He knows who I’m referring to when I call Him Lord or God, doesn’t He? He knows who the translators meant, doesn’t He?

Yes, He knows our hearts. He knows our very thoughts. But the difficulty lies in the fact that LORD or GOD is **not** His name, and by quoting Him as saying, “I am the LORD,” we are putting lying words in His mouth. We are making Him out to be a liar. We are establishing our own righteousness, and disobeying Him. We are saying **we** know better than **He** does what He should be called.

Yahweh attaches great importance to His Name. He says it is Holy, it is to be revered, it is not to be polluted or used in a vain way. Incredibly, His Name appears in the Old Testament manuscripts approximately 7,000 times (One thousand times more than seven, the Biblical number of completeness)!

Yet, foolish man in his “wisdom” has tried to obliterate His Name completely. For instance, in the King James Bible, His Name appears only four times (in the corrupted form Jehovah), and once as Jah (Psa. 68:4). The “J” originally had the “Y” sound. Everywhere else, it has been rendered “The LORD”, or “GOD.” In Revelation 19:1, 3, 4 and 6, it also appears in the phrase, "Alleluia," which is the Greek rendering of the Hebrew praise phrase, HalleluYAH!, which means, "Praise ye, YAH!"

Certainly this is Satan-inspired, in an attempt to lead man astray. Let’s examine a few scriptures either quoting Yahweh Himself, or one of His prophets, that show the importance He attaches to His Name:

**Exodus 20:7 Thou shalt not take the Name of Yahweh thy (EL) in vain; for Yahweh will not hold**

**him guiltless that taketh His Name in vain.** This is the Third Commandment. “In vain” means to bring to nothing, to make useless or of none effect, or to misuse it. This Commandment means far more than just not cursing and swearing. It means, among other things, to **not** forsake it or take it away, which is just exactly what foolish man has done.

Psalm 83:18 **That men may know that thou, whose Name alone is Yahweh, art the most High over all the Earth.**

Isaiah 42:8 **I am Yahweh: that is My Name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.**

Psalm 68:4 **Sing unto (Elohim), sing praises to His Name: extol Him that rideth upon the heavens by His Name Jah (Yah, the short, or poetic form of Yahweh, as in HalleluYAH). This praiseful expression is known in almost every language on earth, and means, “Praise ye Yahweh.”**

Ezekiel 43:7 **And He (Yahweh) said unto me, “----- and my holy name, shall the house of Israel no more defile,----.”**

Proverbs 30:4 **“---what is His Name, and what is His Son’s Name, if thou canst tell?”**

Isaiah 12: 2, 4: **“---Yah Yahweh is my strength and my song; He also is become my salvation.” “And in that day shall ye say, ‘Praise Yahweh, call upon His Name, declare His doings among the people, make mention that His Name is exalted.’”**

Isaiah 52:5-6: **Now therefore, what have I here, saith Yahweh, that my people are taken away for nought? They that rule over them make them to mourn, saith Yahweh; and My Name continually every day is blasphemed. Therefore My people shall know My Name -----.**

Ezekiel 39:6-7 **And I will send a fire on Magog, and among them that dwell carelessly in the isles: and they shall know that I am Yahweh. So will I make My Holy Name known in the midst of My people Israel; and I will not let them pollute My Holy Name any more: and the heathen shall know that I am Yahweh, the Holy One in Israel.**

Psalms 111:9: “---Holy and Reverend is His Name.”

John 17:6, 11, 12, 26 (This was in the prayer that Yahshua prayed the night before He died) v. 6: **"I have manifested (made known) Thy Name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world ---."** V. 11: **"----Holy Father, keep through thine own Name those whom thou hast given me, ---."** V. 12: **While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Thy Name!--"** V. 26: **"And I have declared unto them Thy Name, and will declare it: ---."**

Revelation 19:1, 3, 4, 6 all use the worshipful phrase, HalleluYAH (Greek: Alleluia).

In like manner that man has taken away Yahweh's Name and brought it to nought (took it in vain), the name of Yahweh's Son has also been corrupted. His Name is Yahshua, the same as the Israelite general who succeeded Moses, the one called Joshua in our English Bibles. There was not then, nor is there now, a letter "J" in either the Hebrew or the Greek language. All proper nouns (names of people, cities, countries, etc.) found in the Bible that start with a "J" should be pronounced with a "Y" sound.

There is no question that our Creator has a Name, and so does His son. Those Names are Yahweh and Yahshua (Yahshua means Yah's Salvation. See Matthew 1:20-21. The Angel said, "you shall call Him Yahshua **for He shall save His people from their sins.**") Yahshua means, Salvation of Yah, or Yah's Salvation. He carries the family Name, whereas the term, "Jesus," has no meaning.

The only real question is, can we come to understand the importance of knowing and using these Names, or will we continue to use the names of local deities and idols, which He hates, when calling on

Him in prayer, or worshipping Him?

One man told me recently that he had “studied the Sacred Name doctrine out, and found there’s nothing to it.” I suggested that he study it some more. All you need is a Bible, a good dictionary, encyclopedia, or Bible helps such as a concordance (and an open mind), and start looking up the words mentioned earlier, such as, Lord, God, Jehovah, Yahweh, Tetragrammaton, Jesus, Joshua, etc.

Some have said, “why should we be reading along in our English Bibles, come to the Name of the Creator, and suddenly have to speak Hebrew?” What they don’t realize is that almost all of the names in the Bible are Hebrew, such as Moses, Adam, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, David, even Satan. Jerusalem, Judah, Bethlehem, are all Hebrew. And when they speak these names, they are, in effect, speaking Hebrew.

Names are not **translated** from one language to another; they are **transliterated**. This means the same **sound** is brought forward into the new language as nearly as possible. “The Lord” is not a translation of Yahweh. Neither is “God”. They are substitutions. Paul said there are gods many and lords many, 1 Cor. 8:5.

“Jesus” was an **attempt** at transliterating Yahshua’s Name into English, but it fell miserably short of the mark. Since the “J” had the “Y” sound, it was originally pronounced, “Yah-soos” in Greek, because the Greeks did not have the “sh” sound in their language, and an “a” ending carries a feminine connotation, so they ended it with an “s.” Later, to get away from the “Yah” sound, they changed that to “Ye-sus,” which is closer to the Jews’ “Yeshua.” Then, after the “J” was given the soft “g” sound, it was but a short step to what we have today, “Jesus.” Scripture tells us, Joel 2:32, “**And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the Name of Yahweh shall be delivered:--**”

This is repeated in Acts 2:21, “**And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the Name of Yahweh shall be saved.**”

Acts 4:12, speaking of Yahshua, says, “**Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.**”

Yah-shua carries Yah-weh's Name. He is Yah's Salvation. That is His Name, and that is why He was sent. No other Name will do. He said so, and I believe it. Do you?

Now that you know, what will you do? Will you continue to use the pagan titles and names of foreign gods used by **strangers to the covenant** when you worship, or will you repent of this, and worship the only true Mighty One, Yahweh, and His Son, our Savior, Yahshua the Messiah, by their proper Names?

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[The following short article, written by Mike Banak, has been in my files for several years now. I think it is both logical and Scriptural. What do you think?]

## Where Does Adam's Dominion Stop?

To be sure, the world is a mess right now. The book of Revelation talks about the punishment for those who destroy the earth (Rev. 11:18). The signs of mismanagement of this earth's resources are all around us: Air pollution, water pollution, hazardous nuclear wastes which will take thousands of years to decay, space age plastics in our garbage which the environment will need decades to decompose, depletion of the protective ozone layer by industrial wastes, and the elimination of the rain forests at the rate of 3,000 acres a day. The vanishing rain forests of South America are costing us dearly in ways we are first beginning to detect. These forests are made to create Oxygen. The living plants in these rich forests consume the Carbon Dioxide which we eliminate, and in turn dump oxygen into the environment. It has been estimated that the oxygen content of the atmosphere has dropped from 21% to 17% in the last decade and a half, thanks to the ravaging of the world's forests without due replacement of what we take.

The problem stems first from the fact that Adam and Eve were given joint dominion over the earth. In his first letter, the Apostle Peter refers to the man and woman as joint heirs of favor (1 Peter 3:7). However, Adam and Eve's very first commission was to "have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth" (Genesis 1:26). The command to 'have dominion' is also repeated in verse 28 when Adam and Eve are told to "be fruitful and multiply."

Genesis chapter 2 repeats the creation story from another standpoint. In this chapter we are given more detail regarding Adam's relationship to the animal kingdom and we are also given some insights into the creation of Eve.

In Genesis 2:18, Yahweh our Elohim said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make an help meet for him." Notice, however, that Yahweh does not form Eve right away. First, Yahweh presents all the animals of the air and of the field to Adam

to see what he would call them. Let us consider for a moment the authority, the dominion that Adam was given as these animals were paraded past him. "...whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof" (Genesis 2:19). In the course of naming the animals of the air and of the field, there is no creature found which is suitable for helping Adam. It must have been comical to be there in the garden that day, for surely Adam named the animals after their most dominant characteristics. Maybe he called the giraffe "long neck" or the elephant "big ears." In the Hebrew language we may have remnants of Adam's original names for the animals. For example, the Hebrew word for goat, Strong's #8163, "saw-er," means "shaggy." Likewise the Hebrew word for horse, Strong's #5483, "soos," comes from a word that means "to skip."

We know, of course, that Adam put some thought into it, because when he comes to the Woman, he explains how he logically arrived at her name. Genesis 2:23 reads, "...This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman (Hebrew ISHA) because she was taken out of Man" (Hebrew ISH).

Of course, this is all well and good. But one key lesson here is that Adam's dominion includes the authority to name the animals, AND to name his wife.

In fact, the authority to name something, or somebody, is a sign of dominion over that thing or person. We can see this clearly in the following examples:

Moses changed the name of Hosea, son of Nun, to Joshua (Yahshua), son of Nun (Numbers 13:16.)

Yahweh changed Abram's name to Abraham (Gen. 17:5).

Yahweh changed Jacob's name to Israel (Gen. 32:28).

Yahweh changed Sarai's name to Sarah (Gen. 17:15).

Yahshua changed Simon's name to Cephas (Kefa, or Peter, meaning Stone; Mat. 16:18).

Abraham named his son Isaac (Gen. 21:3).

Abraham, Isaac and Jacob all gave names to the places where they traveled through the promised land (Yahweh-yireh, Beersheba, Peniel, etc).

Yahweh proclaimed the names of John the Baptist and Yahshua the Messiah to their parents, before they were born (Mat. 1:21 and Luke 1:13).

A woman is to be called by her husband's name upon marriage (Isaiah 4:1).

In Genesis 3:20, Adam gave his wife a new name, Eve (Hebrew, Chawah), meaning living, as she was the mother of all the living.

In Revelation 2:17, we are all promised a new name from our Savior.

The prophet Hosea is instructed what to name his children (Hosea 1:4, 6, 9).

The prince of the eunuchs named Daniel "Belteshazzar (Daniel 1:7).

The list is seemingly endless. The Bible has a clear message in this regard. If you have authority over something or someone, you likewise have the authority to call by whatever name you wish. Likewise, if you are in the habit of conferring names upon others at will, you had better make sure you have the authority to do so.

This brings us, finally, to the real purpose of this study. Isn't it disrespectful - yes, even a colossal effrontery to the most high Elohim, that we take it upon ourselves to call Him by names of our own choosing?

Adam has authority to name the beasts of the field and of the air. Adam has the authority (improperly exercised) to destroy this earth with pollution and ruin. Property owners can name their lands what they will, as the Patriarchs did to the promised land as they passed through. Fathers can name their children what they wish (barring a heavenly directive otherwise), and wives are to take on the names of their husbands. But men have no right naming the Most High, according to their darkened folly, with words like God, Lord, etc., as a substitute for His Great Name YAHWEH. Is not this the sin of Satan, to elevate one's self above the Almighty, by whatever means possible?

May we repent with sincerity of this subtle deception!

~Mike Banak

## IFYAHWEH WERE ASKED TODAY...

**"What is Your Name?"** What would He say? Remember, He says He changes NOT! Mal. 3:6. Therefore, wouldn't He give the same answer He gave Moses in Exodus 3:15? "And EL said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, **YAHWEH**, Elohim of your fathers, the Elohim of Abraham, the Elohim of Isaac, and the Elohim of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: **this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.**"

Most religionists who teach that just any old name will do, are ready to quote verses 13 and 14, but usually stop before reading verse 15. He doesn't say "I AM" is His name; He says YAHWEH is His Memorial Name!

Some loudly insist that He has "many names," but He says He has ONLY ONE.

**Psalms 83:18 That [men] may know that thou, whose name alone [is] YAHWEH, [art] the most high over all the earth.**

**Isaiah 42:8 I [am] YAHWEH: that [is] my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.**

For those of you who may believe that He has many names, please note that in EVERY IN-STANCE IN THE ENTIRE BIBLE He or the writer always refers to His "NAME," singular. Never plural. Never "Names." He has many TITLES, but only ONE NAME! Yahshua the Messiah, in His prayer the night He was betrayed, mentioned "Thy Name" three times. Read John 17, verses 6, 12, and 26. Also see John 12:28.

Idols, on the other hand, DO have many names. See Hosea 2:16-17 and Zech. 13:2, for ex-ample. Hosea 2:16-17, And it shall be at that day, saith YAHWEH, that thou shalt call me Ishi (Husband); and shalt call me no more Baali (Lord.) For I will take away the names of Baalim out of her mouth, and they shall no more be remembered by their name. Zechariah 13:2 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith YAHWEH of

hosts, [that] I will cut off the **names** of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered:....."

The day is coming when all mankind will know His Name. He says, "My people shall know My Name."

Isa 52:5-6, Now therefore, what have I here, saith Yahweh, that my people is taken away for nought? they that rule over them make them to howl, saith Yahweh; and my name continually every day *is* blasphemed. Therefore my people shall know my name: therefore *they shall know* in that day that I *am* he that doth speak: behold, *it is* I.

His Name truly is becoming better known in this end-time. This crucial knowledge is spreading, as more and more people become aware of it. This is the "Key of Knowledge" that Yahshua said the religious leaders of His day had taken away (Luke 11:52). This is why Stephen was stoned (using the Name, which was forbidden under penalty of death), and why the arresting party "fell backward to the ground" when Yahshua said, "I AM," the night he was arrested (John 18:4-6).

## The Proper Name of Our Heavenly Father

(From a Radio Address on 3-29-92 by Frank Brown)

Greetings, and welcome to the program we call "Search the Scriptures." This is the program where we encourage you to study your own Bible, and don't depend on others to do your thinking for you. I hope you will have time to get your own Bible out this morning, and follow along with us as we look into the words of life.

As we begin, let me remind you that on this program I always use the proper Name of our Heavenly Father, Yahweh, instead of the familiar substitutes such as Lord and God, and the erroneous form, Jehovah; and the correct Name of our Savior, Yahshua, instead of the popular but erroneous pronunciation, Jesus.

The name of the heavenly Father, Yahweh, is the only name in the Bible that is declared to be holy, and pleasing to the father. He gave that name to himself, yet, it is also the only name that has been removed from the original Scriptures, and replaced with uninspired substitutes. The original, inspired Scriptures contained the name, Yahweh, about 7,000 times in the Old Testament. But the Jews decided that it was too holy to pronounce, so they systematically eradicated it. How do we know? Because copies of the original Scriptures, in the Hebrew language, still exist. And the name, Yah-weh, represented by what is called the tetragrammaton, or the four letters, yod, hei, waw, hei, represented in English by Y-H-W-H, is still there to this day.

But the Jewish scribes were instructed to write the vowels of the Hebrew word for Lord, which is Adonai, or, in some cases, the Hebrew word for God, Elohim, up over the 4 letters, so that the reader would read Yahweh, but know to pronounce the words for "the Lord", or "God."

They did this because of misunderstanding the third commandment, which says "you shall not take the name of Yahweh thy Elohim in vain, for Yahweh thy Elohim will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain," and also, Leviticus 24:16, which says, "And he that blasphemeth the name of YAHWEH, he shall surely be put to death, [and] all the congregation shall certainly stone him: as well the stranger, as he that is born in the land, when he blasphemeth the name [of YAHWEH], shall be put to death."

So, they decided the best way to not take the name in vain, or blaspheme it, was just to never pronounce it. And so that's what they did. And then, when the Bible began to be translated into other

languages, the translators followed the Jewish custom of substituting the holy name of the most high, Yahweh, with my Lord, or the Lord, or God, or the name of whatever local deity was familiar to the people of a particular region.

But that was a grave error. Man assumed an authority and responsibility that he was never intended to have. In the first place, names are not **translated** from one language to another; they are **transliterated**. What that means is, while common words can be, and are, translated, and have a totally different sound in the new language, proper names, cities, countries, people, and so forth, have the same sounds carried forward into the new language.

And this was done in Scripture, with every name in the Bible, with the single exception of the name of the Most High, which was removed and substitutes put in its place. Every other name, from Aaron, Adam, Noah, Abraham, Jacob, David, right on down to Zorobabel and Zuzim, all these names are Hebrew, and they still sound basically like they did originally, with allowances for the different accents, etc.

I have been asked dozens of times, well, what difference does it make, anyway? He knows who I mean when I call him Lord, or God, doesn't he? Well, from the human standpoint, that seems logical. And, if there is no deity, it certainly wouldn't make any difference, would it? But, there is a Mighty One, and to him, according to his word, it does make a difference.

Let's look at some Scriptures. The first time the name Yahweh is used in the Bible, is in Gen. 2:4. Notice the King James translation of this verse: Genesis 2:4 "These [are] the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,"

Notice that the word "LORD" is in small caps. The prefaces or forewords in most Bibles tell you that they have followed a long-standing tradition of substituting "Lord" in small caps in place of the divine Name. And that's exactly what they have done. In almost 7,000 places in the Old Testament alone! So, each time you read "the Lord" and Lord is in small capital letters, you can know that the original read "Yahweh."

This was done 6,823 times, and in 134 other instances, they substituted "God" in small caps, in the same way. It survived as Jehovah four times in the KJV. This name is a combination of the two words, Yahweh and Adonai. Remember Adonai is the Hebrew word for Lord. "Jehovah" resulted from an attempt to transliterate the name into English by some who didn't understand what the Jews had done

by combining the two words.

Notice Psalms 83:18 That [men] may know that thou, whose name alone [is] JEHOVAH, [art] the most high over all the earth.

This, of course, is supposed to be Yahweh, and not Jehovah. Notice also that it says that his name alone is Yahweh. He has only one name; not many names, as some teach. He has many titles but only one name. Notice also Isaiah 42:8 I [am] YAHWEH: that [is] my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.

Here is a direct first person quote from the Most High himself. Again, notice that it is singular. One name, not many.

Now notice Exodus 3:15. This is the story of Moses and the burning bush. Moses was being called by Yahweh to go back to Egypt and lead the Israelites out of their slavery. Moses had asked a question. He asked, "when I go back, and the elders ask 'what is this Deity's name?' what shall I tell them?"

And Elohim said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, YAHWEH, Elohim of your fathers, the El of Abraham, the El of Isaac, and the El of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this [is] my name for ever, and this [is] my memorial unto all generations.

It also survived in the King James Bible in its short, or poetic form, Yah, in one place. Turn to Psalms 68:4: *Sing unto Elohim, sing praises to his name: extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name JAH, and rejoice before him.*

This is spelled J-a-h but pronounced Y-a-h like the last syllable in hallelujah. HalleluYah is an untranslated Hebrew phrase that means praise ye Yah, not praise the Lord, as you may have been told.

He declares that his name is holy in many places. One is Ezekiel 39:7 *So will I make my holy name known in the midst of my people Israel; and I will not [let them] pollute my holy name any more: and the heathen shall know that I [am] YAHWEH, the Holy One in Israel.*

Not only does he declare his name is Yahweh, and holy, but also that it has been polluted by his own people Israel. He also declares that it has been taken away and Baal substituted. Please understand that Baal means owner, master, husband, and lord.

So notice now what He says in Jeremiah 23:26-27 How long shall [this] be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? yea, [they are] prophets of the deceit of their own heart; Which think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every

man to his neighbour, as their fathers have for-gotten my name for Baal.

But He says the time is coming when they will no more call Him Baal, or Lord; Hosea 2:16-17, *And it shall be at that day, saith YAHWEH, [that] thou shalt call me Ishi; (Ishi means husband in Hebrew) and shalt call me no more Baali (the Lord). For I will take away the names of Baalim out of her mouth, and they shall no more be remembered by their name.*

So there is a time coming, when the name of Baal, the Lord, will be forgotten, and He says "at that time His people will know His Name." Look at Isaiah 52:5-6 *Now therefore, what have I here, saith YAHWEH, that my people is taken away for nought? they that rule over them make them to howl, saith YAHWEH; and my name continually every day [is] blasphemed. Therefore my people shall know my name: therefore [they shall know] in that day that I [am] he that doth speak: behold, [it is] I.* Notice one more Scripture in the Old Testament: Psalms 99:3 *Let them praise thy great and terrible name; [for] it [is] holy.*

But what about the New Testament? Why does the name not appear there? Because the oldest copies of the New Testament we have are in the Greek language, and they also followed the custom of using the names of local deities, and so where Yahweh would have been in the originals, it was changed to Kurios, which is Greek for Lord, and Theos, which is Greek for Elohim.

So here again, we find the name blotted out and substitutes put in. But it did survive in the names of many of the prophets, such as Isaiah, Elijah, Jeremiah, etc. The last syllable of their names is y-a-h, pronounced Yah! The "J" is a fairly recent addition to the English language, and formerly had the double e or y sound, such as the "i" in the word "machine." Many languages today still pronounce the j with a y sound, such as German, Swedish, Danish, Norwegian, etc.

There was not a letter J, or a J sound, in either the Hebrew or Greek languages in ancient Bible times, and there still isn't today! That is just one more reason why Jehovah and Jesus couldn't possibly be correct.

Another place where the "Yah" name survived in the New Testament, is in the word alleluia, found four times in Revelation 19. Verse 1 says, *And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto YAHWEH our El: Revelation 19:3 And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever. Revelation 19:4 And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped Yahweh that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia. Revelation*

19:6 *And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunders, saying, Alleluia: for the SOVEREIGN YAHWEH omnipotent reigneth.*

Another way we can know that the name was taken out of the New Testament, is by looking at quotes from the Old Testament which contain Yah's name that are quoted in the new, where you will find that they have been changed to God or Lord. There are literally hundreds of quotes from the Old Testament in the New, but let's just look at one or two.

Matthew 4:4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of **God**. This is from the King James Version of the New Testament, and is quoted from Deuteronomy 8:3 which says: *And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every [word] that proceedeth out of the mouth of YAHWEH doth man live.*

Matthew 4:7 *Yahshua said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.* Again, this is how it is written in the New Testament, and is quoted from Deuteronomy 6:16, which says: *Ye shall not tempt YAHWEH your Elohim, as ye tempted [him] in Mas-sah.*

Now do you think for a minute that the very son of the Most High, would misquote the Scripture? Do you think He would go along with the Jews' silly superstition about not pronouncing the name?

Why, the savior's very name itself, Yahshua, means "Yah's salvation." Notice Mat. 1:21 where the angel was talking to Joseph about the birth of Mary's baby. Matthew 1:21 *and she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Yahshua: for he shall save his people from their sins.*

This matter of using or not using the correct Names of our Father and our Savior may not seem important to us; that's just human nature. But the Supreme Being who made us and who will save us if we will let him, says it is very important to him, and I'm not going to argue with him about it. There can be no question that the name Yahweh is still the correct name of the father, and is to be used by us today. ~

In order to complete this booklet, we thought we would include an article originally written by now deceased Elder George Kinney, with some additional thoughts from Elder Jerry Healan.

## HIS NAME

*By Elder George Kinney with additions by Jerry Healan*

In Psa. 111:9 we read, “He sent redemption unto His people: He hath commanded His covenant forever: Holy and reverend is His name.”

A quick check in *Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance* on the words “holy” and “reverend” is quite revealing.

Holy—#6918— vwdq **qâdôsh**, *kaw-doshe*’; from 6942; *sacred* (ceremonially or morally); (as noun) *God* (by eminence), an *angel*, a *saint*, a *sanctuary*.

#6942—vdq, **qâdash**, *kaw-dash*’; a prim. root; to *be* (causat. *make*, *pronounce* or *observe* as) *clean* (ceremonially or morally).

Reverend—#3372—ary **yare**’, *yaw-ray*’; a prim. root; to *fear*; mor. to *revere*; caus. to *frighten*.

Reverend is defined as; **1.** worthy of reverence; deserving to be revered. (*Webster’s New World Dictionary*)

Revere is defined as; to regard with deep respect, love, and awe; venerate. (*IBID*)

Reverence is defined as; **1.** a feeling or attitude of deep respect, love, and awe, as for something sacred; veneration **2.** A manifestation of this; specif., a bow, curtsy, or similar gesture of respect; obeisance **3.** The state of being revered. (*IBID*)

With these definitions in mind, we get the idea that the name of our Creator Yahweh is to be held as holy, that is; clean, pure and undefiled. We are to have a deep respect, love, fear, veneration, reverence and awe of His name. Thus, the last part of Psa. 111:9 could be read as, “Pure (or clean) and awesome (or fearful) is His name.”

### THE TRUE NAME

His name is not GOD, neither is it LORD (there are many gods and lords, 1 Cor. 8:5)! Scholars readily admit this when they indicate that YAHWEH is a proper rendering of the Name of the Almighty One in Scripture.

James Moffatt admits that there is a distinct loss when the name of the Creator is taken out of Scripture. In the introduction to his version of *The Bible* he writes, “Again, several of the most characteristic Hebrew terms, religious, social, and psychological, have no English equivalent which exactly corresponds to their original meaning. Something is dropped as they are passed from Hebrew into English. **Even the rhythm of the prose**

as well as of the verse cannot be carried over into our modern language without a certain amount of alteration, if the version is not to be pedantic. Furthermore, the habit of playing upon words, acrostics, euphemisms, paranomasia, and verbal tropes of this kind, baffles the translator, who may be reduced to the desperate expedient of suggesting within brackets (as, for example, at Genesis iii.20 and Micah 1.10, 11) the point of some allusion or piece of popular etymology. **One crucial instance of the difficulty offered by a Hebrew term lies in the prehistoric name given at the exodus by the Hebrews to their God. Strictly speaking, this ought to be rendered ‘Yahweh.’** which is familiar to modern readers in the erroneous form of ‘Jehovah.’ Were this version intended for students of the original, there would be no hesitation whatever in printing ‘Yahweh.’ But almost at the last moment I have decided with some reluctance to follow the practice of the French scholars and of Matthew Arnold (though not exactly for his reasons), who translate this name by ‘the Eternal,’ except in an enigmatic title like ‘the Lord of hosts.’ **There is a distinct loss in this, I fully admit; to drop the racial, archaic term is to miss something of what it meant for the Hebrew nation.**” (pp. xx-xxi)

Notice that he also admits that with some reluctance he decided to use THE ETERNAL instead of YAHWEH. THE ETERNAL is not Yahweh’s name, but only a rendering of part of the meaning of His Name, which has been said to be, “I always was and always will be what I will be.” The sound of His Name is the same no matter what language we speak. Therefore, LORD, GOD, THE ETERNAL, or anything else we use in place of where the Name YAHWEH appears in Scripture, is a substitution, taking away from where Yahweh inspired His Name to be written.

There are other words describing Him; but He has just one Name.

## **A WARNING**

Doesn’t it behoove us to not be denying His Name, and to hold it fast, and to keep our first love, Rev. 3:8, 2:13, and 2:4? And also to consider the warning of Malachi 2:1-3? “And now, O priests, this command is for you. If you do not hear, and if you do not take it to heart, to give esteem to My Name, said Yahweh of hosts, I shall send a curse upon you, and I shall curse your blessings. And indeed, I have cursed them, because you do not take it to heart. See, I shall rebuke your seed, and scatter dung before your faces, the dung of your festivals. And you shall be taken away with it.”

## **PRAISING HIS NAME**

Also, shouldn’t we praise His Name Yahweh, as well as the Creator Himself?

“They praise Your Name, great and awesome, it is separate,” Psa. 99:3. “All day long I bless You, and praise Your Name forever and ever,” Psa. 145:2. “I will sing praise to Your Name, O Most High,” Psa. 9:2. “Let them praise His Name in the dance,” Psa. 149:3. “We thank You, and

praise Your esteemed Name,” 1 Chron. 29:13. “Let the poor and needy praise Your Name,” Psa. 74:21. See also Joel 2:26 and Psa. 54:6.

“Great is Yahweh, and greatly to be praised; and His greatness is unsearchable,” Psa. 145:3. “I will praise Yahweh according to His righteousness, Psa. 7:17. “Praise you Yahweh. Praise, O you servants of Yahweh,” Psa. 113:1. “Let all that have breath praise Yah. Praise Yah!” Psa. 150:6. (YAH is the short form of Yahweh’s Name. See Psa. 68:4. It appears in the word halleluYAH, meaning praise YAH, Psa. 111:1, 146:1, 147:1, 148:1, 150:1, Rev. 19:1, 3, 4, 6. It also appears in His Son’s Name, YAHSHUA, meaning YAH salvation. Yahshua said, “I am come in My Father’s Name,” Jn. 5:43. The sense

of Mat. 1:21 is clear: “You shall call His Name Yahshua [YAH salvation], for He shall save His people from their sins.” There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved, Acts 4:12. It is good to know the correct Name in which to be baptized, Acts 2:38. Moses’ successor had the same name. See *Young’s Concordance* under JOSHUA and JESUS.)

Are we praising Yahweh, and His Name? Yahweh inhabits the praises of Israel, Psa. 22:3.

### **ADDING & DELETING**

Yahweh’s Name appears thousands of times in Scripture. Doesn’t that tell us something? In view of the Scriptural warnings of Dt. 4:1-2 and Prov. 30:4-6 about adding to and taking away, dare we take away His Name from the Word as we read it, or add to Scripture by substituting something else where His Name appears? Note that all texts indicate HIS NAME—not names. The King James Version has substituted the word LORD thousands of times for where His Name is in Scripture.

“Praise Yahweh, call upon His Name; make known His deeds among the peoples, make mention that His Name is exalted,” Isa. 12:4.

“Yahweh is great, and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all mighty ones,” Psa. 96:4. The fear of Yahweh is the beginning of wisdom,” Psa. 111:10.

“Teach me Your way, O Yahweh; Let me walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your Name. I praise You, O Yahweh my Almighty One, with all my heart, and I esteem Your Name forever,” Psa. 86:11-12.

Let us lay these things to heart and turn to not only revere, fear, worship and honor Him, but to do so through the very Name that He has revealed Himself by! His very own personal Name YAHWEH!!!



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