



Yahweh, Yashua or Jesus?

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The following is an article that appeared in the <u>Pentecostal Herald</u> magazine's April 2002 issue. It is a reprint from their October 1988 issue. We would like to go through this article and reveal the fallacies and errors of thinking and doctrine contained therein. We will post a portion of the article and then give comments concerning what has been said.

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ARTICLE: In recent years a group knows as the Assemblies of Yahweh has placed an unusual emphasis on the spoken pronunciation of the name of God. The AY maintains that God's true name is Yahweh and that salvation comes specifically through this name.

Members of this group also assert that the name of the Son of God must be pronounced as Yashua. Any other form, such as Iesous (Greek) or Jesus (English), is unacceptable. They say that the name Jesus was derived from the names of the Greek gods Zeus and Dionysus, because the last two letters of each name are identical. One of their writers has even alleged that the name Jesus means "the pig," because *Je* supposedly means "the" and *sus* supposedly means "pig."

Scholars generally agree that the original Hebrew pronunciation of the Old Testament name of God was Yahweh or something similar; certainly the pronunciation Jehovah is a later English construction. Most scholars also agree that in New Testament times the Hebrew or Aramaic pronunciation of the name Jesus was Yeshua (not Yashua) and that this name is identical to the Old Testament name Joshua. Let us analyze the position of the AY, then, in the light of Scripture.

OUR COMMENT: Before he does his analyses, let's analyze what he has already said, in the light of Scriptural, Christian scholastic and secular knowledge. The following excerpt is taken from *Fossilized Customs* by Lew White: "According to the Dictionary of Christian Lore and Legend by J. C. J. Metford, page 126: 'It is known that the Greek name endings of sus, seus, and sous (which are phonetic pronunciation for Zeus) were attached by the Greeks to names and geographical areas as a means to give honor to their supreme deity, Zeus. Examples are Parnassus, a sacred mountain in Greece; the Greek deity of wine and son of Zeus, Dionysus; the Greek hero of the Trojan War was Odysseus, and the Greek deity of healing was Ieusus (which is a variant spelling of Iesous or the Latin Iesus/Jesus). They also changed the names of the prophet EliYahu (whose name means 'my mighty one is Yah') and Elyesha (whose name means 'my mighty one saves'), to 'Elias' and 'Eliseus' (which means 'my mighty one is Zeus'). This was done so often that it later was the basis for their rules of written grammar which followed the common or vernacular spoken language."

Here is a Christian scholar who admits that the attach-

ing of Greek name endings of sus, seus and sous to other's names was purposely done in order to honor their supreme deity Zeus. Does this brother understand and know this? If he learns that such is the case, will he continue to exonerate and uplift the Greek god Zeus through utilizing the name Jesus?

Does salvation come through the name Yahweh as is alluded to in the very first paragraph of this man's article? Will the writings of two of the principle apostles of the New Testament convince him? The apostle Peter states, "And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name *Yahweh shall be saved," Acts 2:21. "For 'whosoever shall call upon the name *Yahweh shall be saved," Ro. 10:13.

* NOTE: both Peter and Paul are quoting Joel 2:32 who wrote in Hebrew and included the Hebrew name of the Creator (Yahweh) in His writings. Since all three men were speaking and or writing under inspiration of the Holy Spirit, then all three would have utilized the very same name of salvation, the name Yahweh. How can I say this? Because Yahweh has Himself inspired the prophet Malachi to write, "For I am Yahweh, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed," 3:6. And speaking of the Savior it says that He is the same yesterday, and today and forever (Heb. 13:8)

Isn't it interesting that in the third paragraph this man admits that Old Testament name of the Creator is Yahweh, admitting also that "certainly the pronunciation Jehovah is a later English construction!" Such is so true! As a matter of fact, the Encyclopedia Britannica, fourteenth edition states, "The pronunciation 'Jehovah' is an error resulting among Christians from combining the consonants *Yhwy (Jhvh)* with the vowels of 'adhonay, 'Lord,' which the Jews in reading the Scriptures substituted for the sacred name, commonly called the tetragrammaton as containing four consonants." (volume 12, p. 995).

Since David can admit that Jehovah is a later English construction, why is it that he can see that the name Jesus is also an erroneous later English construction which we will be able to prove beyond a shadow of a doubt? Let's keep this in mind as we continue answering this man's article.

ARTICLE: *First*, the AY does not attribute full deity to Jesus Christ as the Bible does, but it speaks of God and





Jesus as they were two separate persons. Its view of Jesus is similar to that of Jehovah's Witnesses; both use the designation C.E. (Common Era) instead of A.D. (Anna Domini = in the year of the Lord), apparently because they do not want to acknowledge Jesus as the supreme Lord. They AY exalts Yahweh as the highest name of God, not realizing that the New Testament provides us with a greater revelation of God and His name.

COMMENT: Notice the ploy utilized here. He attempts to discredit the assemblies by accusing all of believing one and the same thing. While there are Yahwists who deny the full deity of Yahshua, others do not. Not all of the assemblies teach the same thing. However, there are those of us in the Assemblies of Yahweh who do believe and teach that Yahshua is exactly Who He said He was which was also witnessed by the apostles, and that the New Testament is not only a greater revelation of Yahweh and His Beloved Son Yahshua, but of a new and better covenant based on better promises.

That being said, this man writes as if he believes that the Father and the Son are the same entity when Yahshua, Himself, said, "My Father is greater than I," Jn. 14:28. When David proclaimed, "Yahweh said unto my Sovereign (Lord/Adon), 'Sit at my right hand, until I make Thine enemies thy footstool...Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek...Yahweh at Thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of His wrath," Psa. 110: 1, 4-5, who was Yahweh speaking to? The Apostle Paul reveals that Yahweh is speaking to Yahshua the Messiah (Eph. 1:20) as does also the book of Hebrews (Heb. 1:3, 13).

Further, Psa. 110:5 reveals that the one sitting at the right hand is also named Yahweh. Thus, the Son also bears the name Yahweh as both the Old and New Testaments reveal. As the book of Proverbs asks, "Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? Who hath gathered the wind in his fists? Who hath bound the Waters in a garment? Who hath established all the ends of the earth? **What is his name, and what is his son's name**, if thou canst tell?" 30:4. The book of Proverbs reveals that there is the great Creator and that He has a Son.

Yahshua also prayed, "And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true Elohim, and Yahshua the Messiah, Whom Thou hast sent," Jn. 17:3. Does not Yahshua distinguish between Himself and the Father Who is greater than Himself? Yahshua also prayed, "And now, O Father, glorify Thou Me with Thine own Self with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was," Jn. 17:5. Notice that He says with, not as. Who was Yahshua praying to? Himself, as this man believes, or His Father in heaven as Yahshua, Himself, is proclaiming? Furthermore, He prays, "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. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Thy name...," Jn. 17:11-12.

Notice that Yahshua wants us to be one as He and the Father are. He proceeded to say, "Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy word is truth. As **Thou hast sent Me** into the world, even so have **I also sent them into the world**," v. 18. Notice that! Yahshua sends His disciples into the world, as His Father has sent Him into the world. How then, can this man believe that the Father and the Son are one and the same being?

Again, He says, "And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word. That they all may be one; as Thou, Father, are in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me. And the glory which Thou gavest Me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be perfect in one, and that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me, and hast loved them, as Thou hast loved me," vv. 19-23.

According to this man's way of thinking, since they believe that the Father and Yahshua are one and the same being, then he would have to conclude that the disciples are also the Father, because Yahshua said that they could all be one. But to the sensible mind, we know that Yahshua called 12 disciples. They were 13 different entities (the 12 disciples and Yahshua the anointed), yet they were to be one in Yahshua. There is the entity who is the Heavenly Father Yahweh, and there is the entity who emptied Himself, descended to earth, became a man, dwelt among us, suffered, died, was resurrected and ascended into heaven to sit down on the right hand of the Father. That entity is Yahshua the Messiah, according to the Scriptures.

ARTICLE: Yahweh of the Old Testament manifested Himself in flesh to be our Savior in the New Testament. The name Jesus incorporates the revelation of God contained in both testaments, for it literally means "Yahweh -Savior" or "Yahweh is salvation."

Although others have borne the name Joshua, Yeshua, or Jesus, Jesus Christ of Nazareth alone truly personifies the meaning of that name. He was "God with us," (Matthew 1:23), who came to "save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21), and "in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily" (Colossians 2:9). Consequently, the name of Jesus is the only saving name, the highest name ever known to humanity, the name at which every knee shall bow, the name that every tongue shall confess, and the name in which we are to say and do all things (Acts 4:12; Ephesians 1:20-21; Philippians 2:9-11; Colossians 3:17). For this reason, the Early Church baptized in the name of Jesus, not in the name of Yahweh (Acts 2:38).





COMMENT: Is this man really speaking the truth? Absolutely not! The fact of the matter, the real truth is that the name Jesus didn't even exist in the English language in its present form until sometime in the 17th or 18th century. As a matter of fact, I have a copy of the 1611 King James Bible and the specific name Jesus is not recorded anywhere in that Bible. His name was rendered as "Iesus" not "Jesus," because the simple fact of the matter is that the letter "J" did not exist in the English language at that time. The letter "J" was not added to the English language until sometime in the 17th or 18th century. Neither has the letter "J" ever existed in the Hebrew or Greek languages, for that matter. Therefore, the name "Jesus" is as much a later English construction as this man admits that the name Jehovah is.

Since this is true, how is it that this man can declare that the name Jesus is the only saving name? The highest name ever known to humanity, the name at which every knee shall bow, the name that every tongue shall confess, the name in which we are to say and do all things?

Again, how can he think that the name Jesus is the only name out of Joshua, Yeshua and Jesus to represent the meaning "Yahweh-Savior" or "Yahweh is salvation?" Does he say HalleluJe or HalleluYah? How about IsaJe or Isaiah, or JeremJe or Jeremiah. HalleluYah means "Praise Yahweh", does HalleluJe convey a closer meaning and if so, why isn't that the word we more readily hear than HalleluYah? Isaiah means "Yahweh has saved". Is IsaJe a closer rendering, and if so, why don't we hear IsaJe rather than Isaiah? Jeremiah means "Yahweh will rise". If JeremJe is a more correct rendering, then why don't we hear the prophet called by that name? No, I am sure that this man says Halleluyah, Isaiah, Jeremiah, etc., which gives more credence to Yah - shua than Je - sus. The simple truth is that the closest English version to the Savior's name is Joshua which we restore to Yahshua.

To show that the "J" in the English language should really carry the "Y" or "I" sound, we can look at the way some early 20th century words were spelled and pronounced. We can look at the word HalleluYah, for instance. Halleluyah was written in earlier 20th century English as "HalleluJah", but how was it pronounced? As HalleluYah! In the early 1900's the word "Soviet Union" was written in the English language as "Sowjet Union." It was still pronounced as Soviet Union, but evidently many were pronouncing it as it appeared and, thus, were pronouncing it incorrectly. Therefore, the spelling was changed in order to get the correct pronunciation.

The name Jesus is #2424 in the Greek Dictionary of Strong's Exhaustive Concordance. It is rendered as Iη̂ σους Iesous, ee-ay-sooce'. It is defined as; of Heb. or. [3091]; Jesus (i.e. Jehoshua), the name of our Lord and

two (three) other Isr.

Going back to 3091 in the Hebrew Dictionary we find this name rendered as: יהושוע Y@howshuwa', yeh-ho-shoo'-ah; from 3068 and 3467; Jehovah-saved; Jehoshua (i.e. Joshua), the Jewish leader:—Jehoshua, Jehoshuah, Joshua.

Notice that! The Hebrew dictionary doesn't say anything about the word/name Jesus! E. W. Bullinger, author of the *Companion Bible* makes has an interesting note on Mat. 1:21 which states, "And she shall bring forth a Son, and thou shalt call His name Jesus: for He shall save His People from their sins." NOTE: *The same as the Heb. Hoshea (Num. 13:16) with Jah prefixed = God Jour] Saviour, or God Who [is] salvation.*

Isn't it interesting that even from the Greek Septuagint or the Hebrew Scriptures themselves, when the 6th book of the Bible is named, it is named Joshua, even though the same Greek (and Hebrew) name applies to the son of Nun and the Savior. Why is it that one man is called Joshua and the other Jesus even though both are spelled the same in the Greek?

ARTICLE: *Second*, the AY wrongly attaches saving efficacy to the pronunciation of God's name in a certain way—to the vibrations of sound waves. In actuality, the significance of the name rests in its meaning. It is effective because of the One it represents, and it is effective only when we have faith in the One it represents. When we call the name of Jesus in faith, he responds to our cry and performs a work in our lives.

COMMENT: Let's see, didn't this man just write in an above paragraph, "Although others have borne the name Joshua, Yeshua, or Jesus, Jesus Christ of Nazareth alone truly personifies the meaning of that name?" When one says Jesus Christ, doesn't that create particular vibrations of sound waves? It's amazing that he makes a firm stand on the pronunciation of the name Jesus and then condemns others for making an equal stand on the more correct Yahshua, or Yeshua. His considering the more correct pronunciation to be the incorrect and the more incorrect pronunciation to be the correct. Why? Because he was raised hearing and reading the more incorrect pronunciation. However, had he lived in earlier times he would have heard the more correct pronunciation and would have stood by that. It just goes to prove that when people are born, live in and are taught error as truth, they will continue to maintain the more erroneous.

Do you mean to tell me that only those who speak the name Jesus have faith? (Which is what he is also implying here.) Why then, do we have prayers answered in the name Yahshua? Why then, are we able to do works in the name Yahshua?

ARTICLE: This is what the Bible means when it says we receive healing and salvation through the Name:





'And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong" (Acts 3:16). "Through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins" (Acts 10:43). Answers to prayer did not come to the Early Church because of a certain pronunciation of the Name, but because they invoked the Name in faith.

COMMENT: Again, we must point out that in neither the act of Acts 3:16 nor in Acts 10:43 was the name Jesus ever spoken. Jesus is neither a Hebrew nor a Greek name. Peter and the other apostles were Hebrew as was our Savior. His name was the Hebrew version of the name, not the Greek, Latin nor English. He is right about them invoking the name in faith, and look at what powerful works were done in a name other than the name Jesus, because the name Jesus wouldn't exist for around 1600 - 1700 years.

ARTICLE: The seven sons of Sceva attempted to cast out demons by calling on the name that Paul used with success. They could not cast the demons out because, unlike Paul, they did not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ (Acts 19:14-17). Their problem was not faulty pronunciation but deficient faith.

COMMENT: Paul also didn't use the name Jesus.

ARTICLE: A study of human language and speech shows that it is a mistake to attach saving efficacy to a certain pronunciation of the Name. No one pronounces words exactly alike; voice prints are as unique as fingerprints. Even if we could be certain of the original spelling of the Old Testament name of God, no one can know the exact pronunciation that the ancient Hebrews attached to the individual vowels and consonants. Moreover, ancient Hebrew had different dialects, and in one of them there was no *sh* sound in certain cases (Judges 12:4-6).

COMMENT: This man attaches saving efficacy to a certain name Jesus which is pronounced a certain way. He will accept no substitute such as Joshua, Yeshua, etc. Is this the pot calling the kettle black? His own argument is able to be turned back upon his own head. We understand that there are different dialects and other speech problems. We give more leeway to these situations than he does, because he only accepts the more modern erroneous rendering of Jesus.

ARTICLE: If salvation depends upon exact pronunciation, what happens to people with speech impediments. accents. or dialects? What happens to people whose languages do not contain certain sounds? For example. Greek does not have an *sh*, and Korean does not have a final *s* sound.

COMMENT: This man doesn't understand people in the Sacred Names at all. We don't just focus on the correct pronunciation of the names. We walk the walk of faith in Yahshua the Messiah. We seek to obey our Heavenly Father's will which has to do with His commandments. We seek to walk in obedient faith as Yahshua walked in obedient faith. I think that if one looked into this man's religion/faith, one would find that he is more concerned with trusting in a name only, than he is letting on. I think that one would find outright disobedience to Yahweh's commandments, which is sin, because sin is the transgression of the law.

ARTICLE: *Third*, the position of the AY would require us to reject the New Testament that we now have, including all known manuscripts and versions. The Greek New Testament, including all ancient Greek manuscripts in existence, uses the name Iesous. The AY has to maintain that it was not written by the apostles or the Early Church, for if they used Iesous in even one passage, then the AY position is disproved.

While a few scholars believe that Matthew was originally written in Hebrew or Aramaic, it is impossible to maintain that the entire New Testament was so written. The Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts were written by a Gentile, Luke, to another Gentile, Theophilus, and it is unlikely that either of them knew Hebrew or Aramaic. Paul wrote his letters to Gentile churches. Clearly these writers used Greek. Moreover, a study of New Testament style, grammar, idioms, and vocabulary demonstrates that Greek was the original language.

COMMENT: E. W. Bullinger's *Companion Bible* comments concerning the style, grammar and idioms in a very different context from what Mr. Bernard does. He writes: "III. THE LANGUAGE. With regard to this, it is generally assumed that, because it comes to us in Greek, the N.T. ought to be in classical Greek, and is then condemned because it is not! Classical Greek was at its prime some centuries before; and in the time of our Lord there were several reasons why the N.T. was not written in classical Greek.

1. 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. 135)

Do you get that! The thoughts and idioms are Hebrew, not Greek, as Mr. Bernard would have us believe. In order to account for and understand the Greek of the N.T. it has to be regarded as a translation from Hebrew or Aramaic originals into the Greek!

Mr. Bullinger also makes another astounding revela-





tion!: "V. THE MANUSCRIPTS of the Greek New Testament dating from **the fourth century A.D**. are more in number than those of any Greek or Roman author, for these latter are rare, and none are really ancient; while those of the N.T. have been shown by Dr. Scrivener at not less than 3,600, a few containing the whole, and the rest various parts, of the N.T."

The fourth century is the period when Constantine called the Great entered into the assembly. Constantine was the emperor of the Roman Empire! Rome is the fourth kingdom spoken of in Dan. 2 and the fourth beast spoken of in Dan. 7. This beast was described by the prophet Daniel as a great and terrible beast which crushed and broke in pieces everything in its path. Constantine was the head of that beast.

Remember that the beast made war against the saints and prevailed against them; until the Ancient of days comes! (Dan. 7:21-22) It was Constantine who made the Hebrew language, the Hebrew ways and the Hebrew documents illegal! He established a law making it illegal to possess any Hebrew documents on pain of death.

Constantine was the Pontifex Maximus of all paganism! When he wormed his way into the assembly, he took over as its Pontifex Maximus. He authorized worship on the venerable day of the sun, Sunday, the first day of the week in lieu of Yahweh's commanded seventh day Sabbath. He had 50 copies of the scriptures made in the Greek language and donated them to the church leaders. Those who continue to defend the Greek Scriptures along with the Greek names and the Greek ways are only promoting the religion of their high priest, their Pontifex Maximus Constantine, head of the great and terrible beast. They are continuing his war against the truth, against Yahweh, against Yahshua and against the saints. It would behoove this brother to study these things out much closer, repent and begin to fight against the lies and untruths foisted upon so many by one of the greatest deceivers of all time, the Roman Greek God-King Constantine!

We can scripturally prove that the New Testament was originally written in Hebrew for the Apostle Paul wrote that tribulation and anguish would come upon every evil soul, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile and that glory, honor and peace would come to every man who worked good, to the Jew first and then to the Gentile (Ro. 2:8-9). Yahshua was Jewish. His disciples/apostles were Jewish. The first called to the body of the Messiah were Jewish. It was several years before the Holy Spirit was offered to non-Jews (Acts 10).

ARTICLE: For the AY position to be correct Jesus, the apostles, and the Early Church would have had to use the early Hebrew name Yashua and never any other variation, even when speaking or writing in the Hebrew, Aramaic, or Greek of their day. We do not have a single manuscript or ancient version of the New Testament

that does so, and no one has ever recorded the existence of such a manuscript. No scholar has ever produced evidence that there was such a manuscript.

COMMENT: This we do know, a name is transliterated, not translated from one language to another. It has now been revealed by the Dead Sea Scrolls that the name Yahweh was originally preserved in the Paleo-Hebrew letters even when many of the more ancient scrolls were written in the Babylonian style Hebrew and even in many of the more ancient Greek documents.

It is also a fact that the name of the Savior does not always appear with the final ς (sigma) at the end of His name in the Greek documents. Instead of appearing as Inσους it appears as Inσου. Why is it that the English renderings always utilize Jesus rather than Jesu in the places where the final sigma is left off? While His name in the Hebrew is Yehoshua, in the Aramaic Yeshua (Yay-shua, not Ye-shua)and the more correct English transliteration would be Yahshua (Joshua), why are our English versions even of the Greek scriptures inconsistent with that which actually appears in the Greek? None of the other languages have the final "s" and even many of the Greek places do not utilize the final sigma, but everywhere the Savior's name appears in the English translations, the "s" appears.

Could it be because the English peoples are descended from the ancient Celtic peoples whose priesthood were the pagan Druids? Could it be because the ancient Druids had a savior who was also hung on a tree whose name was Hesus (spelled Yesu, but pronounced Hesus)? Yesu (Hesus) was the version of this pagan savior's name in Ireland and England, but in mainland Europe the name was spelled Esus, and also pronounced Hesus.

Why are there no Hebrew documents with the name of the Savior in Hebrew? The simple fact of the matter is that the Christians under the hand of Constantine destroyed all Hebrew documents while the Jewish peoples who rejected the Messiah also destroyed all of the New Testament documents that they could get their hands on. According to Scripture, the true assembly of believers had to flee the environs of the Roman Empire in order to preserve their lives. As Scripture truly reveals, the beast made war against the saints **and prevailed against them!** (Dan. 7:21; Rev. 13:7) Why does this brother want to continue to promote the religion and savior of the beast?

ARTICLE: Fourth, the scholarship of the AY is faulty. Webster's Unabridged Dictionary clearly shows that the English name Jesus came from the Latin Iesus, from the Greek Iesous, from the Hebrew Yeshua. Yeshua, in turn, is a contraction of the original Hebrew name Yehoshua. This long form occurs in Numbers 13:16, and it comes from Yah (a short form of Yahweh) and hoshia (meaning "to help" with the later connotation "to





To be consistent the AY should not use the contracted form Yahshua, but the original form Yehoshua or perhaps even Yahwehhoshia.

COMMENT: The Hebrew name we are dealing with is spelled יהושוע (yhushua) in the Hebrew. Notice the יהו (yhu) which preceeds the שוע (shua). These are the same letters which are utilized in the name Judah (יהודה). In the English language, we don't say Yehodah or Yahudah, we say Judah. The reason is that the (ה) principally becomes silent in the English language.

As a matter of fact, most of the Hebrew to English lexicons and dictionaries that we have come across reveal that the name יהושוע is transliterated as Joshua from Hebrew to English.

But another thing that we must take into account is Rev. 12:9 which states, "And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth and his angels were cast out with him."

Notice carefully that the serpent Satan has deceived the whole world. Also notice what verse 12 says, "Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. **Woe to the inhabiters of the earth** and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time."

According to Yahshua, Satan is a murderer and father of lies. According to Rev. 12:9, he has deceived the whole world. Satan is the destroyer and he works his destruction through deceit and lies. He hates Yahweh and Yahshua and according to Scripture, Yahweh's people have to flee from his wrath. He deceives the world into practicing idolatry, heathenism, paganism.

Let's see what Webster's New World Dictionary says about that which is pagan, "SYN.—pagan and heathen are both applied to nonmonotheistic peoples, but pagan specifically refers to one of the ancient polytheistic peoples, esp. the Greeks and Romans, and heathen is applied to any of the peoples regarded as primitive idolaters.

Do you get that!? The heathen were primitive idolaters, but the Greeks and Romans were much more sophisticated in their approach to idolatry. They were placed on a higher level than the heathen. They were the sophisticated pagans. Have the Greeks and Romans really and truly repented and embraced the truth and true Savior of Scripture? Let's see, modern-day Christianity actually comes from a combination of Greek and Latin scriptures and influences. Does modern-day Christianity practice idolatry or paganism? Don't they name every day of the week after a different pagan deity? Isn't it interesting that the French, Spanish, Latin and Greeks have their days named after their pagan dei-

ties worshipped in times past, while the English speaking peoples name their days to equivalent deities of Teutonic background?

Does modern-day Christianity observe the commanded Passover (1 Cor. 5:7) or Easter? Easter comes from the pagan, idolatrous Ishtar (queen of heaven) and Tammuz condemned in Scripture (Ez. 8). Does modern-day Christianity observe the commanded seventh day Sabbath of their Creator Yahweh (Ex. 20), or does it follow the commands of their Pontifex Maximus Constantine who instituted the venerable day of the sun (Sunday) in 321 A.D.? Does Christianity observe the annual birth-day of the sun (Dec. 25th) which was so highly regarded by all the heathen and pagans of antiquity? (No one knows exactly when the Savior was born, but the scholars (scribes) and church leaders know that He wasn't born on Dec. 25th.

If He wasn't born on Dec. 25th, then is one practicing truth when observing that day as the day of His birth? Isn't the opposite to the truth a lie? Then if He wasn't born on that day and one observes that day as His day of birth, then one is not practicing the truth, but a lie. How does Satan destroy? Isn't it through lies and deceit? Shouldn't one, then repent and turn from practicing lies? Or is it too much fun and too easy to go ahead and practice the lie?

And now, what about the name of the Savior. If we transliterate His name directly from the Hebrew into the English, His name is Joshua or a closer rendering is Yahshua. But if we go from the Hebrew to the Greek (pagan practitioners) and then to the Latin (more pagan practitioners) then we eventually wind up with the modern-day corrupted version Jesus which is only around 300 years old.

Comparing Joshua and Jesus is interesting. There isn't much in similarity. Has the deceiver done his job well? You bet he has. He has the supposed followers of the Savior deceived into practicing idolatrous practices and trusting in and declaring a name that the Savior was never called during His whole lifetime, and is only 300 years old, when the Savior was born around 2,000 years ago.

But please do notice that this brother does have the ability to trace back to the true origins of the Savior's name, yet he will not repent and embrace the truth. He has been deceived to continue to promote the lie, even when the truth is before his face!

ARTICLE: Moreover, the formation of the English name Jesus was not due to any sinister motive or meaning; it occurred according to the standard rules and developments in Hebrew, Greek, Latin, and English.

It is not accurate to say that the name Jesus came from the combination of two separate words *Je* and *sus*, supposedly meaning "the pig," any more than my name David comes from *Da* and *vid* with the meaning of





"daytime video." Moreover, no dictionary says that *Je* means "the" or that *sus* means "pig."

COMMENT: Wait a minute! Didn't He just write that the name Jesus comes from a combination in the original Hebrew Yah (a short from of Yahweh) and hoshia (meaning "to help" with the later connotation "to save")? If one can break down the Hebrew name Yehoshua into (Yah, a shortened form of the name Yahweh) and oshua (Hebrew meaning salvation), then wouldn't the Greek name correspondingly break down similarly? Would Je be the equivalent of Yah and sus be the equivalent of oshua? Didn't he already write that Jesus "literally means "Yahweh-Savior" or "Yahweh is salvation." (Par. 5) Surely this would be the break-down of the name Jesus.

Je may be the Greek equivalent to the Hebrew Yah, but Mr. Metford wrote that the Greeks ended names and places with sus, sos and sous in order to give honor to their god Zeus. Zeus was their savior-god! The Greek word for "savior" is "soter." If the Greeks were to translate the name of the Savior, it would have been Iesoter (the Savior Yah or Yahweh). It was too convenient and easy for the Greeks to add the name of their savior god to their equivalent of the name Yah or Yahweh.

As a matter of fact, the true transliteration can be discovered through the writings of the Apostle Paul who wrote in Ro. 9:25 about the prophet Hosea wherein that name is rendered in the Greek as $\omega \sigma \eta \epsilon$ Hosee, ho-sayeh' (*Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*, Greek Lexicon #5617). A combination of the Hebrew shortened form Yah and Hosea would have been $I \eta \omega \sigma \eta \epsilon$, pronounced like Yeosayeh. (This is getting pretty close to Yehoshua or even Yoshua/Yahshua.)

Sus, in Greek, has to do with Zeus. Sus in Latin means pig. Sus in Hebrew means horse or crane. The dictionaries do say that the Latin *Ie* can mean "the" or "that."

ARTICLE: The relation of the endings of Dionysus, Zeus, and Jesus is purely coincidental. In the original Greek there is no connection, for the endings are, respectively, -os -eus, and -ous. (Both eu and ou are diphthongs, which means that the vowels are to be pronounced as one unit and not to be regarded as separate sounds or syllables.)

COMMENT: We have proven with the New Testament Scriptures that the name of the Savior should be rendered I $\eta\omega\eta\eta\epsilon$ (Yeosayeh) in the Greek. One must understand the will and desire of the serpent Satan to deceive and murder in order to discover the hidden truths of the mystic minds of the Greek scribes. To fail to do so will bring the desired results of that old dragon-serpent called the devil and Satan.

ARTICLE: Fifth, as a practical matter, God Himself

honors the use of the English name Jesus. When people pray by using this name in faith, they receive the Holy Ghost, answers to prayer, healing, and deliverance from demons.

COMMENT: What is a ghost? The word "ghost" is defined as; the supposed disembodied spirit of a dead person, conceived of as appearing to the living as a pale, shadowy apparition. This is an apt word for a system that has gone astray and embraced the false teachings and lies of the serpent Satan. Paul warned that one was coming, "Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan (lies, falsehood, deceit, false ways, false names, etc.) with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause Yahweh shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a (the) lie: that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness," 2 Thes. 2:9-12.

- The truth is that this man who has written this article admits that the name of the Creator is Yahweh, but refuses to embrace that name.
- The truth is that the name of the Creator was a Hebrew name.
- The truth is that the Savior not only came in His Father's name, but was Hebrew and bore the Hebrew equivalent to "the salvation of Yahweh" or "Yahweh the Savior." (Yehoshua/Yahshua)
- The truth is that Constantine entered into the corrupted remnants of the New Testament Assembly, took over as its Pontifex Maximus (High Priest) and dictated commands opposite and contrary to Yahweh's commands.
- The truth is that Constantine was the head of the dreaded beast kingdom that Daniel foretold would arise. (Dan.7)
- The truth is that Satan inspired his beast-king to take upon their heads the name of blasphemy (Rev. 13:1) and he opened his mouth in blasphemy against Elohim to blaspheme His name, and His tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven (Rev. 13:6).
- The truth is that the beast and its heads made war against Yahweh's people, His saints and has and will prevail against them until the coming of the Ancient of days.
- The truth is that Christianity has been deceived into practicing idolatry and into embracing names of idolatry.
- The truth is that the Savior was never called Jesus during His whole lifetime while on this earth.
- The truth is that the name Jesus is a modern-day concoction just as the name Jehovah is, which this man admits.





ARTICLE: In conclusion, the name of Jesus may be pronounced in many different ways in various languages, dialects, and accents.

COMMENT: It is the Hebrew name Yehoshua which should be utilized in the various languages, dialects and accents, which may not be perfect, but does not hearken one back to the idolatrous savior-god Zeus of the Greeks or the Hesus of the Druids.

ARTICLE: In all of its forms, it means the same thing: the one true God of the Old Testament has become our Savior in the historical person of Jesus of Nazareth.

COMMENT: But he has already said that even though Joshua, and Yeshua are forms, the only acceptable form is Jesus. (Par. 6)

ARTICLE: When a person uses the name with that understanding, and with faith in Jesus as Lord and Messiah, then regardless of the language he speaks, his prayer will reach the throne of God and his invocation of God's name will be effective. (End of article)

COMMENT: Notice that he still focuses on the name Jesus regardless of language spoken. Yahweh may wink at our ignorance, but when the truth comes, it must be embraced or one descends into the pit of darkness. Thus, we encourage this brother to repent of his idolatry and declare the true name and faith of the Messiah of which is said, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved," Acts 4:12. According to his own article and research, that name was Yehoshua (Hebrew); Yahshua (English transliteration).

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