

AN ANSWER TO

Is Using the Sacred Names of God the Key to Salvation?

Some groups teach that you MUST use what they call the Hebrew names of God before you can be saved! They claim the terms "God," "Christ," "Jesus," and such are PAGAN and WRONG to use! What is the plain truth of this matter?

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COMMENT: Yes! Bill! Let's get to the heart and the plain truth of the matter right away! Joel declares, "And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of Yahweh shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as Yahweh hath said, and in the remnant whom Yahweh shall call," 2:32.

The Hebrew word for "delivered" is *malat*. It means; to escape or to be rescued. "Deliverance" is translated from the Hebrew word *pelataw*, which also means to escape.

The Hebrew also for "call upon the name of Yahweh" is *qara beshem Yahweh* (קרא בשם יְהוָה).

The typical modern day Jewish usage of *HaShem* (the Name) is not ever utilized in the Scriptures. What is utilized is *beshem*, which means "in the name."

As you know, I am sure, this very same quote is utilized twice in the New Testament. Peter quotes it on the very day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit was poured out upon him and the other disciples, "And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of Yahweh shall be saved," Acts 2:21.

The Apostle Paul also alludes to it in Romans 10:13, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of Yahweh shall be saved." But let's allow Paul to continue, "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" v. 14.

Don't you think these are good questions, Bill? After all, when works are declared in the true names, most people will say, We have never heard of those names and they disbelieve not even caring for the true names because the works have been declared in other names.

According to Paul, someone must be preaching this or the people will never hear, believe and be saved.

BILL: A number of "sacred names" groups insist that we must use the Hebrew "sacred" names of God and Christ, if we are to inherit salvation! They are very dogmatic about this and RIDICULE those who do not follow them in this practice, as "god [small "g"] worshipers"!

COMMENT: RIDICULE!!?? Bill, I am not sure you know what that word means. The great overall preponderance of our people were raised in Christianity. We believed that the terms "God, the LORD, Jesus and Christ" were acceptable. I, and a great number of us were also in the Worldwide Church of God. But before that, we were Sunday and holiday observers. When we learned of the Sabbath and Holy Days, the commandments, etc., we realized that we had been misled. We repented and embraced those truths, as well as many others. We were taught in Worldwide to love the truth. We were taught that when the truth comes, we must embrace it and turn away from the untruths that we had been embracing. You also were in the WWCG. You even referred to "plain truth" in your opening statements. But you and other WWCG and Ex-WWCG ministers are the ones who ridicule and seek to make a mockery out of us. It is only by the grace and favor of Yahweh that we are where we are today. How can we ridicule, make a mockery of, and laugh at those who are still in the ways from whence we have been delivered? We don't ridicule, Bill. We seek to proclaim the truth.

But let's look quickly at this English word "sacred." The words holy, sacred, sanctified, hallowed, even saint in the Hebrew, stem from the word *qodesh*. *Qodesh* not only means to be holy, but its primary meaning is to be "clean" and/or "pure." So when we speak of the "Sacred Names," we are speaking of the names that are holy, clean, pure, etc.

BILL: Is God really that concerned about the exact, precise pronunciation of what they call His "name"?

COMMENT: You have a name that is not the easiest to say or spell. My name isn't the easiest for people to spell or say. I know plenty of people who get bent out of shape when their name isn't spoken or spelled right. Don't you? What about the most important name of the most important Being in existence? Don't you think that we should get as close to right as we possibly can?

The Name of the Father

BILL: Some of these groups say Yahweh is the only right way to pronounce God the Father's name. But my research in the *Jewish Encyclopedia* and writings of the *Ante-Nicean Fathers*, and others, indicate that YAHVEH would be more correct, the original pronunciation. I go into this evidence in my booklet on the Sacred Names.

COMMENT: While I may disagree with you on the correct pronunciation of the name, I have my information that I tend to favor and you have yours, the fact of the matter is that you do admit that His name is different from "the LORD" or "God." Since you do admit this fact, why don't you change to the truth you have proven and begin to proclaim His works in the name Yahveh? Aren't we supposed to embrace the truth when it comes instead of continuing to promote error?

BILL: Some of these self-appointed critics say the English word "God" comes from the Hebrew "Gad," and there is an ancient deity named "Gad." Does this make the usage of "God" wrong?

Strong's Concordance shows that the word "Gad" may mean "fortune" as well as "troop." Says Strong's, "fortune, troop, in the sense of distributing" (#1408-9). It is true that this name or title was also used for a pagan god, "the god of fortune." Isaiah 65:11 may refer to the pagan god "fortune" (Gad). But let's not put the cart before the horse!

Does this prove the very English word "God" is pagan in derivation? Not at all! One of the twelve sons of Jacob, and one of the twelve tribes of Israel, was named "Gad" also. "Then Leah said, A troop comes! So she called his name Gad" (Gen.30:11). Thus his name was literally, "Troop," or "Fortune."

It is also a fact that one of God's own prophets was named "Gad" (II Sam.22:5; 24:11, etc.). A river or valley in Israel was also named "Gad" (II Sam.24:5).

Obviously, the meaning is simply "troop" or "fortune." Then the pagans took this name and applied it to their god of "fortune" or "good luck." Although pagans later misused the name, that does not make the original word or name pagan or idolatrous!

COMMENT: Good research, Bill, but not good or deep enough! More in-depth research reveals that our English/Anglo-Saxon predecessors, before their conversion to so-called Christianity, were pagans. One of their most important deities was named "God, Gott, Guth, Gud, Goth," etc. I know that you and I believe that most of the English speaking world are descendants of the Northern Kingdom of Israel which was sent into captivity because they embraced idolatry (Baal worship) and refused to repent. So now, Bill, you are continuing to promote the error of the Israelites rather than repenting, embracing the truth and proclaiming the truth to the world in the correct names. Shame, shame on you.

A couple of your own former associates, one of them named Garner Ted Armstrong, did

more in-depth research than you and found that the name or word “God” is associated with Taurus the Bull.

Their priesthood was the Druids. They had a savior named Esus (on the European Continent) or Yesu (in the British Isles). Both names Esus and Yesu were pronounced “Hesus.” They revered this savior via an oak tree that was shaped in the form of a cross. Shouldn’t red flags start shooting up, Bill?

Didn’t Israel change the form of Yahweh into that of an ox? (or bull?) Yes, they made a physical image out of gold, but Yahshua has expanded things into the spiritual realm. Now the use of the word God changes His spiritual image into that of an ox or bull.

But let’s learn something else about the matter. Scripture says, “Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? **The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against Yahweh, and against his anointed** (Messiah), saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us,” Psa. 2:1-3.

Question: Who originally had the most popular English version of the Bible published? Wasn’t it King James of England? Isn’t he one of the kings of the earth? Didn’t he embrace a Christian faith that cast the bands (laws) of Yahweh and His Anointed (Messiah) behind? Didn’t he promote Sunday, Easter, Christmas, and other pagan holiday observances? Doesn’t his brand of Christianity declare that the law is done away? I happen to have a copy of the 1611 version and the only place where the name of the Creator, the tetragrammaton (יהוה), appears is the page of artwork that introduces the New Testament. The Tetragrammaton is at the very top of the page with the names of the twelve tribes of Israel on the left hand of the page and the names of the twelve apostles on the right hand. Therefore, the king and the Bible interpreters understood the true name of the Creator, but refused to utilize it, but rather took it out of the very book that He authored by His Spirit. Furthermore, the names of the tribes of Israel and the Apostles are transliterated from their own **Hebrew** names. But the name of the Creator Yahweh, and His beloved son Yahshua are not. Hmmmmmm.....

Oh yes, and by the way, just because a son of Israel or even an Israelite prophet were given the name Gad/God, does that give us the authority to change the Creator’s name to that? One of the men in the New Testament was named Apollos. Obviously, he was named after the pagan deity Apollo, so can we change the Creator’s name to that? I hope you are beginning to see how ridiculous that is.

BILL: *The “Name” of God*

When God began speaking to Moses, He said, “I am God [Elohim] of thy father, the God [Elohim] of Abraham, the God [Elohim] of Isaac, and the God [Elohim] of Jacob” (Exodus 3:6). Moses, knowing that the term *Elohim* meant “God,” and was more a title, than a distinct name, as there are many “gods” including pagan gods, then asked God:

COMMENT: Here you go, Bill! You’re giving your own interpretation concerning what the word Elohim means. You are confusing the issue because you are using the word “God” to be the personal name and also the distinctive title of the Creator. Tell me, Bill, does God mean Elohim or does it mean Yahweh/Yahveh or both? You are utilizing this word in an extremely versatile manner. Truthfully, Elohim is plural of El/Eloah. El means Mighty One. Elohim means Mighty Ones. While Yahweh/Yahveh can mean The Eternal, it essentially means He Exists. Do you mean to tell me that you believe that the word God means both and can be utilized for both name and title? As I say, you are confusing the issue.

Bill: “Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say unto me, *What is his name?* what shall I say unto them? And God

said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM [Hebrew, *EHEYEH asher EHEYEH*]:
and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath
sent me unto you" (verses 13-14). God continues, "The LORD [YHVH]
God of your fathers . . . hath sent me unto you: THIS IS MY NAME
FOR EVER, and this is my memorial to all generations" (Exodus 3:15).

In these verses, when God says "I AM THAT I AM," He is saying to Moses, according to the Septuagint, "*I am he who exists.*" The Syriac, Persic, and Chaldee preserve the original words without a gloss. The Arabic paraphrases them, "The Eternal, who passes not away."

The Targum of Jonathan and the Jerusalem Targum paraphrase the words: "He who spake, and the world was; who spake, and all things existed." The original words, Adam Clarke points out, signify "*I will be what I will be.*" The words seem to suggest the eternity of God, and His self-existence, His absolute independence and complete control and power.

When God says, "This is my name for ever," He is referring to the expression in verse 13, "The LORD [YHVH] God." This, in the Hebrew, is a compilation of the two names YHVH and *Elohim*. This is the name by which God had been known from the creation of the world (Genesis 2:4). The pagan, heathen nations corrupted this name into their own forms, such as Jao, Jeve, Jove, Jupiter.

COMMENT: And the pagans also utilized Gott, Goth, Gud, Guth, God, etc., as his personal name, which you continue to promote because you continue to utilize this word as both His personal name and His title. But once again you also reveal that you understand the truth about His name, however refusing to submit to it. And the pagans also corrupted the word Elohim didn't they?

BILL: In Exodus 3, however, Moses goes on to say to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?" (Exo.3:13).

God responded, saying:

"I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to
say to the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you."

God went on, "Say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers – the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob – has sent me to you.' THIS IS MY NAME FOREVER, the name by which I am to be REMEMBERED FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION" (Exodus 3:15).

COMMENT: Elohim went on, "Say to the Israelites, 'Yahweh/Yahveh, the Elohim of your fathers – the Elohim of Abraham, the Elohim of Isaac and the Elohim of Jacob (remember that Elohim means "Mighty Ones") – has sent me to you.' THIS IS MY NAME FOREVER (YAHWEH/YAHVEH), the name by which I am to be REMEMBERED FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION" (Exodus 3:15). You're utilizing a little reverse psychology here, Bill. If you want to be truthful, then print and exhibit the real facts, don't cover up! Let's be honest and above board.

BILL: The Hebrew word here translated "LORD" is actually the word "YHVH" – in Hebrew it is יהוה called the Tetragrammaton. It is composed of the four vowel-consonants Y-H-V-H and is usually translated as "LORD," in capital letters, in most English translations. The Moffatt translation, however, renders it, "The Eternal." The God of the Scriptures says that THIS NAME is the real, personal, definitive name by which He is to be remembered. There are many "gods" in the world, but only one true "God." His name is YHVH – not Jupiter, Zeus, Baal, Tammuz, Thor, Odin, or any other of the names of the pagan gods!

COMMENT: Hey Bill, this is a great statement! However, you failed to go into a little more in-depth research concerning what Moffatt says about the Creator's name. He says, "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." (Introduction, pp. xx-xxi)

Isn't that interesting Bill! They chose to translate the Creator's name rather than render it in its archaic Hebrew form! I visited some web-sites in order to get a translation of your name. I found that William actually means "desire to protect," or "resolute protector," coming from a combination of two words "will" (desire) and helmet (to protect). It is most interesting to me that most of you Worldwide Church of God and ex-Worldwide Church of God ministers run around speaking one of the translations of Yahweh's name (the Eternal), but none of you ever translate your own name. What do you prefer, William? Do you prefer people to address you as "Desire to Protect," or "Resolute Protector" rather than William or the shortened forms Bill or Will? It is obvious to me that you prefer to be known as William by the name that you attached to this article. Yes, I think that you are very proud of that name, William. Now Bill, I ask you, why do you extend yourself such great favor and absolutely refuse to do likewise to your own Creator and Elohim? I demand an answer, Bill, or should I refer to you as Billy (a name for some hard headed goats)? I think I prefer to utilize Billy for the rest of this treatise. You may not like it, but I had rather offend you than our Creator Yahweh.

Another thing you should have done in the above statement, "His name is YHVH – not Jupiter, Zeus, Baal, Tammuz, Thor, Odin, or any other of the names of the pagan gods," is you should have included the word God because that **IS NOT** His name either!

BILLY: But how should this original, true name of the One and Only True God be pronounced?

What do the letters YHVH in Hebrew signify? In this passage of Scripture God Himself defines the name, saying it means, "I AM WHO I AM," or the great "I AM." This expression gives the essence of the meaning of the name. God is the One who "Is," the "Self-existent One," the One who supremely "Is What He Is" or "Is Who He Is." He was, is, and always will be, the "I AM." He will be what He will be, do what He will do. He is the independent, self-existent One, who owes His existence to no one else. Thus He stands alone and apart from all other objects, beings, or persons called "god." He alone is the "I AM WHO I AM."

The NAME of the True God

Says the *Gesenius Hebrew-English Lexicon* of this name,

“יהוה *Jehova*, pr. name of the supreme God האלהים amongst the Hebrews. The later Hebrews, for some centuries before the time of Christ, either misled by a false interpretation of certain laws (Ex.20:7; Lev.24:11), or else following some old superstition, regarded this name as so very holy, that it might not even be pronounced. . . Whenever, therefore, this nomen tetragrammaton occurred in the sacred text . . . they were accustomed to substitute for it אדוני [Adonai], and thus the vowels of the noun אדוני [Adonai] are in the Masoretic text placed under the four letters יהוה [YHVH] . . . This custom was already in vogue in the days of the LXX translators . . .” (p.337).

The *Universal Jewish Encyclopedia* adds the following information:

“YAHVEH. 1. The Word. **Yahveh is the most probable transliteration of the ancient Hebrew name for God.** It is frequently, especially among German scholars, written Jahweh, Jahveh, Jahve or Yahweh; but these

forms call either for the German pronunciation of j as y, or of w as v, or both. The oldest traditions as to the pronunciation of the name Yahveh are found in the church fathers. Of these, Clement of Alexandria (about 215 C.E.; Stromata 5, 6:34) writes Iasuai = Iaove [Yahveh], while Theodoret (about 386-457 C.E. . .) gives IaBe [Yahbeh] as the Samaritan pronunciation and Ia [Yah] as that of the Jews . . .” (p.584).

COMMENT: Hey Billy, here is something that I noticed about this *Universal Jewish Encyclopedia* rendition. They very carefully point out that the German for the j is a y and the w is pronounced like a v, but somehow they forgot to mention that a v in German is pronounced like a w. In other words, when we see the name Volkswagen, the English-speaking world calls it exactly like it looks, but the Germans pronounce it as Volkswagen. So, in German, Jahweh would be pronounced like Yahveh, Jahveh like Yahweh, Jahve like Yahwe and Yahweh like Yahveh. That’s why you prefer to pronounce it Yahveh isn’t it? It’s because you are German or Dutch and you prefer the Germanic enunciation. (I may be imputing motives here, but I can quote tons of scholastic works, including the *Encyclopedia Judaica*, which proclaim that the pronunciation is Yahweh.)

But let’s look at something else you have presented here. You quoted, “Of these, Clement of Alexandria (about 215 C.E.; Stromata 5, 6:34) writes **Iasuai** = Iaove [Yahveh]...” Notice the name **Iasuai**. Notice when this was written (215 C.E.). Clement is setting forth the true name of the Savior Yahshua/Iasuai in whatever language that he was originally writing in. It was probably Greek or Latin wasn’t it? *The Kingdom Interlinear Translation of the Greek Scriptures* reveals that the earliest fragments of the *Septuagint* (LXX) contain the Tetragrammaton in the Hebrew letters, NOT the Greek terms *Kyrios* and *Theos*. The latest complete manuscripts are from the fourth (300 – 400) and fifth (400 – 500) centuries C.E.. Are you beginning to smell a rat, Billy? Isn’t it a fact that one called Constantine the Great came along in the fourth century (306-337 C.E.)? Isn’t it a fact that old Constantine became the head (Caesar/Augustus) of the Roman Empire, which is the fourth world ruling kingdom of Daniel chapter two and the fourth beast of Daniel chapter seven? Wasn’t Constantine a sun worshipper? Wasn’t he the one who falsely professed repentance, deceived the leaders of the church/assembly, entered into it and took over as its head and leader? Isn’t he the one who was instrumental in the change from Sabbath to Sunday? Isn’t he the one who instituted Easter/Ishtar, and the birthday of Mithras (Dec. 25th) observance?

Did you know that it was Constantine who outlawed all Hebrew documents, decreeing that anyone found with such documents in their possession would be tortured and slain? Did you know that he donated fifty copies of the Bible (written in Greek, of course) to the churches in Constantinople? Do you realize that Constantine is the successor to the little horn of Daniel chapter seven’s power? Do you realize that Constantine is the little horn of Daniel chapter eight? Isn’t it interesting that the Greek Scriptures before Constantine contained the Tetragrammaton in Hebrew instead of *Kyrios* and *Theos*? Isn’t it interesting that Clement writing in 215 C.E. utilized a name for the Savior closer to that of the Hebrew transliteration of Yahshua than Iesous or Jesus? Isn’t it interesting that with the arrival of Constantine and his outlawing of the Hebrew language, that the name *Iesous*, and the terms *Kyrios* and *Theos* are utilized in the Greek Scriptures replacing the Hebrew Tetragrammaton? Have you ever thought on these things? If not, I certainly hope you will now, Billy.

BILLY: This authority adds, “That the divine name was frequently shortened is clear from the occurrence of the short form Yah, which frequently occurs at the end of Hebrew personal names, such as Elijah and Jeremiah, and in the word Hallelujah; Yah also occurs a few times independently, as in Ex.15:2; Isa.12:2; Ps.68:5; 118:14.”

In the light of these and other facts, says the *Universal Jewish Encyclopedia*, the first syllable of the divine name was clearly “Ya,” or “Yah,” and the only possible uncertainty would involve the second

syllable.

“Was the name originally Yah, Yahu, Yaho or Yahveh? . . . the reading [YHVH] IS VERY OLD, being found in line 18 of the Moabite Stone, the inscription of King Mesha of Moab, written in the 9th century B.C.E. This goes far toward establishing the priority of the four-lettered name (Tetragrammaton). IT IS THE OLDEST KNOWN DATABLE INDEPENDENT OCCURRENCE OF THE DIVINE NAME” (ibid.).

The Torah: A Modern Commentary, adds that:

“**Overwhelming scholarly opinion** holds that יהוה [YHVH] was in Moses’ time pronounced יהוה (**Yahveh**). There is also a shorter form of the Name, Yah (יה) which may represent the original from which Yahveh was expanded or may, contrariwise, be a contraction of the longer ascription” (p.426).

The name “El” is applied to God 217 times in the Old Testament. It is the general Semitic term for a god. It most probably comes from a root meaning “to be strong.” The use of *El* as a divine name is confined almost entirely to poetry; otherwise, it occurs generally in the generic sense rather than as a proper name. The term “ha-el” means “the true God,” while “eli” means “my God,” “el’abicha” means “the God of thy fathers,” and “ha-el hakadosh,” “the holy God.”

The name *Elohim* occurs 2,570 times in the Bible, and is found with two principal meanings – as a designation for heathen gods in general, and as a name for God.

The Tetragrammaton, or four-lettered Name, YHVH, occurs 6,823 times, and is by far the most frequent name of God used in the Scriptures. The Samaritans pronounced it as *Iabe* [Yah-bey] and Origen transcribes it as *Iae*, both pointing to an original vocalization of *Yahveh*. The “v” and “b” sounds are very similar in Hebrew.

These names and titles for God were known by the ancient world. The knowledge of the Tetragrammaton was known to mankind as early as the second generation after Adam. Speaking of that period of history, the book of Genesis relates, “At that time men began to call on the NAME of the LORD [YHVH]” (Gen.4:26). The first usage of the name for God in the Scriptures occurs in Genesis 2:4 – “When the LORD [YHVH] God made the earth and the heavens . . . the LORD [YHVH] God formed the man from the dust of the ground . . .”

Yahweh and Yehushua

Some of these people also claim that using the pronunciation YEHUSHUA is the **only** acceptable name of Christ. Not “Jesus,” not “Yehoshua,” not even “Yeshua” – only “YeHUSHua”!

They reject “Jesus,” “Yehoshua,” and “Yeshua.” They are very cultic in their approach. They reject the original Greek *Iesous*, which is the New Testament version of Jesus, which God inspired to be used throughout the New Testament books (see II Tim.3:16). “All Scripture is God-breathed” and inspired! But if using *Iesous* was wrong, then why did God inspire its usage in the New Testament, and PRESERVE His Word in that language?

COMMENT: Now you have told me something that I have never heard. I have heard of those who proclaim that the name of the Savior is Yahushua, but not Yehushua. But whether it is Yahshua, Yehushua, Yahshua, Joshua, etc., that is far, far closer that the erroneous Iesous/Jesus.

BILLY: They reject “Yeshua,” as the name of Christ, but in Ezra 3:2 the Bible speaks of “*Yeshua* the son of Jozadak” (spelled in Hebrew YOD SHIN VAV AYIN), which is Aramaic for “Jesus” (Yeshua). Nehemiah 8:17 speaks of “since the days of *Jeshua* the son of Nun,” meaning the one we call “Joshua” –

YOD SHIN VAV AYIN – or “Yeshua.” The Greek in the New Testament is *Iesous*, “Jesus,” or “Joshua,” which is the very same name for “Joshua” in the Septuagint.

So Joshua = Yeshua = Iesous = Jesus, from Old Testament to New Testament to Greek to English. They are all the same name, in different languages. *And these names and translations are used in the INSPIRED WORD OF GOD ITSELF!* So how could it be wrong to USE translated names in various languages for YHVH the Father, or Yeshua for Christ?

COMMENT: Billy, Billy, Billy, Why is it that our English Bibles always utilize Joshua for the patriarch Joshua and the book written in His name. Also Zechariah was contemporary with Ezra who did utilize יְשׁוּעָה (YOD SHIN VAV AYIN), but Zechariah utilizes the Hebrew form equivalent to Yahshua/Yehowshua (יהושע)? Another interesting case in point is that everyone proclaims that the Aramaic characters יֵשׁוּעָה (YOD VAV SHIN AYIN) are pronounced “Yeshua,” however, recently when the supposed bone box of James (Jacob) was discovered, the Aramaic expert reading these very same letters said “Yeoshua or Yoshua” not “Yeshua.” I noticed that in the news accounts and have preserved it on tape if you would like a copy for verification.

How is it that the name Joshua in the Old Testament can become Jesus in the New Testament? Also, since the Apostle Paul admits that Yahshua appeared and revealed Himself and His name in the Hebrew tongue, why are the scribes so quick to interpret it as Jesus rather than utilizing the English equivalent Joshua? Do you think that the lying pen of the scribe could be at work here? I must profess that I do.

BILLY: In the Old Testament, Joshua’s name is also often spelled “Yehoshua,” with a HEY as the second syllable. So Yeshua is merely a shortened form of “Yehoshua,” leaving out the second syllable. Even so, “YAH” is a shortened form of “YAHVEH,” leaving out the final syllable.

One Sacred Names sect on the Internet says “Baal” is “Lord” in Hebrew, so we shouldn’t use “Lord.” But in Hebrew the word “Adonai” is the customary word which is usually translated “Lord” in English. So when we use “Lord,” really it reflects “Adonai,” a true name of God (it means “Master, Lord,” etc.).

Let’s really understand and grasp the truth about these issues!

Translating Names

It is all right to use God’s name or title in whatever language you speak – however it is translated in that language. Whether it is Greek, as the NT and Septuagint do, or Aramaic, as parts of the Old Testament itself do, or whatever language you speak.

Translation should be “no big deal.” King Nebuchadnezzar translated the names of Daniel and his three friends – Hananiah he called Shadrach, Mishael he called “Meshach,” and Azariah he called “Abednego” (Dan.1:6-7). Daniel was given the name “Beltshazar” (Dan.2:26). The Babylonian names for Daniel’s three friends are used of them in Scripture (Dan.3:12-14, 19-22, 26, 28-30). The Bible itself calls them by these new names – showing it is all right to give different names or translations in different languages!

COMMENT: Let’s see, Billy, Nebuchadnezzar was king, head over what empire? Wasn’t it Babylon? Was Yahweh giving credence to translation or was he revealing the spirit of Babylon, which is so pompous that she shows disdain for the Hebrew names preferring their own pagan brand instead?

A quick review of some of the commentaries is quite revealing. Daniel is Hebrew for “El is my judge.” His name was changed to Belteshatstzar, which means “The treasure of Bel,” or The depository of the secrets (or treasure) of Bel.”

Hananiah signifies, “Yahweh has been gracious to me.” Shadrach is Chaldee which means “The inspiration of the sun,” or “God the author of evil, be propitious to us,” or “Let God preserve us from evil.”

Mishael is Hebrew for “He who comes from El.” The Babylonian version Meshach means “He belongs to the goddess Sheshach.”

Azariah is Hebrew for “Yahweh is my Helper.” Abednego is Babylonian for “The servant of Nego.” Nego is reference to either the sun or a star deity, probably either Jupiter or Venus. (*Adam Clark Commentary*)

Adam Clark says that the CHANGE OF NAMES (not translation) was a mark of dominion and authority that masters had over their slaves.

Interestingly, the Catholic Church (in the spirit of Babylon) says that it changed the seventh day Sabbath to Sunday simply because it has the power to do so. Its priesthood admits that there is no Scriptural authority given to make the change. They condemn the rest of Christianity for being rebellious against the church’s authority while still observing Sunday in accordance with the Catholic command rather than changing to seventh day Sabbath observance.

I know that when you found out the truth about the Sabbath commandment from WWCG that you changed from Sunday worship to Sabbath worship, but you are still promoting Babylon’s claim to change names because of their domination and authority.

I think I have caught you in a good one here, Billy. You say that it is OK to translate Yahweh’s name, but you certainly didn’t translate the Hebrew and Babylonian meanings of the names mentioned above. You gave their English transliteration, which is what we correctly do with all persons’ names but our wondrous Creator’s and His Son’s. You also gave the transliteration of the Babylonian names, not their translation. I believe that you purposely utilized this in order to make excuses for your irrational behavior and explanations.

The real truth of the matter is that Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon and his cohorts wanted to declare their power and the power of their deities over the Hebrews and their Elohim Yahweh. Interestingly, the Greeks did the same thing. They always promoted their deities, especially Zeus, over the deities of the nations that they brought under subjection. You are giving credence for this abominable practice. Shame on you!

BILLY: Likewise in the New Testament we read where the apostle Paul was confronted by a Jewish false prophet by the name of “Bar-Jesus” (Acts 13:6). Luke’s account in the book of Acts continues, “But the magician Elymas (for that is the TRANSLATION of his name) opposed them and tried to turn the proconsul away from the faith” (verse 8). Notice that in one language, his name was “Bar-Jesus,” but in the translated version his name was ELYMAS – a totally differently sounding name! Yet it was the true translation!

COMMENT: So Billy, how far will you go to prove your false concepts? You are saying that the interpretation of Bar-Jesus is Elymas, but if you had researched *Adam Clark’s Commentary* on this before writing about it, you might not have made this assumption or erroneous statement. Adam Clark says, “Verse 8. But Elymas, the sorcerer, (for so is his name by interpretation) That is, Elymas is the interpretation of the word magosv, or sorcerer; not of the word Bar-Jesus as some have imagined; and to support which they have been led into strange etymologies on the word bar-ihsousv, Bar-Jesus. But how is Elymas, elumasv, the interpretation of the word magosv, magician or sorcerer? Ans. Both names are Asiatic; but neither Hebrew nor Greek. I have already observed, in Clarke’s note on “Mt 2:1”, that [Persic] mogh in Persian means an idolater, a worshipper of fire, and sometimes what we term a magician. Elymas is from the Arabic [Arabic] ilm, knowledge, science, doctrine, art; from alama, he was wise, skilled, &c.; hence [Persic] aleem or alymon, a doctor or learned man, and, with the Greek termination, elumasv, Elymas, the interpretation of [Persic] mogh, Greek magosv, magos, a magician, a wise man, doctor, &c.

BILLY: Names can sound very different, or similar, as the case may be, in different languages!

Some claim that proper names however cannot be translated. These verses show that is certainly not the case at all! Even common sense and a familiarity with languages shows us the truth. Yeshua in Hebrew = Jesus in English. Cephas in Hebrew = Peter in English, “Pedro” in Spanish, “Pietro” in Italian.

Yohann in Hebrew = John in English, “Juan” in Spanish, etc. Jacob in Hebrew = James in English, and ‘Jaime’ in Spanish (pronounced “HY-may”).\

COMMENT: Billy, I think that you have purposely gotten some of these things screwed up here. Yeshua is supposed to be the Aramaic version of His name, not Hebrew. The Hebrew is Yahshua or Yehowshua. The English would be Joshua, not Jesus.

Cephas is neither Hebrew nor Greek. Yahshua called Simon son of Jonah, Cephas (Jn. 1:42). Cephas is of Chaldian origin and means a hollow rock. The Greek equivalent would be Petros, which has to do with a fragment or piece of a rock, but what most don't realize is that there is a Hebrew equivalent to the name Peter. Look it up for yourself in *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*. It is number 6363 in the Hebrew Lexicon. It is Peter (פֶּטֶר) and is defined as; a fissure , i.e. (concretely) firstling (as opening the matrix). Shouldn't this tell you something, Billy? Was Yahshua trying to explain a mystery here, Billy? What was He going to build His assembly, His body upon? Wasn't it the fact that He, Himself would be the firstborn from the dead (Col. 1:18)? Wouldn't this make Him to be the equivalent of the Hebrew word Peter because He is the firstling [as opening the matrix]? But there will also be a “first resurrection.” These are declared to be the redeemed from the earth (Rev. 14:3). These will be the firstborn (Peter) from the earth.

Another case in point is that even though the Spanish equivalent to Peter is Pedro and the Italian equivalent is Pietro, we don't go around changing people's names from one language into another. In other words, the English name Peter remains the same in all languages, the Spanish remains Pedro and the Italian remains Pietro. Just as Benyamin Natanyahu remains Benyamin. It generally isn't changed to Benjamin. The French Francois is generally not changed to Frank. Neither do we go around changing Ivan, Ian, Juan, etc., into John.

I am sure that you remember Herbert W. Armstrong's last book *Mystery of the Ages*. It was published in several languages. An advertisement was produced showing the book title in various languages (about six, I think). The title of the book changed with each language, but the name Herbert W. Armstrong was the same on every book in every language. It's so amazing that men show their respect to men, but when it come to their Creator and His Anointed, call them whatever sounds good. What disrespect!

BILLY: Therefore, we should not get too wrought up or focused on the pronunciation of every little letter, vowel, or accent of a name, becoming self-righteous Pharisees in our approach to God's Word and His people!

COMMENT: So that's it, hey Billy? Anyone who utilizes the true names is a self-righteous Pharisee in their approach to Yahweh's word and His people? What about those who want to stress Sabbath keeping instead of Sunday observance? Are they self-righteous Pharisees also? What about those who observe the annual commanded feasts rather than the pagan holidays? What about those who stress clean and unclean foods? Where do you draw the line, Billy? I guess that in your case, Sabbath keeping, holy day observance, clean foods, etc., are non Pharisaical rituals, but speaking that TRUE NAME OF THE CREATOR, THAT'S SELF-RIGHTEOUS PHARISAISM! Sounds hypocritical to me.

BILLY: *Is “Jesus” Pagan?*

Some sacred names advocates say the name “Jesus” is pagan because of its Greek linguistic origins. Some have even called our Messiah “Gee-Zeus,” implying that those who call on Him are actually calling on the Greek god, Zeus.

However, a study of Greek grammar, or more specifically, Hebrew to Greek transliteration, shows there is no basis for this conclusion.

Almost 300 years before Messiah's birth, the Jewish translators of the Septuagint had a similar problem. They were commissioned to translate the Hebrew Bible into Greek for Ptolemy's library at Alexandria and had extreme difficulty transliterating Hebrew proper names into Greek. Translating from Hebrew to English is easier because English offers most of the same sounds of Hebrew. Hebrew to Greek transliteration is not so easy. Yet many of our proper Biblical names in English come from Greek transliterations of Hebrew words (i.e. Moses, Phineas, Caiaphas). This was from the influence of the Septuagint, the Greek translation of the Old Testament, made during the reign of Ptolemy Philadelphus around 250 years before Christ.

For example, Young's Analytical Concordance confirms for us that the original name of the Messiah is indeed "Yeshua," and this Hebrew name, when translated into Greek, is "Iesous."

When transliterating the Hebrew "Yeshua" to Greek:

The י ("yod" or "ye") becomes ιη ("iota-eta" – "ye" or "ee-ay,") in Koine or Attic dialect.

The ש ("shin" or "sh") becomes σ ("sigma" – "s" [there is no "sh" sound in Greek]).

The ו ("vav" or "u") becomes ου ("omicron-epsilon" – "oo").

It is necessary for a final sigma to be placed at the end of the word to distinguish that the name is masculine. Greek grammar rules require that η ("ah") sound be dropped. Hence, we get the name "Iesous", pronounced either *Ye-sooce* or *Ee-ay-sooce*.

It is important to note that this same name is used for the title of the Book of *Joshua* in the Septuagint, which serves as definitive proof that Iesous is not of pagan origin, but rather *is indeed* a Greek transliteration of Yeshua *developed by the Jewish translators!* For, Iesous is also the Greek transliteration of Yehoshua (יהושע) as demonstrated by the Septuagint.

COMMENT: Hey Billy, Let me give you something to ponder about. Did you know that Hoshea son of Nun was renamed Yahshua/Yehowshua by Moses? Did you know that the Hebrew characters for Hoshea/Hosea are הוֹשֵׁעַ? All Moses did was add a yod (י) to his name. Did you know that Paul wrote about the Prophet Hosea? Yep. Take a look at it in Ro. 9:25, which says, "As He saith also in **Osee**, 'I will call them My People, which were not My People; and her beloved, which was not beloved.'" Did you know that the Greek characters for Osee/Hosea/Hoshea are ωσεη? Did you know that Strong's Greek Lexicon reveals that the way to pronounce this name, in the Greek mind you, is ho-say-eh'? Please look it up for yourself. It is number 5617 in the Greek Lexicon. I wanted to point this out to you Billy boy, because all one has to do is add the Iota to this name and oula (walla as the French say), you get Iwshe, which would be pronounced Yehosayeh. Hmmmm.....Billy, once again I smell a rat. A great big smelly dead rat.

Yahweh speaks of the vain, or deceitful or lying pen of the scribes in Jeremiah 8:8. Yes, the scribes have outdone themselves on this one. They have led you to believe that the name of the Savior would be spelled Iesous. And they have been pulling this one off for millennia. But they just couldn't be totally and completely thorough. Man makes mistakes and they messed up on this one big time. It is now revealed for you and anyone else who reads this rebuttal to see.

Since you are known to be an extremely intelligent, thorough, complete researcher in everything you do, I wonder why and how this has escaped your attention?

BILLY: In Old English, "Iesous" was rendered "Iesus" (pronounced *Yesus*, which is close to Yeshua. However, it was spelled with a beginning letter "J," which at the time had a "Y" sound. Later, when the "J" began to have a harder sound, the name became "Jesus."

Transliteration is not an exact science. However, it does prove that the Greek name *Iesous* from whence we derive the name “Jesus” is not pagan; it is the Greek transliteration of *Yeshua*, and the English transliteration of *Iesous*, which is *Jesus*, which became Jesus.

Those who believe that “Jesus” is another deity and declare that they “reject Jesus” for that reason are in serious error, and need to re-examine the facts before they go spouting off their foolish opinions, lest they have to answer to Christ Himself some day in the rapidly coming future!

COMMENT: So you admit that the Savior was NEVER called Jesus the whole time that He walked on this earth. Nor was He called by that name until the 17th century. That’s over 1600 years, Billy, that He was never addressed by the name Jesus. For only the last three to four hundred years has He become known by that name. Do you know what that means, Billy? It means that His name has been corrupted! That’s right, Billy, corrupted! And you refuse to correct corruption, but rather, revel in it.

Now Billy, it’s interesting to me that you want to issue this warning against those who uphold the truth, especially the true names. Didn’t Yahshua warn in Mat. 24 that false prophets and false messiahs would come and deceive the people? Didn’t Paul write to the Galatians that he marveled that they were so soon removed from Him that called them into the grace of the Messiah? Didn’t he warn that another evangel was going forth and the evangel of the Messiah was being perverted (Gal. 1:6-7)?

Let me ask you, Billy, how do you recognize the one that the world calls the “anti-Christ,” or the “anti-messiah,” or the “false messiah?” Well, wouldn’t those who are of the true Messiah, be loving Him, **His word of truth** and be serving Him **in truth**? Wouldn’t the false messiah be just that, appear to be the messiah, but everything about him would be false?

So let’s compare: True or False, the law is done away. Oops, according to Yahshua’s own words He didn’t come to do away with the law or the prophets, but He was going to fulfill them. (Mat. 5:17-19) But we have those in this world, the great overall preponderance of Christianity who proclaim that the law is done away. So the false messiah does away with the law, but the true Messiah upholds and fulfills it. In whose name does the world do away with the law? Yahshua or Jesus? Isn’t it Jesus? So we can caulk up the first falsehood to Jesus.

Next test: The seventh day Sabbath has been changed to Sunday, the first day of the week. True or false? Well, you and I know very well that this is false, don’t we? Well, in whose name are they proclaiming this falsehood and in whose name are they congregating on the first day of the week? Yahshua or Jesus? Caulk up another falsehood to Jesus.

Next test: December 25th is the birthday of the false savior, but not the true Savior. In whose name is December 25th celebrated? Yahshua or Jesus? Caulk up another falsehood to Jesus.

Next test: The resurrection took place on Sunday morning so, instead of the Passover we must now observe the pagan festival Easter/Ishtar. True or False? Easter/Ishtar and Tammuz are served through one named Jesus, but Yahshua is the Passover sacrificed for His people (1 Cor. 5:7). Caulk up another falsehood to Jesus.

The true name of the heavenly Father is God. True or False? According to your own research, the true name of the Father is Yahveh or Yahweh. God is worshipped through Jesus Christ, but Yahweh Elohim is worshipped through Yahshua the Messiah. Caulk up another falsehood to Jesus.

The true name of the Savior is Jesus Christ. True or False? I will answer for you, Billy, the true name of the Savior is Yahshua/Yehowshua the Messiah, not Jesus Christ. Caulk up another falsehood to Jesus.

What we have found out in this little examination is that there are two messiahs. One is the true Messiah and the other is the false messiah. Through the false messiah the law is done away, the first day of the week replaces the Sabbath commandment, his birthday is December 25th, his resurrection occurred on

Easter/Ishtar Sunday morning, he has changed the Father's name from Yahweh to God, his own name is not even true. Therefore, the anti-Christ, the anti-Messiah, the false Christ or false Messiah is one named Jesus. Isn't it amazing what a simple little test can reveal?

BILLY: Some people claim that the name "Jesus" is absolutely derived from the Greek god "Zeus." Although they may look somewhat similar in English, in Greek the two names are very different. In the Greek language, "Zeus" does not even have the same letter or sound as the second letter in *Iesous*. It is a "dz" sound, not an "s" sound! It is utterly impossible for *Iesous* to come from *Zeus*!

COMMENT: Wow, Billy! How amazing! It's interesting concerning how much latitude do you allow on the pronunciation of the Creator's name (as a matter of fact, the pronunciation of His name, or what you call Him, doesn't really matter in your own estimation), but when it comes to Zeus, boy you had better pronounce it just right! You can have no variation at all! What honor and respect you have for a pagan god! What dishonor and disrespect you have for the TRUE ELOHIM!

Besides, you are being duplicitous. You just stated that TRANSLITERATION IS NOT AN EXACT SCIENCE. Oh yes, that's right. I forgot. It isn't an exact science when it comes to the most important being Who created everything. It can only be an exact science when it comes to the pagan deities, man, places and things, etc.

I am sure that you have heard of one of Zeus's fabled sons named Dionysus. Dionysus means son or **child of Zeus**.

We have a sister in the faith who previously lived in Yugoslavia. She was Slovenian by birth. She escaped Communism by crossing the rugged mountain range between Yugoslavia and Italy. She eventually converted to the truth concerning the Sacred Names. One day I asked her how the people in her country say the name Jesus. She replied ee-zeus. That's right, Bill. It sounds just like your own way of saying Zeus only with a Greek Iota in front of it.

Now let's learn a little about Zeus and also some things that the Scriptures say. The *Encyclopedia Britannica*, 14th Edition reveals some interesting things about Zeus. It seems that there was a thunder-stone near Gythium in Laconia which was called zeus kappwtas (Zeus Kappotas), which meant "Zeus that fell from heaven." (Vol. 23, p. 948) He was also known as *diipetes*, which is applied to things "that fall from heaven." (IBID)

In Acts 19:35 we read, "And when the townclerk had appeased the people, he said, Ye men of Ephesus, what man is there that knoweth not how that the city of the Ephesians is a worshipper of the great goddess Diana, and of the image which fell down from **Jupiter**?"

The name Jupiter is translated from the Greek word *diipetes*, which is #1356 of Strong's Greek Lexicon. It is defined as; from the alternate of 2203 and the alternate of 4098; sky-fallen (i.e. an aerolite). (Hmmm...*diipetes*; *diopetes*, pretty close, huh Bill? It's the same name!)

Notice that it is from the alternate of 2203, which is the Greek name Zeus! Let's also notice another place where this alternate 2203 is utilized. Paul and Barnabas were in Lystra where Paul healed an impotent or crippled man, "And when the people saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in the speech of Lycaonia, The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men. And they called Barnabas, **Jupiter**; and Paul, Mercurius, because he was the chief speaker. Then the priest of **Jupiter**, which was before their city, brought oxen and garlands unto the gates, and would have done sacrifice with the people," Acts 14:11-13.

Now the question is, Why were the translators so careful to keep the name Zeus out of the picture and instead, utilize the name Jupiter? After all, they are translating from Greek Scriptures. Is there some spirit that is skillfully guiding the interpreters or scribes so that the names Zeus and Izeus (ee-zeus/**Jesus**) wouldn't be compared?

Here is what the *Encyclopedia Britannica* continues to say about Zeus, “He is **the spirit of the world**, the law of the universe, the universal reason, and **all other gods are only parts or manifestations of him**. (IBID)

You see, Billy, Constantine was *Pontifex Maximus* over all paganism. The only religion, the only faith that he didn’t have power over was the faith of the followers, the disciples of Yahshua. The *Encyclopedia Britannica* says this about him, “It has been said by Stanley that Constantine was entitled to be called ‘Great’ in virtue rather of what he did than of what he was; and it is true that neither his intellectual nor his moral qualities were such as to earn the title. **His claim to greatness rests mainly on the fact that he divined the future which lay before Christianity, and determined to enlist it in the service of his empire**, and also on his achievement in completing the work begun by Aurelian and Diocletian, by which the quasi-constitutional monarchy or ‘principate’ of Augustus was transformed into the naked absolutism sometimes called the dominate....Like Diocletian, Constantine believed that the time had come for society to be remodeled by the fiat of despotic authority, and it is significant that from henceforth we meet with the undisguised assertion that **the will of the emperor is the sole fountain of law. Constantine, in fact, embodies the spirit of absolute authority which, both in church and State was to prevail for many centuries.**” (IBID)

Constantine thought more like a Greek than a Roman. As a matter of fact, he built Constantinople in the east and moved the headquarters of the Roman government from Old Rome to Constantinople (New Rome).

Constantine was like the Trojan horse of old to the New Testament believers. He feigned repentance, but once he was accepted into the faith, he took over as *Pontifex Maximus*. Upon moving the headquarters of the Roman government to Constantinople, the Britannica says, “...(he) not only identified himself more openly than ever with Christianity, but showed a determination to assert his supremacy in ecclesiastical affairs, holding no doubt that, as the office of *pontifex maximus* **gave him the supreme control of religious matters throughout the empire, the regulation of Christianity fell within his province.** (IBID)

Billy, here is the head of the beast. Neither the beast (Rome), nor its head has anything to do with the true worship of Yahweh and Yahshua. They are against them, as are you. He entered into the congregation of believers in Yahshua, took over and syncretized the faith of Yahshua with that of unacceptable paganism/idolatry.

Who is Zeus? He is the one who fell from heaven. Who fell from heaven? Yahshua said, “I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven,” Lk. 10:18 (last part). Therefore, we can conclude that Zeus/Jupiter is none other than Satan. Isn’t Satan the prince of the power of the air? (Eph. 2:2). Isn’t he the god of this world? (2 Cor. 4:4). Don’t the Scriptures say that he has deceived the whole world? (Rev. 12:9)

The fact of the matter is that the Greeks have always sought to exalt their great god Zeus over all other deities of the world. That’s what Antiochus Ephphanes did, who was a forerunner of Constantine the Great! Go back and read what Antiochus did in the Books of Maccabees. Then compare Antiochus’ exploits with Constantine’s. Constantine’s have been far, far greater and longer lasting.

Before I leave this comment, I must take you to the book of Zechariah chapter three, verses 1-5. What we must realize about these verses, and all Scripture for that matter, is that Zechariah is a prophet who is inspired by the Spirit of Yahweh. Thus, what is presented here is written in spiritual, esoteric language, which the natural mind of man can’t understand. Therefore, I will have to interpret these things for you, Billy. Please keep in mind that these things written here are symbolic and the men are symbolic, “Here now, O Yahshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they are men wondered at...,” Zech. 3:8. The Hebrew for “wondered” is *mowpheth*. It has to do with being a miracle, sign, omen, token, etc.

Verse one says, “And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of Yahweh, and Satan standing at his right hand to **resist him.**” Yahshua

the high priest is a sign, wonder, miracle, omen, token. He is, therefore, a type of our Heavenly High Priest after the order of Melchizedek, Yahshua the Messiah. Notice that Satan is at the right hand of Yahshua, which would make him on the left hand of the Angel of Yahweh. Satan is resisting him. Look up the word “resist,” Billy boy! It is the Hebrew word “*satan!*” Satan has succeeded in resisting or “satanizing” Yahshua!

How has Satan done this? Well, it says that Yahshua is clothed with “filthy garments.” So he must be given a change of raiment. If you have a *Hebrew-Greek Interlinear Bible*, then “change of raiment” is rendered as “festal garments.” In other words, Yahshua had been satanized by clothing him with pagan, idolatrous garments of dung; e.g.; Sunday worship, pagan holidays (Easter/Ishtar, Dec. 25th, Halloween, etc.), lawlessness (no law/law done away), eating of unclean foods, etc., etc.

But also look at verse 5. A clean mitre is placed upon his head. The mitre was the headdress of the high priest as he went into the tabernacle/temple doing the service of Yahweh. According to Josephus, it had a blue ribbon upon it, embossed in gold with the Hebrew words “Qodesh LaYahweh” (Holy to Yahweh). The mitre, the headdress of the high priest had the true Hebrew name of the Creator on it! But today, Satan has deceived the priesthood to bear unclean, blasphemous, filthy names upon it, names of pagan deities. You, Billy, and your cohorts, are helping to promote the wrong names and titles. You must repent of this before it is too late!

By the way, Billy, to paganize something means to make or become pagan. (*Webster’s New World Dictionary*) When referring to the word pagan in said dictionary, there is a little paragraph of synonyms at the bottom which says, “**pagan** and **heathen** specifically refers to one of the ancient polytheistic peoples, especially the Greeks and Romans, and heathen is applied to any of the peoples regarded as primitive idolaters. (emphasis theirs, underline mine)

One of the great mysteries of the Scriptures is presented by the Apostle Paul wherein the middle wall of partition was broken down between Hebrew and Gentile (non-Hebrew). We know that the Savior, Yahshua was a Hebrew. Paul also reveals that the good olive tree was Hebrew while the non-Hebrew tree (which includes the Romans, Greeks and heathen) was wild. If we are to partake of the fatness of the good olive tree, then we are to be grafted into the good Hebrew olive tree. But Constantine, a pagan, Roman/Greek emperor, entered into the mix converting everything into the wild Greek/Latin olive tree. I am telling you this by the authority of the Spirit of Yahweh, the little horn of Daniel chapter seven is none other than Augustus Caesar who raised up a dynasty of leaders that promoted themselves to be the son of god, and savior of the empire, and therefore, worthy of worship. The little horn of Daniel chapter eight is none other than Constantine, and his successors, who held the office of the little horn of Daniel chapter seven, but was instrumental in casting the truth to the ground (earth), establishing the transgression of desolation. His brand of religion has practiced and prospered until this day. He is the one who understood dark sentences (was skilled in dissimulation), and has destroyed (corrupted to destruction) the mighty and holy people. (Dan. 8:23-24).

He is the one who causes CRAFT to prosper in his hand (Dan. 8:25). Craft is translated from *mirmah*. It has to do with deceit, falsehood, something that is feigned, guile, subtilly, treachery, etc. *Mirmah* comes from another word, which is *ramah*. The definition of *ramah* is to hurl; specifically, to shoot; figuratively, to delude or betray (as if causing to fall). (*Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance*, #7411 of the Hebrew Lexicon). The feminine word of *ramah* is the found in #7413. It is basically the same word, *ramah*, but it is defined as, a height (as a seat of idolatry). But it also has a note which encourages us to see #7311 which is the Hebrew word *ruwm*, defined as, a primitive root; to be high actively, to rise or raise (in various applications, literally or figuratively).

But guess what other words issue forth from this primitive root word. One is #7315 *rowm* (pronounced *rome*), which is defined as, elevation, i.e. (adv.) aloft. Another is #7317 *rowmah*, which also has to do with height.

I am going through these words, Billy, in order to show you where the word Rome, (Latin: *Roma*) comes from. It has to do with a city that is steeped in paganism and heathenism, which has been exalted to the high heavens by mankind and the great spirit of Jupiter (*Zeus* in Greek), which is none other than Satan the devil.

Did you know that there were three Romes in the annals of history? Of course you know about Old Rome in Italy, but you and your cohorts have rarely focused on the second Rome, called *Roma Nova* or Constantinople, or Byzantium. Neither have you focused on the third Rome which is Moscow, Russia.

These three cities have been instrumental in deeply and darkly corrupting the true faith, twisting it into an abomination that leads to desolation. Old Rome is the headquarters of Roman Catholicism. Constantinople is the headquarters of Greek Orthodoxy. Moscow is the headquarters of Russian Orthodoxy. You and I both know that Protestantism is nothing more than a daughter of the Roman religion.

It is Greek Orthodoxy that coined the name *Iesous* and Roman Catholicism that coined the name *Jesus*. You are continuing to follow and support them in their abominable error.

One other thing that I want to bring up before I close on this comment, Billy, is this; look up the word “Christ” in your Dictionary, especially *Webster’s New World Dictionary*. Take a look at the etymology. Oh well...I’ll do it for you. It says, “Christ (krīst) [ME. & OE. *Crist* < LL. (Ec.) *Christus* < Gr. *Christos*, the anointed (in NT., MESSIAH) < *chriein*, to anoint < IE. base **ghrē-*, to spread over, smear, whence GRIME]

Look at that again, Billy! The word Christ has to do with GRIME! I know, I know, this is all very shocking, isn’t it? Grime means to make very dirty or grimy. This perfectly fits in with Zechariah chapter three, because Satan has satanized Yahshua, clothing Him with very dirty, grimy clothing. This is what the Greek language does to our Savior, our Messiah, Billy. I could reveal even more dreadful things here about what the Greek does, but I will save that for an article in our publications. Anyway, that’s why I like to call Him the Messiah, which comes from the Hebrew, rather than the Christ, which comes from the Greek.

BILLY:

The Key To Salvation

The apostle Paul and his companions, while in prison in Philippi, a city in Greece, were singing hymns when a great earthquake occurred, all their chains fell off, and the prison doors swung open. The jailor, fearful, was about to take his own life, when Paul told him not to fear – the prisoners were all still there. Astonished, the jailor then asked Paul – in the *GREEK language* – “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”

And they responded, *in the GREEK language*, as they were speaking with the Greek-speaking jailer – “Believe on the LORD JESUS CHRIST [*Kurion Iesoun Christon*], and you will be saved, you and your household” (Acts 16:30-31, NKJV).

In the Greek language, the very words he spoke, in reference to the Saviour and Messiah, were pronounced *kurion Iesoun Christon* – which means, “Lord Jesus Christ.”

Paul did not use this opportunity to teach the jailer about the so-called “Hebrew names” of God – it wasn’t necessary for his salvation. All he had to do was BELIEVE on the true Messiah and Saviour – and give his life to Him in heartfelt repentance and obedience (Acts 2:36; 5:32; Rom.2:11; 3:31; Gal.2:20).

Pronouncing “sacred names” was not the issue at all – but simply heartfelt repentance, contrition for sin, and accepting Christ as the true Messiah and Saviour, and giving one's life over to Him, in obedience and godly service.

COMMENT: This is according to Billy Dankenbring, who is promoting the *King James Version* of the Scriptures, which were translated from copies of the Greek Scriptures, which were in turn originally provided by Constantine, called the Great, to the Greek churches of Constantinople. The Constantine who prospered through CRAFT (*mirmah*), setting up the transgression of desolation, forbidding any Hebrew writings and ways,

also ordering torture and death to anyone who had any Hebrew writings in their possession.

Also, Billy, you might do a study into the Talmudic Jewish writings, because there are instances where they discussed how to destroy the writings of Yahshua's followers since the Sacred Name of Yahweh was found therein and they were superstitious about what would happen if they destroyed the Name יהוה found in those texts.

Since Yahshua appeared to Paul, speaking to him in the Hebrew tongue (Acts 26:14), then the name that Paul heard was the equivalent to Yahshua/Joshua/Yehowshua, not the Greek *Iesous*, the Latin *Jesus* nor the English *Jesus*. He would have transliterated His name into other languages, just as we do in today's world. Your assumption and argument is totally false!

BILLY: "666" Versus "888"

What about the theory that the Greek name of Christ Jesus adds up to "666" in the Greek language?

That, too, is a preposterous idea – utter nonsense. The letters of the Greek language like the Hebrew do carry numerical values. But the letters in the Greek name for Jesus do not remotely add up to "666." Rather they add up to "888" – the number of a divine "new beginning."

Says Bullinger in the *Companion Bible*, "By Gematria, **iesouse** (*Jesus*) makes the numbers 888. It, or its multiple is impressed on all that has to do with the Lord's Names, the Lord's People, the Lord's works" (appendix 10).

COMMENT: Yes, by a skillful, deceitful manipulation of the Greek alphabet, one can make the name *Iesous* to equal 888. I went to the internet and found a chart, which exhibits this deceitful manipulation. Look at this chart and see if you can find what is wrong with it:

The Mystery of the Greek alphabet

Alpha	Beta	Gamma	Delta	Epsilon	Zeta	Eta	Theta
A α	B β	Γ γ	Δ δ	E ε	Z ζ	H η	Θ θ
1	2	3	4	5	7	8	9
Iota	Kappa	Lamda	Mu	Nu	Xi	Omicron	Pi
I ι	K κ	Λ λ	M μ	N ν	Ξ ξ	O ο	Π π
10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80
Rho	Sigma	Tau	Upsilon	Phi	Chi	Psi	Omega
P ρ	Σ σ ς	T τ	Υ υ	Φ φ	Χ χ	Ψ ψ	Ω ω
100	200	300	400	500	600	700	800

Do you notice that there is no number for six (6) in the Greek language? Neither is there a number ninety (90). In this chart, which has been skillfully and deceitfully manipulated, sigma (S, s) has been forced to equal 200 by taking the numbers 6 and 90 completely away. Furthermore, the sigma was utilized in Rev. 13:18 to equal the number 6. Rev. 13:18 says, "Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six." (CxS) The C = 600, x = 60 and S = 6. Does sigma = 200 or does it = 6? If this rendering in the New Testament is correct, then it doesn't equal 200, it equals 6. If it equals 6, then the name *Iesous* would only equal 500 (assuming that everything else stays the same.) Once again, I smell a rat! A big ole smelly, stinky, dead rat!

But, Billy boy, I can go you one further, since you do like to quote E. W. Bullinger. If you will take a look at his notes on Rev. 13:18, he makes a remark, "(Some ancient authorities read **616**, used by the Jews of the worship of the Emperor.)" So we

find that some ancient authorities didn't utilize 666 at all. They utilized 616.

Guess what we can do with this, Billy boy? Let's take the English name Jesus and convert it to Hebrew letters. The "J" = Heb. Yod (י), the "e" is a vowel, which, in Hebrew, is a vowel point, specifically the Tseray, and has no numerical value, the "s" = Heb. Shin (ש), the "u" = Heb. Vav (ו), and the "s" = Heb. Shin (ש).

י = 10, ו = 300, י = 6, ש = 300. 10 + 300 + 6 + 300 = **616!** Uh-oh! Billy, have we uncovered something? What do you think about this? You should know, since your opinion is so all-fired important!

BILLY: E. W. Bullinger, in his book *Number in Scripture*, explains about the meaning and symbolism of numbers, including the number "eight." He declares:

"In Hebrew the number eight is *Sh'moneh*, from the root *Shah'meyn*, 'to make fat, cover with fat,' 'to super-abound.' As a participle it means 'one who abounds in strength,' etc. As a noun it is 'super-abundant fertility,' 'oil,' etc. *So that as a numeral it is the super-abundant number.* As *seven* was so called because the seventh day was the day of completion and rest, so *eight*, as the eighth day, was over and above this perfect completion, and was indeed the *FIRST of a new series*, as well as being the *eighth*. Thus it already represents two numbers in one, the *first* and *eight*" (p.196).

Even as "seven" is God's number of perfection, or completion, so "eight" is the *same as the first day of the NEXT week*, but counting from the days of the previous week. Thus it represents clearly "A NEW BEGINNING."

An example of "eight" used in this connection in the Scriptures is the fact that as Peter tells us, there were EIGHT souls in the Ark of Noah, who began the NEW WORLD after the Flood! We read of the time when "the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, *eight souls were saved* by water" (I Peter 3:20).

Interestingly, in the future Temple of God described in Ezekiel, we find that there were *seven* steps that led into the outer court (Ezek.40:22, 26); however, there were *eight* steps that led from the outer court to the inner court (Ezek.40:31, 34, 37). The first seven led from labor to rest, but the eight led from rest to intimate fellowship with God and pure worship!

The consecration of Aaron and his sons as priests of God required seven days of being set apart (Lev.8:35), but it was on the "eighth day" that they were anointed as "priests," thus *beginning a "new" ministry and office* before God and the people. David was the "eighth" son of Jesse, thus also beginning a "*new dynasty*" in Israel when he became king (I Sam.16:10-11; II Sam.17:12).

Bullinger adds concerning the significance of this number "8":

"It is 7 *plus* 1. Hence it is the number specially associated with *Resurrection* and *Regeneration*, and the BEGINNING OF A NEW ERA OR ORDER.

"When the whole earth was covered with a flood, it was Noah 'the eighth person' (II Pet.2:5) who stepped out on to a new earth to commence a new order of things. 'Eight souls' (I Pet.3:20) passed through it with him to the new or regenerated world.

"Hence, too, circumcision was to be performed on the EIGHTH DAY (Gen.17:12) . . . The first-born was to be given to Jehovah on the eighth day (Exo.22:29-30)."

When we see the importance and meaning of the number "8" in Scripture, is it any wonder that the name "JESUS" in the Greek language adds up in Gematria to "888" – a triple eight, meaning the "Decisive, Final, Determined EIGHT"? The number "3" means finality or decision – the signature of God. When there are three "8"s, therefore, we have the ultimate finality and judgment of Jesus Christ being the "NEW BEGINNING," in whom all things will be renewed or discarded, judged and rewarded, justified or condemned.

Therefore, the name of Jesus, in Greek, far from being "666" or the sign or number of the "Beast," is instead the number "888" – the number of the One in whom all things will be created and begun anew, in

God.

COMMENT: Again and again you miss the boat, Billy. You continue to promote the false anti-messiah (anti-christ) who is the wild olive tree rather than the TRUE MESSIAH Who is the good olive tree. Your kudos and reasonings are worthless. The one that you are proclaiming is the eighth horn of Daniel chapter seven. The Roman beast had ten horns, but a little horn came along, ripped up three by the roots leaving seven of the original ten and it became the EIGHTH! This was Augustus Ceasar who revitalized and resurrected the Roman empire. His name was Octavian. Guess what Octavian means, Billy. It means EIGHT or the EIGHTH!

The new beginning, or new era of order was that the Roman government went from a Republican form to that of dictatorship. Octavian was the first *Pontifex Maximus*. He not only revitalized the republic into empire, but he revitalized the pagan religions (eighty six or eighty seven of them) placing them under his own control. This is the office of the little horn that made war against the saints of Yahweh/Yahshua and prevails against them to this day.

As stated, one of his successors, Constantine, the little horn of Daniel chapter eight, gained power over the remnants of Yahshua's disciples, by feigning repentance, entering into their fellowship and exercising the power of Emperor and *Pontifex Maxumus* to take over and dictate the rituals and faith of Yahshua's people.

In the book of Revelation, the Roman beast is a composite of Babylon (lion), Persia (bear), and Greece (Leopard). It has seven heads and ten horns. The people of this beast worship the dragon (Zeus/Jupiter). Then another beast arises, which looks like a lamb. Who is the Lamb, Billy? Isn't that Yahshua the Messiah? But the beast transforms the Lamb into something that looks like a lamb, but when he speaks, he speaks like the dragon. He causes the earth to worship the first beast that causes its subjects to worship the dragon. He has two horns. Wasn't Rome divided between east and west? Weren't they even divided ecclesiastically? The horn of the west was the Latin Jesus, while the horn of the east was the Greek Iesous. Same dragon speaking lamb, but with a little different flavor.

Remember that Dionysus means "Child of **Zeus**."

When are you going to wake up, Billy? When are you going to smell the coffee?

BILLY:

What's In a Name?

The Hebrew word Elohim simply means "God, or Mighty Ones" (Genesis 1:1). The fact is, there is no Biblical evidence that God must be called only by His Hebrew names and titles. There is no Biblical or linguistic evidence whatsoever that prohibits the use of English names and titles for God.

COMMENT: I think that you need to refer to Ex. 3:15 again. He tells Moses that His name is יהוה (Yahweh) and that is His memorial to all generations. What is a memorial? The word "memorial" is translated from the Hebrew word *zikrown*. It comes from the primitive root word *zakar*, which means, to mark (so as to be recognized), i.e. to remember; by implication, **to mention**. A person's name is his/her memorial. It is their mark by which they are recognized and remembered. If you don't know a person's name, then you don't know who they are. The beast has caused the world to forget the name of its Creator and His Son, Billy. But they do remember the names of blasphemy and you help them to promote it. You are worshipping the mark of the beast, because you continue to promote its name, its memorial, its mark.

We know that our ancestors worshipped their own special and specific pagan deity named God, Gott, etc. The Latins worshipped Jupiter while the Greeks worshipped Zeus. Therefore, it is OK for our English ancestors to apply the name of their pagan deity to the Creator, but not the Latins nor Greeks? In accordance with your reasoning, either you are prejudiced against all other races of people but the Anglo-Saxons, or all races can just call Him by the name of whatever deity they worship as their chief deity.

BILLY: On the other hand, the rich meaning and significance in the original Hebrew names and titles of God are important and we should study and know them and use them whenever appropriate and desirable.

Notice what the *Winston English Dictionary* says about the definition of the word “name.”

NAME: “1. the term or title by which a person or thing is called or known; 2. designation; title; 3. character; reputation; fame; 4. something having merely nominal existence; 5. those bearing a certain name; clan; tribe.”

How simple! Definition #1 says “name” is simply the TERM or TITLE by which something or someone is CALLED or KNOWN. No great esoteric mystery, here!

COMMENT: Uh..., Billy, what an astute observation you have made here. George Bush is the President. That is his title. But his name is George Bush. There is a Queen of England. That is her title. But who is the person? There have been several Queens. The one of whom a person is speaking must be identified by name. Now, we can generally understand which Queen a person is speaking of by the language that they utilize. That is, if they are speaking of the present, then we understand that the person is identified as Queen **Elizabeth** but what about past Queens? The name and the title go together. Therefore, there are places in Scripture where Yahweh only gives His name. There are other places where He puts name and title together such as Yahweh Elohim, or the El Yahweh, etc.

So your own name is just a mere title, in accordance with your own reasoning here. Just who are you then?

BILLY: God’s “NAMES” in the Bible are ALL “titles,” describing in some way part of His function, reality, character, power, or existence. Even “Yahveh” is very clearly a TITLE of God, describing His essence as “He who was, now is, and evermore shall be, do, etc.” I.e. His eternal state of “Being, Doing, Existing.” It describes Him as the “Covenant God” because the title Yahveh is combined with many other words, to further describe His attributes, such as:

Yahveh Nissi = God our Banner
Yahveh Shalom = God our Peace
Yahveh Zidkenu = God our Righteousness
Yahveh Roi – God our Shepherd
Yahveh Yireh = God our Provider (the One who sees and provides)
Yahveh Rophekah = God our Healer
Yahveh Sabaoth = God of Hosts
Yahveh Mekadiskam = God our Anointer, Healer
Yahveh Shammah = God who is There (or Here)

Some claim “Yahveh” is the “PERSONAL” name of God. I rather doubt that. What do you mean, “Personal,” anyway?

COMMENT: What kind of question is that? I thought that you were an intelligent person, Billy, but your arguments are convincing me that you are just an educated idiot. Let me define “personal” for you, Billy boy. It is really quite easy. All we have to do is go to the dictionary again. “Personal” is defined as, **1.** of or peculiar to a certain person; private; individual. **2.** done in person or by oneself without the use of another person or outside agency. **5.** a) having to do with the character, personality, intimate affairs, conduct, etc. of a certain person. b) tending to make personal, esp. derogatory, remarks. (*Webster’s New World Dictionary*)

Hey! This gives me an idea, Billy! The dictionary utilizes the name “Webster’s.” What does that mean to us, Billy? In my own limited knowledge, I can think of two Websters who were involved with words, definitions and dictionaries. They were Noah and Daniel. I wonder which one they mean? I could almost bet that it is Daniel. Hey! Do you know what, Billy? Daniel Webster is his own PERSONAL name by which he is

memorialized, remembered. By the use of the PERSONAL name Webster, we can identify the family. But we can't really identify the person, we can only guess.

Now, let me ask you another question. When we speak of any El or Elohim, for there are many Elohim, how do we know of whom we speak? If it is the Greek Elohim, then it is Zeus. If Latin, then it is Jupiter. If it is Babylonian it is Bel. If it is Canaanite then it can be El or it can be Baal. What about the Hebrew? He is the One Who created the heavens, the earth, all that is in them and you also, Billy. Guess what! He has identified Himself 6823 times in the Old Testament alone. You know His name, His own PERSONAL identification. You say that His name is Yahveh, I say Yahweh. You have identified Him yourself, but you stubbornly refuse to give Him the glory. You are so careful to identify the false elohim by name, and people, and places, and things, but you obstinately refuse to glorify your own Creator and Elohim by His true name. You prefer to identify him with false pagan titles and names. Shame on you Billy. I do hope that you repent and give him the honor and esteem that He deserves. But just remember, if you treat His name lightly and continue to honor other elohim's names with His word, His honor and His esteem, then your name might be blotted out of His book of life.

BILLY: God told Moses, "I am who I am." And He said, "The YHVH God [Elohim] of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob . . . This is My Name [TITLE] forever, and this is My memorial to all generations" (Exo.3:13-15).

"YHVH" is one of His many names or titles. He has MANY NAMES – each one describing some part of His essence. No human language can truly do Him and His full name justice – the language can only go so far. Even as our understanding is limited. As Paul said, "we see through a glass darkly," or dimly, as if looking through a key-hole. "For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known" (I Cor.13:12).

COMMENT: Again Billy, you outdo yourself in your effort to minimize the importance of the Creator's name. You have already provided a list of titles with His name attached, remember? Yahweh Nissi, Yahweh Shalom, Yahweh Zidkenu, Yahweh Roi, Yahweh Yireh, Yahweh Ropheka, Yahweh Sabaoth, Yahweh Mekadishkam, Yahweh Shammah. By the way, you forgot Yahweh El, Yahweh Elohim, etc. But each of those words are titles, such as Nissi means "my banner." Who is your banner, Billy? Is it Yahweh, or Zeus, or Jupiter, or Bel, or Baal, or Dionysus? What NAME goes with the title, Billy?

Who appeared to Moses? It was Yahweh, the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. It wasn't Zeus, Jupiter, Bel, Baal, or Dionysus, etc.

You quote Paul (1 Cor. 13:12) in order to cloud the issue and impute that we just can't be sure. But I will go you one better, Billy. Paul talks about the wrath of Yahweh that will be poured out from heaven against all impiety and unrighteousness of men, who **hold** the truth in unrighteousness. (Ro. 1:18) The word "hold" should have been translated "withhold." That is what you are doing, Billy. You are trying to muddy the waters with your feet, making them too murky to see clearly. You, through your efforts, are withholding the truth from Yahweh's people. Take care, Billy. If you stay on that path, then you will get a taste of wrath poured out from heaven. Not because I say so. Paul wrote that under inspiration of the Spirit.

BILLY:

Greek Language, Too

Holy Names advocates also generally condemn the GREEK usage of *Iesous* for "Jesus" and *Theos* for "God." They do this despite the fact that the whole New Testament was written in and preserved through the centuries in the GREEK language!

God has preserved the New Testament Scriptures in the Greek language, with the ALIEN Greek forms of His name and titles. Christ spoke Greek as well as Hebrew and Aramaic. The apostles wrote most of the New Testament in Greek, because they were primarily reaching out to a Greek-speaking world. The Jews had essentially rejected the message of Christ (see Rom.1:16; 11:7-24).

So what's wrong with the message going out in Greek? Nothing at all! Jesus Christ grew up in the region of Galilee, "of the nations," where it was very common to speak Greek in His time! For the evidence of this, write for my booklet "What's All This Business about the Sacred Names?"

COMMENT: Josephus disagrees with you, Billy. Because of Antiochus Epiphanes and other Greek rulers, the people of Israel hated the Greeks and their language and refused to learn it, except in cases of necessity.

BILLY: In Isaiah 28, God says, "Truly, with stammering lip and with ALIEN TONGUE he will speak to this people" (Isa.28:11, NRSV). God speaks to His people in "another" language, and different tongues. Hebrew is not the only language in which God speaks to His people. His own Word, in fact, is written in THREE LANGUAGES – Hebrew, Aramaic (Ezra, Nehemiah, and portions of Daniel), and Greek (the whole New Testament)!

COMMENT: Paul writes that the Jew (Hebrew) comes first (Ro. 1:16; 2:9-10), then the Greek or Gentile. Doesn't it make sense that the Scriptures were written to both and that they were first written in Hebrew and later were translated into the Greek. E. W. Bullinger certainly makes this point. He says, "The writers were Hebrews; and thus, while the language is Greek, the thoughts and idioms are Hebrew. These idioms or Hebraisms are generally pointed out in The notes of *The Companion Bible*. **If the Greek of the N.T. be regarded as an inspired translation from Hebrew or Aramaic originals**, most of the various readings would be accounted for and understood." (Appendix 94, p. 134, *emphasis mine*) Caught you in another one, Billy!

BILLY: The *whole Bible* is the **inspired** Word of Almighty God (2 Timothy 3:16-17). That must of necessity include the Aramaic and Greek portions of recorded Scripture!

We can trust the Word of God (John 17:17), and thru His Word we can know that it is not wrong to use the names of God translated into other languages, because God Himself did so in His very own Word!

Therefore, God's name and titles may be used as they are translated into English, Russian, German, Greek, Spanish, Chinese, Portuguese, French, or any other language on the face of the earth.

COMMENT: Billy, Billy, Billy, we don't translate names into other languages, we transliterate them. What we do translate is titles.

Let me ask you, Billy, How is it that we can take the names Adam, Eve, Noach/Noah, Shem, Hebel/Abel, Cain, Abraham, Sarah, Yitschak/Isaac, Yaacov/Jacob, Yosef/Joseph, Yahshua/Joshua, David, Satan, etc., etc., *ad infinitum*, translating as you call it, but we call it transliterating, them from Hebrew into the English and the names remain so very, very close, but when it comes to the Creator's name Yahweh and the Savior's name Yahshua, they are made to be so totally different from their original. Does "God" and "the Lord" or "the Eternal" sound anywhere close to Yahweh? How is it that the name for the Patriarch Yahshua/Joshua remains so close to the same, but when it come to the Savior, Who had **THE IDENTICAL NAME**, it is made to look and sound so different? What you are doing is continuing to promote the TRADITIONS OF MEN, OF KINGS AND RULERS who did not want these true names to be known. You do know what the traditions of men do, don't you? Please read Psalms two again. Also read Mat. 15:1-9.

BILLY: *"Arguments over Words"*

This "holy names" issue would be ludicrously funny if it were not so serious.

COMMENT: You are so right, Billy. It is very serious. The name of the One Who authored the Holy Scriptures has been removed. So has the true name of His Son. We

are very serious about having their honor and esteem restored. Too bad that you're not. But that's your problem, not mine.

BILLY: A number of churches and groups, sects and cults, have actually departed from the truth of Christ by arguing of the "holy names," and insisting that only THEIR OWN version is the gospel truth, and all others are consigned to the Great Tribulation or Gehenna Hell itself! They argue over words, using the gospel as a means to make money.

COMMENT: Make money!? Are you kidding, Billy boy? We don't serve God, the deity of fortune, you do. If you had to do a work on the same shoestring income that we receive, then your work would close down in a heartbeat. In this assembly, we don't even have paid ministers and only one office worker who receives a paltry sum that doesn't even buy all the groceries. All of our income goes to publishing magazines, newsletters, tracts, articles, etc. You and the rest of the WWCG and ex-WWCG ministers, as well as most of the other Christian ministers who serve God, the deity of fortune, are the ones whose hearts are set on big salaries, prestige, etc. This is just another one of your statements made in ignorance.

I challenge you to turn to the truth. Begin proclaiming the true names and then see what will happen. Because of men like you, the sheep have been lured into believing lies. You will find that it is as hard to convert them to the true names as it is for me to convert you to them. You will find that you may get a lot of encouragement from various areas, but little support (financially). If money were our interest, then we would forsake the true names and begin proclaiming God, the deity of fortune, just like you and the others.

When it comes to consigning anyone to tribulation or hell fire, it's their own UNREPENTANT actions that brings about those results. But, of course, we can warn people like you even though you won't listen.

BILLY: What should we do about such teachers? God says to withdraw yourselves from them – do not mix it up with them. Do not welcome them into your homes via internet sites, chat rooms, or physically, or by regular mail or e-mail. The apostle John writes: "Do not receive into the house or welcome anyone who comes to you and does not bring this teaching; for to welcome is to participate in the evil deeds of such a person" (II John 9-10).

The Apostle Paul instructs us: "If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to wholesome words . . . he is proud, knowing nothing, but is obsessed with disputes and *arguments over WORDS*, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions, useless WRANGLINGS OF MEN of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth" (I Tim.6:3-5).

COMMENT: The key to your instructions here is WHOLESOME WORDS. Yahshua said that Yahweh is Spirit and those who worship Him must worship in Spirit and in Truth! (Jn. 4:24) Unwholesome words are words of corruption. False names are corruption. You are continuing to promote corruption, Billy. You are supposed to allow those in who are publishing the truth, not lies. The ones who are publishing lies are the ones who should be turned away from.

John isn't speaking of the truth about the names in the above Scriptures that you quoted. He is speaking of deceivers who confess not that Yahshua the Messiah is come in the flesh. We have the doctrine of the Father and the Son. We don't publish that doctrine in false pagan names, nor in false pagan worship.

BILLY: Guard what truth you have learned. There is grave danger in striving, fighting, debating, and arguing over technicalities, words, pronunciations, etc. As Paul declares, "*Guard* what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane and idle babblings [empty *chatter*, margin]" – as in "CHAT ROOMS" – "and contradictions of what is FALSELY called knowledge – by professing it some have STRAYED concerning the faith" (I Tim.6:20-21).

COMMENT: Let's see, Billy, You at least admit that the name of the Creator is Yahveh. That is truth that you have admitted to. But now you call the **TRUE KNOWLEDGE about the Sacred Names FALSE?** Besides, You are presenting a treatise here that is striving, fighting, debating, and arguing over technicalities, words, pronunciations, etc. The problem is that you have admitted the truth and then you present an empty argument, which encourages others to remain in falsehood.

Down through the many years that you have been directing your ministry, you have been greatly and deeply involved with striving, fighting, debating and arguing over technicalities, words, pronunciations, etc. As a matter of fact, I would dare to say that every Prophecy Flash that you have published has some kind of item contained in it wherein you are in contention with others over some issue.

I don't receive your publication, but sometimes there are brethren who show me copies of it and point out specific articles that you have written. I do know that you presented your argument concerning whether the Passover observance should be the evening before the 14th or the 15th. You entered the fray over that issue, which is a technicality. By the way, I do agree with you on that stand. However, I disagree with you on the technicality concerning the count to Pentecost.

I also know a personal friend, Jim Rector (deceased), with whom you had a heated disagreement and whose name you smeared in as many places as you could possibly do.

The point is, Billy, when you strive, fight, debate, and argue over technicalities, words, pronunciations, you are always right, in your own mind, even when your treatise reveals that you are striving in error, as this specific treatise does. Your high-mindedness has failed you, Billy. The manner in which you have written this treatise is in error. Your error is revealed in your own words.

BILLY: These "holy name" websites on the Internet call their statements "truth" and state that their site is not *just* another web site. Typically, much is said without real proof to back it up. It has a "semblance" of truth, and scholarship, but there is much wordiness and excessive speech, and much "opinion," but often with very little real basis or foundation.

A brother in Christ who is partially deaf, whose wife is totally deaf, shared with me this kernel of truth and wisdom. As a deaf man, he does sign language. As the deaf people cannot speak, they cannot verbalize the "sacred names" of God at all! Does this fact consign them to the flames of hell? Of course not! Deaf people who use "sign" language use the hands and motions of the arms, and fingers, to communicate such concepts as "God," "Jesus," "Christ," "Yeshua," etc. But they cannot VERBALLY SPEAK the sounds! And in different languages, the "signing" of the deaf is different!

Therefore, the experience of the deaf should show us plain and clear that EXACT PRONUNCIATION AND VERBALIZATION *DOES NOT MATTER TO GOD!*

COMMENT: Interesting comment, Billy! The deaf can communicate God, Jesus, Christ and Yeshua with their fingers, but they can't communicate Yahweh and Yahshua? Wow! The deaf are really more handicapped than I thought, or... are you making them more handicapped? Did you know that since Yahweh is Spirit and His name is Spirit, then the letters are all vowels? That's what Rabbi Arthur Green said in his book *Seek My Face, Speak My Name*. He said that vowels are mere breath. The words breath and spirit in Hebrew are the same word. It is *ruach*. In the Greek, breath and spirit are *pneuma*. Now let me ask you. Can a deaf man expel air. I am really sure that he can since, in order to live, he must be able to breath. Did you know that they can expel the air and with their lips, they can form the word ee-ah-oo-eh. By the way, that's why I prefer the name Yahweh to Yahveh. We write Yahweh only for pronunciation's sake. His name can be rendered by the English vowels IAUE or YAUE. But most people look at this and don't know how to say it, so we simply choose to render it in a manner wherein it can be more easily recognized and spoken.

BILLY: As the old canard goes, “I don’t care what you call me, just so long as you don’t call me late to dinner!”

COMMENT: So if we call you Billy Bob Donkeydung, you’re going to come? Or Silly Willy Duckenbrain? If you or anyone else gets offended at this, just think of how the Creator feels when you call Him by a name that has never been revealed to apply to Him in the Scriptures. Especially calling Him by names and titles of pagan deities.

BILLY: *Secrets and Mysteries*

Some of these groups are also very “secretive.” There is also much “secrecy” in the use of false names for those who log into the chat room, and no identification of who really operates the website. Nor is there any background explanation given regarding the authors of the website, articles, and sponsors, or their personal backgrounds. They hide behind a cloak of secrecy. Why are they so afraid to come forth, state their identity, and give us their background? It is another version of the ‘mystery of iniquity’ (II Thess.2:7) which is already at work!

Should we trust such people?

Far more important than precise verbalization of a few syllables, in God’s sight, is WHETHER WE KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS, which are summed up in the two greatest commandments – to love God with our entire heart, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves! (Deut.6:5; Lev.19:17).

Jesus Christ Himself Yeshua the Messiah, said: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets” (Matt.22:37).

COMMENT: Amen to that, Billy. We should love Him and keep His commandments. Let’s see, one of those commandments says, “I am Yahweh thy Elohim, Which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other elohim before Me,” Ex. 20:2-3. Another one says, “Thou shalt not take the name of Yahweh thy Elohim in vain: for Yahweh will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain.

Do you get that, Billy? You are putting another elohim before Yahweh because you insist on utilizing a pagan name rather than His true name. Also, the word “vain” is translated from the Hebrew word *shav*. *Shav* is defined as; or shav {shav}; from the same as 7722 in the sense of desolating; evil (as destructive), literally (ruin) or morally (especially guile); figuratively idolatry (as false, subjective), **uselessness** (as deceptive, objective; also adverbially, in vain).

The word “God/Gad” comes from paganism, from idolatry. It has to do with fortune and a troop. While men may bear this name, as one of the children of Israel did, we are not given the right to utilize it as a replacement for the Creator’s name.

Look also at one of the specific definitions for “vain.” It is “uselessness.” Your argument, and the continual arguments of others who hate the true names, does just that, Billy. You are making your very own Creator’s name to appear to be useless. It isn’t even worth mentioning. Now that I have pointed this out to you, you no longer have a covering, Billy. Nor any of you who resist the TRUE SACRED NAMES! Yahweh now no longer holds you guiltless. You and others like you have been exposed!

Are you going to love your Creator Yahweh with all your heart, Billy? If you are then you must love Him and worship Him in Spirit and in Truth. The truth is that His name is Yahweh, not God nor “the Lord.”

BILLY: One of our Church members called me and told me he knows who one of these holy names internet websites is sponsored by. He said the web-casters are two elders who left the “House of Yahweh,” a very paranoid cult in Abilene, Texas. Their leaders claim to be the two witnesses of Revelation 11 (even though one of them is dead). They rewrote Revelation 11 to make it seem possible, coming under the condemnation of God’s curse in Revelation 22:18 – “I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy

of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this book; if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away that person's share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book."

COMMENT: We have the same type of command not to add to nor diminish from the statutes, judgments, commandments and word of Yahweh in the book of Deuteronomy (4:1-2; 12:32). Hmmmm....Isn't taking His true name out of the Scriptures and adding false names and titles going against these very warnings? You diminish His word by taking His name out and then add to it by replacing it with something else. Will you take warning from this, Billy? Will you correct your own fallacious and erroneous ways? Will this rebuttal make any difference in your life? I doubt it, but that remains to be seen.

BILLY: This one internet group which split off from other churches, claims evidently to be "Elijah" or "Elijah," based on the name of their website. These two elders joined up with two ex-elders of Worldwide/Global/Living who live in Missouri. From there evidently they view the "new moons" to set their new moon dates. Having come out of another "Yahweh" sect or cult and its fanaticism, they still retain much error and contamination from their source. This Elijah group also believes in and teaches POLYGAMY!

COMMENT: I do think that you have many facts crossed up here. But there are many, many Christian groups around the world who are just as mixed up as these two small groups that you are seeking to identify. Don't lump everyone into the same mold, Billy. We are not all alike, but most of us are seeking to focus on uplifting Yahweh, Yahshua and their word of truth in the Spirit of truth.

BILLY: Beware, beware, beware, my friends! As Yeshua said: "I am coming soon; HOLD FAST to what you have, so that NO ONE MAY SEIZE YOUR CROWN" (Rev.3:11, NRSV).

End-Time Seducers

These types of websites are spiritually dangerous. There are many others like them. They see themselves as "Elijah," or the final and best. They try to speak with "AUTHORITY." Yet their bodacious claims are mere tissue paper!

COMMENT: And your website is just as dangerous if you proclaim your brand of truths in a false idolatrous name of the Creator and Savior.

BILLY: The Internet can be a very dangerous place. There is a lot of false information and teachings on many subjects. Peter warned, "But false prophets also rose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in DESTRUCTIVE OPINIONS" (II Peter 2:1). Peter added, "Even so, many will follow their licentious ways, and because of these teachers the way of truth will be maligned" (verse 2).

We must be very careful not to get "hooked in" by deceivers and false teachers. Christ warned in Matthew 24:4-5, "Beware of false prophets (teachers)." This was a warning directed primarily to the END-TIME GENERATION which would experience His second coming (Matt.24:1-3).

Paul was amazed that the whole church in Galatia was falling away, even by his own time. He wrote, "I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a DIFFERENT GOSPEL [message]" (Galatians 1:6). He went on, "not that there is another gospel, but there are some who are confusing you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ" (v.7). Paul asserted, "You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? . . . Are you so foolish? Having started with the Spirit, are you now ending with the flesh? Did you experience so much for nothing?" (Gal.3:1-4).

COMMENT: And I am amazed at you, Billy. You have researched the truth concerning the name of the Creator and at least admitted that His name is Yahveh, yet you still

adamantly refuse to remove the false names and appellatives replacing them with the truth!

BILLY: Deception is very big in these last days with numerous small and large groups coming out of the woodwork, popping up like mushrooms everywhere, especially on the Internet! Christ warns us through Paul, again, “that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine” (Eph.4:14). Our true fellowship is with God through His Word. Beware the fellowship obtained through “chat rooms” and various groups who are very subtle, cunning, and teach flagrant error!

COMMENT: Yes, absolutely! Deception has been around since the beginning and continues until this day (Rev. 12:9) And also beware those who admit the truth, but refuse to repent and correct error as this man has done!