

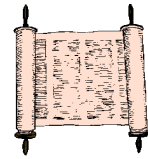


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### FROM THE EDITOR:

What is contained in the pages of this magazine is a combination of Articles that we at Y.E.A. have put together wherein we have answered various other groups and organizations who have published refutations concerning the use of the names of our Creator and Savior.

There is a proverb or statement that says, Things are not always as they appear. Another saying is, A deceived person doesn't know that he is deceived.

As you peruse the articles that you will find in the pages of this magazine, we truly do hope and pray that the truth will be revealed to you. We also hope that you will love the truth enough to embrace it and make the necessary changes in your life to call upon the true name of salvation through the only name given under heaven among men whereby we must be saved (Acts 4:12), and prepare yourself for the soon coming Savior, His glorious Kingdom, and eternal life!

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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 aston-

ished 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!

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“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 uti-

lizing 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

## ANSWERING LETTERS OF

# DISSENT AGAINST THE NAMES

*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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 Hebrew 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 Scrip-

tures 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” and the Sabbath “holy (qodesh)” observing them as such, but you exclude 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 100% wrong. Your argument is ridiculous. You are excusing yourself for being 100% wrong because you resist being 99.99% right. It’s like straining out 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 as 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 (BABEL) 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 say you Helmut Kohl, why do you do so since that is German? How about the present day leader of Israel, Benyamin Natanyahu (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, Mattiyahu, 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 Father 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

**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 re-

sults. 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 14<sup>th</sup> or the 15<sup>th</sup>. 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

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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.

As for Iesous being equivalent to Jesus, we will take issue with this statement, because Iesous was the term that the Scribes came up with in order to transliterate the Hebrew name Yahshua/Joshua, not Jesus. Look it up for yourself, it's the fifth book of Scripture. As all languages, the Greek has corrupted from that time. They were attempting to transliterate Yahshua. The Greek would have originally been Yahsuwas.

Remember again, Yahweh always goes to the Jew first, so the Scriptures would have first been written in Hebrew and then translated into the Greek, Aramaic, etc.

**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.

names of God if even in Hebrew (if that just has to be your thing for some weird reason), but how about varying 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 turn 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 our relationship, 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 her name 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 Bible that God ever sanctified is the 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> day is. Any first grader can look up at the calendar and see

what day the 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>TH</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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*. #21 43 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.

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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

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 "Yahweh" 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 Yahweh 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. Let me define "personal" for you, Billy. 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 me-

morialized, 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

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 eighth*" (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 Maximus* 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

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 from 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, does NOT refer to 1167 except once or twice when it was plural. Pretty strong witness that the terms Lord, and lord do NOT refer to or 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 uses 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 14<sup>th</sup> rather than on the 15<sup>th</sup>. 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

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 Uriaah 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 led 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

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 in-

stances 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/Yehow-shua, 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**

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 (Σ, σ) 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." (XξΣ) The X = 600, ξ = 60 and Σ = 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

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	Lambda	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	Τ τ	Υ υ	Φ φ	Χ χ	Ψ ψ	Ω ω
100	200	300	400	500	600	700	800

(ι), 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).

ι = 10, ש = 300, ו = 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



ment” 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. 25<sup>th</sup>, 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 eve-

rything 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 Iesus 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

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, and 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. 25<sup>th</sup>? 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 Kohl, 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 world 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 reli-

gion 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 said that “The Lord told him this.” 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. After all, is his “Lord” told him these things, and they didn’t come to pass, then who is his “Lord?” 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 15<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> Passover observance, declaring that he is teachable. For your information, I have changed from the early 14<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> 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 where the King James has 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 completed 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 hungry 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!!!

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 domi-

nate....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 rai-

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 25<sup>th</sup> is the birthday of the false savior, but not the true Savior. In whose name is December 25<sup>th</sup> 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 sacrifice 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 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*, 14<sup>th</sup> Edition reveals some interesting things about Zeus. It seems that there was a thunder-stone near Gythium in Laconia which was called ζεὺς κἀπποτας (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 town clerk 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 *diopetes*, 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

## AN ANSWER TO: USING GOD’S SACRED NAME

*Time and time again, ministers of other groups write and publish articles wherein they justify the non-use of the Sacred Names. I was recently sent a copy of an article, which appeared in the May/June 2001 issue of Royal Vision Magazine. This magazine is an arm of the Philadelphia Church of God. The arguments utilized against the use of the Sacred Names are standard operating procedure for these types of groups. They must and should be answered.*

*By Jerry Healan*

The article in question is written by Mark Jenkins who writes, “Throughout history, great significance has been attached to the name of God, and rightly so.”

COMMENT: This statement, of course, is quite correct. A thorough study into what the scholars and even Jewish Rabbis declare about the Sacred Name has been done by this assembly and the resulting article was written entitled “*The Scholars and Rabbis Speak Out on the Importance of Yahweh’s Name*.” If you haven’t received this article, then you are welcome to write and/or call us to request your free copy of it.

After composing the above mentioned article, we did another thorough Biblical research and composed another article which is entitled, “*Yahweh Speaks Out Concerning the Importance of His Name*,” which also is available “free” for the asking.

The article continues, “There is only one name by which we can be saved (Acts 4:12).”

COMMENT: Again, a very true statement.

He writes, “In the New Testament, the word name conveys authority. According to *Strong’s Concordance*, the Greek word for name, *onoma*, shows *authority* and *character*. When we pray “in Jesus’ name,” we are actually praying by His authority. In Hebrews 1:4, the Apostle Paul writes, ‘Being made so much better than the angels, as he [Christ] hath by inheritance obtained A MORE EXCELLENT NAME than they.’ On page 8 of *the International Critical Commentary*, James Moffatt writes that the word name ‘carries the general sense of ‘rank’ or ‘dignity.’ Jesus Christ has a more excellent name because He is greater in rank and authority.

COMMENT: The Greek word for name is “*onoma*.” *Onoma* is defined

as “a *name*” (literally or figuratively) (*authority, character*) [*Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance* #3686]. In other words, we could ask the question, Whose name is associated with the authority and character of baseball’s first “home run king?” Who possessed that AUTHORITY and CHARACTER for many, many years? Was it Roger Maris? While we know that Roger Maris did hold the title as the “home run king” for a few years, the original holder of that title was none other than Babe Ruth. To bestow the name (character/authority) of Roger Maris for baseball’s first and most beloved “home run king” would be deceit, and error would it not?

Whose name (character/authority) is presently associated with the office of the President of the United States? Is it Bill Clinton? There are many people who would love to have it so, but for anyone to declare that Bill Clinton presently holds the office of the President of the United States would be declaring an “untruth” (lie, deceit).

Whose name (character/authority) is associated with your banking account? Mine is Jerry Healan. If someone signed a check on my account as Harry Jelon, should that check go through? It may, only because of an error, but all I would have to do is point out that error and it would have to be corrected and the amount restored to my account. Notice that Harry Jelon isn’t too far off from my name, but it still isn’t my name.

Do you not begin to understand that it is important for the AUTHORITY and CHARACTER to be associated with the PROPER NAME that goes with it?

Now we ask the question, Do we understand what the Savior meant when He said, “...many shall come in My name (authority and character), saying, ‘I am the Messiah;’ and shall deceive many (Mt. 24:5)? Is it possible that deceit could be promulgated

through a name that really isn’t the true name? Isn’t there one in this world called the devil and Satan who continually seeks to steal the honor and glory associated with and belonging to the Creator Yahweh and His Messiah to himself? Doesn’t he do this through deceit? In order to come to realize how he accomplishes this, you could request our “free” article entitled, “*The Devices of Satan*.”

The next question concerning this Scripture would be, How do you deceive someone? Well... isn’t deceit the opposite of truth? Doesn’t name mean authority and character? Thus if people and organizations are giving authority and character to a name that isn’t the true name, then hasn’t this Scripture been fulfilled?

The name of the Savior in the Hebrew is יהושע. It is shown in all Hebrew lexicons to be pronounced as Yehowshua in the Hebrew, but the English transliteration is Joshua. Now, we do understand that the original English didn’t have a “J” so when we exchange the “J” with a “Y”, we get the transliterated English word Yohshua or Yahshua.

Now we have to ask another question, Which name would be the MORE EXCELLENT NAME? The name that is closer to the true name or a name that has been corrupted to the point that there is very little comparison?

### PASS IT AROUND

Do you remember the games we played when we were children? (I suppose that children still play some of these games even today.) One of those games was called “Pass it around” or “Pass it down.” We would form a circle and one child would whisper a word or phrase in the ear of one of the child next to him. This word or phrase would be passed all the way around the circle until it came back to the one who originated it. By the time it got back to the point of

origin it would be corrupted beyond belief.

So where do we get the name Jesus? Supposedly, it is transliterated from the Hebrew to the Greek to the English. But according to the Scriptures which are presented in the Greek language the name is “Ἰησοῦ” (Iesou) or “Ἰησοῦδ” (Iesous). The Latin Vulgate presents the name as “Iesus.” Hmmm...if we just substitute a “J” for the Latin “I” we get the name “Jesus.” So the truth of the matter would be that the name was transliterated from the Hebrew to the Greek to the Latin to the English.

So, let’s compare the name that has been transliterated through the chain of languages with the name that is transliterated directly from the Hebrew (Note: we will utilize the modern day transliterated form for this experiment) Jesus : Joshua. Hasn’t corruption taken place?

Now please allow me to explain something about my past. When I was in nominal Christianity, the name Jesus was so special and so powerful to me. It was so special to the point that if my wife and I had ever had a son or sons, I would never have thought of naming my son by the name Jesus (even though there may be other societies that do so). That name belonged to one person and one person only. It belonged to the Savior. It was His personal name. However I would have had no problem naming a son Joshua. This seems to be a proclivity of the peoples of the English language. I have never met a person of an English, Scot, or Irish background named Jesus, but the name Joshua is a very popular English name. Joshua is a much closer transliteration of the Savior’s name than is Jesus! Evidently, I was not alone concerning the importance I placed on that name (at least in the English speaking world).

But the simple fact of the matter is that the name of the Savior has been corrupted or changed from its original pronunciation. Another simple fact is that men delight more in corruption and darkness rather than purity and light (Jn. 3:19-21). Again, we ask the question, Which name would be the MORE EXCELLENT NAME? ? The name that is closer to the true name or a name that has been corrupted to the point that there is very little compari-

son?

**Mark writes:** God the Father’s names also have great meaning that He wants each of us to understand. In fact, God wants man to take such special care with His name, that He protected it with one of His ten commandments (Exod. 20:7).”

**COMMENT:** We also agree with this statement. The name of the Heavenly Father is extremely important as well as the other appellatives which refer to Him. So, why write an article which seeks to downplay this importance?

#### THE PATRIARCHS

**Mark writes,** “In Exodus 6:2, God revealed His name to Moses. ‘And God spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I am the Lord.’ The Hebrew word for Lord in this case is YHWH. It actually means: ‘The One who was, and is, and is to be.’ It is this name that the followers of the ‘sacred names’ doctrine say opens the door to salvation. However, in verse 3 God states, ‘And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, but by my name Jehovah was I not known to them.’ Therefore, if the proper use of the name YHWH is required for salvation, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob – along with everyone else born in the first 2,500 years of human history – are all condemned!”

**COMMENT:** These people proclaim that they have a tremendous knowledge and understanding of the Scriptures. They proclaim to be great scholars and students of the Bible. Yes, whether Mark Jenkins, the author of this article in question has been to Ambassador College or not, we do know that many of the ministers of this organization including the head of it have been. Ambassador College’s motto was “The Word of God is the foundation of all knowledge.”

How is it, then, that such a frivolous statement can be made that the Patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob didn’t know the Sacred Name? I suppose that it’s because the ministers and people involved with doing the so-called work (in WWCG) were not to be questioned even when they did make mistakes. To question, was to be

placed either on parole (suspended) or disfellowshipped from the church. To be disfellowshipped from the church meant that one was cut off from the Creator and would lose his salvation. Therefore, most feared to question, and those who did weren’t allowed to continue with that group.

Well, praise Yahweh, we no longer have to fear being disfellowshipped from that group since that church isn’t even a shell of its former self when it was under the control of Herbert W. Armstrong. No, even the people of this group, the Philadelphia Church of God, are no longer a part of that particular body. And, frankly, the teaching that one had to be a member of the WWCG in order to receive salvation was a false erroneous teaching.

But a simple little study back into the book of Genesis reveals that Abraham, Isaac and Jacob did know the name Yahweh. “And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Sichem unto the plain of Moreh. (And the Canaanite was then in the land.) And Yahweh (YHWH) appeared unto Abram, and said, ‘Unto thy seed will I give this land:’ and there builded he an altar unto Yahweh (YHWH), Who appeared unto him. And he removed from thence unto a mountain on the east of Beth-el, and pitched his tent, having Beth-el on the west, and Hai on the east: and there he builded an altar unto Yahweh (YHWH), and CALLED UPON THE NAME YAHWEH (YHWH)!” Gen. 12:6-8. (Notice that the Scriptures don’t say El Shaddai [God Almighty as Mark renders it], they say that he called on the name Yahweh.)

“And he went on his journeys from the south even to Beth-el, unto the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Beth-el and Hai; unto the place of the altar, which he had made there at the first: and there Abram CALLED ON THE NAME YAHWEH (YHWH),” Gen. 13:3-4. (Notice that the Scriptures don’t say El Shaddai [God Almighty as Mark renders it], they say that He called on the name Yahweh.)

“Then Abram removed his tent, and came and dwelt in the plain of Mamre, which is in Hebron and built there an altar unto Yahweh (YHWH),” Gen. 13:18. (Notice that the Scriptures don’t say El Shaddai

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 ψ (“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 ωσηε? 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, because all one has to do is add the Iota to this name and oula (walla as the French say), you get Ιωσηε, which would be pronounced Yehosayeh. Hmmm.....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 *Yeshua*, which is *Iesus*, 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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)?

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 μαγικός, 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 βαρῆισουός, Bar-Jesus. But how is Elymas, ελυμαός, the interpretation of the word μαγικός, 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] μογη 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, ελυμαός, Elymas, the interpretation of [Persic] mogh, Greek μαγικός, 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. Johann 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 num-

ber 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

[God Almighty as Mark renders it], they say that He called on the name Yahweh.)

"After these things the word of Yahweh came unto Abram in a vision, saying, 'Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.' And Abram said, 'Sovereign Yahweh (Adonai YHWH), what wilt Thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus?' Gen. 15:1-2. (Notice that the Scriptures don't say El Shaddai [God Almighty as Mark renders it], they say Adonai Yahweh.)

"And He said unto him, 'I am Yahweh (notice that He didn't use the title El Shaddai, but rather YHWH) That brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it. And He said 'Sovereign Yahweh (notice that He didn't use the title El Shaddai, but rather YHWH), whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it?' Gen. 15:7-8.

Yahweh is addressed as Yahweh (YHWH) in Gen. 16:2, 5; 18:3, 14, 27, 30, 32; 21:33; 24:3, 7, 12, 27, 35, 40, 42, 48, 50, 51, 52, 56; 25:21, 22, 23; 26:25; 27:20, etc., etc.

I have presented adequate proof that the patriarchs all knew the Creator by His name Yahweh (YHWH). Therefore, the Scripture referred to (Ex. 6:2-3) should be presented as a question rather than a statement. It should read, "And Elohim spake unto Moses, and said unto him, 'I am Yahweh; and I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, in El Shaddai, but by My name Yahweh (YHWH) was I not known to them?'"

There was no such thing as a question mark in the Hebrew language. Therefore, in all places in the English version of the Hebrew Scriptures where a question mark appears, it has to be done so through a careful study of the statement made. In this case, it is obvious, with a little research into the book of Genesis, that the Patriarchs Abraham, Isaac, Jacob as well as many, many others knew the name Yahweh and either addressed Him by it or spoke to others about it.

**EL SHADDAI (ALMIGHTY GOD)**

In Gen. 17:1-8 we read, "And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, Yahweh (YHWH) appeared to

Abram, and said unto him, 'I am El Shaddai; walk before Me, and be thou perfect. And I will make My covenant between Me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.' And Abram fell on his face: and Elohim talked with him, saying, 'As for Me, behold, My covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations. Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee. And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee. And I will establish My covenant between Me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a Elohim unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their Elohim."

Isn't it interesting that this is the first place where the title "El Shaddai" (translated as Almighty God in the English versions) appears in Scripture? As a matter of fact, this very title only occurs six times in the whole of the book of Genesis! Why did Yahweh utilize this title in reference to Himself?

A little more research could quite possibly give us the answer. The term "El Shaddai" in the Hebrew language is, אֱלֹהִים אֵל (El) is #430 in *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance* and is defined as; "strength; as adjective, mighty; especially the Almighty (but used also of any deity)."

שַׁדַּי (Shaddai) is #7706 which is defined as; "from 7703; the Almighty." Notice that it is from another Hebrew word which is #7703 in *Strong's Concordance*. #7703 is the Hebrew word שָׁדָד shadad, which is defined as, "a primitive root; properly, to be burly, i.e. (figuratively) powerful (passively, impregnable); by implication, to ravage."

Interestingly, the very next word #7704 is the Hebrew word שָׂדֵה sadeh, which is defined as, "or saday {saw-dah'-ee}; from an unused root meaning to spread out; a field (as flat)." Notice the meaning "to spread out."

Now, let's look at another Hebrew word, which is very close to these. It is #7707 שֹׁדֵד שַׁדַּיִר Shaday'uwir, which is defined as "from the same as 7704 and 217; spreader of light."

Shaday'uwir means "spreader of light." Sadeh means "to spread out, a field (as flat).

What did Yahweh promise Abram here in this covenant? Wasn't it to change the name Abram to Abraham? Wasn't it to cause his seed to be fruitful? Wasn't it to cause him to be a father of many nations? In other words, Yahweh, the possessor of heaven and earth, was going to cause the seed of Abraham to spread out into other nations around the world. His seed was to inherit the land of Canaan, but according to the New Covenant, he and his seed are to inherit the whole earth and power over it! Yahweh's ultimate goal is to make the seed of Abraham to be the ones who inherit rulership in the Kingdom of heaven. That's why He utilized that title when He appeared to Abram and made His promises to him and His covenant with him.

In other words, the title El Shaddai is the title that gives Yahweh power over all the earth. Yahweh then promises to bestow upon those who believe in His name (Yahweh) power to govern the whole earth. Isn't that the message of the kingdom of heaven? Those who come to the Father through His Son Yahshua will be made kings and priests over the earth.

#### PRONUNCIATION LOST

**Mark writes,** "In addition, the true pronunciation of YHWH has been LOST. The Bible prophesied that this would happen: 'I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed. 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' (Jer. 23:25-27). History shows that the Jews came to believe that it was blasphemous to use the divine name YHWH."

**COMMENT:** It is true that Yahweh's people have forgotten His name

for Baal. Baal was known as “the LORD.” Not only is this prophecy continuing to be fulfilled for the great overall preponderance of the people, but Mark and his group, the Philadelphia Church of God, and the others like them, go out of their way to fulfill this prophecy by writing articles like his which justify not turning to the true name of the Creator, which is the name of Salvation.

His argument that the pronunciation has been lost is the exact same excuse that Sunday observing Christians utilize for not embracing the seventh day Sabbath. When they get pinned down on the truth concerning the Sabbath being Yahweh’s commanded day of rest, their response is, Well time has been lost. Isn’t it amazing that Mark and his group have no problem identifying which day is the Sabbath since they declare that time hasn’t been lost, but utilize the same lame-duck excuse to justify not embracing Yahweh’s name.

Herbert W. Armstrong and the Worldwide Church of God proudly proclaimed that they had restored knowledge about the true Sabbath day, but failed to restore the knowledge concerning the true names. (Actually, the knowledge of the true Name was restored in the 1980’s, but HWA & WWCG refused to proclaim it. Keep reading and you will find out what happened.)

It is also interesting that Mark can quote from Jer. 23:25-27 concerning the false prophets causing His people to forget His name, but then makes the statement, History shows that the Jews came to believe that it was blasphemous to use the divine name YHWH.

Jeremiah reveals the reason why the Jewish people will not speak the Sacred Name today, “Therefore hear ye the word of Yahweh, all Judah that dwell in the land of Egypt; Behold, I have sworn by My great name, saith Yahweh, that My name shall no more be named in the mouth of any man of Judah in all the land of Egypt, saying, ‘the Sovereign Yahweh liveth’,” Jer. 44:26. You see, the Jewish people have been led to trust more in the Talmud and Kabbalah than in the Word of Yahweh. The Talmud is a Babylonian work and the Kabbalah is Egyptian. This has caused them to

“spiritually” go into Egypt. The result is that Yahweh has taken His name out of their mouths. Too bad Mark doesn’t understand this. (The Jews also.)

**Mark writes**, “According to *Theology of the Old Testament*, the pronunciation of *Yahweh* that is used today is of Samaritan origin. The true pronunciation was lost because no Jew dared to speak it for fear of punishment of death.”

**COMMENT:** No matter what the *Theology of the Old Testament* proclaims, the *Encyclopedia Judaica* says that the pronunciation hasn’t been lost and that the pronunciation is Yahweh. Many, many scholars and scholastic works also uphold this pronunciation.

That being said, I personally sat in the parent church, the Worldwide Church of God for eighteen and one half years (from 1970 – 1988) having been taught many times by the man that the Philadelphia Church of God idolizes, Herbert W. Armstrong, and was there when he commissioned a study panel to explore into what the Heavenly Father’s name was. I wonder why they conveniently forget this event that took place during the early 1980’s? I remember that I was anticipating the results of the study panel, but it took somewhere around one year to one and half years for the study to be completed. I was sitting in services in Big Sandy, Texas when Herbert W. Armstrong declared, “The study has been completed and we have determined that the name of the Heavenly Father is Yahweh, but I prefer to call Him the Eternal.”

Isn’t it interesting that the one thing that this church, the Philadelphia Church of God, has forgotten concerning what Herbert W. Armstrong had studied into and declared is that the name of the Heavenly Father is Yahweh? How convenient!

**Mark writes**, “Some have stated that God’s name should only be pronounced in the Hebrew language. These groups cannot agree, however, on the correct pronunciation of either God or Christ’s Hebrew name. Some say that God the Father should be called Yahweh. Others say His name is Yahvah or Yah. Christ is called Yahshua, along with numerous other variations.”

**COMMENT:** Mark, Mark, Mark....Names are transliterated from one language to the next. I find that I must make this point again and again and again with people like you. Have you not heard of Benjamin Netanyahu? Do you call him Benjamin or Benjamin? Instead of Netanyahu, do you utilize “Gift of Yahweh?” Whether you do or not, the fact of the matter is that the media always chooses to utilize the name Benjamin publicly when referring to him and not Benjamin. This is called “transliteration,” Mark. However, the English name Benjamin is a far sight closer to the Hebrew transliteration of Benjamin than “the LORD” or “God” or “the Eternal” is to the name Yahweh and Joshua is a far sight closer to the Savior’s name than Jesus is.

How about Francois Mitterand (now deceased)? Did you call him Frank or did you extend him the courtesy of transliterating his name from the French to the English? If you extended this honor to these men (and many, many others), why do you continue to refuse to extend the same honor to your Creator?

Again, we must direct Mark to Herbert W. Armstrong’s own words, who proclaimed that the name of the Heavenly Father was Yahweh. Herbert W. Armstrong always proclaimed that when the truth comes, we must embrace it, yet, for some reason, he failed to embrace this truth. However, it is truth that must be our ultimate goal and influence, not man’s own contrived devices.

#### THE SAVIOR’S EXAMPLE

Mark writes, “Today, some still feel that they MUST pronounce God’s name because it is holy. But the fact is Christ Himself never used the name YHWH. If He had, the Jews would have used *that* as their reason to sentence Him to death, rather than make false accusations (Mark 14:55-59).

In fact, the pronunciation of the word is of little consequence to us. Jesus Christ set the proper example for us by using the word Father when referring to God. He instructed His disciples, ‘When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven’ (Luke 11:2).”

**COMMENT:** Has Mark never read the many Scriptures that Yahshua

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 than 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 *Yeshua* 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 יָשׁוּעַ (YOD SHIN VAV AYIN), but Zechariah utilizes the Hebrew form equivalent to Yahshua/Yehow-shua (יְהוֹשֻׁעַ)? Another interesting case in point is that everyone proclaims that the Aramaic characters יְשׁוּעַ (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, Mishaël 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 Belteshatstsar, 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.”

Mishaël 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

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 Wolkswagen. 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 Inter-*

*linear 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. 25<sup>th</sup>) 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 Tetragramma-

ton? 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 hakedosh,” “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

quoted from the Old Testament? For example, “Then saith Yahshua unto him, ‘Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, ‘Thou shalt worship Yahweh thy Elohim, and Him only shalt thou serve’,” Mt. 4:10.

We would have to ask Mark whether he believes that Yahshua came in the power of the Spirit or not and does He believe that Yahshua would misquote Scripture or delete something out of Scripture simply in order to save His life?

Didn’t He come to fulfill the Scriptures? Don’t the Scriptures warn, “Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of Yahweh your Elohim which I command you,” Dt. 4:2. “What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it,” Dt. 12:32. “Every word of Eloah is pure: He is a shield unto them that put their trust in Him. Add thou not unto His words, lest He reprove thee, and thou be found a liar,” Prov. 30:5-6.

Aren’t these Scriptures enough proof so that we can know that when Yahshua quoted Scriptures, He quoted them as they were written? He neither added anything to them nor diminished anything from them.

There are ample examples of Yahshua, His disciples, John the Baptist and others, who quoted from the Old Testament Scriptures and we can be guaranteed that when the name Yahweh was included in those Scriptures, the name Yahweh was pronounced. Yahshua’s example was to be honest and forthright. He didn’t sidestep any issues. He said what had to be said and, after all, He is the truth; He certainly wouldn’t have been dishonest concerning the Scripture, nor their quotes, nor their application in His life.

Besides, doesn’t Yahshua say that He declared the Father’s name to His disciples? (Jn. 17:6)

Since you say that the name isn’t important, Mark, how do you interpret Jn. 14:13, “And whatsoever ye shall **ask in My name**, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son?” How do you interpret Jn. 15:16, “Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that you should go and bring forth fruit,

and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall **ask of the Father in My name**, He may give it you?” How do you interpret Jn. 16:23-24, “And in that day ye shall ask Me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, **Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in My name**, He will give it you. **Hitherto have ye asked nothing in My name: ask, and ye shall receive**, that your joy may be full?” How do you interpret Eph. 5:20, “Giving thanks always for all things unto Elohim and the **Father in the name of our Sovereign Yahshua the Messiah?**”

When you pray to the Father or ask anything of Him or give thanks to Him do you just say “...in the name of your son?” Or do you say, “...by the authority of your son?” Or do you say, “...by the character of your son?” While I am not a betting man, I would bet you \$5.00 to a doughnut that you always, always, always say, “...in Jesus’ name. So are you making a name important? Absolutely!

Since I am on this subject, as I have said, I sat in the Worldwide Church of God for a little over 18 years having been taught personally at times by Herbert W. Armstrong himself. When teaching from John chapter 17, he would refer time and time again to verse 11. He would read the verse, “And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to Thee. Holy Father, KEEP THROUGH THINE OWN NAME those whom Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, as we are.” Then he would make the point as to why the church was named the “CHURCH OF GOD.” He declared time and time again that the church had to have God’s name inculcated into it. He explained that this was the reason that the church wasn’t named the “Church of Christ,” etc. because it had to be kept in the name of God!

Isn’t it interesting that every group that has ever come out of the Worldwide Church of God has always had the word (whether common or proper noun) God incorporated into it? Why is that Mark? Why is it that all of you hundreds and hundreds of groups that have come out of WWCG continue to incorporate the name “God” into your group?

Since you may not be honest in

your answer, as you haven’t been honest in this article, I will answer this question for you. It’s because you are making two words, two names to be extremely important and that is the name Jesus and the name God. But when challenged to turn to the TRUE NAMES, or at least the names that are much, much closer to the true names, you resist proclaiming that names aren’t important. This is hypocrisy, Mark and all of you Churches of God! By your own actions, you prove that the names are very important, but you resist the truth. How long will you remain to be stiff-necked? When will you cease promoting false names and appropriating the honor and glory of the Creator to false names?

## NEW TESTAMENT INSPIRED IN GREEK

Mark writes, “It is also important to note that the New Testament was inspired by the Holy Spirit in Greek, not in Hebrew. This included the names of God and Christ. If God had wanted His name to be pronounced in Hebrew, He would surely have inspired His servants to write His name in Hebrew. God wants us to use the names for Him and His Son that we understand.”

**COMMENT:** Let’s see, Yahshua was born a Hebrew to Hebrew parents. His disciples that He chose to follow Him were Hebrews and He went primarily to the Hebrews with the message of salvation. According to Josephus and other Jewish authors, the people of the land at that time, didn’t take too kindly to any other languages than their own. Josephus even admits that he simply wasn’t fluent in the Greek tongue.

Now Paul said that the Jew came first and then the Gentile or Greek (Ro. 2:9-10). In accordance with this understanding, wouldn’t the New Testament Scriptures be written to the Jew, the Hebrew first and later to the Greek or Gentile? We do have strong evidence that such was the case and we have published one article concerning this in our Jul.-Aug. 2003 issue of the YEA Newsletter.

You may also see our article entitled, “*An Answer to Ten Reasons for Rejecting the Yahweh Doctrine*” wherein we present evidence from the FOREWARD of *The Kingdom*

*Interlinear Translation of the Greek Scriptures*, which presents a literal word-for-word translation into English under the Greek text as set out in “The New Testament in the original Greek—The text revised by Brooke Foss Westcott D.D. and Fenton John Anthony Hort D.D.” (1948 Reprint) together with the New World Translation of the Christian Greek Scriptures, Revised Edition, —1969 C.E. This work does reveal that the true name of the Heavenly Father did appear in the earliest Greek texts, but was later expunged because of ignorance.

By the way, the Talmud does accuse the Savior of using the Sacred Name in order to perform His miracles.

Have you never read the *Book of Maccabees*? Don’t you understand that there was antagonism between the Greeks and Hebrews? Didn’t the Greek kings try to stamp out the Hebrew ways? Haven’t you read about what Antiochus Epiphanes did? Didn’t he try to force the people to turn away from the worship of Yahweh to his deity Zeus? Haven’t you read the history of that area? Haven’t you read that Constantine the Great followed the example of Antiochus Epiphanes by declaring anything Hebrew to be destroyed? He is the one who presented 50 copies of the Scriptures in the Greek language to the churches in Byzantium/Constantinople. Constantine was a Roman Emperor and thus, the head of the fourth kingdom of Daniel chapter 2 and the fourth beast of Daniel chapter seven. Doesn’t this tell you something, Mark?

Did you not know that when Constantine transferred the center of power of the Roman Empire from Old Rome to New Rome (Constantinople), that he did so because it was Greek in language, culture and influence and supposedly pure, not being tainted with the Old Latin influence? You can find these facts in the *Encyclopedia Britannica* Eleventh or Fourteenth Editions.

How do you explain Zech. 9:12-13, “Turn you to the strong hold, ye prisoners of hope: even to day do I

declare that I will render double unto thee; when I have bent Judah for Me, filled the bow with Ephraim, **and raised up thy sons, O Zion, against thy sons, O Greece**, and made thee as the sword of a mighty man.” Don’t the Scriptures reveal that Zion is Yahweh’s habitation? “Sing praises to Yahweh, Which dwelleth in Zion: declare among the people His doings,” Ps. 9:11. “In Judah is Elohim known: His name is great in Israel. In Salem also is His tabernacle, and His dwelling place in Zion,” Ps. 76:1-2.

Jeremiah is inspired to write, “The word that Yahweh spake to Jeremiah the prophet, how Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon should come and smite the land of Egypt. ‘Declare ye in Egypt, and publish in Migdol, and publish in Noph and in Tapanhes: say ye, ‘Stand fast, and prepare thee; for the sword shall devour round about thee.’ Why are thy valiant men swept away? They stood not, because Yahweh did drive them. He made many to fall, yea, one fell upon another: and they said, ‘Arise, and let us go to our own people, and to the land of our nativity,’ from the **oppressing sword**.’” (46:13-16)

The word “oppressing” is translated from the word “yanah” in the Hebrew Scriptures. But the *LXX* (*Septuagint*) which you love and trust the most, renders this word as “Grecian!” The Hebrew word “yanah” is defined as, a primitive root; to rage or be violent: by implication, to suppress, to maltreat in *Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance*. Evidently the translators of the *Septuagint* (*LXX*) understood this sword to be a violent, raging, suppressing GRECIAN sword.

Now let’s look at a couple of other Scriptures which might give us a clue as to which is more important, the Hebrew or the Greek. The Psalmist declares, “I waited patiently for Yahweh; and He inclined unto me, and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the **miry** clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings,” Ps. 40:1-2.

Again the Psalmist declares, “Save me, O Elohim; for the waters are come in unto my soul. I sink in deep **mire**, where there is no standing: I am come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me,” Ps. 69:1-2.

The words “miry” and “mire” are

translated from the Hebrew word “yaven” (יָבֵן). “Yaven” is #3121 in *Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance* and is defined as, from the same as 3196; properly, dregs (as effervescing); hence, mud.

Now the preceding word from *Strong’s Concordance* is #3120. It is the Hebrew word “Yavan” (יָוָן) and is defined as, probably from the same as 3196; effervescing (i.e. hot and active); Javan, the name of a son of Joktan, and of the race (Ionians, i.e. **Greeks**) descended from him, with their territory; also of a place in Arabia.

Both of these words come from #3196, “yayin” which is defined as, from an unused root meaning to effervesce; **wine** (as fermented); by implication, **intoxication**. These words are closely related to each other, Mark. They both come from the same root. One, “Yavan”, is simply a proper noun while “yaven” is a common noun.

#### A LESSON IN HISTORY

The Roman Empire, as you know, is the fourth kingdom of Daniel chapter 2 and the fourth beast of Daniel chapter 7. It is first depicted in Daniel chapter 2 as a kingdom of iron, but feet are part of iron and part of clay. The iron would represent the peoples who originated the Roman Empire, but the clay represents Israel as the prophet declared, “But now, O Yahweh, Thou art our Father; **we are the clay**, and Thou our Potter; and we all are the work of Thy hand. Be not wroth very sore, O Yahweh, neither remember iniquity for ever: behold, see, we beseech Thee, we are all Thy People. Thy holy cities are a wilderness, Zion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation,” Isa. 64:8-10.

Historically, the Romans founded the city of Rome which eventually became the Roman Empire. Later Israel, the clay, was inculcated into the empire. This began under the hand of the famous Roman General and dictator Julius Caesar who warred against the Celts, Gauls and Goths, defeated most of them and brought them into the empire. Historically, some of the Celts and Goths defeated the Romans and sacked the city of Rome in the latter stages of the empire, but they, themselves generally remained in its environs and became a part of the em-

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 אדני [Adonai] are



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

pire.

Then Daniel shows that the toes became part of iron and part “miry” clay (chapter 2, verse 41). Of course, the Romans had inculcated Greece into the empire also, but Constantine is the one who moved the center of the empire from Old Rome to New Rome (Constantinople) declaring the eastern part to be Greek. So now we have the western half Latin (iron) and the eastern half Greek (miry clay).

Now I know that the word for “miry” in Dan. 2 is “tiyn” not “yaven”. But the word utilized is Aramaic, not Hebrew. Even though they are sister languages and many words are the same, other words for the same thing are different. We can demonstrate this even in the English language. We speak English and so do the people of England. But we use the word “truck” for a truck. They use the word “lorry” for the same vehicle. We call the piece of metal that raises over the motor a “hood,” but I believe that the English call it a “lid.”

The history lesson is that Rome was originally founded by the Romans (iron). It later became infused with descendants of Israel and was thus Roman (iron) and Israelite (clay). Still later, it became infused with the Greek culture and was part iron (Roman) and miry clay (Greek).

According to a very careful study of the Scriptures, the claim that the New Testament Scriptures were originally inspired in the Greek is false. A careful study of secular history along with a comparison of Biblical history also supports your claim to be false.

Mark, there is one in this world who has an agenda and that agenda is to exalt and honor himself. In doing this, he must remove you (and everyone) from truth and the true Savior so that you will extend that honor to him. He is very subtle and seeks to deceive you. He will even take the Scriptures, remove the true names of the Father and Son from them and appropriate them to himself and his messiah.

You have been deceived to give the honor of the Scriptures to another rather than the true Messiah. If it doesn’t matter whether we utilize the name of the Father and Son in Hebrew or Greek, then please answer this question. In the book of Acts chapter 26 Paul is recounting the time when

the Savior appeared to Him. Remember that Paul declares that the Savior spoke to Him in the Hebrew tongue. When Paul asked Him who He was, what answer do we read in the English Scriptures available to us in today’s world? “He said, ‘I am Jesus Whom thou persecutest,’” Acts 26:15 (KJV).

Since you have declared that Jesus is a derivative of the Greek, why is the Greek derivation utilized here? Why isn’t His name directly transliterated from the Hebrew since that is the language that He spoke? Why don’t we read the modern day transliteration Joshua here? If there is no agenda to take away the true names, then wouldn’t we see the names Jesus and Joshua interspersed throughout the Scriptures? When Hebrew was spoken the name would be rendered as Joshua and when Greek was spoken or written the name Jesus would be OK. Right? If such were the case, then I wouldn’t believe that there is a hidden agenda.

Again, I must ask, if the Scriptures that we have available to us today are translated from the Greek, even the Old Testament being translated from the Greek *Septuagint* (*LXX*), then why is the son of Nun still referred to as Joshua? Why did they transliterate the same name in the Old Testament to the closer form of Joshua and the New Testament as Jesus? I do have the *Septuagint* on my computer and they render the name of the son of Nun as Iesous just as in the New Testament Greek but it is transliterated as Joshua in the English. Is this a good question? Am I being fair?

#### **CALLING HIM FATHER**

**Mark writes,** “Jesus Christ set the proper example for us by using the word **FATHER** when referring to God. He instructed His disciples, ‘When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven.’ (Luke 11:2)...We have seen that “God” is a family name. When we pray, it is to OUR **FATHER** in heaven, according to the instruction of our Savior.”

**COMMENT:** Didn’t we just read in the book of Isaiah where that prophet addressed Yahweh as Father? (Isa. 64:8-10) But in Isaiah chapter 63 he also declared, “Doubtless Thou art our **FATHER**, though Abraham be ignorant of us, and Israel

acknowledge us not: Thou, O **YAHWEH**, art our **FATHER**, our Redeemer; Thy name is from everlasting,” (v. 16).

Even Moses wrote, “Do ye thus requite **YAHWEH**, O foolish People and unwise? Is not He thy **FATHER** that hath bought thee? Hath He not made thee, and established thee?” Dt. 21:6.

Here are two great men of the Scriptures that have utilized both his name and acknowledged Him as their and our Father.

But Yahshua, Himself, said, “I have manifested (made known, declared) Thy name unto the men which Thou gavest Me out of the world: Thine they were, and Thou gavest them Me; and they have kept Thy word,” Jn. 17:6.

Didn’t Yashua ask Him, “Holy Father, keep through Thine own name those whom Thou hast given Me that they may be one, as We are,” Jn. 17:11.

Doesn’t your own church have the name God incorporated into it so that this Scripture may supposedly be fulfilled? Your own works, the works of your church and all people like you believe that the name of the Father is God. Whether you believe it or not, Mark, this is a disastrous error.

Have you never read Rev. 14:1, “And I looked, and lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion (not the Greek Olympus), and with Him an hundred forty and four thousand, **HAVING HIS FATHER’S NAME WRITTEN IN (or on) THEIR FOREHEADS!**”

What would you think is written on their foreheads, Mark; the name of the Father which your own mentor and the mentor of your leaders (Herbert W. Armstrong) declared to be Yahweh in the early 1980’s or is it just the word Father? If you think that it is the word Father, then you are even more deceived than I think you are. No, Mark, they have His Father’s name written on their foreheads because the name Yahweh is the true name of the **true family of Elohim.**

#### **CONCLUSION**

**Mark writes,** “There is also only one name by which we can be saved. That name was written in the same language as the rest of the New Testament, and we should speak that name in the

same language that we read our Bibles. For English-speaking peoples, that name is Jesus Christ of Nazareth.”

**COMMENT:** Mark, I have proof that the greater majority of New Testament was written in Hebrew, not Greek. I have proof that even the original Greek copies of the Scriptures (which were copied from the Hebrew), both Old and New Testaments had the Sacred Name of the Father in the original Paleo Hebrew language. (Read my accompanying article entitled “*An Answer To Ten Reasons For Rejecting the Yahweh Doctrine.*”)

I am sending copies of both articles to you for your perusal. If you are a true scholar and disciple of the Savior, if you truly love him, then you will study these things out. I expect you to do a good and thorough study on these things. When you come to the knowledge of the truth, I expect

you to admit your error and to recall your article “*Using God’s Sacred Name.*”

Here is a prophecy for you, Mark. The time is coming when you will either have to embrace the true names or you will be shut out of the kingdom of heaven. For those who are wise, who can humble themselves, admit their mistakes and errors turning to the truth, HalleluYah! But please be advised that there are those who do appear to be wise and know much about the Scriptures. However, they unwisely resist the truth about the Sacred Names. They will lose their part in the kingdom of heaven. Why? Because of their stiff-necked refusal to acknowledge truth when it comes to them.

Herbert W. Armstrong taught that when the truth comes, we must recognize it, repent of our error and embrace it. I have shown you the truth,

Mark. Herbert W. Armstrong admitted the truth about the name Yahweh, but wouldn’t embrace it. Not long after he declared the truth about the name Yahweh and subsequently refused to employ it, he died. Not only did he die, but the work that he had been utilized to raise fell into the hands of those whose purpose was to destroy the truths that it did have out of it. The first message I ever heard HWA’s successor give stunned me and caused me to declare to some of my confidants that that man was there to destroy the church.

It will be much better for you to repent, Mark, turn to the true names and walk in newness of life. Oh, I know that your peers will make it difficult on you, but you will find Yahweh’s and Yahshua’s true people. In that, you will be greatly blessed.

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?*

William F. Dankenbring

**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* (יקרא בשם יהוה). 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 pri-

mary 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

and the Committee.

**Continuing with the article:** The YAHWEH Doctrine is a false doctrine. We reject and repudiate it on the grounds that it has no scriptural basis, but is the fanciful flight of imagination of someone who is grossly deceived. According to Philipians 2:9-11, the name of Jesus is a name above every name, and at the name of Jesus every knee should bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God, the Father. Ephesians 1:21 further reveals that the name of Jesus is above every name that is named in this world (age) and that which is to come. Acts 4:12 asserts that there is salvation in no other than JESUS; for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved. Thomas said of Jesus, "My Lord and my God!" Peter said that God hath made that same Jesus whom the Jews had crucified "both Lord and Christ." Paul said that no man speaking by the Spirit calleth Jesus accursed; and no man can say Jesus is Lord (or, Lord Jesus!) but by the Holy Ghost. (p. 10, col. 3)

**COMMENT:** This man has already revealed to us that he believes the Hebrew name of the Savior is YESHUA. As I pointed out, the transliteration of the term YESHUA into the English language would be YESHUA, not JESUS. But he has also already admitted, according to his own belief, that the English name Joshua is the transliteration of the Hebrew YESHUA. Names are transliterated from one language to the next. When we spoke of the former prime minister of Israel, Benyamin Natanyahu, neither we nor the news media, nor anyone else that I know of, changed his name to our English version Benjamin. Neither did we change Mikhail Gorbachev to Michael, nor Francois Mitterand to Frank. Thus, for this man to admit that the name is YESHUA (Heb.)/ JOSHUA (Eng.) and not change to

the better, more truthful form reveals that he is willing to remain steeped in error even when the truth comes from his own hand and smacks him right between the eyes. The interesting thing is that this man has ventured to write this article of rejection and repudiation without consulting scholarly works, nor looking into the truth of the matter. He is the one who has made so many false statements and false accusations which cannot stand up when scrutinized by the light of truth. For him to reject and repudiate the "YAHWEH DOCTRINE" is for him to reject and repudiate the truth.

**Continuing with the article:** Let the YAHWEH camp receive an old-fashioned baptism of the Holy Ghost and they will most assuredly renounce this doctrine of demons that attempts to denigrate the lovely name of our lord and savior, Jesus Christ.

**COMMENT:** Since when is the truth the "doctrine of demons?" The truth of the matter is that the name Jesus Christ DENIGRATES the true name of the Savior YAHSHUA because it is not the true transliteration according to this man's own words. He states that JOSHUA is the English transliteration! Now, do demons love the truth or do they revel in lies, deceit and falsehood? Why would anyone want an old-fashioned baptism of a spirit that does not lead one into truth, but rather, gives excuses to remain in lies? This man has had very little truth expounded in this article. Of course, Satan is the one who takes a little bit of truth, surrounds it with lies, and pawns it off on everyone as gospel.

Even the title of his article is so misleading, "10 Reasons Why

THOUGHTFUL and DISCERNING PEOPLE Must Reject the 'YAHWEH' Doctrine." Actually, THOUGHTFUL and DISCERNING PEOPLE must reject the falsehood that has been preposterously presented here in his article because it has no scriptural basis, but is the fanciful flight of imagination of all who are grossly deceived by that old serpent called the Devil and Satan (Rev. 12:9). We have researched his article, found it severely and critically wanting in real truth. He who accuses others to be harboring the doctrine of demons is found to be doing that of which he denounces. His words are turned back on his own head.

The name YAHSHUA is the only name given under heaven among men whereby we must be saved (Acts 4:12). YAHWEH, is the heavenly name of the Father, and the Son in their glorified state.

Therefore, we encourage this elder to confess his errors expounded here, to repent and repudiate and reject the writing of his own hand. We encourage him to receive the Comforter, the Spirit of truth (the Holy Spirit), which will seal him with the name of the Heavenly Father Yahweh, the name that we must call upon for salvation (Joel 2:32; Acts 2:21; Ro. 10:13). We encourage him to repent and to call upon the Heavenly Father Yahweh through the only name given under heaven among men whereby we must be saved. That name is Yahshua the Messiah of Nazareth. We encourage him to instruct others to walk in and live according to the TRUTH. YAHWEH AND YAHSHUA BE PRAISED!!!

## AN ANSWER TO

# TEN REASONS FOR REJECTING THE YAHWEH DOCTRINE

*People reject the teaching of the Sacred Names without even taking a careful, studious look into it. If one utilizes the Bible, as well as archeological and scholastic proofs, he can come to only one conclusion.*

*By Jerry Healan*

The *Apostolic Standard*, a magazine that is the official organ of Apostolic Ministries Fellowship of Bristol, Tennessee, has recently published an article entitled 10 Reasons Why Thoughtful and Discerning People Must Reject the "YAHWEH" Doctrine written by Elder Tim D. Cromier. This article was sent to me by a brother in the faith, who requested that I give an answer to it. I am more than happy to do so. I will give an excerpt from the article and then insert my comments to what has been stated concerning viability.

Now, before I get into the article and comments, I must make a most important point which I certainly hope that this elder, those of his staff and the people of their congregation will be able to receive and abide by. You see, they are Pentecostal and support the "speaking in other tongues doctrine" which we have no problem with if such is performed according to the Scriptural dictates. Yahshua told His disciples, "But when the Comforter is come, Whom I will send unto you from the Father, **even the Spirit of truth**, Which proceedeth from the Father, He shall testify of Me," Jn. 15:26-27. Again He said, "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when He, **the Spirit of truth**, is come, **He will guide you into all truth**: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will shew you things to come," Jn. 16:12-13.

The reason that I point this out is that these people have charged that the "YAHWEH doctrine" is a false doctrine and is a doctrine of demons (page 10, col. 3, par. 1, 2). Now, if these people truly have the Holy Spirit, then the Holy Spirit, being the Spirit of truth, will lead them into the real truth when their points are refuted. However, if they continue in their false misconceptions and errors which I am going to point out, then their charge will turn back upon their own heads. In other words, they are the ones being led by a false demonic spirit.

**The article begins:** "The 'YAHWEH' Doctrine asserts that the name of the Messiah, the Son of God, is YAHWEH, instead of JESUS, and according to this doctrine, every place in the New Testament where the Greek word IESOUS

(JESUS) appears originally had the Hebrew word YAHWEH. This doctrine further claims that the Greek word IESOUS from which the English word JESUS is derived is a corruption of the name of a pagan deity, thus insinuating that those who use the English word JESUS to refer to the Messiah (Christ) instead of the Hebrew word YAHWEH are in reality praying to and worshiping a pagan deity. That these teachings are not only absurd but patently false may be clearly seen in the following analysis." (page 7, col. 1, par. 1)

**COMMENT:** The book of Proverbs states, "He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him," 18:13. This proverb certainly applies to the very opening statements of this elder. It is obvious that he has answered the matter before he has heard the real truth concerning it. There are several "Sacred Name Bibles" available on the market today. The ones that I personally know of are *The Holy Name Bible*, *The Rotherham Edition*, *The Scriptures* and *The Word of Yahweh*. Not one of them has replaced the Savior's name with the name YAHWEH! *The Holy Name Bible*, *The Rotherham Edition* and *The word of Yahweh* all present the Savior's name in its true form Yahshua (equivalent to the modern day Joshua), while another version, *The Scriptures*, has presented His name with the modern day Hebrew form יהושע (pronounced Yahshua). While there may be some small, off the wall Sacred Name groups that have attempted to change the Savior's name to YAHWEH, the truth of the matter is found in the Sacred Name Bibles themselves. The great overall preponderance of people in the Sacred Name movement utilize Yahshua (Hebrew equivalent to the modern day English Joshua) as the name of the Savior. Thus, this elder's article already has gotten off

on the wrong foot, presenting a falsehood rather than the truth. If one begins with falsehood, then how can his other points and final deductions result in anything other than falsehood? If he and his people are being guided by the Spirit of truth, then may the Spirit of truth guide him to renounce this opening statement. If he refuses to do so, then he can only continue on the pathway of falsehood, lies and deceit. **Continuing with the article:** 1. God did not invest the Hebrew language with a mystical quality that made it superior to any other language. When the Hebrew scriptures (what we know as the Old Testament) were translated into common (*koine*) Greek (the LXX, or the Septuagint) in the third century before the birth of Christ, the Sacred Ineffable Name of God - YAHWEH, or YHWH - was not given any special treatment. It was translated into the Greek word for Lord - KURIOS. In our English Bibles it is generally given as LORD (Jehovah). (page 7, col. 1)

**COMMENT:** I must answer this statement in four parts. Point #1 has to do with the first sentence wherein the statement is made that there was no mystical quality to the Hebrew language. In the first place, the Jewish Rabbis will disagree with this man completely as do we. Yahweh's word and the Hebrew alphabet has always had a "mystic" quality about it. As a matter of fact, the Apostle Paul wrote, "But we speak the wisdom of Yahweh in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which Yahweh ordained before the world unto our glory," 1 Cor. 2:7. In the book of Proverbs the statement is made, "It is the glory of Elohim to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a [the] matter," 25:2.

Several books have been written lately concerning the "Bible Codes" which were inscribed into the Hebrew language and letters. As a matter of fact, this same magazine

(*Apostolic Standard*) also advertised the book entitled *His Name is Jesus* by Yacov Rambsel which reveals “**The Mysterious Yeshua codes.**” Of course, they want to circulate this book in accordance with their own words, “This book is “death” to the YAHWEH doctrine!”

I have several books written by Jewish Rabbis which reveal the secret mysteries of the Hebrew letters and language. They are *The Wisdom In The Hebrew Alphabet* by Rabbi Michael L. Munk; *The Inner Meanings of the Hebrew Letters* by Robert M. Haralick; *The Alef-Beit by Rabbi Yitchak Ginsburgh*; *The Secrets Of Hebrew Words* by Benjamin Blech, etc. Then there is the book entitled *The Word* by Isaac E. Mozeson which is a dictionary that reveals the Hebrew sources of English.

Now let’s take the Hebrew word for truth which is pronounced as “emet” in the English, and is written as אמת in the modern day Hebrew language. Yahshua declared that He was the Truth (Jn. 14:6). The interesting thing is that Hebrew word for truth begins with the very first letter of the Hebrew alphabet, the Aleph (א), and ends with the very last letter of the Hebrew alphabet, the Tau (ט). Furthermore, the Hebrew word for “faith” or “faithfulness” is אמונה (pronounced emunah). When Yahshua revealed Himself to the Apostle Paul He spoke the heavenly language which is Hebrew (Acts 26:14). Why would He change and proclaim to the Apostle John (a Hebrew) that He was the Alpha and Omega (Rev. 1:8)? The Greek word for truth is “alethia” which, true enough, begins with the first letter of the Greek alphabet (alpha), but also ends with the same letter (alpha). The Greek word for “faith” is pistis.

Here is what Rabbi Michael L. Munk writes about the Aleph (א) and Tau (ט) in His book entitled *The Wisdom in the Hebrew Alphabet*, “In the popular idiom, something that is expressed or analyzed in its entirety is said to be covered באלפ ועד תו, from aleph to tav...The definite article is expressed in Hebrew by prefixing the letter ה to a word. Often, for

extra emphasis, the word אה (or אה) is employed in addition to the prefix. Comprising the first and last letter of the Aleph Beis, אה, alludes to completion and perfection.” (p. 34).

Thus the Hebrew word for truth (אמת) which begins with the aleph and ends with the tau has to do with the complete and perfect truth from aleph to tau, and is imputed to be covered in its entirety from Aleph (א) to Tau (ט). This is an idea that the Greek simply does not and cannot convey. Yahshua told the disciples that He was the Truth. He told the Apostle John that He was the Aleph and Tau in Rev. 1:8 so that the meaning is conveyed that not only is He complete and perfect, but we also can become complete and perfect in Him!

Also, the Hebrew word for faith (emunah/אמונה) has to do with the complete and perfect faith that is found in Yahshua and His believers which the Greek word for faith does not and cannot imply. Thus, herein is revealed true mystical qualities in the Hebrew language which this elder, in his statement, admits that he is completely ignorant of.

Point #2 - Is it true that the *Septuagint* and the original New Testament documents gave no special respect to the Sacred Name? The following is taken from the FORWARD of *The Kingdom Interlinear Translation of the Greek Scriptures*, which presents a literal word-for-word translation into English under the Greek text as set out in “The New Testament in the original Greek—The text revised by Brooke Foss Westcott D.D. and Fenton John Anthony Hort D.D.” (1948 Reprint) together with the New World Translation of the Christian Greek Scriptures, Revised Edition, —1969 C.E.

**THE DIVINE NAME:** One of the remarkable facts, not only about the extant manuscripts of the original Greek text, but of many versions, ancient and modern, is the absence of the divine name. In the ancient Hebrew Scriptures that name was represented by the four letters יהוה, generally called the “Tetragrammaton” and represented by the English letters JHVH (or

YHWH). In the Hebrew Scriptures the name, represented by this Tetragrammaton, occurs 6,823 times. The exact pronunciation of the name is not known today, but the most popular way of rendering it is “Jehovah.” The abbreviation for this name is “Jah” (or “Yah”), and it occurs in many of the names found in the Christian Greek Scriptures. Also in the exclamation Alleluia! or, Hallelujah! found four times, at Revelation 19:1, 3, 4, 6, and meaning “Praise Jah!”

**As the Christian Greek Scriptures were an inspired addition and supplement to the sacred Hebrew Scriptures, this sudden disappearance from the Greek text seems inconsistent, especially when James said to the apostles and older disciples at Jerusalem about the middle of the first century: “Symeon has related thoroughly how God for the first time turned his attention to the nations to take out of them a people for his name.”** (Acts 15:14) Then in support

James made a quotation from the Hebrew Scriptures where the divine name occurs twice. **If Christians are to be a people for God’s name, why should his name, represented by the Tetragrammaton, be abolished from the Christian Greek Scriptures? The usual traditional explanation for this no longer holds.** It was long thought that the basis for such failure of the divine name in our extant manuscripts was the absence of the name in the Greek Septuagint Version (LXX), the first translation of the Hebrew Scriptures which began to be made in the third century B.C. This thought was based upon the copies of LXX as found in the great manuscripts of the fourth and fifth centuries A.D.: the Vatican No. 1209, the Sinaitic, the Alexandrine, and the Ambrosianus. In these the distinctive name of God was rendered by the Greek words Κύριος (*ky’ri-os*) with or without the definite article and Θεός (*the-os*). This namelessness was viewed as an aid to teaching monotheism.

**This popular theory has now**

proves that the name of the Heavenly Father was greatly honored and respected by the original adherents to the truth, but somewhere along the line (by about the third or fourth century) the knowledge of the name of the Heavenly Father and its importance was lost. It is a fact that the original assembly and its leadership was composed of Hebrews. Jerusalem was the headquarters for the New Testament believers because that is where the house was (the Temple) which was built in honor of the Heavenly Father’s name. Even though the Jewish (Hebrew) peoples had been scattered throughout the then known world, many, many of them would make a pilgrimage back to Jerusalem during the times of the Feasts of YAHWEH (Passover & Unleavened Bread, the Feast of Weeks [spring feasts], and the fall festival season which included Trumpets, Atonement, the Feast of Tabernacles and the Last Great Day). This gave the New Testament Assembly and its leaders a wonderful opportunity to witness to the house of Israel concerning the truth about YAHSHUA.

The Romans destroyed Jerusalem and its temple in 69-70 C.E. when the Jewish people revolted against the Roman yoke. Then in 132 C.E. there was another revolt by Ben-Kosebah and his followers who proclaimed him as the Messiah. This was known as the Bar-Kokhba rebellion. The Romans again destroyed Jerusalem, conquered the rebels and sold the survivors into slavery, dispersing them throughout the empire. They renamed the city Aetolia Capitolina and forbade Jewish entrance to its environs. This also marked the end of Jewish leadership over the known assembly. Gentile converts took over its leadership and became the great overall majority of its visible membership. It was this situation which helped to bring about the removal of the true names from knowledge and also the Scriptures.

Professor George Howard of the University of Georgia wrote an article entitled *The Name of God in the New Testament* in Biblical Archaeol-

ogy Review, March 1978. He gives sufficient evidence in this article that the name of the Heavenly Father did appear in all early manuscripts of Scripture whether Hebrew, Aramaic or Greek or whether so-called pre-Christian or New Testament writings themselves. Here is what he confesses, “These examples are sufficient to suggest that the removal of the Tetragrammaton from the New Testament and its replacement with the surrogates *kyrios* and *theos* blurred the original distinction between the Lord God and the Lord Christ, and in many passages made it impossible to tell which one was meant. This is supported by the fact that in a number of places where Old Testament quotations are cited, there is a confusion in the manuscript tradition whether to read God or Christ in the discussion surrounding the quotation. Once the Tetragrammaton was removed and replaced by the surrogate “Lord”, scribes were unsure whether “Lord” meant God or Christ. As time went on, these two figures were brought into even closer unity until it was often impossible to distinguish between them. Thus it may be that the removal of the Tetragrammaton contributed significantly to the later Christological and Trinitarian debates which plagued the church of the early Christian centuries.

“Whatever the case, the removal of the Tetragrammaton probably created a different theological climate from that which existed during the New Testament period of the first century. **The Jewish God who had always been carefully distinguished from all others by the use of His Hebrew name lost some of his distinctiveness with the passing of the Tetragrammaton.** How much He lost may be known only by the discovery of a first century New Testament in which the Hebrew name YHWH still appears.” (p. 54)

We certainly agree with Professor Howard. The removal of the name of the Creator, in effect, also removed His personality from the Scriptures.

Under the yoke of the Roman Caesars, Christianity was forced to accept the doctrine of many foreign pagan gods which the Romans worshipped. Today, Christianity continues the promotion of this syncretized religion by naming the Father “God”, a term which is not only the name of the chief deity of the Teutonic peoples, but is also traced back to Taurus the Bull in the origins of the English language. Christianity promotes the chief holy day of the sun-god (Sunday), the birthday of the sun-god Mithras (Dec. 25th), and the resurrection of the sun-god Tammuz along with his mother-wife-sister Ishtar (Easter). They follow a false savior whom they falsely proclaim has “done away with the law” and who has a false erroneous name, to wit: JESUS. The simple truth of the matter is that the Savior was NEVER called JESUS during His whole life among mankind. Nor was He referred to as JESUS by the Apostles and disciples of the earliest history of the assembly.

That removing the name not only created confusion, but also aided in blending paganism with the true faith is realized in certain statements made by Prof. Howard and the New World Translation Committee, to wit; “This namelessness was viewed as an aid to teaching monotheism”...“Rather, as our readers familiarize themselves with this version, they will rejoice over the added clearness it imparts to many scriptures not distinctly discerned before.” And “The Jewish God who had always been carefully distinguished from all others by the use of His Hebrew name lost some of his distinctiveness with the passing of the Tetragrammaton.” The “monotheism” comment alludes to the attempt by the Caesars to introduce a “one world religion” based upon the conglomeration of the worship of all of the deities of the world. If monotheism has been the desire, then the true name should have been left intact in order for the people to understand and know just Who the true Elohim of heaven was. This would have added clarity to the Scriptures as has been stated by Prof. Howard

you things to come. He shall glorify Me: for He shall receive of Mine, and shall shew it unto you. **All things that the Father hath are Mine: therefore said I, that He shall take of Mine, and shall shew it unto you.**” Jn. 16:7-15.

Notice that closely, “All things that the Father hath are Mine.” The name of the Father is also a possession of the Son. Yes, in his heavenly glorified state, the Savior can be called Yahweh, but on earth (which is under heaven) there is none other name given among men whereby we must be saved (Acts 4:12) and that name is YAHSHUA, not the corrupted JESUS!

When this man says, “Eventually, it came to be written in Hebrew as YHWH, without any vowel points, lest the person writing or reading it would accidentally say it and thus profane it,” this is a completely untrue statement! None of the Hebrew language was originally written with vowel points. After the destruction of the second temple, the knowledge of the Hebrew language was beginning to be lost so the scribes added the vowel points for the purpose of aiding in pronunciation. However, by this time the tradition was fully established against speaking the Name so there were no vowel points added in order to keep the pronunciation hidden. When one came to the Sacred Name, the word Adonai was to be spoken as a replacement. In order to remind the scribe to speak the word “ADONAI” they added the vowel points of that word to the name. When the Christians of the Middle Ages began to study into the Hebrew language, they saw the vowel points of ADONAI and introduced the erroneous pronunciation of YEHOWAH which has become the modern day JEHOVAH.

Look at the opening and closing statements of this point. He declares that the Sacred Name to the Hebrews was YAHWEH, but he closes by saying that the pronunciation was forever lost. How is it that he feels that the Heavenly Father YAHWEH, YAHSHUA the Messiah and the Holy Spirit are so helpless

that we can never know the name nor its pronunciation? Especially when we see that Joel, Peter and Paul agree in that “Whoever shall call upon the name YAHWEH shall be saved?” I thought that the spirit that this man has and exhibits is a spirit of power. He (probably) can and (probably) has spoken in unknown tongues, but declares that he can’t even know the true name of the Heavenly Father. What kind of spirit is that?

Yes, we do baptize in the name of the Savior YAHSHUA (the only name given under heaven among men whereby we must be saved [Acts 4:12]), but we also call upon the name YAHWEH for salvation. After all, Yahshua asked the Father to keep us in His own name (YAHWEH) [Jn. 17:11] and He instructed His followers to ask of the Father in His name (YAHSHUA [Jn. 15:16]).

**Continuing with the article:** 9. Saul, on the road to Damascus, was arrested by God with a brilliant light from heaven. Saul, looking heavenward, cried (in the Hebrew tongue): “Who art thou, Lord?” The Greek word used to translate his Hebrew word for “Lord” is KURIOS. This is the word used in the Greek Old Testament to translate YAHWEH. Thus, it is very likely that Saul actually said, “Who art thou, YAHWEH?” We have every reason to believe that the answer came back in the same language as the question—i.e., Hebrew. Thus, “I am IESOUS” (Greek for JESUS) would actually have been “I am YESHUA” (Hebrew for IESOUS). But to assert that the answer came back “I am YAHWEH” leaves us feeling like Saul didn’t get an answer, and makes his conversion unnecessary, as he was already serving YAHWEH as far as he knew. (p. 10, col. 2)

**COMMENT:** What great fallacious reasoning that is utilized here! Saul was a Pharisee. The Pharisees forbade the speaking of the Sacred Name. It was and still is an abomination to them. Saul would have asked “Who are Thou, ADONAI?” (The Hebrew word for Lord, but which they also substituted for YAHWEH) The Savior responded in the Hebrew tongue, “I am YAHSHUA...” (אני יהושע). If Saul had responded, “Who art thou, YAH-

WEH?” then he would have already identified the One Who was speaking to him with the personal name YAHWEH. This would have been a very ridiculous and stupid question. If he already knew that it was YAHWEH, then he wouldn’t have had to ask the question. This man’s own actions reveal that he is only on a vendetta to resist and overthrow the knowledge of the name of the Heavenly Father and the true name of the Son. To assert that Saul asked “Who art Thou, YAHWEH?” leaves us with the **understanding** that this man doesn’t know what he is talking about, and that he is willing to mislead the sheep in his care, keeping them blinded to the real truth.

**Continuing with the article:** 10. To believe that the name of Christ is indeed YAHWEH instead of YESHUA/IESOUS/JESUS, we must first believe that everywhere in the Greek New Testament that the word IESOUS occurs someone has tampered with the original text and replaced YAHWEH (the untranslated Hebrew characters) with the Greek name IESOUS. The early writers after the death of the Apostles, such as Clement, Polycarp, Ignatius and Irenaeus, apparently had very primitive Greek texts of the New Testaments, and it is common knowledge that they (writing in Greek) knew Christ’s name to be IESOUS (JESUS), and they very plainly attested to the deity of Jesus Christ. (p. 10, col. 2-3)

**COMMENT:** The truth of the matter is that the New Testament Scriptures have been tampered with! By taking the name of the Heavenly Father YAHWEH out of the place wherein it is supposed to appear, especially out of the *Septuagint* (*LXX*) and the New Testament Scriptures, substituting in its place the common Greek terms kurios and theos. In actuality, the Savior’s name YAHSHUA has also been tampered with. The fragments of many documents preceding the modern day Greek and Aramaic Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, contained the true name of the Heavenly Father in archaic Hebrew (אֱלֹהִים), Modern day Hebrew script (יהוה), and even Greek script (Ιαω) whether they are written in Hebrew, Aramaic or Greek. This

**been flatly disproved by the recently found remains of a papyrus roll of LXX. This contains the second half of the book of Deuteronomy. Not one of these fragments shows an example of Κύριος or Θεός used instead of the divine name, but in each instance the Tetragrammaton is written in Aramaic characters.** By permission of its owners we have reproduced photographs of fragments of the papyrus roll that our readers may examine these occurrences of the Tetragrammaton in such an early copy of *LXX*. (*Not available for this article*) Authorities fix the date for this papyrus at the 2d or 1st century B.C. This means about a century or two after the *LXX* was begun. **It proves that the original LXX did contain the divine name wherever it occurred in the Hebrew original.** Considering it a sacrilege to use some substitute as *ky’ri-os* or *the-os*, the scribes inserted the Tetragrammaton (יהוה) at its proper place in the Greek version text.

Did Jesus Christ and his disciples who wrote the Christian Greek Scriptures have copies at hand of the Greek Septuagint with the divine name appearing therein in the form of the Tetragrammaton? Yes! **The Tetragrammaton persisted in copies of LXX for centuries after Christ and his apostles.** About A.D. 128 Aquila’s Greek version had the Tetragrammaton in archaic Hebrew letters. About A.D. 245 Origen produced his famous *Hexapla*, this being a six-column reproduction of the inspired ancient Scriptures, (1) in their original Hebrew and Aramaic, accompanied by (2) a transliteration into Greek, and the Greek versions by (3) Aquila, (4) Symmachus, (5) the seventy (*LXX*), and (6) Theodotion. In the second column of the *Hexapla*, in the transliteration into Greek, the Tetragrammaton was written in Hebrew characters, whereas in columns 3, 4, 5 the Greek versions of Aquila, Symmachus and *LXX* all represented the Tetragrammaton by

the similar Greek characters. Origen, in a statement on Psalm 2:2, said that “**in the most faithful manuscripts THE NAME is written in Hebrew characters, that is, not in modern, but in archaic Hebrew.**”

A papyrus fragment of that same 3d century A.D., namely, P. Oxyrhynchus vii. 1007, is a fragment of Genesis of the *LXX*, and it abbreviates the Tetragrammaton by its first letter doubled, a doubled Yod (ךך), the initial letter being written in the shape of a z with a horizontal stroke through the middle, the stroke being carried unbroken through both such Yod’s.

In the succeeding century Jermome says that ignorant readers of the *LXX* imagines the Tetragrammaton to be a Greek word and actually pronounced it “Pipi.” In his *Prologus Galeatus* prefacing the books of Samuel and Malachi he says: “We find the four-lettered name of God (i.e., יהוה) in certain Greek volumes even to this day expressed in the ancient letters.” And in his 25th letter to Marcella, written at Rome, A.D. 384, he treats of the ten names of God and says: “The ninth [name of God] is a tetragrammaton, which they considered ἀνεκφώνητον [*an-ek-pho’ne-ton*], that is, unspeakable, which is written with these letters, Iod, He, Vau, He. **Which certain ignorant ones, because of the similarity of the characters, when they would find them in Greek books, were accustomed to pronounce Pi Pi.**”

Thus down to the time of Jerome, the translator who produced the Latin *Vulgate*, there were Greek manuscripts of the ancient Hebrew Scriptures which still contained the divine name in its four Hebrew characters.

One thing is now certain. Whether Jesus and his disciples read the Scriptures in their Hebrew (Aramaic) original or in the Greek *Septuagint Version*, they would come across the divine name in its Tetragrammaton form. **Did Jesus follow the traditional Jewish custom of the day and read A-donai’ at such places out of fear of**

**profaning the name and violating the Third Commandment (Exodus 20:7? In the synagogue at Nazareth, when he rose and accepted the book of Isaiah and read those verses of Isaiah (61:1, 2) where the Tetragrammaton occurs twice, did he refuse to pronounce the divine name correctly? Not if Jesus followed his usual disregard for the unscriptural traditions followed by the Jewish scribes. Matthew 7:29 tells us: “He was teaching them as a person having authority, and not as their scribes.” In the hearing of his faithful apostles Jesus prayed to Jehovah God, saying: “I have made your name manifest to the men you gave me out of the world...I have made your name known to them and will make it known.” (John 17:6, 26) The Jewish Talmud accuses Jesus of having performed his miracles by the pronouncing of the divine name; which is an indirect admission on the part of his enemies that he did use the name.**

**The question now before us is: Did Jesus’ inspired disciples use the divine name in their writings? That is, Did God’s name appear in the original writings of the Christian Greek Scriptures? We have basis for answering Yes.** In recent years some have claimed that Matthew’s gospel account was at first written in Hebrew rather than in its kindred language, the Aramaic. It is contended that Matthew and the early Christians produced this account to become the last book of the canon of the Hebrew Scriptures as, till then, the canon of the Christian Greek Scriptures had not been contemplated. There is evidence that various recensions of the Hebrew and Aramaic versions of Matthew’s account persisted for centuries among the early Jewish Christian communities of Palestine and Syria. Early writers, such as Pa’prias, Hegesippus, Jus’tin Martyr, Ta’tian, Sym’ma-chus, I-re-nae’us,

Panteanus, Clem'ent of Alexandria, Or'i-gen, Pam'phi-lus, Eu-se'bi-us, Ep-i-pha'ni-us and Je-rome', give evidence that they either possessed or had access to Hebrew and Aramaic writings of Matthew. Je-rome, of the 4th and 5th centuries A.D., had this to say: "Matthew, who is also Levi, and who from a publican came to be an Apostle, first of all the Evangelists, composed a Gospel of Christ in Judaea in the Hebrew language and characters, for the benefit of those of the circumcision who had believed. Who translated it into Greek is not sufficiently ascertained. Furthermore, the Hebrew itself is preserved to this day in the library at Caesarea which the martyr Pamphilus so diligently collected. I also was allowed by the Nazarenes who use this volume in the Syrian city of Beroea to copy it. **In which it is to be remarked that, wherever the Evangelist makes use of the testimonies of the old Scripture, he does not follow the authority of the seventy translators, but of the Hebrew.**"—*Catal. Script. Eccl.*

Matthew made more than a hundred quotations from the inspired Hebrew Scriptures. So where these quotations included the divine name, he would be obliged faithfully to include the Tetragrammaton in his Hebrew gospel account. His Hebrew account would correspond closely with the Hebrew version of the 19th century by F. Delitzsch, in which Matthew contains the name "Jehovah" eighteen times. **It is now believed Matthew himself translated his gospel account into the Greek. If he did, then he had available copies of the LXX containing the divine name. But, though Matthew preferred to quote direct from the Hebrew Scriptures rather than from the LXX, he could follow the LXX practice and incorporate the divine name at its proper place in the Greek text.**

But all the writers of the Christian Greek Scriptures quoted from the Hebrew Scriptures or from the LXX at verses where the Name appears,

and they could follow the style then true of copies of the LXX by using the Tetragrammaton in their Greek writings.

**The evidence is, therefore, that the original text of the Christian Greek Scriptures has been tampered with, the same as the text of the LXX has been. And, at least from the 3d century A.D. onward, the divine name in Tetragrammaton form has been eliminated from the text by cop- yist who did not understand or appreciate the divine name or who developed an aversion to it, possibly under the influence of anti-Semitism.** In place of it they substituted the words *ky'ri-os* (usually translated "the Lord") and *the-os'*, meaning "God."

RESTORING THE NAME: **What is the modern translator to do? Is he justified, yes, authorized, to enter the divine name into a translation of the Christian Greek Scriptures? Every Greek reader must confess that in the LXX the Greek words *ky'ri-os* and *the-os'* have been used to crowd out the distinctive name of the Supreme Deity.** Every comprehensive Greek-English dictionary states that these two Greek words have been used as equivalents of the divine name. **Hence the modern translator is warranted in using the divine name as an equivalent of those two Greek words, that is, at places where Matthew, etc., quote verses, pas- sages and expressions from the Hebrew Scriptures or from the LXX where the divine name occurs.**

From the 14th century A.D. forward, translations of parts or of all the Christian Greek Scriptures have been made into the ancient classical Hebrew. The Shem Tob version of Matthew into Hebrew was made about A.D. 1385. When coming upon quotations from the Hebrew Scrip- tures where the Name appeared, the translators into Hebrew had no other recourse than to render *Ky'ri-os* or *the-os'* back into its original Tetragrammaton form יהוה. Thus in that early Shem Tob version of Mat-

thew the Tetragrammaton occurs 16 times. All together, the appearances of the sacred Tetragrammaton in the 19 Hebrew versions to which we have had access total up to 307 distinct occurrences. These have thus restored the divine name to the in- spired Christian Scriptures.

How is a modern translator to know or determine when to render the Greek words *Κύριος* and *θεός* into the divine name in his version? By determining where the inspired Christian writers have quoted from the Hebrew Scriptures. Then he must refer back to the original to locate whether the divine name ap- pears there. **This way he can de- termine the identity to give to *ky'ri-os* and *the-os'* and he can then clothe them with personali- ty.**

Realizing that this is the time and place for it, we have followed this course in rendering our version of the Christian Greek Scriptures. To avoid overstepping the bounds of a translator into the field of exegesis, we have tried to be most cautious about rendering the divine name, always carefully considering the He- brew Scriptures. We have looked for some agreement with us by the He- brew versions we consulted to con- firm our own rendering. Thus, out of the 237 times that we have rendered the divine name in the body of our version, there are only two instances where we have no support or agree- ment from any of the Hebrew ver- sions. But in these two instances, namely, Ephesians 6:8 and Colos- sians 3:13, we feel strongly support- ed by the context and by related texts in rendering the divine name. The notes in our lower margin show the support we have for our render- ings from the Hebrew versions and other authorities.

Not in all cases where the divine name is shown in the lower margin have we rendered it in the main body of our version. Thus there are 72 instances where the divine name is shown in the margin alone, but not incorporated into the text, the warrant not being strong enough. On pages 26 to 31 we give the list of Hebrew versions as well as other

example, the prophet Isaiah is actu- ally rendered as IsaYah in English, but in Hebrew it would be YeshaYa- hu (יֵשַׁעְיָהוּ). Notice the Yod, He, waw (יהו) on the end of the name. This is the fullest extent of the Sacred Name that a man can bear (the Sa- cred Name being Yod, He, Waw, He [יהוה]). Even the Savior Yahshua only had the YHW (יהו) incorporated into His name. Thus, the name YAHWEH truly is superior. Had this man studied the Scriptural facts out, he would have known such.

**Continuing with the article:** 7. Pilate, at the crucifixion of Christ, put a superscrip- tion on the cross: This is Jesus, the King of the Jews. In order that all those passing by might be able to understand what he had written, he ordered that it would be written in Greek (the language of the scholars of that day), Hebrew (the lan- guage of Christ and his fellow country- men), and Latin (the language of Rome, the then ascendant world power). If the UNTRANSLATED Hebrew characters for the Hebrew name YAHWEH were used for the name of Christ in the Greek and Latin portions of the writing, how would anyone except those who under- stood Hebrew have understood who it was that was on the cross? (p. 10, col. 1)

**COMMENT:** Again and again he rails about an erroneous thing. The name of the Savior was Yahshua. Pilate would have transliterated the Savior's name into the other lan- guages just as we transliterate His name into the English as Yahshua. There is no difficulty concerning that.

**Continuing with the article:** 8. The Sa- cred Name of God to the Hebrews was YAHWEH. According to Hebrew cus- toms, it was not to be pronounced except by certain ones, and could not even be written without a ceremonial cleansing of the hands by the scribe who was to write it. Eventually, it came to be written in Hebrew as YHWH, without any vowel points, lest the person writing or reading it would accidentally say it and thus pro- fane it. Because of this, the actual pronun- ciation of the word was eventually lost. Later, the vowels from the Hebrew word ADONAI (Lord) were inserted to make it somewhat pronounceable; hence the mod- ernized version of the word: YAHWEH. How likely is it that Christ grew up in a

society with a personal name that anyone who pronounced it would be guilty of "taking the name of YAHWEH in vain?" Indeed, if we understand the teachings of the Apostles, this name of Christ is to be invoked at water baptism, in prayer for the sick, and in worship. How are we sup- posed to comply with these Apostolic teachings if the true pronunciation of this name has been forever lost—as would be the case if the name of Christ were YAH- WEH instead of JESUS?

**COMMENT:** Why doesn't this man do some in-depth research before he responds to the matter? We are now on point eight and haven't found any worthwhile truth to his reason- ings yet. His reasonings only get worse! When he says, "According to Hebrew customs...", shouldn't this alert him to the Savior's own words? "Well hath Isaiah prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honoureth Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. How- beit in vain do they worship Me, teaching for doctrines the com- mandments of men.' For laying aside the commandment of Yah- weh, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do.' And He said unto them, 'Full well ye reject the commandment of Yahweh, that ye may keep your own tradi- tion.' For Moses said, 'Honour thy father and thy mother;' and, 'Whoso curseth father or mother, let him die the death:' But ye say, 'If a man shall say to his father or mother, 'It is Corban, (that is to say, a gift), by whatsoever thou mightest be profit- ed by me;' he shall be free.' And ye suffer him no more to do ought for his father or his mother; **making the word of Yahweh of none ef- fect through your tradition,** which ye have delivered: and many such like things ye do," Mk. 7:6-13.

If one will only do some in-depth study concerning the Sacred Name, he will find that the Name of the Creator was very well known and spoken before the Jews went into captivity to Babylon. When they re- turned to the land, the Name was once again freely spoken and known, but about 200 years before the appearing of the Savior, the doc-

trine of the "Ineffable Name" began to take hold and the forbidding of the pronunciation of it was enforced. While the Name of the Creator and its pronunciation may have been forgotten by most of the people (as is the condition of the majority of to- day's world) Yahshua declared the Name to His disciples, "And now, O Father, glorify Thou Me with Thine own Self with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was. **I have manifested Thy name unto the men which Thou gavest Me out of the world:** Thine they were, and Thou gavest them Me; and they have kept Thy word....And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to Thee. Holy Father, **keep through Thine own name those whom Thou hast given Me that they may be one, as We are.** While I was with them in the world, **I kept them in Thy name:** those that Thou gavest Me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled," Jn. 17:5-6, 11-12.

Since the Name was so important to Yahshua, and the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth, don't you think that it will lead one into the true Name of the Creator? Especially since the true followers, the true disciples, the true believers are to be kept in that Name? Isn't the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth, supposed to lead us into ALL TRUTH? "Nevertheless **I tell you the truth;** it is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Com- forter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you. And when He is come, he will re- prove the world of sin, and of right- eousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they believe not on Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father, and ye see Me no more; of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye can- not bear them now. **Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you onto all truth:** for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will shew

the Greek pronunciation of IESOUS would be YAY-SOOS. The much more correct transliteration of this into modern day English would be JAY-ZOOS, not GEE-ZUS. The actual fact of the matter is that the Hebrew יהושע is transliterated into the Greek Ἰησοῦς, which was transliterated into the English Joshua, but which was transliterated in turn, into the English Jesus in the New Testament.

Now we know the games that we played when we were children. We would get a group of children to form a circle. One would whisper into another's ear a certain sentence which would be whispered into the next child's ear. This process would be repeated until it came back to the one who originated the sentence. What came back to the originator would be nothing like that which he/she had begun. The same is accomplished in seeking to transliterate the Savior's name from Hebrew into several successive languages (e.g. Hebrew to Greek, Greek to Latin, Latin to English), the end result is corruption.

As this minister points out, the more correct transliteration of the Savior's name into English is Joshua. The pronunciation from the Greek, to the Latin, to the English is Jesus. Now compare the names Joshua and Jesus. There is hardly any similarity between the two. We prefer to utilize the more appropriate transliterated pronunciation of Yahshua. You see, the letter "J" did not originally exist in the English language. Any good encyclopedia or dictionary will reveal that the "J" was added about the 16th century. Originally it was a long "I". We can understand this by looking at the word Hallelujah (pronounced Hallelu-YAH). Notice that the "J" is pronounced like the long "I". Another example is the English name "Ian" which is actually equivalent to the name "John." Ian (Ee-yan) was the original pronunciation but when the "I" is replaced with the "J", the modern day world pronounces it as Gee-yan.

One more thing to point out is what the elder said about the pat-

tern shown to Moses in the mount. The pattern was that of the tabernacle, its appurtenances, and the priesthood, not the church age. The Law came through Moses while grace and truth came through Yahshua the Messiah. But Yahshua said that Moses wrote of Him (Jn. 5:46), so that pattern was a pattern of the Messiah, the Anointed One (which most of this world calls Christ but doesn't understand).

**Continuing with the article:** 5. When the angel appeared to Joseph (Matthew 1:21) and gave him the name of the Christ child, we have every reason to believe that this conversation occurred in the Hebrew/Aramaic tongue, and not in the Greek tongue. Yet our original text is in Greek, and the conversation is recorded using the Greek language. Simple logic tells us that if Matthew wrote the Greek word IESOUS as the name, we have only to go back to the LXX (Greek Old Testament) and see what that name was in Hebrew. As we have seen above, the Greek word IESOUS is a direct transliteration of the Hebrew word YESHUA (English: JOSHUA). Thus we see that in the language of Joseph and Mary and their contemporaries, Christ's name was YESHUA; the English form of the Greek word IESOUS is JESUS (another transliteration)! (p. 7, col. 3)

**COMMENT:** E. W. Bullinger make the following comment concerning Mat. 1:21 in *The Companion Bible*: **JESUS**. For this type see Ap. 48. The same as the Heb. Hoshea (Num. 13:16) with Jah prefixed=God [our] Saviour, or God Who [is] salvation. Notice that he admits that the Savior's name is Hoshea with Jah (Yah) prefixed. If Yah is prefixed then the pronunciation could not be Jesus nor Yeshua. See also my comment on #6.

He also overlooks the fact that the early church fathers give eye-witness accounts to the fact that Matthew was originally written in Hebrew, not Greek.

One other error that we must address in this man's statement is the fact that there are no originals of either Hebrew or Greek available to us today of either the Old or New Testament. Everything that we have available to us, even of the most ancient manuscripts, are copies of cop-

ies. It is obvious that as copies have been made down through the centuries and millennia man has corrupted that which was originally and purely inspired. As we discovered in previous comments made, the true name of the Creator has certainly been replaced as scribes (especially the Greeks and other Gentiles) who were ignorant and non-caring concerning the true names have made their copies.

**Continuing with the article:** 6. The angel that appeared to Joseph gave the reason for the name YESHUA—He shall save His people from their sins. We have seen that the Hebrew name YESHUA is a contraction of the Hebrew name YAHWEH and the Hebrew word SHUA (salvation). Thus, YESHUA means YAHWEH HAS BROUGHT SALVATION. It is rather illogical to suggest that the angel said "You shall call his name YAHWEH for he shall save his people from their sins." The Hebrew name YESHUA (JESUS in English) literally means that YAHWEH HAS COME AS THE SAVIOR FROM SIN. It is inconceivable that rational minds would be inclined to believe that simply the Hebrew name YAHWEH would be in any way superior to the Hebrew name YESHUA, which not only has YAHWEH in it, but also contains the revelation of His redemptive purpose in bringing salvation to the world. (p. 10, col. 1)

**COMMENT:** Again, I must reiterate that we do not seek to replace the name of the Savior with the name YAHWEH. But we do seek to grant to the Savior His true and much more preferred name which is YAHSHUA rather than JESUS. However, that being said, we must call into question the statement "It is inconceivable that rational minds would be inclined to believe that simply the Hebrew name YAHWEH would be in any way superior to the Hebrew name YESHUA." Yahshua said that the Father was greater than He. He proclaimed the name of the Father to His disciples. Scripture records in both Old and New Testaments that whoever calls upon the name Yahweh shall be saved (Joel 2:32; Acts 2:21; Ro. 10:13). A study of Scripture reveals that men have borne a portion of the name YAHWEH, but not its entirety. For

publications to which we have resorted for support of our renderings, not only of the divine name but also of other valuable features. Because the letter J corresponds with the first letter of the Tetragrammaton, we have designated them all under the letter J, but have added a superior number after in order to differentiate them. See pages 20, 21 for a photographic reproduction of the title page and of a sample page of one such Hebrew version by a Roman Catholic translator in 1668<sup>a</sup>, whom we have listed as J<sup>9</sup>.

**Doubtless for many of our readers a support for our rendering of the divine name comes from an unexpected source. We do not claim ours to be the first version to introduce it into the English translation of the Christian Greek Scriptures. Our list on page 22 shows that an American version of 1864 preceded us, but only on a limited scale; it rendered the name "Jehovah" 18 times from Matthew to Acts. We have listed this as J<sup>21</sup>, and our footnotes show where its renderings occur and agree with ours. But we may be the first to render the name consistently throughout the 237 times in the main body of our text. However, many English readers will be surprised to learn that further support of our rendering of the Name comes from many non-Hebrew missionary sources.\***

Parts of the Holy Bible have already been translated into more than 1,100 languages and dialects. From the 18th century forward the non-Hebrew translators have in many cases found no proper equivalent in the languages into which they were translating the Christian Greek Scriptures, and hence they have used the divine name in suitable native spelling. That our readers may appreciate something of the extent to which the divine name is published in missionary versions of the Christian Greek Scriptures, we print on the preceding page a chart. It shows 20 vernacular forms of "Jehovah" used in 38 versions, and the languages in which each form is used respectively. On pages 24, 25

we are pleased to reproduce photographically parts of pages of several such versions of the Christian Greek Scriptures using the divine name in the text. **There can be no real objection for these translations to do so provided they reproduce the divine name at places where the Hebrew Scriptures show the background and validity for it. For corresponding reasons no reasonable mind can find Scriptural objection to our doing so in this English version. Rather, as our readers familiarize themselves with this version, they will rejoice over the added clearness it imparts to many scriptures not distinctly discerned before.**

**While inclining to view the pronunciation "Yah-weh" as the more correct way, we have retained the form "Jehovah" because of people's familiarity with it since the 14th century. Moreover, it preserves, equally with other forms, the four letters of the Tetragrammaton JHVH.**

We count ourselves happy to be privileged to present this New World translation in the interest of Bible education, at the time **when that righteous world is dawning, where the name of the Author of the Holy Scriptures will be known and honored by all who live.** We shall be grateful if it guides many into right Scriptural understanding and action at this critical time when **"anyone that calls upon the name of Jehovah will be saved."**—Acts 2:21.

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I have emboldened and underlined certain important points expressed here, but especially note (1) the original *Septuagint* (LXX) contained the Divine Name renders "personality." (3) To restore the Divine Name where it belongs adds clearness and imparts to many scriptures not distinctly discerned before. (4) The more correct pronun-

ciation is Yahweh. (5) The righteous age is dawning when the name of the Author of the Holy Scriptures will be known and honored by all who live. (6) The Scriptures have been tampered with crowding the true name of the Creator out with the replacements of *Kurios* and *Theos*. (7) The Savior, Apostles and disciples knew and spoke the divine name. (8) The modern day translator (and believer) is justified and authorized to place the divine name where it belongs in the Scriptures. (9) Those who resist the replacement of the divine name to its rightful place do not understand nor have any appreciation for it, and exhibit an aversion to it.

Now the real question is, If one is in possession of the Holy Spirit (which seals and imparts the name of the Father to the believer) would he exhibit an aversion to it? If one truly has the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth, would he not rather rejoice at the declaration of the true name to the world? Wouldn't the Holy Spirit reveal the truth to the believer? When the truth comes won't he rejoice at that truth, accept and declare it? If one cannot recognize the truth, then does he have the Spirit of truth? Important questions to ask are they not?

Point #3 - The author utilized the term "ineffable name" while the scholars, in their discourse, utilized the term "unspeakable." We must note that the term "ineffable name" is not found in the whole of Scripture. While the term "unspeakable" is utilized in the New Testament, it is not found in association with the true name of the Creator. Yahweh had Moses declare to Pharaoh, "And in very deed for this cause have I raised thee up, for to shew in thee My power; and **that My name may be declared throughout all the earth.**" Ex.9:16. The Apostle Paul repeated this declaration in Ro. 9:17. The doctrine of the "ineffable name" is found in modern-day misguided Judaism, Freemasonry and Christianity, but it is not found in the Scriptures which must be the foundation and basis of the true

faith.

Point #4 - Elder Cormier utilized the name “Jehovah” as also did the scholars, however, notice that the scholars admitted that the more correct pronunciation is Yahweh and not Jehovah. Jehovah is proven through many scholarly works to be an erroneous rendering of the Tetragrammaton which originated in Middle Ages by Christians who were ignorant of the Hebrew. The scholars justify their use of the erroneous rendering (Jehovah) because people are more familiar with it. However, when the better and more right and truthful way is revealed, are we not supposed to follow that? To remain in error is to remain in that which is wrong. The Holy Spirit leads us into that which is right and true, causing us to prefer the better way. At any rate, I have only covered the first paragraph and first point in Elder Cormier’s article and he is found to be in error in both. What spirit is truly leading him?

**Continuing with the article:** 2. When the New Testament was written, it was written (with a few exceptions) in the same language as the Greek Old Testament—the common (koine) Greek. (**This is remarkable indeed when it is considered that most of the dialogs (actual conversations) recorded in the New Testament were not spoken in Greek, but in Hebrew/Aramaic.**) This facilitated the spread of the Gospel to more than just those who knew the Hebrew language, as the Greek language was known to a far greater percentage of the world’s population than was the Hebrew language. Although some Hebrew and Aramaic words were preserved in the Greek New Testament (e.g. Cephas, Alleluia, and some words that Jesus said that were given verbatim and then immediately translated into Greek by the author), they were given in the alphabet of the Greek language, not Hebrew characters! It is ridiculous to assert that Hebrew writing (everywhere the name of Christ appeared) was in the “earliest” (read “best”) manuscripts of the Greek New Testament. (p. 7, col. 1, 2)

**COMMENT:** This author says that it is REMARKABLE that the New Testament is written in Greek, but all of the conversations are in Hebrew/Aramaic! Indeed, it would

be remarkable if such truly were the case, but it isn’t! When Yahshua sent His disciples out, He told them, “Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel,” Mt. 10:5-6. Again He said, “I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel,” Mt. 15:24. The Apostle Paul wrote concerning the wrath and blessings to be poured out, “Who shall render to every man according to his deeds: to them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life: but unto them that are contentious and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath. Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, **of the Jew first**, and also of the Gentile; but glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, **to the Jew first**, and also to the Gentile: for there is no respect of persons with Yahweh,” Ro 2:6-11.

Notice it! Even though there is no respect of persons, Yahweh always deals with the Jew, the Hebrew, first and then with the Gentiles. Here is what E. W. Bullinger admitted in Appendix 94 of *The Companion Bible* concerning the Greek text of the New Testament, “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 of the Hebrew or Aramaic originals, most of the various readings would be accounted for and understood.” (p. 134)

Most people who supposedly trust in the New Testament (covenant) don’t even understand what the New Covenant or Testament is all about. The reality of the New Testament is revealed in the book of Hebrews, “For finding fault with them, He saith, ‘Behold, the days come, saith Yahweh, when I will make a new covenant **with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah**: not according to the covenant

that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in My Covenant, and I regarded them not, saith Yahweh. For this is the covenant that I will make **with the house of Israel** after those days, saith Yahweh; I will put My laws into their minds and write them in their hearts and I will be to them a Elohim, and they shall be to Me a People...,” Heb. 8:8-10.

Herein is the reality of the New Covenant! It is primarily made with the house of Israel and the house of Judah! Notice the name of the book that I have quoted from. Isn’t it the book of HEBREWS? Would Yahweh inspire this book, written to Hebrews, to be recorded initially in Greek? Remember that the deliverance from Egypt had to do primarily with the house of Israel, but a mixed multitude went out with them. According to the New Testament writings, Yahweh hasn’t changed. He is still primarily concerned with making His New Covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, but He is also going to have mercy upon many of the Gentiles.

Now notice the writings of Paul again, “And if some of the branches be broken off, and **thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them**, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree; boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee. Thou wilt say then, ‘The branches were broken off, **that I might be grafted in.**’ Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear: for if Yahweh spared not the natural branches, take heed lest He also spare not thee. Behold therefore the goodness and severity of Yahweh: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in His goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off. And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for Yahweh is able to graff them in again. **For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree**

**which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree:** how much more shall these, which be **the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?**” Ro. 11:17-24.

Whose olive tree is it? Israel’s, the Hebrews! Notice that the Gentiles (which includes the Greeks) were to be **cut out of their own olive tree, which was naturally wild**, and grafted into the Hebrew tree. But the world has it all backwards today (which was prophesied, of course). The world is proclaiming that the tree is Greek and wants to force the Hebrews to be grafted into them. This is boasting against the NATURAL tree and branches. It is time that these WILD OLIVE TREES (the Greeks and other Gentiles) realize this and repent of their boasting, exhibiting the FEAR that the Apostle Paul admonished them to exhibit.

If this man and others who proclaim that the whole New Testament was written in Greek would only study their Bibles, they would realize that everything is offered to the Hebrews first, thus the original language of the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, would have been Hebrew. Evidently these men have never read Zech. 9:12-13, “Turn you to the strong hold, ye prisoners of hope: even to day do I declare that I will render double unto thee: when I have bent Judah for Me, filled the bow with Ephraim, and raised up thy sons, O Zion, **against thy sons, O Greece**, and made thee as a sword of a mighty man.”

Notice that; Zion is Hebrew (Rev. 7 & 14). They are to be raised up against the Greeks! Much of the scholarly world has been taught and has taught that the original New Testament Scriptures were written in Greek. What has been available to the world has seemed to support their teachings. This has been utilized against the Sacred Name believers as evidence that there is nothing special concerning the Creator’s name. The Sacred Name believers have been

scoffed at and ridiculed for believing and teaching that the New Testament Scriptures were originally written in Hebrew because the evidence seems to be stacked against them (us). However, the Scriptural evidence reveals otherwise. This same scenario fits concerning the flood, the Assyrian Empire and its great city Nineveh. The scholarly world scoffed and ridiculed the Biblical account of the flood along with the Assyrian Empire with its great city Nineveh. They scoffed, that is, until archeologists discovered the ruins of the ancient city of Nineveh and also evidence of the flood has been discovered. For one to teach the world’s view (which is usually anti-Scripture) in lieu of what the Scriptures reveal will ultimately end in shame.

As to his statement concerning it being ridiculous to assert that everywhere the name of the Messiah appeared in the Greek New Testament would have been in the Hebrew, see my comment concerning the name of the Heavenly Father.

**Continuing with the article:** 3. Nowhere in the Greek New Testament does the tetragrammaton (YHWH) appear! Invariably, the New Testament follows the Greek Old Testament (LXX) in using KURIOS for YAHWEH (YHWH). Now remember: even though we have no reason to claim divine inspiration for the translation of the Hebrew scriptures into the Greek language, we do know that the production of the New Testament was under the direct guidance of the Holy Ghost, just as was the writing of the Old Testament in its original form. And by the direction of the Holy Ghost, the authors of the New Testament used the language and syntax of the Greek Old Testament—indeed, there are whole portions of the Old Testament included in the New Testament that are quoted out of the Greek Old Testament. (Both Christ and the Apostles have quotations from the LXX attributed to them.) This is irrefutable proof that there is no superiority in the Hebrew tongue over the Greek or any other tongue. (p. 7, col. 2)

**COMMENT:** See the previous comments which will give explanation to the erroneous statements made under this point. This man is simply following the nature of the Gentile Greek mind which does not appreci-

ate nor understand the true value and importance of the name of the Creator Yahweh nor the Hebrew language.

**Continuing with the article:** 4. When God revealed his Glory to Moses, he apparently showed him the structure of the Church Age (“the pattern that was showed thee in the mount”). Subsequently, we observe in scripture that Moses calls his successor YESHUA (the Hebrew word for the English word JOSHUA). According to language scholars, the Hebrew word YESHUA is a contraction of the Hebrew name YAHWEH (LORD) and the Hebrew word SHUA (salvation/savior/saves). In the Greek Old Testament (LXX) the Hebrew name YESHUA was consistently transliterated (letter for letter translation instead of translating the entire word) into the Greek name IESOUS (pronounced YAY-SOOS). In fact, readers of the LXX will find an entire book in the Old Testament bearing the name of IESOUS. Those who have studied the language of TYPES in the scripture readily agree that Moses stood for and represented the LAW, and Joshua (YESHUA/IESOUS) stood for and represented CHRIST.) “The Law was our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ.”) It should come as no surprise to find that the names JOSHUA and JESUS are both derivations of the same Hebrew word, with one coming straight into English from Hebrew, and the other coming from Hebrew through Greek into English. Thus we have an Old Testament YESHUA/IESOUS who was Joshua, the son of Nun, who stood for and represented the New Testament YESHUA/IESOUS who was Jesus, the son of God! (p. 7, col. 2, 3)

**COMMENT:** Now let me get this straight, the name JOSHUA comes directly from the Hebrew word YESHUA? How do we transliterate the name YESHUA into the English word JOSHUA? The direct transliteration of the Hebrew YESHUA would be YESHUA in English. However, go to any Hebrew-English lexicon and one will find that the direct transliteration of the Hebrew name for the son of Nun (יהושע) is Joshua. This must mean that the actual Hebrew pronunciation of this name is YAHSHUA, not YESHUA. The contraction form for the name YAHWEH is YAH. Add YAH to SHUA and one will get YAHSHUA, not YESHUA!

Notice also that he pointed out that