

THE CREATOR KNOWS YOU  
**BY NAME**  
DO YOU KNOW HIM  
**BY NAME?**

The g-d of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the g-d of Moses, the author of the ten commandments, claims to be the creator of all things, but do you know His name?

**DOES HE HAVE A NAME?**

This is a simple “yes” or “no” question. Let’s see whether the scriptures give an answer.

**EX. 20:7**

You shall not take the **NAME** of יהוה<sup>(1)</sup> your g-d in vain....

**EX 20:11**

For in six days יהוה made heaven and earth...

**LEV. 22:32-33**

Neither shall ye profane My holy **NAME**; but I will be hallowed among the children of Israel; I am יהוה which hallow you; That brought you out of the land of Egypt to be your g-d: I am יהוה.

**PSA. 83:18**

That men may know that thou whose **NAME** alone is יהוה art the most high over all the earth.

**ISA. 42:8**

I am יהוה, that is My **NAME**; and My glory will I not give to another.

**JER. 16:21**

I will cause them to know Mine hand and My might; and they shall know that My **NAME** is יהוה.

And there are many other verses which clearly show the answer to be YES, the creator does have a **NAME**.

**WHAT IS HIS NAME?**

In the above verses, we see the creator’s name to be “יהוה”, being spelled with the Hebrew alphabet. We have no tape recording to prove the exact sound of the original pronunciation, nor is that the primary issue here. But it is certain that His name is not “**the LORD**”. Scholars know “Jehovah” to be erroneous, and that “Yahweh” is approximately correct.

On page XX of the Introduction to Moffatt’s Bible, he says, “Strictly speaking, this ought to be rendered “Yahweh” which is familiar to modern readers in the erroneous form of “Jehovah”. Among the many other sources which indicate that “Yahweh” is the correct transliteration, is page v of the preface to the Revised Standard Version.

Now that you can pronounce “יהוה” as “Yahweh”, you should read all of the above verses a second time. Or better yet, get yourself one of the several Bibles wherein the creator’s name has been restored to its proper place.<sup>(2)</sup>

**WHAT IS HIS ENGLISH NAME?**

But you may wonder: why leave only the name in Hebrew, while translating the rest to English? If we are going to speak English, then wouldn't it be more consistent to translate the whole thing into our English language? That is a fair question. Here is the answer: The creator's name does not exist in English, except as a transliteration of the tetragrammaton.

At the time the creator gave His name to the Israelites, His name did not exist in the foreign languages of the nations. The foreign nations had their own g-ds. They did not have the g-d of the Hebrews. And they did not have the name of the g-d of the Hebrews. The creator's holy communications came only through the Hebrews, and it is through them that we become aware of the fact that the creator has a personal revealed name.

## YAHWEH REVEALED HIS NAME

In the seventeenth century, something was invented which we call a telescope. Our creator did not tell us to call it a telescope. We made up that word on our own. But we humans did not make up our creator's name. **Yahweh** said that His name is **Yahweh**!

When the Israelites were congregated at Mount Sinai, the creator introduced Himself and revealed His name. His name occurs eight times within the ten commandments, which were given, both audibly, and written in stone. According to EX 20:2, He introduced Himself in the following words:

"I am יהוה (3068<sup>(3)</sup>) - YAHWEH) your g-d (430<sup>(3)</sup>) - ELOHIM) who brought you out...."  
His revealed name is "יהוה" (3068 - YAHWEH), and "god" (430 - Elohim) is a title.

## "ELOHIM" IS NOT A NAME

Like "doctor", the word "elohim" is a title. This Hebrew word is rendered into English as "god" with a small "g", and is frequently and consistently used as a title for the deities of the nations. To verify this, look up "gods" (#430) in Strong's Exhaustive Concordance. A good example is Deut. 12:30: "...that thou enquire not after their gods (elohim), saying How did these nations serve their gods (elohim)?...." It is obvious that the sentence, "I am Yahweh, your g-d; you shall have no other g-ds beside me" is similar to, "I am John, your doctor; you shall have no other doctors beside me." The word "g-d" (elohim) is a title, but the creator's name is **Yahweh**!

The notion that Yahweh has many names, is **not true**. If you look up "name" in a concordance, you will find many references to the **name** of Yahweh, but not even once will it refer to His **names** (plural). In the future, Yahweh will prove to have **ONE** name according to Zech. 14:9.

## DOES NAME REALLY MEAN NAME?

Some argue that "name" means "authority" or "power", rather than "name". This is not true. By the **AUTHORITY** of His word, the creator tells us that He has a **name**! The word "name" (#8034 - shem) is used over 200 times in the torah, and is correctly and consistently translated "name". To verify this, look up "name" in Strong's Exhaustive Concordance. A different word, (#3581 - koach), means **power**. Yes indeed, Yahweh does have power, but He also has a name. Through Moses, Yahweh said to Pharaoh in Ex. 9:16, "And in very deed for this cause have I raised you up, for to shew in thee My **power** (koach), and.....AND that My **NAME** (shem) may be declared throughout all the earth". And yes, it has been! Just look up "Yahweh" in any good dictionary.

## WHO IS THEOS?

In the phrase "church of God", and other N.T. occurrences, the word "God", is Strong's #2316. The Greek word is "θεος" (theos), which referred to the various gods of Greek polytheism.<sup>(4)</sup>

The word "theos" was not derived from the tetragrammaton, and it is not Yahweh's name. Someone has tampered with the creator's name in the N.T. manuscripts. The prayer in John 17:11 is, "Holy Father, keep through **thine own name** those whom thou hast given me that they may be one as we are".

The English word "God" does not specifically refer to the god of the Bible. Theists, deists and new age pagans have invented unto themselves an imaginary ecumenical generic deity which they call "God". Their

definitions of “God” are as varied as the imaginations of their minds, but the name “Yahweh” refers specifically to the author of the ten commandments.

## CONCLUSION

Mat. 5:37 in the RSV says: “Let what you say be simply yes or no; anything more than this comes from evil”.

Does Israel’s g-d have a name? Is His name “G-d”? These are simple yes or no questions, and now that you know the answers, why would you continue using the word “God” **as if it were Yahweh’s name?**

But some will argue that words are merely for communication, but the important thing is the meaning or the intent of the heart. Well, that is precisely the point! If **your** god doesn’t care what god you worship, or whether you respect **His** name, or whether you keep **His** sabbath and His laws, then **your** god is some **other** than Yahweh!

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(1) These four letters of the Hebrew alphabet are what is called the **tetragrammaton**. Most English Bible translators have substituted “the LORD” in place of this holy name.

(2) Rotherham Version 1902. Reprinted by Missionary Dispensary Bible Research, Box 89, Winfield, AL 35594; Holy Name Bible 1963, by Scripture Research Assn., Box 988, College Park, MD 20740; The Jerusalem Bible 1966, by Doubleday; The New Jerusalem Bible 1985; The Sacred Scriptures - Bethel Edition 1981, by Assemblies of Yahweh, Box C, Bethel, PA 19507; The Scriptures, Institute For Scripture Research, P. O. Box 4347, Randburg 2125, Republic of South Africa.

(3) The numbers throughout this tract are the word numbers according to *Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance*, along with the transliterations of the original words.

(4) You can verify this from early Greek history, and in Acts 17:23, where we find pagans who had an altar to the unknown “theos”.

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