

ANSWERING A LETTER OF

DISSENT AGAINST THE NAME

Men resist the truth about Yahweh's holy name for so many reasons. In many cases, that resistance comes from deep-rooted traditions of man steeped in ignorance. In other cases it is because of an in-bred resentment against anything Hebrew. In still others it is forbidden because of misguided religious taboos.

We had been on a radio station in Dallas, Texas, for quite some time. While response to the program had not been overwhelming, we did have many, many positive comments from brethren who were able to listen to it. There were also many positive responses from the general public. However, we did receive a very negative response from an individual, which reveals the bitterness, hatred and animosity that many people have against the true names. This is a reply to the many charges exhibited against the true names. I will post a specific section of his letter and then give an answer to it.

SECTION I

Dear Mr. Healan,

As I now and again listen to some of the religious broadcasting programs on Dallas stations, I will write down addresses of some of the ones I discover as I switch around from say KPBE and KSKY and so on. So, I wanted to send you the information in this packet, and in the meantime, make some comments as to what I ascertained from your program.

It is clear, from having heard you, that you emphasize the 'sacred names' of the Creator and Savior if not flat out insist on their use in order for one to be saved. I surmise that your view is the latter one. If you portray it that way, it is very likely that KPBC will not allow that if someone reports you for taking that position, as the other programs there do not agree with your dogmatism on said issue!

In fact, I take exception to your use of the 'sacred names'. First of all, as much as you claim to know that the exact pronunciation of God other than YHWH (tetragrammaton) is pure speculation and pretentiousness on your part or by anyone who is of your ilk on the issue. Mr. Healan, like it or not, we only have COPIES of the original manuscripts of scripture and all that is in these copies in reference to the name that you use is YHWH. The name Yahweh is pure conjecture. I know of several 'sacred name' groups. There are 5 or 6 different versions of the 'sacred name' e.g. Yahvah and YeHoVaH just to name 2 more, and they all claim their choice is correct. I propose that the whole 'sacred name' thing is nothing but **DIVISIVE**, and **PROMOTES CONFUSION** and Babylon means....**CONFUSION!** I am a 7th day Adventist, albeit mostly involved with my **INDEPENDENT S. D. A.**, I have studied out this topic of 'sacred name' extensively and just can NOT see any convincing or compelling information, let alone proof from the Bible #1, and secondly have NOT seen anything with any weight as evidence from extra Biblical sources that gives even a shred of legitimate support as to the reason or need to use such Hebrew derivations when referring to the Deity!

ANSWER TO SECTION #1

Dear C.....,

Greetings to you in the wondrous and majestic names of Yahweh our Heavenly Father and Yahshua His Son. Believe it or not, I was glad to get your letter and your materials. Why? Frankly, letters and materials such as you have sent are vehicles to stir me to action and seek to either prove whether what you (and others) say and teach is true or not.

In paragraph two of your letter you state that it is clear that I emphasize the 'Sacred Names.' Well, you certainly are right, I do emphasize them as Yahshua and His disciples also emphasized them. Now I ask you C....., what is the Hebrew term for 'sacred?' Since you have spoken against the Hebrew language, I must suppose that you do not know what that word is. It is "qodesh."

Now when Yahweh blessed the seventh day and "hallowed" it, He made it "qodesh," which translated into the English, also means "sacred" or "holy." When we call the Scriptures the "Holy Bible," we are using the English equivalent of the Hebrew "qodesh." When Yahshua gave the model prayer He said, "Father in heaven, hallowed (Heb. = qodesh) be Thy Name."

Why is it that you are willing to call the Bible the "Holy (qodesh) Bible" on the Sabbath "holy (qodesh)" observing them as such, but you exude such hatred, anger, bitterness and vindictiveness against the "Sacred (holy/qodesh) Names?" Is it because you are only willing to go part of the way but not all of the way?

You say that the exact pronunciation of יהוה (YHWH) is lost. Now according to the Seventh Day Adventist Church (see articles enclosed), The Baptists (see articles enclosed), Scholars (see articles enclosed), The Catholic Church, the Encyclopedia Judaica, and many, many other groups and peoples, the best and most acceptable pronunciation of the name is Yahweh (English transliteration).

Now, even if the pronunciation "Yahweh" is not exactly right, but very close, the closest that we can get to it at this present time, I had rather be 99.99% right than 100% wrong and it is a fact that the word/name God is 100% wrong and that Jesus is also 99.99% wrong. Your argument is ridiculous. You are excusing yourself for being 100% wrong because you resist being 99.99% right. It's like straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel.

The argument that you use against the pronunciation of the Name is very similar to the argument that the Sunday keeping Christian world uses against observing the Sabbath. They say that "time has been lost" or "time has been changed," etc. How do you know that the current seventh day of the week is the correct Sabbath rest and know that you know? Because the Jews keep it? Because it has been preserved through their diligent observance? It has to be because no one else was observing it but them until William Miller and others came along and began to proclaim it. Well, even though the Jews don't like to admit it outright, and even though they will not pronounce it, they do admit that the pronunciation is Yahweh. However, anyone who becomes skilled at speaking the Hebrew language will be able to figure it out.

Now, your argument that we speak English and not Hebrew is bogus. Many, many of our English words and names come from the Hebrew language. You seem to think that the name Jesus and the appellative Christ are English. Think again, C....., they come from the Greek language. Do you speak Greek? If you did, I wouldn't be able to

understand a word that you said and neither would at least 99.9% of the rest of Americans. As a matter of fact, the TRUE English equivalent to the Savior's name would be Joshua, not Jesus.

Now when you say that since there are different "Sacred Names Groups" who use different versions of the name you are so right, and I am in disagreement with the others at to how they contend that the Names should be spoken. I agree with the Seventh Day Adventist Church, the Baptists, the scholars, the Jews and even the Catholic Church that the name is Yahweh. Are they also in Babylon? Yes, they are! You see, you like to point out the divisiveness and disagreements concerning the pronunciation of the names, but you are overlooking something else so very important about Christianity. Christianity is DIVIDED!!!! There is the Roman Catholic Church, the Greek Orthodox Church, the Russian Orthodox Church, the Lutheran Church, the Presbyterian Church, the Anglican Church, the Methodist Church, the Baptist Church, the Pentecostal Church, the Seventh Day Adventist Church, the Churches of God, etc., etc., etc., ad infinitum. The division between these churches PROMOTES CONFUSION AND BABYLON (ABEL) MEANS CONFUSION!!!!

Now you say that when I use the TRUE names it simply turns everyone off and they don't hear anything else that I say. You accuse me of speaking in an UNKNOWN TONGUE. But all of the language that I use is English excepting the Names which are transliterated as are all names. Do you speak Russian? Probably not. How do you say Gorbachev's name? Do you say Mikhail or do you say Michael? If you say Mikhail instead of Michael, why do you do so? Mikhail is Russian. Michael is English. When you speak of Francois Mitterand, which is French, do you say Frank? I doubt it. But why, if you say Francois do you do so? Do you speak French? Helmut Kohl is German. Do you say Helmut Kohl or do you seek out the English translation? If you Helmut Kohl, why do you do so since that is German? How about the present day leader of Israel, Benyamin Netanyahu (Hebrew)? Do you refer to him as Benjamin, the gift of God? I don't think so. I am willing to bet that you say Benyamin Netanyahu and when you do so you are speaking Hebrew. What about Yasher Arafat (Arabic)? Do you translate all of these names into their English meanings? I doubt it. Names are transliterated, not translated.

Do you use the name Satan? That's a Hebrew word. What about Abraham, another Hebrew word/name? I am willing to bet that you transliterate the names of Yitzak, Yacob, Yoseph, Yudah, Esau, Mattityahu, Yoel, Yishayah, Yeremiyah, Yekezekel, etc. into the English language, which may not be the exact pronunciation, but they are very close. Do you mean to tell me that you afford all of these people, and many others, including Satan, the honor of transliterating their names into the English, but you refuse to give the same honor to the Creator, our wondrous Heavenly and His Beloved and obedient Son Who emptied Himself of His glory, became a man and died for us? Why is it that you honor men, but not the Creator? Are you a respecter of persons?

SECTION II

Continuing with C.....'s letter:

"It is nothing that is hard to do, nor does it require one making any sacrifice to pronounce Yahweh or Yahshua when referring to God or the son of God. No where in all the pages of the Bible are we ever commanded to speak the Hebrew language, nor are we

ever commanded to go and teach others the Hebrew language! Not once is it ever a command from God! We are commanded to go into all the world and teach the Gospel unto every nation, kindred, TONGUE, and people!!!! Get it? To every TONGUE! That EVERY TONGUE includes the ENGLISH language. In English we understand that God, Lord, Christ, Jesus, etc., refer to the Highest Almighty and to His only begotten son respectively. You see, Mr. Healan, the key to spreading the gospel is to communicate with people, that is to be able to share concepts and ideas so as to relate with them. Using names like Yahweh and Yahshua would be fine if you truly were talking to a pack of Jews who only understood those words. But, to English speaking people and to other language groups it is a turn off. You are repelling most people from you so that they do not even hear whatever the rest of your message is supposed to be. I am like Paul. I would rather speak 5 words in a KNOWN TONGUE than speak 10,000 words in an Unknown tongue. You are not Hebrew. If so, why don't you just speak Hebrew the rest of the time? You, to me, seemed to be having a difficult time enough just trying to speak English though. I see your whole 'sacred name' thing as just a cultic thing with NO scriptural authority for your hanging on to such tomfoolery! I see you and people like you who do the 'sacred name' thing as generally people who are looking for some attention, like 'oh look at us, we are smart enough to pronounce a couple of Hebrew type names and we do it religiously at the drop of a hat, and we will drop the hat.' Shazam, shazam!

What you should also know is that God has NUMEROUS, NUMEROUS titles, and names, and designations in the Bible!!!! In scripture, God says 'My name is JEALOUS.' Another place it says "His name is WONDERFUL.' In Hosea 2:16, God says, 'Ye shall call me Ishi, meaning 'my HUSBAND.' There is a Hebrew word that we don't have to GUESS about as you do with your insistence on Yahweh, so why don't you obey scripture and quit sounding like an idiotic record with the needle stuck, and use at least Ishi now and again, because you like to use the Hebrew type names of the Almighty anyway, so by crackie, use Ishi along with the myriad other names of God if even in Hebrew (if that just has to be your thing for some weird reason), but how about vary it by using Adonai or El, or Elohim, etc., if you find it impossible to use English names when talking to English speaking people. Besides, God is the one who invented all the different languages at the Tower of Babylon, so get used to it!

Here's one for you since you get such a kick out of saying your Hebrew type name of God over the radio and elsewhere I am sure. Read Exodus Ch. 3, Mr. Healan, God gives us His very LONGEST name in the Bible so convert it into your Hebrew or Yiddish or whatever it is you are so proud of. He says His name is 'The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' Fact, He says right after giving us that name, 'This is my NAME forever and a memorial forever.' So translate into your Yiddish talk. I obey the command to say it, it is though that I sensibly say it in English in front of other English speaking people. Your whole doctrine of your 'sacred name' has more holes in it than a box of Cheerios has holes in it!

ANSWER TO SECTION II

One of the problems about speaking TRUTH (which includes the TRUE names), is that truth simply turns people off. When one speaks TRUTH to this world it is like speaking in an unknown tongue. But tell lies, proclaim the good news in false names and the world

will beat a path to your door. It isn't just the true names that turns the people off, but it is the truth, period.

I agree that Yahweh has numerous, numerous titles, but He has only one personal name. Check out your Seventh Day Adventist literature that I sent. They admit this as do so many of the Bible commentaries, encyclopedias and dictionaries. You say that His name is Jealous, but if you would carefully check out the one place in Scripture where this statement is made, and I do mean very carefully, you would see that He is actually jealous for His name. It is also true that He will someday be called Ishi (my Husband), but that is not a name. I am a husband and that is what my wife calls me when she speaks to other people in order to identify me, but that is not my name and that is not His name. But why is it that you only look at the one place in all of Scripture where it says that His name is Jealous, focusing on that one Scripture and completely and conveniently overlook the myriads of Scriptures which say that His name is Yahweh? You even prefer the titles of Adonai, El, Eloah, or Elohim to the true name. These titles appear in the OT Scriptures about 3,000 times, but the name Yahweh appears 6,823 times. Which one has the Creator emphasized much more thoroughly? Isn't there a command, which forbids taking anything out of Scripture and adding something else? Why is it that you think the Creator is powerful enough to retain the knowledge of Sabbath observance, but not powerful enough to retain the knowledge of the pronunciation of His name?

Yahweh has put His own signature in His word, but man wants to take His signature out and introduces a false signature. Try writing a check on your bank account and leave the signature blank or write in another name and see how far the check gets. Try calling a man, say John Smith, by the name Jerry Healan and see if you get a response. Or try calling a woman, say Jane Doe, by another name that is not the same and see if you get a response. Men and women are so particular about their own names, down to the exact spelling and pronunciation, but they don't seem to care about the most important name of the most important Being of existence, the very One Who brought them into existence!

SECTION III

Continuing with C.....'s letter:

Lastly, but not least, the SOON coming MARK of the beast will be the National Sunday Law!!!! Remember the ol' Sunday Blue Laws? It will make those days look like a picnic! Sunday is the spurious counterfeit day of worship!!!! The only day in the whole Bibl that God ever sanctified is the 7th DAY, FRIDAY sundown to Saturday sundown!!!! Do you observe it carefully as the Bible commands you to do?? There can be no doubt as to what THE 7th day is. Any first grader can look up at the calendar and see what day the 7th day is!!!! The truth that God wants us to know and proclaim he has made crystal clear within the Bible itself, not from some outside source. If you do keep the 7th DAY, then pray tell, why don't you start preaching it in your radio program, otherwise you are shortchanging the people and you will be held accountable, thus says the LORD. Oh! I forgot, you concentrate so much on your 'sacred names,' that you see other things as either meaningless or less significant. Sir, you best wake up and come out of your lethargy and lore and come out of Babylon all the way around! Also, are you teaching the pagan 'natural immortality' doctrine as well that 99.9% of Christendom also holds onto like they do Sunday worship, and also hold onto their eating of the unclean/unlawful

meats that God spells out for us in the Bible? Where are you on those subjects as well? The real meaning of taking God's name in vain is as Jesus says, 'In vain do they worship me, teaching the doctrines of men in place of the commandments of God.' Claiming to be His, addressing Him even in public, and yet not keeping His commandments, e.g., THE 7TH DAY SABBATH or teaching that people pop into Heaven or Hell at the moment of death instead of the Bible truth that all wait in their graves until they are awakened at the end of the world at Jesus' second Advent. There are more 7th Day Adventists Missionaries around the world today and S. D. A. Missionary Doctors around the world today than any other Protestant GROUP OR Denomination and by a LONG SHOT! In fact, S. D. A. have believers in EVERY country of the world today!! We have lead the way in teaching these vital end time truths since the 1840's. For example, that book 'National Sunday Law' that you now have is blanketing America and belting the globe in over 20 languages including Hebrew for Hebrew talking people you understand! The book was just passed out on the streets of New York City to ONE MILLION PEOPLE for example!!!!!! Praise the Almighty Father and Son! Time is short, so please go back and take a fresh look at these matters.

Sincerely,
C.....

P.S. Taking the mark in the forehead means choosing Sunday over the Sabbath in one's mind. Forehead, symbolic of the Mind!

Taking in the Right hand is symbolic of agreeing to not use your strength to work on Sunday, but instead, will Rest from work on Sunday, the mark of the Beast System. Right Hand also symbolic of 'swearing a vow!'

ANSWER TO SECTION III

Now concerning the Beast and his mark, if you knew the real truth about this beast power it would literally curl your hair. What you see in the image of modern day Rome and the Pope is only half of the story. The other half of the story is so little known as to be obscure. But then, that is the way Satan works. Put a visible situation in the world for people to look to while the real danger and activity goes undetected.

I agree that Sunday is a counterfeit day of the beast, but then, the beast is also full of **names of blasphemy**. Have you figured out what those names are yet? The beast that proclaims Sunday also proclaims certain names doesn't it?

In some of the SDA literature it seems you teach that the Sabbath is the seal of the Creator. Nothing could be further from the truth. The Sabbath is a sign (Heb. – owth) between Yahweh and His people that He is their Elohim and they are His people, but the seal is a different story.

Paul reveals that the seal is the Holy Spirit of promise (Eph. 1). Rev. 7 reveals that 144,000 are sealed in their foreheads. Rev. 14 reveals that what is in their forehead is the Father's name. Since you have spouted your hatred and disdain for Yahweh's name, then it would be impossible for you to have His seal. Remember that the Pharisees also observed the Sabbath but they were the children of the devil. Your anger and bitterness for the TRUE SACRED (HOLY/QODESH) NAME makes you so much like the Pharisees of Yahshua's day.

While you have remembered the Sabbath day, you have failed to remember the name of the Creator. The interesting thing about the command to “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy (qodesh)” is that the word used for “remember” comes from the same root word used for “memorial” in Ex. 3:15. “Remember” comes from the Hebrew word “zakar” which is #2142 in *Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance*. Memorial comes from the Hebrew word “zeker,” which is #2143 in *Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance*. #2143 is a derivative of #2142. The definition of #2142 (translated as remember in the English) is “zakar – a prim. Root; prop. to *mark* (so as to be recognized), i.e. to *remember*; by impl. to *mention*; also (as denom. from 2145) to be *male* and is variously translated as: burn [incense], earnestly, be male, (make) **mention** (of), be **mindful**, recount, record (-er), **remember, make to be remembered**, bring (call, come, keep, put) to (in) remembrance, still, **think on**, well.”

The definition of #2143 is “zeker – from 2142; a *memento*, abstr. *recollection* (rarely if ever; by impl. *commemoration* and is variously translated as **memorial, memory, remembrance**, scent.” (I have highlighted some of the words for your consideration.)

Now look back at one of the translations of #2142, specifically “think on.” Are we to think on His name? “Then they that feared יהוה (Yahweh) spake often one to another: and יהוה (Yahweh) hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for them that feared יהוה (Yahweh), and that thought upon His name,” Mal. 3:16.

The word “thought” comes from the Hebrew word “chashab” which is #2803 in *Strong’s*. It means, a prim. root; prop. to *plait* or *interpenetrate*, i.e. (literally) to *weave* or (gen.) to *fabricate*; figuratively, to *plot* or *contrive* (usually in a malicious sense); hence (from the mental effort) to *think, regard, value, compute*. It is variously translated as (make) account (of), conceive, **consider**, count, cunning (man, work, workmen), devise, *esteem, find out*, forecast, **hold**, imagine, impute, invent, **be like**, mean, purpose, reckon (-ing, be made), regard, think.

We are to value, esteem, consider, find out, regard, hold and be like His name. Memorial (zeker) comes from remember (zakar) which also means to mention. Mal. 3 says that Yahweh hearkened (heard/listened). What did He hear? People speaking of and mentioning His wondrous acts which are associated with His glorious name. If we do this then we (our names) will be recorded in a book of “remembrance.” “Remembrance” comes from the Hebrew word “zikrown” which is defined in *Strong’s* as: from 2142; a *memento* (or memorable thing, day or writing) and is translated as: memorial, record. If we remember Yahweh then He will remember us.

The Sabbath day is a remembrance, a memorial to the Creation (things past). It is a sign (owth) between Yahweh and His people that He is their Elohim and they are His people (things present). It is also a type of the coming 1000 year millennial rule (things future). Therefore, the Sabbath is very much like His name. Yahweh means “I exist,” “I am.” It has to do with eternity, which covers the past, present and future.

I think that it would behoove you to reconsider the importance of Yahweh’s great name, repent and turn to give the Creator the glory and honor due Him and His Holy Name.

Sincerely,
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Greetings from Anadarko, OK,

A Friend sent us one of your newsletters. The part about encouragement, I am copying and sending it to the prisoners on our mailing list. Many prisoners are in on false charges and I know personally of 3 who are close friends who are.

I know many are thinking using the phonetic name Yahshua or Yahweh is some sort of spiritual way for blessings. However, I have also found many sacred name groups are far out on doctrinal issues. Some purport Yahshua did not pre-exist with the Father. Some purport that in the Old Testament Scriptures Yahweh is referring to the Father when it actually refers to Yahshua. Yahshua came to reveal the Father. Yahshua is the “Lord God” of the holy prophets when you compare Rev. 22:6, 16. He also is the one referred to in the last sentence of Micah 5:2.

But, for me, I know that many sacred name users, not you precisely, are not living the walk. They are bringing dishonor to the “name” they purport to uphold. They judge harshly those who do not wear beards, or those who do not use the “sacred name” exclusively, and some will not even allow fellowship, thinking others are worshipping a heathen deity for not using the terms Yahshua, etc.

The real meaning of praising His name, is not the phonetic sound, but what His name **means** such as is found in Exodus 34. He is not proclaiming the name Yahweh, but the name OF Yahweh. **MERCIFUL, GRACIOUS, LONGSUFFERING, ABUNDANT IN GOODNESS AND TRUTH. KEEPING MERCY FOR THOUSANDS, FORGIVING INIQUITY, TRANSGRESSION AND SIN.**

These show His character. The term “name” is 8034 and means His honor, authority, character. This is the character I want Him to mold in me. I want to be like Him in every respect. And when I have prayed for Psalm 37:4 to be fulfilled, I have told Him that desire within my heart. It is to be able to be lower than the brethren, to uplift them, to love them, to serve them in whatever way possible. It is to fulfil Phil. 2:3-5, etc.

I do not speak Hebrew, and the term Hebrew in Acts when Saul was struck down does not refer to the Hebrew language according to Strong’s. Why did Immanuel speak to and through the prophets in Hebrew? Simple. He had to. He confounded the languages. He gave Eber, Peleg’s dad, Hebrew and from then on Eber’s descendants spoke Hebrew, and at that time the Old Hebrew. Not the mess we have today. Since the Almighty gave Hebrew to them, then He had to use Hebrew when He spoke to them. But Hebrew is not some special, holy, pure language. Before that came Sumerian. That is the oldest language.

Paul said he would rather speak 5 words with understanding which the brethren knew, than 10,000 words in a language they did not know. When some in the sacred name movement start going way beyond the norm and use Hebrew words for books, and name of people which we cannot interpret, then it is really of little value.

I do not use Yahshua, Yahweh, etc., exclusively. I realize in the sacred name movement, there are **MANY** variations of spelling and pronunciation, and each thinks he is right. Is

that not confusion? If Yahshua was that concerned, would He not reveal clearly what is His Hebrew name? Why was the whole New Testament Scriptures in Greek and not Hebrew? I know some say they were originally written in Hebrew, but there is no real hard evidence. Was Yahshua so weak that He could not preserve it in Hebrew, if that were the real need?

Some say the term Jesus came fro Zeus. Flat outright lie, and no lie is of the truth. Jesus and Zeus came from two different languages with different roots. That is not my idea, that is from a language professor. I often go to the language professors to find out direct translations of Hebrew or Greek. Because most brethren are not language scholars.

Some say "Lord" means "Baal" and it does NOT. There are two terms in the Scriptures. "Baal" (1167) meaning husband, ruler, lord. The term "Baal" (1168) is the Phoenician deity. I wrote to Jacob O. Meyer. I told him that he used the term "husband" in Jer. 31 where Yahshua was referred to as a husband to Israel. So He referred to Himself as a baal to Israel, because that word refers directly back to 1167. But the term lord, Lord, so NOT refer to 1167 except once or twice when it was plural. Pretty strong witness that the terms Lord, and Lord don NOT refer to our mean Baal, or baal. Jacob O. would not answer me.

I know of no heathen deity who will tell people to keep the Ten Commandments and the laws of the Torah. To take His name in vain can full well mean use His phonetic name, and live a life contrary to it. That means all the phonetic sounds are useless, vain, unless the life is revealed in our way of living.

I am not against anyone using the "sacred name." What I am against is any attitude that puts down people and brethren for using Jesus, Lord, God, and Christ. Or that points a finger and claims that brother is worshipping a heathen deity. Or that a man must wear a beard. Joseph shaved, so did Ezekiel.

I attend services most of the time at Monte Judah's Messianic Congregation who use the term Yeshua. But since I have been attending, I know the Spirit there is the Holy Spirit. In fact, I told Monte after I spoke to him a few times and heard him that he truly was my brother in the Lord. Now he has shown much courage after visiting privately with me, and through his own study, to hold Passover on the beginning of the 14th rather than on the 15th. That is contrary to all his Jewish Messianics, and even one of his elders who attends. I praise him for his courage. They all use the term Yeshua, were I use Yahshua, and he knows why I do. We can talk to each other about differences, and we can learn from each other,, because there is no suspicion of one another at all.

I would pray that all sacred name people could have such a beautiful attitude, and even be able to accept teaching from others who do not use it exclusively. He is a good example. All we have to do is love one another, and give each other space.

I appreciate your newsletter, and I am sure you may receive requests from some of the prisoners to be put on your mailing list.

With brotherly love...

John Trescott

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Dear John,

Thank your for your letter. Since you have sent this letter to us, unsolicited on our part, please allow me to give you an answer according to the faith that lies within me. I

understand that what you say concerning many Name followers not truly living the walk is true. But, so is it true concerning so many, many, many Christians who profess faith in the Scriptures and it is also true concerning many, many Jews who claim to delight in the Scriptures, both Orthodox and Messianic. King David spoke Yahweh's name, wrote of Him, sang of Him, prayed to Him, but in the situation with Bathsheba and Uriah the Hittite, Yahweh told him that he had held Him to an open shame before Israel. Yet, David, upon his heartfelt repentance, was called a man after Yahweh's heart. Even Israel and Judah blasphemed Yahweh's name because of their unrepentant Baal worship and had to be cast out of the land. So you are not telling me anything new about many of the people who call upon Yahweh's name. There's nothing new under the sun. But please don't just focus on the people in the Names. It applies to all walks of life.

Why is it that when a person wants to defend themselves against speaking or using the true Names, they always have to imply that those who phonetically pronounce the Names are seeking to introduce some kind of magic spell, or seek to receive some kind of spiritual blessing? Why can't it be seen and understood that we are seeking to fulfill Scriptural commands in obedience to and also in the honor of the Creator?

You seek to make a case against the phonetic sounds by introducing a partial meaning of the Hebrew word that is translated as "name" which is "shem" #8034 in *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*. Let's look at the whole definition: a prim. Word [perh. rather from 7760 through the idea of definite and conspicuous position; comp. 8064; **an appellation, as a mark or memorial of individuality**; by impl. *honor, authority, character*.

Yes, we understand that name means honor, authority, character, etc. A name is also an appellation, which is a mark or memorial of individuality. There was a man who received a certain honor and authority because he was the most decorated soldier in WWII. Who was this man? He had the honor and authority, but without his name many people who were born at a later time would not know who this man was unless you told them his name. There is a man who has the honor, character and distinction of having hit 60 home runs during the regular baseball season. Was his name Sousa or Ruth or what? Why can't you understand that a name is important? Your name identifies just exactly who you are. There is One Who has the honor, authority and character of holiness, righteousness, faithfulness, steadfastness, Who also, as you pointed out, is merciful, gracious, longsuffering, abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity, transgression and sin. The name of this One is Yahweh. His name IS NOT God, nor is it "the Lord God."

Let me explain a few things to you concerning my own experience. Before I was ever called to accept any of the truth, I considered myself to be a Protestant Christian, although not too faithful concerning church attendance. One night I read Mat. 5:17-20. This confused me because the pastor of the church was always saying, the law is done away, the law is done away, the law is done away. I think that those words are the only ones that stuck in my mind concerning what that man said. But here was the Savior Who was saying that He didn't come to do away with the law. He said that heaven and earth would pass away before one jot or tittle would fail from the law. Not long after that, a couple of weeks, I think, I came in contact with the *Plain Truth Magazine* and they were confirming the words of the Messiah. I went for that magazine and that group hook, line, and sinker because they were in line with what the Savior said. I learned that the Sabbath

was holy so I told my boss that I could no longer work on Sundays because it was the Sabbath and I was turning to do God's will. He perfectly understood and told me that he would no longer require me to work on that day. The surprise came when I learned that the Sabbath was the seventh day of the week and not the first. With this information in hand, I told my boss that it was not any longer Sunday that I could not work, but Saturday. This, he didn't understand. I had to leave the job because of that. My relatives began to pressure me to give it up and come back to that "Old Time Religion." But I was adamant and my wife and I were estranged from my own family for years.

John, don't you keep the Sabbath? If so, why? Isn't it because it is holy? Isn't it because it is a memorial to creation. Isn't it because it was commanded? Well, Yahweh says that His name is a memorial and also that it is holy.

Not long after I had learned about the seventh day Sabbath, I learned about the annual festivals of which Passover is another memorial. I began to observe the Passover Memorial and all of the other appointed times of Yahweh because it was His will.

Now let me tell you how I felt about the name "Jesus" at that time. I felt that there was one and only one individual who ever deserved to bear that name. I had a special love and respect for it. I know that other races would name their sons Hesus, which is Spanish for Jesus, but I would never have named a son of mine by that name, not because of shame, but because no one else deserved to be named such. Had my wife borne a son to me, I would not have had any problem naming that son Joshua, but never Jesus. Then years down the road I found out that the Savior's name was not Jesus, it was Yahshua. The English equivalent is Joshua. Do you see how deceived I was? Since it doesn't bother you to call the Father and the Son by any old erroneous name, maybe you don't have that respect for it, but I certainly did and I still do have respect for their names.

Think about this, John, if I go to the bank to draw money out of your account, can I do it? If you told me to go draw out \$100.00 and sent me on my way to the bank without your signature on a piece of paper giving me the AUTHORITY to do so, how far would I get? Your name is your authority. Your name is your honor and character. You can make a good name that is pleasant for people to hear and repeat or you can make an evil name, which is a curse and hated thing (take John Wayne Gacey, for one, or Satan for another).

Back to my story; years later, after I had learned about the Sabbath memorial and then the Passover memorial, I was let to the memorial name (Ex. 3). Do you realize what happened with me? I learned it all backwards from the way that Israel learned it. The first memorial that Yahweh gave Israel was His name (Ex. 3). The second memorial that He gave them was the Passover (Ex. 12). The third memorial He gave them was the Sabbath (Ex. 16). My first memorial was the Sabbath, the second the Passover and the third the Name.

Now, I notice that you are sponsored by the Church of God. I know why you named your group "Church of God." You are aping Herbert W. Armstrong. I sat in the audience there and heard time after time why the group had to have the name God incorporated into it. He always pointed to Jn. 17:11 where Yahshua said, "Holy Father, keep through THINE OWN NAME those whom Thou has given Me, that they may be one, as We are."

Everyone who has spun off from that group and remained in the erroneous names has followed suit incorporating the name God somewhere in their group's name. This is proof beyond a shadow of a doubt that the name is important. But too many are evidently either too hard headed, or too proud, or too obstinate to admit that they can even be the least bit

wrong. And that may be the problem with so many of those groups and ministers who literally hate to hear the true names. They would have to admit that they were wrong about something.

You say that some in the Names will not even allow fellowship, think others are worshipping a heathen deity for not using the terms Yahshua, etc. Do you go to church on Sunday? Do you go to Easter sunrise services? Do you observe Dec. 25th? If not, why not? After all, those people worship God, the Lord and Jesus. They worship the same ones that you worship.

You say that the term Hebrew in Acts when Saul was struck down does not refer to the Hebrew language according to *Strong's*. How so? The word employed is Ebrais or Hebrais, which is defined as the Hebraistic (i.e. *Hebrew*) or Jewish (*Chaldee*) language. You also say that you do not speak Hebrew. Neither do I. But that is a very common argument from those resisting the use of the true Names. You don't have to learn Russian to say Mikhail Gorbachev or Boris Yeltsin. You don't have to learn Chinese to say Mao Tse Dong. You don't have to learn German to say Helmut Kohn, nor Arabic to say Saddam Hussein, Yasher Arafat, etc., etc. Names are transliterated, not translated.

You say that some say the name Jesus comes from Zeus and have even gone to language scholar to find out if this is true or not. The name Jesus is Grecianized. The Greeks loved to utilize the "sus" on the end of the names of many of their deities. Dionysus is a case in point. However, the name Jesus probably comes from the savior of the Druids who had a savior-deity named "Hesus." But the name of the Egyptian goddess Isis was also pronounced as "Hesus" in the Egyptian language. I am telling you that a great deal of deception has occurred down through the ages to steal the real glory and honor from Yahweh and Yahshua in order to apply it to the false deity and false messiah. You can believe it or not. While the scholars of this world are highly intelligent, you must remember this one thing, a scholar becomes a scholar by being indoctrinated by the word and its teachings. You must either learn to accept the world's knowledge, its way of thinking and its acceptable practices or you are not honored as a scholar. The world is at enmity against Yahweh. You need to give place to the Spirit. The things of the Spirit are foolishness to the world, but the things of the world are foolishness to Yahweh.

Concerning the name "Baal" and its meaning of "lord." Jeremiah was inspired to write, "How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? Yes, they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart; which think to cause My People to forget My name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbour, as their fathers have forgotten My name for Baal," vv. 26-27. Now look around you, John. You say that you know of no heathen deity who will tell people to keep the ten commandments and the laws of the Torah. Well, what has happened? Christianity took the true names out of the Scriptures and then taught that the law was done away. All in the name of "the Lord," "God," and "Jesus." People have not only forgotten Yahweh's name by taking His name out of the Scriptures and substituting the words "the Lord," "God," etc., but then, they (the prophets or preachers) teach everyone that the law is done away. While Jer. 23:26-27 may not be clear to you, it is certainly clear to me and those who have come out of Christianity, embracing the true names. Christianity and Judaism are two principle religions that have been vehicles to cause people to forget Yahweh's name.

Another thing that I would like to address is this, Why do you continue in Christianity when it was the religion that gave the power to the great and terrible beast spoken of by

Daniel the prophet and also the book of Revelation? It was the supposed conversion of the Caesars of Rome to Christianity which gave the power and name of "Holy Roman Empire." Christianity is the religion of the beast! It is not the true religion of the Creator!

I am also glad that you brought up Monte Judah. Monte Judah was going all about the country getting people stirred up and proclaiming that Passover of last year (1998) was to be the last (or was it the year before). He was so certain and sure that he stuck his neck on the line. He proclaimed that if these things didn't come about as he was warning, then he was a false prophet. He has judged himself as to what he is. Thus, if you felt a spirit there in his meeting place, then it is a false spirit and not the true spirit. Oh, I know that it is easy to forgive and forget. How many times did we have to forgive Herbert W. Armstrong for prophesying and then being wrong? Quite a few wasn't it?

You are commending him because he is changing from the 15th to the 14th Passover observance, declaring that he is teachable. For your information, I have changed from the early 14th to the 15th observance. Am I teachable? Are you teachable? Is there any kind of a possibility in the back of your mind that you could be in error? Or are you the only one who is able to understand and teach the truth?

Don't get me wrong. We all want a beautiful attitude and we want to be able to get along with people. We certainly don't like to be considered as anyone's enemy, but please know this, we will stand up for the truth! If that makes us enemies, then so be it! We also can learn from others, but the problem is that others, like yourself, do not seem to be able to learn from us. Why does it always have to be so one sided?

You say that all we have to do is love each other and I agree that we certainly should, but not to the point of compromising the truth. Look at Yahshua's warning to the assemblies in the book of Revelation again (chapters two and three). Therein is contained a history of the New Testament Assembly (or church if you please). Notice that it is a history of idolatry creeping into the assembly.

It just so happens that God was a Babylonian deity of fortune. God was also the name of the chief deity of the Teutons. Isn't it interesting that the Teutonic descendants would take the Scriptures, remove the true Name of the Creator from them and substitute the name of their chief deity?

We heard from a man from Africa a couple of years ago. He was telling us how the Scriptures were converted into his people's language. When they did the translating, they substituted the names of their own deities in the place of God, the Lord, Jesus, etc. How do you feel about that? Should the Greeks continue to call the Creator Zeus? Should the Latins continue to call the Creator Jupiter? Should the Persians call him Ormazd or Mithras, etc.? Is this acceptable to you?

Is it significant that the Babylonians worshipped a deity of fortune named God and we are living in the last days of Babylon's mystery religion as revealed in the book of Revelation? I think so.

One other thing that I want to address is this. I remember in the early 80's people in the true Names began to come to Worldwide's feast sites and distribute their literature. It happened on a pretty good scale at Big Sandy. Of course, the hierarchy of the church wasn't going to allow such a thing to happen. After all, they might lose control or have to admit that they were wrong on something. However, pressure must have been put to bear on HWA because I remember him appointing a commission of ministers and researchers to look into the name of the Creator. I also was there when he made an announcement

that the study was in and they had determined that the heavenly Father's name was Yahweh, but he preferred to use the Eternal. After that, we didn't even hear the words "the Lord" anymore. They always said "the Eternal."

You can withstand all you want to. You can pick and choose and find fault with the brethren in the true Names. But it is absolutely sad that men like you, men of stature and astounding knowledge cannot accept nor grasp the importance of the true Names. You say we need to give each other space. I didn't know that we were crowding you, but please give us space also. Yahshua is giving us all space right now. Space to repent. I hope you do.

One last thing. You say that the only reason that Yahweh spoke to Israel and wrote to them in the Hebrew tongue was that, of course, they were Hebrew and spoke the Hebrew language. Otherwise, there is nothing special nor holy about the Hebrew language. You also tout a fact in your own mind that the Scriptures are only preserved in the Greek language for the world. This is what the scholars, men of worldly understanding, teach. Paul wrote that the word and promises must go to the Jew FIRST. George M. Lamsa reveals that the Scriptures were written and preserved in the Aramaic, a sister language to Hebrew, before they were ever written in the Greek. But I can tell you that, on the authority of what I have searched out and had revealed to me, the Hebrew language is the language of revelation. The English and Greek languages have a tendency to cover up many important ideas, concepts and truths that are much more readily revealed in the Hebrew if Yahweh's Spirit is working in a person for such. From the study of the Hebrew, I can reveal to you much more clearly who the beast is and where his habitation is. I can reveal to you how things have come to corruption down through the ages. I can especially reveal to you the true Messiah and the precious treasures concerning Him. These things were unknown in WWCG, or at least, if they were known, they certainly weren't taught. There are so many, many, many treasures hidden in the Hebrew that only come to light through the study of the Scriptures in that language. So you can pooh, pooh the Hebrew as much as you so desire, but I will stand on the authority of it as the language of revelation. If you are truly hungering and thirsting for the word of truth, then you might humble yourself and ask someone unknown and unimportant as myself, yes, a babe in the Messiah, what I am speaking of. Remember, Yahshua said, "I thank Thee, O Father, Sovereign of heaven and earth, because Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes. Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in Thy sight," Mat. 11:25-26. (See also Mat. 21:16)

May Yahweh bless you to see these things, not only for your own good, but for the good of those who receive teachings from your hand.

Shalom in Yahshua,
Jerry Healan

NOTE: Brother John Trescott has since expired and is now awaiting the return of Yahshua and the resurrection that will take place upon that return. It is our understanding that for some time before he died, John had converted to utilizing the Sacred Names exclusively. HalleluYah!!!