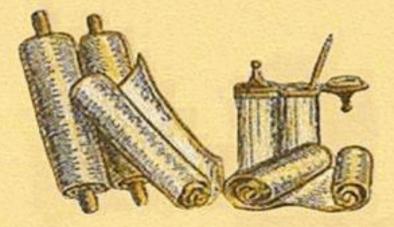
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There is much disagreement and confusion amongst the children of God regarding his Name. Because of this, and after many years of research, I consulted with two Professors in Hebrew and a Jewish Rabbi concerning the "Name".

I asked the Jewish Rabbi whether the Professors are correct in saying that the pronunciation of the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** as **YAHVEH** is in fact an English transcription and that the sound and pronunciation of the Holy Name in the Hebrew is totally different! Without any hesitation he answered that their statement is in fact correct. Furthermore he stated that every character of the "**YHWH**" has its own sound depending on the context in which the "Name" is used.

The Jewish people showed such a holy respect towards the Name of God that they were afraid of using his Name in vain when pronouncing it. Therefore they avoided the pronunciation of the Name JHWH (or YHWH) and instead they used the word:

Adonai - (meaning Lord) or;

Hashem - (meaning the "Name").

According to the Rabbi when they read the OT in the Synagogue:

- a) the word "Adonai" is used;
- b) and when they speak in general to each other, the word "Hashem" is used.

During the course of time, the original pronunciation of **YHWH** became unknown and lost. Learned people tried to reconstruct the vowels in **YHWH** and came to the conclusion that it should be "Yahweh". However this is not an absolute certainty!

In Isaiah 52 verse 6 we read:

6 Therefore my people shall know my name: therefore *they shall know* in that day that I *am* he that doth speak: behold, *it is* I.

Clearly "that day" is the day on which the LORD shall destroy this "World order" by force and shall unmistakably reveal Himself to his people and also to the heathen.

The elements "jahu" or the abbreviated "jah" appear in proper names. The problem is that the elements "eho" and "jo" (compare Jehoshua and Jo-el) refers to a possibly different pronunciation of the "Name". To tell the truth, there is another group who are every bit as serious as the "YAWEH" group who maintains that the pronunciation in English is "YAHUEH" and not

"YAHWEH". They also present very learned arguments and references similar to (of calculated) the **YAHWEH** group.

We find the following commentary "**Theological Wordbook of The Old Testament**" - Vol.1 pp. 210:

Yehonatan, Jehonathan, "YAHWEH (his version of YHWH) has given "abbreviated Yonatan, Jonathan, a substitute name for the same person; and Yehoshapat, Jehoshaphat - "YAHWEH, (his version of YHWH) has judged", alternatively Yoshapat, "Joshaphat", applied only to two subordinates of David ------.

I present this quotation to indicate that the elements "jeho" and "jo" appear here also. Therefore we cannot assume that "Yahweh" is the correct Hebrew pronunciation of the Name of God which is written as YHWH in the original.

The Name of Jesus as above; for years I've been confronted with the name "Yahshua" and can say in all sincerity and honesty that I have investigated this matter thoroughly:

a) Not in any book or concordances which I consulted I could find the name "Yashua"!

b) However, the names Yehoshua, Joshua and Yeshua, I did find!

The two professors also confirmed my findings. They claim that the pronunciation "YAHSHUAH" as incorrect. In the Old Testament it is clearly Jehoshu'ah. Jesus is the Greek thereof.

"YAH" does not mean: I am and Shuah, does not mean the Anointed!

The above mentioned groups of people who proclaim that the Name of God is not **YAHVEH** but **YAHUEH** also proclaim that the name of our Saviour is not "Yahshuah" but "Yahushua".

They also present various references and evidence. The elements "Yahu", "Jeho" and "Jo" are applicable here.

The argument is presented that the angel who spoke to Joseph must have spoken in the Hebrew language and therefore used the name "Yahshuah". We have already indicated that the word could have been "Jehoshua" or "Jesua" but not "Yahshuah"! Besides it is more likely that the angel spoke to Joseph in the Aramaic Language. This is a kindred language but it is not Hebrew.

In spite of not being 100% sure that the pronunciation "Yaweh" is correct either, they go further and change the Name of the Father and the Son to "Yahweh and Yashuah" throughout the entire NT. I regard this as utterly presumptuous. The Names: God, Lord and Jesus in Greek as in the original manuscripts, fit in with the mathematical pattern through-out the OT and NT. If we replace the names with "Yaweh", Yashuah and Elohim" etc. thus the mathematical pattern is completely lost.

By using the names Yahweh Yashuah and Elohim, these people are in fact saying that the Greek Translation of the New Testament is uninspired. Thus, they are causing mistrust in the original text of the New Testament, and also undermine the faith of the child of God. If the New Testament is so wrong regarding the Names, it is logical to ask the question whether the original text is absolutely correct all over. Where do we stand then?

On top of this, they also say that the name "Jesus" is derived from the name of the Greek god "Zeus", and therefore they refer to Jesus as "Je-Zeus". In my opinion this is blasphemy! They have no proof of this and to say the least it is absurd!

Vine in his **"Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words"** under the heading **"JESUS"**, states the following:

" "**IESOUS**" is a transliteration of the Hebrew "Joshua" meaning "Jehova is Salvation". i.e. "Is the Saviour", a common name among the Jews. eg. Ex. 17:9, Luke 3:29 (R.V.) Col. 4: 11.

It was given to the Son of God in Incarnation as His personal name, in obedience to the command of the angel to Joseph, the husband of his mother Mary, shortly before He was born, Matthew 1:21. By it He is spoken of throughout the Gospel narratives generally, but not without exception, as in Mark 16:19-20; Luke 7:13, and a dozen other places in that Gospel, and a few in John".

In his book "Voices from the Silent Centuries", Dr. Harry Rinner D.D. D.Sc., internationally acknowledged expert in the Greek and Hebrew Languages writes that 80% of the New Testament can be rewritten from inscriptions made on pottery items by the early Christians during the first three hundred years because paper did not exist at the time and papyrus was scarce and expensive. Pieces of these pottery items were excavated by archaeologists. Where the Name of the Son of God appears on these pieces of pottery, it is written as "IESOUS" and "CHRISTOS" even as the Greek people write it today.

In the Name of Jesus Christ, multitudes have been saved throughout the ages; many signs and wonders took place, and many were baptized in the Holy Spirit. In the Name of Jesus I was saved, and received many answers to my prayers, where I also prayed for the sick and wonderful healings took

place. Would the Holy Spirit honour the name of an idol? O, may our dear Lord have mercy on those who compare the Name of the Lord Jesus with that of an idol and forgive them such a great sin!

Summary:

When I call God Lord, then I know what I mean.

He is my LORD!

I worship Him as the Almighty!

His Spirit has always witnessed with my spirit that I am a child of God! I believe that the Name that Jesus came to reveal to us was the Name "Father".

Compare: -

John 17:6, 11-12, 26.

- 6 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.
- 11 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*.
- 12 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.
- And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare *it*. that the love where with thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

Matthew 6:9;

9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Let, for the sake of argument the Name of God be "Yahweh", then everyone, heathen, Israelite, sinner, who-ever can call Him as such, but only those who accepted Jesus as their Redeemer and Saviour and acknowledge him as Lord, can call him, Father! He is a Father to Israel!

Exodus 4:22;

And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel *is* my son, *even* my firstborn.

Jeremiah 31:9, 20;

9 They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble: for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. 20 *Is* Ephraim my dear son? *Is he* a pleasant child? For since I spake against him, I do earnestly remember him still: therefore my bowels are troubled for him; I will surely have mercy upon him, saith the LORD.

But not to the heathen!

If you have children, only they can call you father, but anyone can call you by your name! My father's name was Johannes, but out of respect I never called him Johannes, but because I loved him I called him father.

Hosea 2:16;

16 And it shall be at that day, saith the LORD, *that* thou shalt call me Ishi; and shalt call me no more Baali.

Now this is a verse which is often used against us. Look carefully which day is referred to here! The "day" has not arrived. But when it comes all will be revealed that has been hidden till now. Let us not jump ahead of the LORD. In any case, "My husband" is "Ishi".

(The word "**Ishi**" as used in Hosea 2:16 - means "**Husband**" # 376 Strong's Exhaustive Concordance).

If our "Yahweh" brothers want to be consistent, they must stop calling the Almighty "Yahweh" and start calling Him "Ishi"

Amen.

Something about the Author

F.W.C. Neser was trained as a Scientist but is a dedicated Christian since his youth. To him the Bible is the Word of God from Genesis to Revelation. Very early in his life he came to realise that man himself is the cause of all wars, depressions, famine, droughts, disease, and misery here on earth.

He saw that God had given his absolute Law to Israel, his chosen people and had promised that should they live thereby they would be free of all adversity and would then act as God's exemplary nation on earth.

A matter of importance, which became clear to Neser, was that Israel was neither the Jew nor the Church. It was with gratitude that he eventually discovered the great truth, namely that Israel was in fact the Germanic, Anglo-Saxon and Celtic peoples.

With the imminent Second Coming of Christ, Israel will come to a true regeneration, will be filled with the Holy Spirit and with Jesus the Messiah as their King, they will lead the world back to a state of perfect harmony with God.

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