

IF YOU CAN TELL

Many years ago I went to work for a very large and prestigious funeral home. It was a family-run business since 1892, and was rife with rules of decorum. It took a considerable time to remember them all. But one thing was at the top of the heap... an employee was to not forget the name of any of the families we were serving, nor dare we mispronounce a name. At over forty funerals per week, this was a tall order. A name-memory course was available for any who needed it. Although I didn't require the course, I did speak to an instructor. He said that one of the biggest no-no's in business was to get a person's name wrong. People are fussy about their name.

Have you ever thought about God's name? Does He have one? Ask a dozen church people, and twelve of them will tell you "God" IS His name; or that He has many names; or that it really doesn't matter to Him what name we use... He's too big to care about a name. In one church I attended, one of the regulars at the men's prayer-meetings called Him "Dad" in all his prayers. In another church, a little book written by a no-nonsense Italian woman was promoted. She advocated a frank, direct, blunt approach to get the Almighty's attention. The title of her book is "Hey God!".

Well, I've heard the Creator addressed as "God", "Lord", "Lord God", "Father", "Jehovah", "Dad", "Daddy", even "Big Guy" (I'm not joking). What do you call Him? Do you think it matters as long as you love Him? Does the Bible give us any clues about His name, if He has one? For about seven years I have been studying to see what I can discover about this matter. I happen to believe that the Almighty does have a special sacred name. I also believe it matters very much to both Him and me how I address Him, and what name I use in the daily battle in this hostile land. For those interested, I offer the following from my study.

I work on the premise that there is no filler-text in the Bible. If something is there, it is important to understand why it's there. And its purpose, more often than not, has to be dug up through considerable effort. Almost nothing is left on the surface for the picking. Here's an example of what I mean...

"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?"
(Proverbs 30:4 K.J.V.)

This is a common literary form in Hebrew writing, both then and now. It's like a riddle, but a special kind. A list of questions with obvious answers is posed. But it concludes with a surprise. In this particular riddle, the questions would seem to have a clear answer... "God", of course. That's His name. But then the oracle says, "IF THOU CANST TELL".

What does he mean, "if you can tell"? The English word "tell" used here is a curious hint. It's the Hebrew word "yada" (Strong's #3045). It means "discern", "discover", "perceive", "be privy to", "understand"; all suggesting that the answer must be dug for, figured out, indeed NOT obvious. Now why would he say this about the name "God"?

Here's another Scripture to ponder. Just prior to our Saviour's arrest He prays (i.e. His flesh-man communes with His Spirit - He IS the Almighty) for His disciples. They will soon be without Him bodily. He says...

"I have manifested Thy name unto the men which Thou gavest Me..."
(John 17:6 K.J.V.)

The word "manifested" here is the Greek word "phaneroo" (Strong's #5319). It means "to render apparent". Why would the Messiah have to make the name of God apparent, or "clear" to these men? Did they not know His name already? Here's the problem. From the time that the House of Judah and Benjamin returned from Babylonian captivity, the Jewish rulers (the ones the Messiah said were the sons of "their father the devil") declared that the name of the Almighty must not be uttered. The Talmud prescribed the death penalty for anyone heard speaking His name. So indeed, for a very long time, God's name was never heard by an Israelite. That's why it had to be "manifested" to the disciples. But, think about this... they all spoke the word "God" without penalty. Therefore, that couldn't have been His name.

There are many other similar indications of a "hidden", "unknown" name for the Father. Can we find out what it is? Serious craftsmen need superior tools. If you are determined to be a scholar of the Scriptures, you will be wise to acquire a good original text Hebrew/Aramaic Bible. A good exhaustive Concordance, and an ancient Hebrew Dictionary are extremely helpful. The Bible was not written in English. The "Scriptures" which the Messiah read, preached, and told us to "search", "study", and "prove all things" in was penned in Hebrew. The original language was very different from English, in the breadth of vocabulary, structure, and form. This makes translation into English difficult at best. Add to this the fact that satan was able to seat some of his agents at the translators' table of King James (another paper), and the need for the original language becomes great indeed. And you will be shocked as you read what was really written in some key passages. Check this out. Here's what the King James version writes about God's sacred name...

"I AM THE LORD, THAT IS MY NAME..."
(Isaiah 42:8 K.J.V.)

Are you kidding me? Is that the best cover-up you can pull off? First, "the Lord" is not a name at all; it's a title (albeit an erroneous one in this case). But how gullible did they think people were? At that time in England there was a "Lord" on every street corner. All tenant farmers (95% of the population) called their land-owner "the Lord", or "his Lordship". And they all knew that was his title, NOT his name. And they write, "the Lord is My name"? Wow! So let's see what was originally penned by Isaiah...

"I AM YHWH, THAT IS MY NAME..."
(Isaiah 42:8 Hebrew Bible)

What's "YHWH"? This is known as "the sacred tetragrammaton", the sacred four letters of the name of God. These are the Hebrew letters "yod" ("Y" in English), "heh" ("H" in English), "waw" ("W" in English), "heh" ("H" in English). These Hebrew letters represent "I AM WHO I AM"; what the Almighty declared to Moses as His name. In Hebrew this is "YHWH", pronounced "yaw-way". When I write this name I add vowel sounds, in lower case, to make the four consonants more pronounceable... "YaHWeH".

When you look at the original Hebrew text, you'll be quite amazed ("shocked" is more like it) to discover that in every case, without a single exception, when you see "God", "Lord", "Lord God", or "Jehovah" in any English version, you will find "YHWH" in the Hebrew. This adds up to 5,283 times. Again, not one exception. And "YHWH" was the name which the Talmud declares not to be uttered. But here's something which shocked me even more than this. This is not some 21st century concoction. Have you ever read the Preface at the front of your Bible? Probably not. I didn't for decades. No matter what version you use, you'll find that the translators of that version knew all along that YaHWeH was the sacred name of God. Here's a small sample... (highlights mine)

From the "Preface" - "The New American Standard Bible", we read...

"There is yet another name WHICH IS PARTICULARLY ASSIGNED TO GOD AS HIS SPECIAL OR PROPER NAME, that is the four letters Y H W H. It is known that for many years YHWH has been translated as Yahweh."

From the "Preface" - "The Revised Standard Version", we read...

"THE NAME YHWH was originally pronounced Yahweh."

From the "Preface" - "The New American Bible", we read...

"I AM WHO I AM; apparently this utterance is the source of the word Yahweh, THE PROPER PERSONAL NAME OF THE GOD OF ISRAEL."

From the "Preface" - "The Complete Bible", we read...

"As nearly as we can tell, the Hebrews called their Deity BY THE NAME YAHWEH."

From the "Preface" - "The Moffat Translation", we read...

"Strictly speaking, this (the personal name of God) OUGHT TO BE RENDERED 'YAHWEH'."

And the list goes on. Virtually every English translation of the Bible admits that God has a sacred, personal name; and that name is "YHWH" ("YaHWeH"). A good sceptic will ask, "Well why didn't they use it then?" Glad you asked. First, the god of this world does NOT want that name revealed, and don't think

for one minute that every graduate with a degree in ancient Biblical texts, and lands a job as a translator, has a zeal to serve YahWeH. These are skilled technicians doing a job. But some of them do give a reason for not using YHWH, or YahWeH, or Yahweh in their product. This is the clearest explanation I found. It's in the Preface to the New American Standard Bible...

"There is yet another name which is particularly assigned to God as His special or proper name, that is the four letters 'YHWH'...
HOWEVER, IT IS FELT BY MANY WHO ARE IN TOUCH WITH THE LAITY OF OUR CHURCHES THAT THIS NAME CONVEYS NO RELIGIOUS OR SPIRITUAL OVERTONES...
HENCE IT WAS DECIDED TO AVOID THE USE OF THIS NAME IN TRANSLATION PROPER."

This says, in 39 words, what I have taken many hundreds of pages to warn about what I call "CHURCHianity". You really need to read it again. "Insufficient religious overtones" to tickle the ears of "the laity of our churches". So what do they "decide" to do? Keep the sacred name of the Almighty Creator buried; just like the "sons of your father the devil".

I would like to respond to the translators of the "New American Standard Bible" with two verses from the New American Standard Bible...

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you..."
(Hosea 4:6 N.A.S.)

"But whosoever causes one of these little ones who believes in Me to stumble, it is better for him that a heavy millstone be hung around his neck, and that he be drowned in the depth of the sea."
(Matthew 18:6 N.A.S.)

The sacred name YahWeH is more than just an identifier. It is a password, if you will... a "key" to open doors; a covering of protection. Here are a few verses from the Hebrew and Greek Bibles. They give a sampling of the importance of this name...

"You shall not take the name YHWH your Elohim in vain..."
(Exodus 20:7 Hebrew Bible)

"And he who blasphemes the name YHWH shall certainly be put to death."
(Leviticus 24:16 Hebrew Bible)

"Let them praise the name YHWH, for He commanded, and they were created."
(Pslams 148:5 Hebrew Bible)

"If you will not hear, and if you will not set it on your heart to give glory to My name, says YHWH of Hosts, then I will send a curse on you..."
(Malachi 2:2 Hebrew Bible)

"And it shall be that everyone who shall call on the name Yahweh shall be delivered."
(Acts 2:2 Greek Bible)

"Rising up, be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name Yahweh."
(Acts 22:16 Greek Bible)

"Is any among you sick? Let him call the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name Yahweh."
(James 5:14 Greek Bible)

From this tip of the Scriptural iceberg we learn that it's the name YaHWeH which we must not take in vain; the name YaHWeH which we must not blaspheme; the name YaHWeH which we must praise; the name YaHWeH which we must give glory to; the name YaHWeH which we must call upon for deliverance; the name YaHWeH which we must be baptized in; the name YaHWeH which we must anoint the sick in for physical healing. And this list is not exhaustive. Now can you see why the god of this world has kept it hidden?

But the Oracle asked two final questions... "What is His name, AND WHAT IS HIS SON'S NAME? From one end of the earth to the other; the name "Jesus" reigns supreme. Even Muslims and Hindus respect this name. It is the only part of "Christian" religion which all denominations agree on... no exceptions. Just let your imagination go wild for a moment if you dare. Can you grasp the enormity of the colossus Satan could create for himself, and the huge advantage he could gain over the children of YaHWeH, if he found some way to slip a false name under the door, and have everyone believe it's the right name?... again... just "IF". Well folks, you've soldiered on this far in this paper. You might as well stay to the end. Remember... "IF THOU CANST FIGURE IT OUT."

Satan is clever beyond anything you can imagine. I could write a whole paper on the Bible references to his unparalleled craftiness, cleverness, and intelligence. He doesn't use sledge-hammers, he uses surgical instruments. He never jolts the truth from east to west; he tweaks truth one slow degree at a time. He's quieter and smoother than a Rolls-Royce. The first thing he did was to tweak the Scriptural translations to present a trinity God (three Gods in one) to us. This Pagan lie is exposed in another paper. But once he convinced us that "Father", "Son", and "Holy Ghost" are three separately functioning Deities with three different personalities; convincing us they have different names was a piece of cake. But the moment you even hint at questioning the magic name "Jesus", the sky falls. "Well it says 'Jesus' in the Bible!". Glad you brought that up. Here's something you can do for yourself, if you have access to the Internet. Check how many times the name "Jesus" appears in the original (1611) King James Bible. ZERO!!! Not one time; but don't take my word for it. There is not one mention of that name in any writing on the planet, religious or secular, until the year 1767. And this isn't too hard to verify either. If this is just too much for you, simply think about this. If "Jesus" was to truly be "the name above every name", why does it not appear a single time in the Scriptures our Messiah read and taught...

the scrolls we know as the Old Testament? If the Old Testament is to pave the way for the Messiah, would it not seem logical, even needful, for it to tell the House of Israel what name to watch for, if indeed it was a different name from His name in Heaven? You see, when you are freed from the "trinity" lie, you know that YahWeH is ONE, not two, or three. Request a copy of "Three Gods In One ?" for a thorough examination of this. As ONE God, He has ONE name, not two, or three, or many. Greek manuscripts refer to the Messiah as "YHWH-shua" ("YahWeH-shua") - "YHWH" being His name; and "shua" being a suffix meaning "is salvation". Well, this makes perfect sense. These Scriptures will tell you why...

"To you it was revealed, so that you might know that
YHWH is Elohim, and no one else beside Him."
(Deuteronomy 4:35 Hebrew Bible)

"For this reason, O YHWH, You are great; for there is
none like You, and there is no Elohim except You."
(II Samuel 7:22 Hebrew Bible)

"Is it not I, YHWH? And there is no Elohim other than
Me; a just Elohim and a Saviour, there is none except Me."
(Isaiah 45:21 Hebrew Bible)

"Yet I am YHWH, your Elohim from the land of Egypt; and
you shall know no other gods than Me. For there is no
Saviour besides Me."
(Hosea 13:4 Hebrew Bible)

YahWeH IS God AND Saviour; and there is no other or separate God or Saviour...

"The first of all commandments is, Hear, O Israel,
Yahweh your Elohim is one."
(Mark 12:29 Greek Bible)

The "Son" of God is merely a New Testament term (never found in the Old Testament). It is there because when He came to this physical dimension, He had to come through the only physically legal gate... the womb of a woman. As a flesh baby, and a male baby, "Son" of God was used. Satan's influence on the New Testament writings, worked and tweaked for thirteen hundred years after the Messiah's resurrection before appearing in a written body of text, is a whole other study. But not one of the terms "Father God", "God the Father", "the Son of God", or "God's Son" appears in the Old Testament, or any writing on the planet until the late fourteenth century A.D. This should tell you something.

So what was our Saviour called when He was a child, and when He became a man? As a first-born (physically) child of Joseph's household, He would have been called "Joseph". This was strict Hebrew tradition. Not only that, but no Hebrew family would dare give a child a Greek name (which "Jesus" is). The name selected for translation in the original King James Bible (1611) was "Iesous" (Strong's #2424), pronounced "ee-a-zoos". This pronunciation is most significant, and chosen with satan's manipulation and approval....

"AND MAKE NO MENTION OF THE NAMES OF OTHER gODS,
NEITHER LET IT BE HEARD OUT OF THY MOUTH."
(Exodus 23:13 K.J.V.)

What a stroke of genius. The god of this world not only kept the true name YaHWeH hidden from us; but he got us to speak the names of two Pagan gods every time "Iesous" ("Ea-Zues") was uttered. "Zeus" is the chief Pagan god, and "Ea" is the name of his horse, another Pagan god. How do you like them apples? Coincidence?... I think not!

We need to remember that the Almighty is in total control. Satan is merely a tool He allows to function for a purpose. YaHWeH sanctions what satan does (for now). Need proof?...

"I form light, and create darkness: I make peace,
AND CREATE EVIL: I (YHWH) DO ALL THESE."
(Isaiah 45:7 K.J.V.)

You read it right folks; and this is King James... "I (God) CREATE EVIL". Get your own Bible out if you think I'm pulling a fast-one on you. The evil on this planet is merely a smoothing tool, like grit in a polishing tumbler, to refine His gold, and polish His jewels. YaHWeH allows nothing He doesn't want...

"And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing,
and He doeth according to His will in the army of heaven and
among the inhabitants of the earth: and none (including satan)
can stay His hand..."
(Daniel 4:35 K.J.V.)

YaHWeH Almighty uses satan to "deceive the whole world (except for the elect)" (Revelation 12:9), and to do great miracles (Revelation 13:14). But He will never allow him to use His sacred name YHWH. That's why, when satan incarnates himself in the body of a selected human being as "antichrist", he has to use a different name. Why else would it be so important to him to work the false name into our hearts? If he could come as YaHWeH, then that name would have been fine to leave. But he couldn't. So he was able to get the name he will come in, worshipped by all. What a stroke!...

"I (the Messiah) am come in My Father's name (YHWH), and ye
received Me not; If (this word is NOT in the original text)
another (antichrist) shall come in his own (crafted) name,
HIM YE WILL RECEIVE."
(John 5:43 K.J.V.)

The antichrist will come using the name "Jesus", and do great miracles, and deceive the whole world, save for YaHWeH's elect. The whole of history is planned to carry out YaHWeH's will, soon to come to fruition... "AND NONE CAN STAY HIS HAND."

I will conclude this brief study by asking two questions which I'm sure will

come to the mind of the readers. The first is this: "If "Jesus" is a false name, a Pagan invention of satan; and if "God" is not the Almighty's true name, how is it that so many positive things happen when these names are used? This is a most needful question to ask. I myself have seen healings, and many other things take place when I prayed "in the name of Jesus". Why? How?

The Almighty Father is far beyond the total comprehension of a physical mind. He tells us that His thoughts and His ways are infinitely higher than ours. He does not see through "time" eyes. There is no time in His dimension. He sees everything all at once. In His eyes, I'm already in Heaven. It was not my rejection of His sacred name that had me use "Jesus" for so many years. It was the peak of my knowledge at that time. My mind only knew that name. But YaHWeH knew that when my time came (there is a time for everything) to have His name revealed to my heart (not my mind), I would bow to it completely, and use it exclusively forever after that. So to Him, seeing it as already done, He answered my prayers. But this is important... it was NOT the name "Jesus" which had the power; it was my FAITH!... my faith in my Father, and a heart open to His revelations as they came. BUT, BUT, BUT! If I were to turn back, and use the name "Jesus" now, it would be a far, far different outcome...

"For it is IMPOSSIBLE for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, and have tasted the good word of God (truth), and the powers of the world to come, IF THEY FALL AWAY (turn their back), to return them again unto repentance..."
(Hebrews 6:4-6 K.J.V.)

Understand this well as you "count the cost" of travelling the strait and narrow way. But there is a second reason that "good things" happen when the name "Jesus" is used. Knowing that satan has great power on this planet (for now), including the working of miracles; and that he wants the name "Jesus" to continue to hold the people, it's not a very long look to be able to see just who is answering some of those prayers. Of course he'll give the desired results; otherwise, people would look for another magic name.

The second question, in conclusion, is one I've been asked so many times, that I truly tire of it... "If what you say is true, why is it that none of the preachers in the big churches, and the ones on TV seem to know about it?" Never forget the foundational fact of deception; the only "truth" of the lies: IF IT'S NOT DECEIVING, IT'S NOT DECEPTION! By its very nature, deception is unseen. Time, and the events of this time-realm, are swiftly coming to their zenith. Therefore deception is reaching its zenith as well. It is everywhere, and unseen; like never before. Strange, virtually unbelievable things are happening all around us, but we choose to shield our eyes. The Bible tells us much about this time, and about those who will be the purveyors of deception...

"For SUCH ARE FALSE APOSTLES, DECEITFUL WORKERS, TRANSFORMING THEMSELVES INTO THE APOSTLES OF CHRIST. And no marvel (this is no surprise); for satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing IF HIS MINISTERS ALSO BE TRANSFORMED AS THE MINISTERS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS..."
(II Corinthians 11:13-15 K.J.V.)

Satan's "ministers" are unseen, for now. They will not have fangs, horns, or snake's eyes. They will have a special empowerment from him to be most convincing and persuasive. These will be the most honourable, concerned, kindly and sincere men and women out there; and only working for your "salvation"... at least that is how they will be transformed, as "the ministers of righteousness". And you can bet your boots, they all know the name "YaHWeH", and know it well. But they will never disclose it to you.

"Well, I've known my Pastor for years. He IS a sincere man!" I'm sure he is. There are many like him. But he may fall into another category...

"(the Messiah speaking) Let them alone: they be BLIND
LEADERS OF THE BLIND. And if the blind lead the blind,
BOTH SHALL FALL INTO THE DITCH."
(Matthew 15:14 K.J.V.)

Take no comfort from your Pastor's apparent innocence. If he's passing on a lie, if he's just an unwitting link in the chain of deception; it will not keep him, or those he leads, from falling into the ditch. That's why YaHWeH-shua said "let them alone"... that means, "leave them, and their blinded teaching".

Well folks, that's it. I have much more in my study notes, but what I have offered to you is more than sufficient to inspire your own study of the Word; if you have eyes to see, and ears to hear. Don't stop digging until you find the nuggets.