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THE NAME OF MERCY

It is frustrating sometimes to declare the true name of the Creator to others who brush it off and refuse to accept the truth, but then, I have to remember that Yahweh is the One Who does the calling. Still...I must declare it!
By Jerry Healan

The world has certainly been greatly deceived. This author was introduced to the true names back in the late 1980's to early 1990's. This was something new to me and I had to consider the pros and cons before accepting them, and believe me, there were plenty of them (pros and cons).

My wife and I were called to many of the Scriptural truths through the Worldwide Church of God headed by Herbert W. Armstrong. It was rather easy to prove the observance of the seventh day Sabbath, annual holy days, clean and unclean foods, etc. But when it came to the Sacred Names...that was a different matter.

I remember that toward the end of his life, HWA announced at Big Sandy, Texas that he was going to commission a panel to look into what the name of the Creator was. I am certain that it occurred at a fall festival around 1981-2. I remember anticipating the answer which came around 1-1/2 – 2 years later. He was making announcements, as he always did, about what was going on in the work, and as an after-thought he said, "Oh by the way, the panel has finished their study and we have determined that the name of the Heavenly Father is Yahweh, but I prefer to call Him "The Eternal."

Because of that brush off I, like so many others, didn't give it a second thought. After all, HWA was the apostle, and head of the only true church. Whatever he said was the absolute truth (whether it was or not) and he wasn't to be questioned. However, my own studies into Scripture eventually caused me to be forcibly ejected from that group.

Later, some of the people that I had been meeting with began to accept the Sacred Names and I eventually was challenged to prove and turn to them. Of course, one of the major disconcerting things about the Sacred Names is the various groups who utilize different variations of pronunciation. But we will reserve this for another article.

At first, my acceptance was for the purposes of the truth. John says, "No lie is of the truth," 1 Jn. 2:21. Therefore, our quest should always be to learn the truth of things, and turn away from lies and untruths because whether you know it or not, or can accept it or not, lies murder! "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. **He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth**, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it," Jn. 8:44.

Herbert W. Armstrong always used to say that when truth is revealed, we must embrace it. To reject the truth is to begin to go backward. Look at the organization that he built! Because he refused to embrace the truth, he lost his life and the church that he built was taken over by deceivers who have turned that group around back to their former beliefs that they had repented and come out of. There is no longer an organization named "Worldwide Church of God!" His own words turned back on his own head, and on the heads of those who blindly put him on a pedestal equal to the Roman Catholic Pope!

MORE UNDERSTANDING

This author has done countless studies on the Creator's name. He has responded time after time to those who foolishly stand against the use of the true names and have published articles for the purpose of keeping their people happily blinded under the false names and titles. As the Scriptures encourage, "Prove all things, hold fast that which is good," 1 Thes. 5:21, this author has taken the challenge to do just that.

We also have the example of the Bereans who searched the Scriptures whether things told them about the Messiah were so. If you will allow them, the Scriptures, Scriptural commentaries, encyclopedias, and dictionaries will reveal a mountain of information concerning not only the importance of our own names, but especially the importance of the Creator's name!

Yahweh calls His name the "memorial" name. "Memorial" comes from the Hebrew *zikri* (זִכְרִי) which, in turn, comes from the primitive root word *zakar*, *Zakar* is defined as; a primitive root; properly, to mark (so as to be recognized), i.e. **to remember**; by implication, **to mention**; also (as denominative from 2145) to be male.



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What do we do when we want to “memorize” something? Don’t we repeat it over, and over, again, and again in order to imbed it into our minds and lives? Yahweh’s name is to be remembered by mentioning it! Its lack of use has caused the people of the modern world to forget it.

As I have progressed in the truth about the Sacred names, I have learned so much about them, and what I am led to reveal here is only the tip of the iceberg, so to speak.

יהוה

Firstly, the name of the creator is called a tetragrammaton, which means it is composed of four letters. Hebrew is written from right to left so the first letter is a *yod* (י), followed by *hei* (ה), *waw* (ו), *hei* (ה).

Generally, the English version to the four letters is presented as YHWH, or YHVH, but the best rendering would be IAUE, or YAUE. However, most people would be unable to pronounce this correctly, so we utilize the spelling Yahweh.

יהוה = to breath, to be, to exist. With the yod (י) as a prefix it would give the idea of he is, he exists. Some say that the name Yahweh means “the eternal” or “ever living one.”

Gen. 2:4, “These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that Yahweh Elohim made the earth and the heavens.”

The Chumash (a Rabbinic commentary on the Torah) comments: Yahweh Elohim. This is first mention in the Torah of the Hebrew Four-letter Name יהוה, which denotes God in His attribute of Mercy. At first, God created the world exclusively with the attribute of justice [*Elohim*], because the ideal state is for man to be judged according to his deeds, without a need for special mercy, but God knew that man cannot survive without mercy and forbearance. Therefore He added the Name signifying mercy, to teach that He would temper justice with compassion (Rashi to 1:1). The name יהוה also signifies the eternity

of God, because its letters are also those of the words יהוה ויהיה, *He was, is, and will be*. In the words of Rambam’s fourth principle of faith, God “is the very first and the very last.” Everything in the created universe must have a moment when it came into existence, but God is infinite; He transcends time. In recognition of this concept, the Four-letter Name is often translated the Eternal One. **This is also the proper Name of God.** In respect for its intense holiness, it is not pronounced as it is spelled. In prayer or when reciting a complete verse in the Torah, it is pronounced *Adonoy*. Otherwise it is referred to as HASHEM, the Name. (*The Chumash*, p. 11/Bereishis/Genesis)

Notice the contradiction here. His memorial (to remember, to mention) name is Yahweh, but their human reasoning is that it is too holy to be pronounced. The fact of the matter is that when the Pharisees began to take over (about 200 years the Messiah) they falsely reasoned that the name shouldn’t be pronounced by the common people. It began to be limited to being spoken only on the day of Atonement (Yom Kippur), and that, by the high priest alone.

Yet the Scriptures proclaim, “And it shall come to pass, that **whosoever shall call on the name of Yahweh (יהוה) 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,” Joel 2:32.

The Holy Spirit and the Apostle Peter agreed, because Peter, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit declared, “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 agreed when he wrote, “For **whosoever shall call upon the name of Yahweh shall be saved,**” Ro. 10:13.

Both Peter and Paul were quoting Joel under inspiration of the Holy Spirit, thus they would also have utilized the true name and not a substitute. But here are three witnesses who are proclaiming that we must call upon the name Yahweh for salvation! One is in the Old Testament, the other two are in the New Testament! So here is New Testament confirmation that we must call upon the name of Yahweh for salvation by two chief apostles!

PALEO AND PICTORIAL HEBREW

Furthermore, it is important to understand that the Paleo and Pictorial Hebrew characters openly reveal this great mercy in Yahweh’s name.

The Paleo characters for the name Yahweh (יהוה) look like this: hwhy.



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The Pictorial characters look like this: אָיָהוּ .

The yod (y/א) is the picture of a hand; the hei (h/אָ) has to do with revelation, behold, lo!; the waw (w/Y) is the picture of a nail.

Thus, we get the idea hand (y/א) behold (h/אָ) nail (w/Y) behold (h/אָ), or hand revealed, nail revealed.

After Yahshua's resurrection, He revealed Himself to the apostles but Thomas wasn't among them, so he said, "Except I shall see in **his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails**, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe," Jn. 20:25.

Eight days later Yahshua again appeared to the Disciples and said to Thomas, "Reach hither thy finger, and **behold my hands**; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing," Jn. 20:27.

Thomas responded, "Adonai ve Elohi!" v. 28. Thomas would have been speaking Hebrew. The English says "My Lord and My God." Adonai means sovereign, master, lord, while Elohi means "my El" or as the English renders it, "My God."

With Him being resurrected and having the nail prints in His hands, there was no longer any doubt in Thomas' mind. Yahshua was Yahweh ($\text{יהוה}/\text{hwhy}/\text{אָיָהוּ}$)!

Another close look at this name is also revealing in other instances. In Hebrew, the letters not only serve as letters for words, but as pictures, and numbers. Interestingly, the number for grace is 5 and the 5th letter of the Hebrew alphabet is the hei ($\text{ה}/\text{h}/\text{אָ}$). The waw ($\text{ו}/\text{w}/\text{Y}$) is the picture of a nail, or tent peg. With a nail something is driven together, nailed down, established, while a tent peg helps to uphold, establish a tent.

Therefore, we can look at the name Yahweh ($\text{יהוה}/\text{hwhy}/\text{אָיָהוּ}$) as the hand ($\text{א}/\text{y}/\text{א}$) revealed ($\text{ה}/\text{h}/\text{אָ}$) that establishes ($\text{ו}/\text{w}/\text{Y}$) grace ($\text{ה}/\text{h}/\text{אָ}$)! The name Yahweh is the name of mercy! It is that name through which grace is established!

There is a very sinister spirit in this world that desires that we all come under judgment and not mercy/grace. The name of mercy/grace has been removed from the people and even from the Creator's own word, the Holy Scriptures. If we are to receive grace, mercy, favor, we must put the name back where it belongs. If we desire mercy/grace, then we must begin to call upon the name that portrays that very idea. Follow the encouragement of Joel, Peter, and Paul, begin to call upon the name of mercy for salvation's sake!

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