

The Creator Knows You By Name ...

Do You Know Him By Name?



The god of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the god of Moses, the author of the ten commandments, claims to be the Creator of all things; but do you know His name?

DOES HE HAVE A NAME?

This is a very simple, yes or no, question. Let us see whether the scriptures give us an answer.

Ex 20:7 You shall not take the name of יהוה⁽¹⁾ your god in vain

Ex 20:11 For in six days יהוה made heaven and earth

Lev 22:32-33 Neither shall ye profane My holy name; but I will be hallowed among the children of Israel; I am יהוה which hallow you; That brought you out of the land of Egypt to be your god; I am יהוה.

Ps 83:18 That men may know that thou whose name alone is יהוה art the most high over all the earth.

Isa 42:8 I am יהוה, that is My name; and My glory will I not give to another

Jer 16:21 ... I will cause them to know Mine hand and My might; and they shall know that My name is יהוה.

And there are many other verses which clearly show the answer to be, yes, the Creator does have a name.

(1) These four letters of the Hebrew alphabet (יהוה) are what is called the **tetragrammaton**. It occurs nearly 7000 times in the Hebrew scriptures, but most English translators have substituted **the LORD** in place of this name.

WHAT IS HIS NAME?

We have just seen that in Hebrew His name is יהוה. We have no tape recording to give us the exact original pronunciation, nor is that the primary issue. But certainly His name is not "God" or "the LORD". The English alphabet originally had no "J" and scholars know that "Jehovah" is erroneous, and that Yahweh or Yahuweh is more nearly correct.

Page xx of the introduction to Moffatt's Bible, says: "Strictly speaking, this ought to be rendered Yahweh which is familiar to modern readers in the erroneous form of Jehovah." The preface to the Revised Standard Version, page v, is one of many other sources indicating that Yahweh is the correct transliteration.

Now that you can pronounce יהוה as Yahweh, you should go back and read the preceding verses a second time. Or better yet, get yourself one of the several Bibles wherein the Creator's name has been restored to it's proper place.⁽²⁾

WHAT IS HIS ENGLISH NAME?

But you may ask: why leave only the name in Hebrew, while translating all the rest into English? If we are going to speak English, then wouldn't it be more consistent to translate the entire text into our English language? That is a fair question. Here is the answer: The Creator's name does not exist in English, except as a transliteration of the tetragrammaton.

When Yahweh revealed Himself, and His name, to the Hebrews, the foreign nations had their own gods. They did not worship the god of the Hebrews, nor did his name exist in their languages. Yahweh gave His communications to the Hebrews, and it is through them that we become aware of the fact that the Creator has a personal revealed name.

YAHWEH REVEALED HIS NAME

In the seventeenth century, something was invented which we call a telescope. Our Creator did not tell us to call it a telescope. We made up that word on our own. But we humans did not make up our Creator's name. Yahweh said that His name is Yahweh!

(2) You may write to the Truthseekers address on the back of this tract for information about current availability of various sacred name Bibles.

At Mount Sinai, Yahweh introduced Himself and revealed His name. His name occurs eight times within the ten commandments, which were given, both audibly, and written in stone. According to **Ex 20:2**, He introduced Himself in the following words:

"I am ³⁰⁶⁸ ⁽³⁾ ^{YAHWEH} יהוה your ⁴³⁰ ^{ELOHIM} god who brought you out"

His name is יהוה (Yahweh), but the word god (elohim #430) is merely a title.

"ELOHIM" IS NOT A NAME

Like doctor, the word elohim is a title. This Hebrew word is correctly translated as 'god' with a small 'g', and is frequently and consistently used as a title for pagan deities. To verify this, look up gods (#430) in Strong's Concordance. A good example is **Deut 12:30**, "... that thou enquire not after their gods (*elohim*), saying How did these nations serve their gods (*elohim*)?..." It is obvious that the sentence, "I am Yahweh your god; you shall have no other gods beside me:" is similar to, "I am John, your doctor; you shall have no other doctors beside me." The word god (*elohim*) is merely a title, but the Creator's name is **Yahweh!**

The notion that Yahweh has many names is not true! A concordance, gives many references to the name of Yahweh, but not even once is there a reference to His names (plural). In the future, according to **Zech 14:9**, Yahweh will prove to have one name.

DOES NAME REALLY MEAN NAME?

Some argue that name means 'power' or 'authority' rather than name. This is not true. By the authority of His word, the Creator tells us that He has a name! The word, name (#8034 *shem*) is used over 200 times in the Torah, and is correctly and consistently translated name. A different word, (#3581) means power. Yes indeed Yahweh does have power, but He also has a name. By Moses, Yahweh said to Pharaoh in **Ex 9:16**, "But for this purpose have I let you live, to show you My power (#3581), so that My name (#8034) may be declared throughout all the earth."

And yes, it has been! Just look up Yahweh in any good dictionary.

(3) Strong's word-numbers are used throughout.

WHO IS THEOS?

In the New Testament, the word God, as in the phrase church of God, for example, is from Strong's #2316. The Greek word is θεός (theos), which referred to the various gods of Greek polytheism.⁽⁴⁾ This word theos was not derived from the tetragrammaton, and it is not Yahweh's name! Someone has tampered with the Creator's name in the New Testament manuscripts. The prayer in John 17:11 is: "Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me that they may be one as we are."

The English word God does not refer specifically to the god of the Bible. Theists, deists, and new age pagans have invented unto themselves an imaginary ecumenical generic deity which they call God. Their definitions of 'God' are as varied as the imaginations of their minds, but the name Yahweh refers specifically to the author of the ten commandments.

CONCLUSION

In accord with Matt 5:37 we should give simple and truthful "yes" or "no" answers.

Does Israel's god have a name? Is his name God? These are simple yes or no questions, and now that you know the answer, why would you continue using the word 'God' as if it were Yahweh's name?

But some will argue that words are merely for communication, but the important thing is the meaning or the intent of the heart. Well, that is precisely the point! If your god does not care what god you worship, or whether you respect His name, or whether you keep His Sabbath and His laws, then your god is some other than Yahweh.

(4) You can verify this from early Greek history, and in Acts 17:23 where we find pagans who had an altar to the unknown "theos".