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The name of Yahweh is a  
strong tower;  
the righteous run into it  
and are safe,  
Proverbs 18:10 NRSV.

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For what purpose will more than 35 million heart-shaped boxes of chocolates be sold in the U. S.?

For what purpose are there some 189 million stems of roses sold in the U.S.?

Yes, the selling was for



# Valentine's Day

The month of February has for a longtime been used as a month in which much of the world celebrates a day that has been set aside as a day to show one's love toward someone. Some feel that by not celebrating this day that one is unable to show love towards others. One has to be a little leery about celebrating such days because there might be some underlying reasons why it is not found in the Scriptures. One must therefore look into history to find how this celebration began. As it turns out, this day had many different beginnings which were eventually combined together.

## How it Started

It may surprise you that Valentine's Day came from the same place that many other seemingly innocent secular pre-Christian observances such as Christmas, New Year's Day, Easter, and Halloween, have come from. These days can be traced directly to earliest pagan history. The "universal church," as she did with all these other observances, selected a popular pagan holiday, adopted it, and dressed it up with a "Christian name." And, what is this special day which seemingly has no pagan attachment? Valentine's Day!

## Origin

What was Valentine's Day first called long ago? Its original name was Lupercalia. It was celebrated thousands of years before there were such people known as Christians or saints. Lupercalia was known in Roman mythology as an ancient Roman fertility rite or Feast of Lupercus, which took place on February 15. This rite was named after a Roman god named

Lupercus who was said to watch over the shepherds and their flocks and keep them from the wolves. This feast was celebrated every February to honor Lupercus so that no harm would come to the shepherds and their flocks.

A Latin word for wolf is *lupus* and someone once wrote, "Today we still refer to one who fancies himself as the ladies' man as something of a 'wolf,' and when a pretty girl walks down the street young men give a 'wolf whistle,' which shows that the spirit of the Lupercalia is still with us."

## Romulus and Remus

Lupercalia is also a celebration to honor the mythical founders of Rome, Romulus and Remus. It is said the wolf Lupa suckled Romulus and Remus in a cave named Lupercal. Later, priests (called Luperci), dressed in goatskins, would sacrifice a goat (symbol of fertility) and a dog (symbol of protection) to the gods, anoint themselves with the blood of the sacrifices and then run through the streets whipping onlookers with a thong made from the goat's skin. These thongs were called *februa* and the lashing the *februatio*, both stemming from a Latin word *Februarius* (February) meaning to purify through sacrificial offerings. Women in the city placed themselves in positions around the streets so that the priests could strike them with the *februa* to assure these women of fertility and easy childbirth.

In another part of the celebration, priests would pair up the young men and women in the city by writing down the names of the girls and collecting them in a box. Boys then individually drew the girls' names from the box, and became paired with them until the next year's Lupercalia celebration.

## Juno and Faunus

This same festival was also used to honor Juno, the Roman goddess of women and marriage, and Faunus (associated with Pan), the god of nature. On the eve of this festival a lottery was held. Names of teenage women were placed in a box, teenage men drew a name and they were paired up for one year. At the following year's Lupercalia another lottery was held and the process continued.

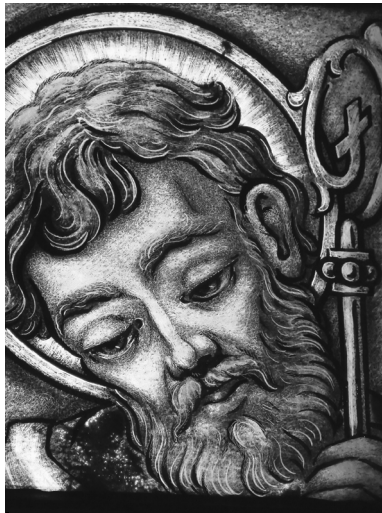
Webster's Universal Unabridged Dictionary defines *Faun* (Faunus) as a class of rural deities represented as men with the ears, horns, tail and later, also the hind legs of a goat.

## Pope Gelasus

Traditionally, mid-February was a Roman time to meet and court prospective mates. Over time the lottery as associated with Lupercalia was replaced with a lottery where both men and women were allowed to draw from the box and now this box contained the names of saints. When a saint's name was drawn the person was expected to imitate the life of the saint whose name they had drawn. Over time this new lottery lost favor with the populace. In its place the young men began a custom of offering women they admired and wished to court handwritten greetings of affection on February 14. Thus began the idea of Valentine's Day cards.

## Emperor Claudius II

During the third century the Roman Emperor Claudius II was a warmonger. He enjoyed winning and the power that was associated with winning. Because of this he was continually recruiting soldiers for his wars. Soon the men refused to join his army and preferred to stay at home with their families. Because of this the emperor declared that all engagements were cancelled and that no more mar-



From a picture which depicts St. Valentine

riages could be performed.

This didn't sit too good with the populace. They began secretly getting married behind the emperor's back. How did they accomplish this? There was a Roman priest, Bishop of Interamma, by the name of Valentine. He thought the emperor's orders were unrealistic so he secretly began marrying people. As one might expect, Valentine was soon found out, arrested, put in jail, and sentenced to die.

It seems that while he was in jail that he fell in love with the jailer's daughter who was blind. During his imprisonment, he wrote letters to those in his parish and is said to have always signed them "From your valentine." Valentine was eventually beheaded on Palatine Hill at the site of the ancient altar to Juno. Since this time Valentine was considered a martyr who sacrificed himself in the name of true love.

## Valentine's Day

In the fifth century the reigning pope declared February 14 as Valentine's Day in honor of St. Valentine. The tradition of drawing names on St. Valentine's Day continues in England and other places. Also, the Europeans believe that on February 14 the birds

began to choose their mates. This tradition of birds choosing their mates on St. Valentine's Day led to the idea that boys and girls should do the same.

## Syncretism

All these are nice stories! However, they are examples of the ongoing efforts of the religious leaders of the Catholic church to appease their members and new converts through syncretism. According to the dictionary, syncretism is "a combination, reconciliation or coalescence of varying, often mutually opposed beliefs, principles of practices into the new conglomerate whole typically marked by internal inconsistencies."

This is a form of compromise that allows one to side-step a difficult issue. This is a way to avoid taking a stand for your beliefs and having to defend the basis of that belief.

Most people today could remember the story of St. Valentine, but Lupercalia and associated deities of classified mythology are forgotten. We rarely study them or see any significance in our lives. The St. Valentine story motif has the elements of a good story: love, honor, courage, and sacrifice. But, let's go deeper into the significance of Lupercalia and the mythology behind this.

## Mythology

Ancient pagan fertility rituals have come down to our present time almost intact. The only difference in the ancient pagan rituals and their modern counterparts, is the fact that their names have changed in order to venerate them with Christian respectability.

*Lupus* is the Latin word for wolf. The wolf is the symbol for valor. Valorentine was a common Roman name, which Roman parents often gave to their children in honor of the famous man who was first called valiant: Valentine, in antiq-

uity, Lupercus, The Hunter.

The Romans identified Lupercus with Faunus, a deity of nature. The Greeks called this deity of nature, Pan. Pan, the chief of the satyrs (goat demons), presided over rural occupations, was patron of fishermen, hunters and shepherds.

Faun was the Roman mythological name. It corresponded with the satyrs of mythology. They had pointed ears, short horns and a tail.

Pan was an Arcadian deity of light and, as evil, was equivalent to the Sun deity: Baal, also spelled B-A-L or B-E-L. Baal is any of the numerous local deities among Semitic peoples, typifying the productive forces of nature and worshipped with orgiastic rites. Baal simply meant lord.

Baal, which is mentioned often in the Holy Scriptures, was a title of Nimrod, the hunter, who was against Yahweh. We read in the King James Version, Genesis 10:9,

*He was a mighty hunter before Yahweh: wherefore it is said, even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before Yahweh.*

The hunter, Nimrod, it is said, pursued wolves in the Apennine Mountains of Italy, and acquired the title of Lupercus - wolf hunter or hunter of valor. Remember, valens means to be strong, powerful, and mighty.

Nimrod not only was strong, powerful and mighty in a political sense, but he was also strong, powerful, and mighty in a sexual sense. The worship of the pagan people was centered on sexual activity to insure fertility.

Nimrod, Baal-Lord-Sun God of the ancients, is the basis for all mythology worldwide. His exploits and those of his wife Semiramis and their foundation of the satan-centered system of mythology are explained in great detail in the excellent book titled "The Two Babylons," written by Alexander Hislop.

If you study the origin and sym-

bols of Valentine's Day, they are not simple and meaningless. They refer you to a pagan ruler Nimrod who rebelled against Yahweh. Perhaps to continue recognizing these holidays, we are giving support to that rebellion by Nimrod. Nimrod was not the first to rebel, however. The first was Satan. We do not wish to associate ourselves in any way to that great rebel.

## Christianity Embraces Pagan Customs

It is a documented fact that pagan customs were grafted into Christian religion. Although Christianity swept the world in a relatively short time as histories of great religions go, the early missionaries faced an uphill task. The pagans were reluctant to give up their false deities and ancient practices. So, missionaries, unable to convert them easily to an entirely new code of worship, did the next best thing. They took the pagan festivals as they were and gradually grafted the observances of the new faith onto these festivals and the rites and customs surrounding them.

Yes, the Christian missionaries



A statue which depicts a wolf suckling Romulus and Remus, the mythical founders of Rome

took each of these pagan festivals and venerated them with Christian respectability by changing their names. That is why today we have Christmas rather than Saturnalia, Easter rather than the Festival of the Goddess of the Dawn, and Valentine's Day rather than the Lupercalia.

Even though Christian missionaries took the pagan festivals as they were and gradually grafted the observance of the new faith onto their festivals, with their rites and customs, they are still abominations in the sight of Yahweh.

In fact, Yahweh has given us a direct command not to serve Him in the way that the pagans served their deities! In Deuteronomy, 12:29 - 32, we read:

*When Yahweh thy Elohim shall cut off the nations from before thee, whither thou goest to possess them and thou succeedest them, and dwellest in their land; take heed to thyself that thou be not snared by following them, after that they be destroyed from before this; and that thou inquire not after their deities, saying, How did these nations serve their deities? Even so will I do likewise. Thou shalt not do so unto Yahweh thy Elohim; for every abomination to Yahweh, which he hateth, have they done unto their deities; for even their sons and daughters they have burnt in the fire to their deities. What thing soever I command you, observe to do it; thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.*

Does Yahweh have something to say about religious leaders who took the pagan festivals as they were and gradually grafted the observances of the new faith into these festivals and the customs and the rites surrounding them? Yes, He does. Let's look at what 2 Corinthians 11:13 - 15 says:

*For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of the Messiah. And no marvel; for Satan is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing*

if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

Although these ancient fertility rituals have come down to us through Satan's ministers in forms of beauty, we are still creating, maintaining and renewing fertility to the same ancient pagan deities that Yahweh says are an abomination to Him. As described earlier, we are using new terms and stories, but they all have the same roots. The roots are found in the Old Testament Scripture. Yahweh was concerned with them and still is today.

## Its Roots

Valentine's Day has its roots in pagan fertility celebrations. They were not acceptable in their original forms and even if we are using a "modern" approach, we are still practicing pagan celebrations which honor the pagan deities. Do not fool yourself. We are not honoring Yahweh in any way by associating ourselves with this type of holiday.

It is a Scriptural fact that we cannot serve Yahweh while serving in this world's style of pagan worship. Let's see what 1 Corinthians 10:20 - 22 says:

*But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to Yahweh; and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils. Ye cannot drink the cup of Yahweh, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of Yahweh's table, and the table of devils. Do we provoke Yahweh to jealousy? Are we stronger than He?*

In other words, we can't have it both ways. We have to choose whom we serve. In Romans 6:16, we are emphatically told that we are servants to whom we obey:

*Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye*



*obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?*

## Cupid

That symbol which is almost a Valentine entity in itself, Cupid, is the Roman mythological son of Venus, the goddess of love. In Greek, he is called Eros, the god of love, and son of Aphrodite, the goddess of love and beauty. Cupid has always played a role in the celebrations of love and lovers. He is known as a mischievous, naked, winged child carrying a bow and a quiver of arrows. There is more to the stories of Cupid, but suffice it to say that Cupid has pagan origins.

## The Heart

Along with Cupid, another symbol used over and over again during the season of Valentine's Day is the heart. In the book, "The Two Babylons," the author, Alexander Hislop, writes on pages 188 - 189:

"The 'heart' was one of the sacred symbols of Osiris (Egyptian deity of the underworld) when he was born again, and appeared as Harpocrates, or the infant divinity, borne in the arms of his mother Isis. Therefore, the fruit of the Egyptian Persea was peculiarly sacred to him, from its resemblance to the human heart. Hence, this infant divinity was frequently represented with a heart, or the

heart-shaped fruit of the Persea in one of his hands...Thus the boy-god came to be regarded as the 'god of the heart,' or, in other words, as Cupid, the god of love. To identify this infant divinity with his father, 'the mighty hunter (Nimrod),' he was equipped with 'bows and arrows,' and in the hands of the poets, for the amusement of the profane vulgar, this sportive boy-god was celebrated as taking aim with his gold-tipped shafts at the heart of mankind. His real character, however, as the above statement shows, and as we have reason already to conclude, was far higher and of very different kind. He was the woman's seed. Venus and her son, Cupid, were none other than the Madonna and the child."

Wait, there's more!

"How came it that the 'heart' became the recognized symbol of the Child of the great Mother? The answer is, 'The Heart' in Chaldee is 'Bel;' and as, at first, after the check given to idolatry, almost all the most important elements of the Chaldean system were introduced under a veil, so under that veil they continued to be shrouded from the gaze of the initiated...Now, the worship of the 'Sacred Heart' was just, under a symbol, the worship of the 'Sacred Bel,' that mighty one of Babylon, who had died a martyr for idolatry; for Harpocrates, of Horus, the infant god, was regarded as Bel, born again."

The most predominant symbol of the fertility rite of Valentine's Day is the heart. In our country, the heart symbol has the same meaning as love. Almost everywhere one looks you can see examples of this symbolic representation of love. The heart is also a popular design for costume jewelry, saying love without saying it.

This symbol was also familiar in ancient Babylon where it symbolized the deity who was worshipped. This symbol did not come down to our day untainted and

pure, despite what the world has been deceived to think.

Let us read a very revealing and astounding excerpt from Halley's Bible handbook. This will certainly put "the heart" of truth into proper context:

"The Imperial Church of the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> centuries had become an entirely different institution from the persecuted church of the first three centuries. In its ambition to rule it lost and forgot the spirit of [Messiah].

"Worship, at first very simple, was developed into elaborate, stately, imposing ceremonies having all the outward splendor that had belonged to heathen temples.

"Ministers became Priests. The term 'priest' was not applied to Christian ministers before A.D. 200. it was borrowed from the Jewish system, and from the example of heathen priesthood. Leo I (440 - 461) prohibited priests from marrying, and celibacy of priests became a law of the Roman Church.

"Conversion of the Barbarians. The Goths, Vandals, and Huns, who overthrew the Roman Empire, accepted Christianity; but to a large extent their conversion was nominal."

We are warned "learn not the way of the heathen," Jeremiah 10:2.

## Arrows

What about the significance of "Arrows"? J.E. Cirlot offers this in his "Dictionary of Symbols":

"It was used to designate the sun's rays. But, because of its shape, it has undeniable phallic significance, especially when it is shown in emblems balanced against the symbol of the 'mystic center,' feminine in character, such as the heart. The heart is pierced with an arrow of conjunction."

## The Blending of Pagan and Christian Values

During the fourth century the



church seemingly swallowed up many people in the sake of religion. In doing so, the people who were swallowed up brought along their own version of religion. This meant many pagan practices were incorporated into the practicing religious celebrations. Even when they tried to rid themselves of these pagan practices, a book, "The Story of Valentine Symbols," says,

"Unable to abolish some of the pagan festivals that the people

loved, they accepted them and gave them Christian names. So it was with the Lupercalia, which survived late into the fifth century. St. Valentine's name was given to a festival that was celebrated in the springtime and dealt with the fertility in human beings and other animals. And, doing what the church might, the ancient meaning never quite left it. Memories of the Lupercalia as a celebration of mating were handed down, attaching themselves to the saint's name."

The ideas connected to St. Valentine's Day were brought to the United States and that day was first celebrated in the United States during the Civil War.

## Retailers Thrive

No sooner does the Xmas celebration end, one finds that retailers will start displaying their Valentine's Day goods. Retailers not only target adults with the schemes displayed above, they target young children also. They encourage school children to purchase a card for each child in their class. If a class has 30 pupils and each buys a card for the other children, then that totals 870 cards. Multiply this by a small monetary amount for each card and this will total in the hundreds of dollars. Then, multiply this by the number of classrooms in the country doing the same thing and what do we have? A business venture not left alone.

As we have seen, becoming involved with the celebrations of worldly holidays and special days points overwhelmingly to pagan symbolism. This we are to avoid. We must never place anything above Yahweh and His way of life. The celebration of these days only shows that the spirit of disobedience is running rampant in the world. But, Yahweh's true Spirit is here also and is available to all those who have a real desire to live according to His will. Yahweh

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Mini - Study

### To the Heart of Valentine's Day

Every February 14 we see an "angelic" infant with a bow and arrow aiming for the heart of his "valentine." Cupids are everywhere with bows and arrows, heart shapes, paper lace, birds and flowers. All these are associated with St. Valentine's Day. But just where did these symbols and the celebration of the 14<sup>th</sup> of February come from? Most of all, should we be celebrating this seemingly innocent day on which so many remember sweethearts and lovers?

#### A Priest with a Heart

The origin of this day is not clear, as there seems to be more than one explanation. The most accepted legend is that a Roman priest named Valentine had a special feeling for young people. When the Roman Empire needed soldiers, Emperor Claudius II decreed that no one could marry or become engaged. Claudius believed that marriage made men want to stay home instead of fighting wars. The kindly Valentine defied the Emperor's decree and secretly performed weddings for a number of young couples. He was arrested, imprisoned, and put to death. Another legend holds that Valentine was aiding persecuted Christians and was imprisoned. A jailer and his family were so impressed by his sincerity that they became Christians themselves. Valentine was fond of the jailer's blind daughter and by a miracle restored her sight. On the morning of his execution he sent her a farewell message signed "From your Valentine." St. Valentine was beheaded on February 14. When he was buried, the story goes, a pink almond tree near his grave burst into bloom as a symbol of lasting love.

#### February 14 Fertility Festival

February 14, when Valentine is supposed to have died, was also the eve of an important Roman festival, the Lupercalia. On this evening, Roman youths drew names of girls who would be their partners during this spring

has promised us a place in His kingdom if we are willing to obey His Truth.

## Its Meaning is Lost

The Adversary has once again shown his ability to shadow the true meaning of this pagan celebration. As with other pagan days which society chooses to celebrate, as Halloween or Christmas, Satan has convinced mankind that nothing is wrong with doing something good on this day. Mankind really has had the wool pulled over their eyes. By merely looking in a dictionary or an encyclopedia one can find out for yourself the origin of this day. You will be surprised what those reference books will say.

Don't let Satan beguile any of us. It is of utmost importance you recognize the true meaning of this and all pagan celebrations. Yah-

weh is most assuredly not for them. He hates man-made festivals. We must turn from them if we want to have a position of rulership in His Kingdom when our Savior, Yahshua, returns to set up that Kingdom.

## Serve Yahweh, Not Man

If we obey Yahweh by practicing every Word that proceeds from His mouth without adding to His Word or taking from His Word, we are servants of Yahweh. However, if we follow after the servants or ministers of Satan, who are deceived into grafting pagan customs into Christianity, then we are servants of Satan.

Servants of Satan! Now that is the truth without veneer or syncretic manipulation. That is a frank description of whom we obey when we acknowledge and honor Valentine's Day. It seems harsh and certainly not politically correct, but truth feels that way sometimes.

Yahweh warns us to come out of this pagan system. If we choose not to do this, we have made our choice and will be identified with it. Consider what Revelation 18:4 has to say:

*And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.*

Now that we have identified this world's holidays, the wrong ones to be associated with, what does Yahweh prefer?

## Prove All Things

How does it happen that we are unable to correctly discern what is true and what is false? How does the world innocently accept a holiday like Valentine's Day, which in fact has a history that leads you back to the deity of this world, Satan?

Remember what we are told in Ephesians 6:12:

*For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the*

*rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.*

We learn more about the attributes of Satan in Ezekiel 28:12 - 13,

*You had the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of Yahweh; every precious stone was your covering: the ruby, the topaz and the diamond.*

Satan's demons are very intelligent and aware of reality. We find this in Mark 3:11:

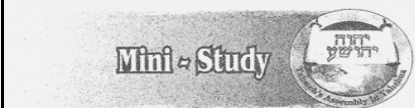
*Whenever the unclean spirits saw Him, they would fall down before Him and shout, "You are the Son of Yahweh."*

In Ephesians 2:2, Satan is described as having a special power over us:

*In which you formerly walked according to the prince of the*

<see **Valentine** page 12>

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## Civic Responsibility

*In a world out of step with the Bible, how far should a True Worshiper go—or not go—in becoming involved in the "system"?*

WE LIVE UNDER the influence of an increasingly evil and satanic world. We as followers of the Bible dislike much of what goes on around us.

The government is pledged to aid the weakest or smallest elements of society to ensure that democratic principles and individual rights are upheld. These rights and principles then become the standard imposed upon the rest, who must learn to adjust.

Here are some examples: prayer or references to the Bible in public schools are prohibited; work on the Sabbath is often mandated, and by gaining governmental acceptance of immoral lifestyles, certain groups are gradually forcing the public into condoning behavior the Bible soundly condemns.

Activities of anti-religious groups are carefully guarded by the courts, which uphold their freedom and rights.

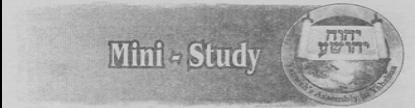
### What Is the Believer's Role?

At times we may sympathize and even empathize with many who are demonstrating for the homeless or women's rights or against abortions, against wage cut-backs, crime, unfairness, and a host of causes. Yet, should a believer in the Bible get involved in social causes?

We in the United States and other democracies have a right to protest. So, should we spend our time attempting to change the downward plunge of our society? Is it our job to change the world? What does Scripture say?

The question is not whether abortion is wrong. It is wrong. The question is not whether alcohol

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## 'Days, Months, Times, Years'

### A Look at Galatians 4:10-11

*What did Paul mean when he wrote to the Galatians in 4:10-11 about keeping special days, months, times, and years? Was he telling them they no longer should keep the seventh-day Sabbath and other holy days of Leviticus 23?*

*Here is the clear answer.*

The people of Galatia, who occupied a region of what is today modern Turkey, were not Israelites but European, Celtic immigrants, according to the Anchor Bible Dictionary. They were a heathen people—gentiles—who had never heard of Yahweh's truth until Paul brought them the message of salvation. Likely the assemblies addressed were Antioch, Iconium, Derbe and Lystra.

Clarke's Commentary says that the religion of the ancient Galatians "was extremely corrupt and superstitious, and they are said to have worshiped the mother of [deities] under the name of Agdistis, and to have offered human sacrifices of the prisoners they took in war...A tall and valiant people, who went nearly naked; and used for arms a sword and buckler. The impetuosity of their attack is stated to have been irresistible, and this generally made them victorious."

After his salutation, Paul reprimands the Galatians by writing: "I marvel that you are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of [Messiah] unto another evangel: Which is not



# Yahweh's

## Powerful Name and Nameless Power

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Were you baptized in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit? If you were, what are their names?

The titles "god" and "lord," even when capitalized, are not names. The name of the Son has been concealed by the insertion into the Greek New Testament of an incorrect name for the Savior.

For dramatic proof of this statement compare the King James Version of both Hebrews 4:8 and Acts 7:45 with the New International Version or some other recent English translation of Scripture.

Would the Heavenly Father tell a Jewish maiden to give a child conceived by His Holy Spirit a name that would be an abomination to Jews and which would become a curse to baptized believers?

The incredible subtlety of the deception that has caused people to exchange the truth about the Father for lies is illustrated in the following quotation from David Wilkerson's book, *Set the Trumpet to Thy Mouth*:

"You can't fool with the Holy [Spirit]! You can't keep back part of the price of full surrender and separation.

*I will take the names of the Baalim out of her mouth,"* Hosea 2:17a.

"Satan has succeeded in bringing into [Yahweh's] house the men and the music of confusion and mixture which is used to bring souls under mastery to the demon god Baal."

What is so subtle about all this? As David Wilkerson points out, Baalim is plural and refers to all the false gods integrated with Baal worship.

Linguists have shown that the word Baal is a Chaldean word that means "lord." Baali means "my lord." Compare the King James Version of Hosea 2:16 - 17 with the Revised Standard or New International versions.

Scholars have also proved beyond any doubt that because of superstitious reverence for the Name, the ancient scribes inserted vowel symbols into the Hebrew Tetragrammaton. This act caused people to forget the Heavenly Father's Name and to use the Hebrew word *Adonai* instead.

*Adonai* means the same as the word Baali, "my Lord."

### Hidden Name Is Being Made Known

Jeremiah 8:8 says the false pen of the scribes (translators and transcribers) has made the law into a lie. The word "law" is translated from the Hebrew *Torah*, Strong's number 8451, which refers to the first five books of the Bible in their entirety.

In Jeremiah 23:26 - 27 the Father asks,

*How long shall there be lies in the hearts of the prophets who prophesy lies and who prophesy the deceit of their own hearts, who think to make My people to forget My Name by their dreams which they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot My Name for Baal.*

The Father permitted His Name to be hidden for centuries, but He says in Isaiah 52:6, "Therefore My people shall know My Name."

The Father has begun to make His Name known again in our day and people willing to follow the lead of the Spirit into all truth will know that the Father's Name Yahweh is written into Old Testament Hebrew Scriptures nearly 7,000 times. The Israelites eventually did not pronounce the Father's Name, but instead said "Adonai."

This mispronunciation was then substituted into the Scriptures as "the Lord." Scholars have agreed that the best rendition in English is written "Yahweh."

Yahweh told Moses from the burning bush, "This is My Name forever," Exodus 3:15b.

Yahweh gave His Son a name that means "He shall save His people." In Hebrew the name is Yahshua, which has the meaning of "Yahweh's salvation."

Moses' successor also had this name, but after passing through a Latin translation, the name is mis-translated into English as Joshua.

As David Wilkerson said in his book, you can't fool the Holy Spirit. Neither can you keep back part of the price of full surrender and separation.

Part of the price of full surrender is allowing the Spirit to remove the names of the Baals from your

mouth when the true names of the Father and the Son are revealed to you.

Calling upon the true names WILL SEPARATE YOU from people who set a table for Gad (pronounced gawd — the name of a pagan deity of good luck or good fortune).

The pagan deity is referred to in Joshua 11:17 as "Baal-gad," which, if translated into English, would read "Lord-god." Compare the translation of Isaiah 65:11 in several versions of the Bible to see for yourself how determined translators have become to avoid translating this verse properly as, "But you who forsake Yahweh, who forget My holy mountain, who set a table for god."

## The Name for Baptism

Now you know the name of the Father and the name of the Son, but Scriptures never refer to the

Holy Spirit by name. Could it be because the Holy Spirit doesn't have a name?

Before jumping to the conclusion that the Holy Spirit must have a name because of the name of the Master Yahshua (*They were baptized into the name of the Master Yahshua*, Acts 19:5b NIV.), please take note of these facts about Matthew 28:19 (*Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit*):

- A footnote in the New International Version states that "in" would have been better translated "into."
- The word "of" is not in the Greek, but "of" is supplied in the English for clearness, and so you now think you were baptized in the Holy Spirit's name.

But consider these Scriptures from the New International Version:

- *Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*, Matthew 28:19, NIV.
- *Because the Holy Spirit had not yet come upon them, they had simply been baptized into the name of the [Master] Yahshua*, Acts 8:16 NIV.

Matthew 28:19 would have been just as accurately translated to read, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and the Son and into the Holy Spirit."

The word "into" in Acts 8:16 and 19:5 is translated from the same Greek word "en" as the word "in" in Matthew 28:19. (Editor's note: the Jerusalem Bible questions whether the formula in Matthew 28:19 is inspired or liturgical.)

There is no question about being baptized into the name of the Father when one is baptized into the name of the Son, as indicated in Acts 8 and 19, because the Fa-

ther's Name is in the Son's Name. This is clear: Yah-weh and Yahshua,

Yah is the short form of the Father's Name, which means "I am." The name Yahweh most likely means "I am self-existent" and Yahshua means "I am salvation."

*But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him. Yahweh is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth*, John 4:23 - 24.

These verses tell us the Father is spirit. Leviticus 20:26 (*And ye shall be holy unto Me: for I Yahweh am holy, and have severed you from other people, that ye should be Mine.*) informs us that Yahweh is holy. Doesn't this mean the Heavenly Father is Holy Spirit? Therefore, isn't Romans 8:9 (*But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of*

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### TRINITARIAN BAPTISM AND MATTHEW 28:19

Many have been baptized into a trinitarian formula, basing their actions on Matthew 28:19. Now learn the facts about this verse and the proper prescription for immersion.

A profound feeling of guilt swept over the Apostle Peter's audience. Those gathered learned that it was their breaking of Yahweh's law (their sin, 1John 3:4) that caused the Savior's death! A feeling of despair overwhelmed them and they earnestly and urgently asked Peter, "What must we do?"

*"Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the Name of Yahshua the Messiah for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."* (Acts 2:38)

Baptism is the initial, compelling act one considers after learning of one's own sinful record. Baptism is a willing, voluntary step assumed by a contrite heart, seeking spiritual restoration and the grace and forgiveness freely promised us by the Heavenly Father through His Son.

Israelites were brought into the Covenant through involuntary circumcision at infancy. Today, the New Covenant is entered into of one's own volition.

Sadly, not everyone who is called to be grafted into the Abrahamic promise willingly responds. Some may turn their backs upon Yahweh's invitation and though called, are not chosen.

*"So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many are called, but few chosen."* (Matt. 20:16)

To the dutiful, seeking Bible student, the question is often raised, "Unto what are we to be baptized?" This very question was foremost among many of the

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### BAPTISM'S DEEPER MEANING

Baptism is undoubtedly the most important decision one can make on this earth. Because our future is determined by it, we should be alert to all its conditions and significance. In the following study we will seek a deeper meaning of baptism according to Yahweh's word. We should comprehend what baptism accomplishes and seek to ensure our baptism is approved by Yahweh. Furthermore, we should know what to expect upon being baptized, for it is the foundation-stone of the promised salvation given us through our Savior Yahshua.

From time to time we all have realized how far we have fallen from the high expectations of Yahweh's word, and felt we were the lost generation much like those Peter was preaching to. When the Jews in Acts chapter two realized it was their sins which put the Savior to death, they asked, "What can we do?"

*"Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Yahshua Messiah for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as Yahweh our Elohim shall call."* (Acts 2:38-39 AV)

### BAPTISM IN THE ONLY NAME

Most baptisms done throughout churchianity are done according to Matthew 28:19, *"In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit."* However, not one of these is a name, but only a title. There are many "fathers" on this earth, and all of us have a human father. Fathers are also sons, as are all males. The Holy Spirit is the power emanating from Yahweh, and shared by the Son. A number of scholars believe this verse is spurious, including the Catholic Jerusalem Bible. (For a deeper study of this verse, request your copy of our mini-study, "Trinitarian Baptism And Matthew 28:19.")

*Yahweh dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Messiah, he is none of His.)* telling us you are controlled by the Holy Spirit if the Holy Spirit lives in you?

This sounds like doubletalk, and it is if you believe that the Holy Spirit is an individual personality separate from yet part of the Father's personality.

The apostle could not have meant more than that you are controlled by Yahweh, if Yahweh dwells in you spiritually. To read more than this into Romans 8:9 is to make Paul contradict himself in other Scriptures.

## Trinitarianism Caused Confusion

The translators' belief or disbelief in the doctrine of the Trinity must be a major cause for so many different translations of Scriptures. Compare the various versions of Romans 8:9.

Surely, these differences in this verse and other Scriptures are the result of more than a mere difference in scholars' opinions about the meaning of words or the grammar and structure of the Hebrew and Greek languages.

An ever more revealing variation in translation is seen in the different versions of Isaiah 59:19. The following five variations of this verse are quoted for the benefit of those who do not have access to several Bibles.

### *The King James:*

*So shall they fear the Name of Yahweh from the west, and His glory from the rising sun. When the enemy shall come like a flood, the Spirit of Yahweh shall lift up a standard against him.*

### *The Revised Standard:*

*So they shall fear the Name of Yahweh from the west, and His glory from the rising sun; for He shall come like a rushing stream, which the wind of Yahweh drives.*

### *The New English:*

*So from the west men shall fear His Name, fear His glory from the rising sun; for it shall come like a shining river, the Spirit of Yahweh hovering over it.*

### *The Jerusalem Bible:*

*In the west men shall see the Name of Yahweh and in the east His glory; for He shall come like a pent-up stream impelled by the breath of Yahweh.*

### *The Prophets:*

*From the west, they shall revere the Name of Yahweh, and from the east His presence. For He shall come like a hemmed-in stream which the wind of Yahweh drives on.*

The Jerusalem Bible is the only version above in which the Hebrew Tetragrammaton is correctly translated "Yahweh." The incorrect translation, "the Lord," has been changed to "Yahweh" in the other quotations.

What is so revealing about these different versions of Isaiah

59:19 is the fact that the Hebrew word *ruach*, which means wind or breath, is actually translated wind or breath instead of Spirit in three of these five versions.

In John 3:8 (*The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.*), the Messiah's implication is that Yahweh's Spirit is like the wind. Is a person's breath a separate living entity within the person? No rational person would contend that it is. Neither does a rational person doubt the intrinsic value of breath to life.

## The Holy Spirit Has No Name

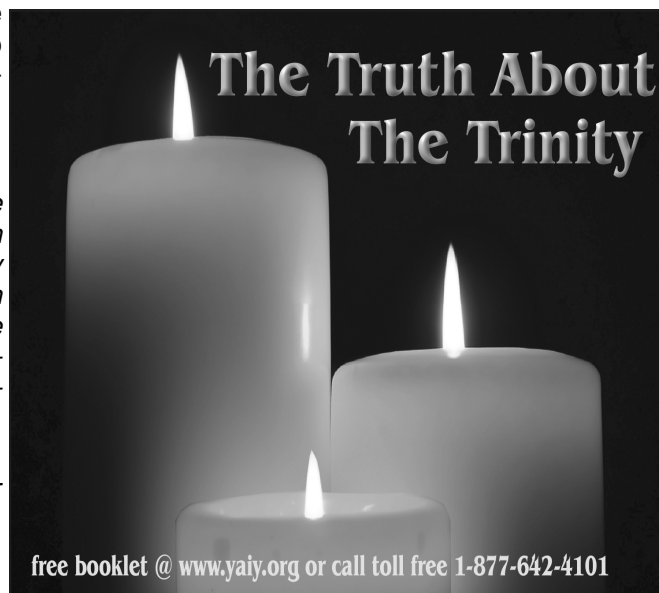
The man Adam named all living creatures of this world, Genesis 2:19. Scriptures indicate living entities of the spirit world are also named. Angels are named, Luke 1:19; the Father is named, Exodus 3:15; and the Son, Who sits at the right hand of the Father, Matthew 22:44, is named, Matthew 1:21. Even the evil one is named.

If the Father's Holy Spirit is a living entity equal to the Son, wouldn't its name be mentioned in Yahweh's Word?

How does this verse indicate that Yahweh's Spirit will come to stem the flood of evil in this world? Like a rushing stream driven by the WIND! How does this compare with the coming of Yahweh's Holy Spirit at Pentecost? Acts 2:2 says:

*And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.*

The disciples who waited in the upper room for the coming of the Holy Spirit received power — not to stem the



tide of evil in this world — but to preach, teach, and perform miracles. These wonders were necessary to be convincing to superstitious pagans. The heathen demanded signs and wonders that surpassed anything the sorcerers and magicians of their day could perform.

## Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Does the Holy Spirit come into a baptized believer's heart with the sound of a rushing wind today? Of course not.

Does the Spirit impart spiritual power today? Spiritual gifts are given as the Father wills and no doubt spiritual power is given as necessary to achieve the Father's will.

But spiritual power is not given to stem the flood tide of evil in this world anymore than such power was given at Pentecost. Neither is power given to perform miracles merely for show or to deceive the superstitious and gullible into believing lies about the Father and His Son.

The person baptized in Yahshua's Name today receives not only spiritual gifts, but also Yahweh's grace.

Grace is more than unmerited forgiveness of sins. It is the influence of Yahweh in the heart. It is this influence that gives power to control the weakness of the flesh and resist Satan's influence.

Yahweh's influence opens a person's mind to understand Scriptures and to discern good and evil.

The influence of Yahweh's Holy Spirit gives faith (trust) and the spiritual strength to endure ridicule, persecution or any other wile the lawless one may devise to destroy the person's trust in Yahweh and His Son.

Yahweh's Holy Spirit gives eternal life,

*Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the Spirit: for*

*the letter killeth, but the Spirit giveth life, 2 Corinthians 3:6.*

Yahshua is the only name given whereby people may receive the Holy Spirit,

*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.*

The Holy Names are becoming known again. How much longer will Yahweh continue to wink at the ignorance of people He is calling?

*And the times of this ignorance Yahweh winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent, Acts 17:30.*

Have you turned to be healed, spiritually that is? If not, you need to turn to Yahshua, for He says,

*I am the way and the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father except through Me, John 14:6.*

Without the Father's Holy Spirit in your heart there is no eternal life in you. Do you want to live for-

ever? If you do, Yahshua is calling you!

Don't close your eyes to what He reveals to you. Don't close your ears to what He says to you. Above all, don't harden your heart to reject new truth as the Scribes and Pharisees did.

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*power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.*

Most people believe that this is Yahweh's world or certainly Yahshua's world. But that is not true. This world was given to Satan to rule. He has twisted that opportunity and despoiled it.

These Scriptures confirm who the real ruler of this world is:

*Now judgment is upon this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out, John 12:31.*

*I will not speak with you, for the ruler of the world is coming, and he has nothing in Me, John 14:30.*

*In whose care the mighty one of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Messiah Who is the image of Yahweh, 2 Corinthians 4:4.*

*We know that we are of Yahweh, and that the whole world lies in the power of the evil one, 1 John 5:19.*

These Scriptures confirm that this whole world is under the influence of Satan and his demons, who are able to manipulate, deceive, and confuse at will. They construct history and culture to meet their needs. The symbolism used during the Valentine's Day celebration is just another example of their work.

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# Why His Name Is YAHWEH

Yahweh revealed His Name to humankind. But through ignorance and fear of blasphemy man neglected the Name and chose many other substitutes instead. Now we are without excuse.

Among those who fully respect and stand in awe of the Mighty One, the Creator of the universe, there is no general agreement on the exact spelling of His name. While most scholars freely admit the hybrid "Jehovah" is wrong, many have not fully researched the truth of His Name, but have accepted the opinions and concepts of others who in turn have followed earlier traditions.

Spellings, such as JAVE, JAHWAH, JAHVEH, JOVE, YAHVEH, YAHWAH, YAHVAH, as well as the generally accepted YAHWEH, are variously ascribed as being the proper spelling of the Almighty's Name. And each one espousing a certain form or spelling believes his is the only and correct way.

Let us delve into the background and history of the Sacred Name and review how it has been handed down to us.

The early translators who gave us the English version of the (originally Hebrew) Bible were not Hebrew scholars. They based their understanding mostly on the Greek texts, the Septuagint for the Old Testament and the extant Greek texts for the New Testament. Generally, they were ignorant of Hebrew and knew very little of Hebrew grammar, syntax, and vocabulary.

Because of animosity between the Jews and their Roman masters, it was a common practice for Roman soldiers to search out and destroy any Hebrew texts of the Jews and Messianic believers alike.

Initially, the Romans made no distinction between Jews and converts of the early Assembly, for their worship appeared basically the same. Both worshiped on the weekly Saturday Sabbath and observed the annual festivals, and both read from the same Old Testament Hebrew scrolls in their study and worship.

It was not until the third century that a distinction was made between Jewish worship and those who had gone on to accept Yahshua as the Messiah.

The admitted ignorance of the early Christian scholars regarding the Hebrew language lies at the

root of the misspellings and variations of the Sacred Name today. The Jews often ridiculed and derided these Christians who claimed to be scholars, but stumbled in their efforts to pronounce simple Hebrew words.

## They Feared to Use His Name

By the time of the Messiah, the Jewish custom of not pronouncing the Sacred Name in public became mandatory. This practice had apparently developed from the warning in Leviticus 24:16,

*And he that blasphemes the Name of Yahweh shall surely be put to death, and all the congregation shall certainly stone him: as well the stranger, as he that is born in the land, when he blasphemes the Name of Yahweh shall be put to death.*

By not using the Sacred Name, one could not blaspheme it, and so it was not invoked except by the high priest on the Day of Atonement.

Thus came about the custom of reading "Adonai" instead of the Sacred Name whenever the Tetragrammaton appeared in the texts at the synagogues. By calling upon a substitute instead of invoking the Name, the Name could not be blasphemed, reasoned the Jews.

In Jeremiah 44:26 we read of another verse that stifled any public utterance of the Sacred Name, especially during the captivity:

*Therefore hear you the word of Yahweh, all Judah that dwell in the land of Egypt; behold, I have sworn by My great Name says Yahweh, that My Name shall no more be named in the mouth of any man of Judah in all the land of Egypt, saying, "Yahweh Elohim lives."*

This became especially critical when the Jews were taken captive to Babylon. Psalm 137 relates that they refused to sing the songs of Zion or Yahweh's Name in a strange land lest the Name and worship be subject to ridicule by the gentiles. Thus the ban on uttering the Sacred Name became firmly entrenched and was the practice by the time the Savior came to earth.

While the Jewish zealots would not invoke the Sacred Name, it was their custom to write it in the sacred texts. The scribes carefully placed the vowels

of *Adonai* over the Tetragrammaton to warn the reader not to utter the Sacred Name, but to use "Adonai." The scribes did, however, place the Hebrew Tetragrammaton in the Greek Septuagint translation.

Christian scholars did not understand these sacred four Hebrew letters (יהוה) and translated them into the Greek as (ΙΙΙΙ) or ΠΙΠΙ. When the proper pronunciation was pointed out to them they inserted the Greek letters ΙΑΟ.

Still later, they substituted the Greek *kurios* or *theos* for the Hebrew Tetragrammaton, as they felt the Greek text was as sacred as the Hebrew. However, neither *kurios* nor *theos* is a transliteration of the Hebrew Yahweh. Neither does either have the same meaning.

"Toward the end of the first century Gentile Christians, lacking a motive for retaining the Hebrew name for God, substituted the words *KURIOS* and *THEOS* (*KURIOS* being used more often than *THEOS*) for the Tetragram," wrote Professor George Howard in the *Journal of Biblical Literature*.

He adds, "Thus, somewhere around the beginning of the second century, the use of surrogates must have crowded out the Tetragram in both Testaments. Before long the divine name was lost to the Gentile church altogether except insofar as it was reflected in the contracted surrogates or occasionally remembered by scholars."

Thus, the Sacred Name not only was obscured by overzealous Jewish religionists, but the Greek substitutes soon found their way into both the Old and New Testaments. Note Professor George Howard's comments:

"As we have seen, the normal practice was for (the Tetragram) to be written in paleo-Hebrew or Aramaic letters, or to be transliterated into Greek letters, in pre-Christian copies of LXX ... Since the Tetragram was still written in copies of the Greek Bible which made up the Scriptures of the early church, it is

reasonable to believe that the NT writers, when quoting from Scripture, preserved the Tetragram with the Biblical text. On the analogy of pre-Christian Jewish practice we can imagine that the NT text incorporated the Tetragram into its OT quotations and that the words *KURIOS* and *THEOS* were used when secondary references to God were made in the comments that were based upon the quotations." (*Journal of Biblical Literature*.)

It can readily be seen that if the Greek text was considered sacred as the Hebrew, then the Greek substitutes for the Tetragram were equally sacred.

When the Bible was translated into another language (due to the translator's ignorance of Hebrew, directly from the Greek texts) the more familiar local deity's name was customarily substituted for the

unfamiliar Greek *Kurios* and *Theos*. Translations into other languages routinely substituted the name of the local deity for the Sacred Name Yahweh.

Thus, every language has its own substitute for the Tetragram, the choice of the substitute depending upon the translator as well as local custom and tradition.

From the above we can see that the Sacred Name Yahweh was initially substituted by overly superstitious rabbis. First, the vowels for *Adonai* were placed over the Tetragram to caution the reader not to blurt out Yahweh when it appeared in the text. The reader was then to read *Adonai* instead of invoking the Sacred Name.

Christian scholars, not realizing the purpose of the vowels placed over the four Hebrew letters, came up with the monstrous hybrid *JEHOVAH*. Today, most good reference works freely admit this is not the Name and never was. There never was and is not now a letter *J* in the Hebrew alphabet.

Eventually the Greek substitutes replaced the Hebrew Tetragrammaton in the Greek texts, and *Kurios* and *Theos* became commonplace. Translations from the Hebrew texts, however, ended up with the hybrid *Jehovah*.

## Birth of J

Note the comments of author F. F. Bruce in *The Books and the Parchments*:

"In the English Bible, Hebrew proper names with *yod* are represented with *j*, which in modern English has quite a different sound from *y*. Thus 'Jehovah-jireh' would have been pronounced in Hebrew something like Yahweh yeereh," footnote, page 40.

History shows that the letter *J* is from the capital *I*, but with a tail added, and became known as a cursive *J* because of the curling tail. This was made popular by the Dutch printers about 500 years ago. Before that time the letter *J*

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### YAHWEH: KNOWN BY THE PATRIARCHS

Does Exodus 6:3 tell us that Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob never knew Yahweh's Name? Understand what this passage is really saying!

A PUZZLING BIBLE VERSE for many who are aware of the sacred Name Yahweh is found in Exodus 6:3, which reads:

"And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of G-d Almighty [El Shaddai] but by my name [YAHWEH] was I not known to them"

Some Bible expositors contend that this passage shows that Yahweh had not revealed His Name to the patriarchs. That even Moses did not know that His Name was Yahweh, but knew Him only as Elohim or El Shaddai. This notion is false, as we see from the events three chapters prior to this verse.

#### The Memorial Name Yahweh

When conscripted by Yahweh to be the leader for His people Israel, Moses wondered what he should say when presenting himself before Israel. Moses asked, "The Elohim of your fathers has sent me unto you: and they shall say to me 'What is His Name?' what shall I say unto them?" Exodus 3:13. From His response it is clear Yahweh invoked His personal Name and revealed it to Moses:

"Elohim said unto Moses, 'I AM THAT I AM:' and He said, Thus shall you say unto the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me unto you.'

"And Elohim said moreover unto Moses, Thus shall you say unto the children of Israel, 'YAHWEH, the Elohim of your fathers, the Elohim of Abraham, the Elohim of Isaac, and the Elohim of

did not exist. If we accept that fact of history, then we must raise the question, "What was His name before the letter J came into being?" It could not have been Jehovah.

It was the French who gave the letter J the present sound of the letter g as in large or purge. In Latin and other languages the J is pronounced more like Y with an "ee" sound. The Spanish J is more like an aspirant as in San Jose.

Some old European maps still show the spelling of countries like Jugoslavia or Sowjet Russia. It is only in the last century that the letter J has firmly taken on the French pronunciation as in joy or journal. (For more information on the letter J please request our booklet, *The Missing J.*)

It is not unusual for some who reject the Name Yahweh to state that because of the aversion of the Jews to use the Name or even utter it, that the pronunciation became lost. This likely is done to vindicate their unwillingness to use the Name.

To conceal their rebelling against using the Name, they contend the pronunciation is unknown. This they feel absolves them of any and all responsibility of using the Name.

It is the same weak argument put forth by those who reject the Sabbath by saying the "Sabbath has been lost; no one knows which day it is." It is nothing more than sheer rebellion against the Third Commandment. (Write for our mini-study, *Sabbath Keepers, Why Not Keep ALL The Commandments?*)

## Yahweh: The Authorities Agree

Many reliable authorities state unequivocally that the correct pronunciation of the Sacred Name never has been lost. Some are as follows:

- "It is now held that the original name was IaHue(H), i.e. Jahve(h), or with the English

values of the letters, YAHWE (h), and one or other of these forms is now generally used by writers upon the religion of the Hebrews." (Oxford English Dictionary under "Jehovah").

- "The saying of God, 'I am who I am', is surely connected with His Name that is written in the Hebrew consonantal text as YHWH, the original pronunciation of which is well attested as Yahweh." (Catholic Encyclopedia, 1967, Vol. 5, p. 743).
- "Judging from Greek transcriptions of the Sacred Name (iabe, iaouai), YHWH ought to be pronounced Yahweh. The pronunciation Jehovah was unknown in ancient Jewish circles ... " (Catholic Encyclopedia, Vol. 14, p. 1065).
- "The pronunciation Yahweh is indicated by transliterations of

the name into Greek in early Christian literature, in the form *iaoue* (Clement of Alexandria) or *iabe* (Theodoret; by this time Gk. b had the pronunciation of v)." (New Bible Dictionary, J.D. Douglas, "God, Names of").

• "Such a conclusion, giving 'Yahweh' as the pronunciation of the name, is confirmed by the testimony of the Fathers and gentile writers, where the forms *iao*, *Yaho*, *Yaou*, *Yahouai*, and *Yahoue* appear. Especially important is the statement of Theodoret in relation to Ex. vi., when he says: 'the Samaritans call it [the tetragrammaton] "Yabe," the Jews call it "Aia" .. .' " (The New Schaff-Herzog Religious Encyclopedia, "Yahweh," p.471).

• "The true pronunciation of the name YHWH was never lost. Several early Greek writers of the Christian Church testify that the name was pronounced 'Yahweh.'" (p. 680, Encyclopedia Judaica). "Early Christian writers, such as Clement of Alexandria in the 2nd century, had used the form *Yahweh*, thus this pronunciation of the Tetragrammaton was never really lost. Greek transcriptions also indicated that YHWH should be pronounced *Yahweh*." (Encyclopaedia Britannica 15th Edition under "Yahweh").

• "What the original Hebrew vowels of the name were is a matter of some debate, although it is usually considered that they were a and e, the word being pronounced *Yahweh*." (The Books and the Parchments, p. 120, F.F. Bruce). On p. 259 in another scholarly book, *From Stone Age to Christianity*, author Bruce makes the following comment:

"There is absolute unanimity in our sources about the name given

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### YAHWEH'S NAME AT THE END OF THE AGE

*His people will know His Name.*

SINCE THE EARLY 1930s the sacred Name of the Heavenly Father, Yahweh, has been proclaimed in earnest. The earliest Sacred Name pioneers realized that most readers of the Bible were ignorant of Yahweh's great Name. The omission of His Name and substitutes for it can be traced to early Bible translators who followed superstitious Jewish traditions against using the sacred Name Yahweh.

Few translators were conversant in Hebrew, and detested anything Hebrew or Jewish, just as many do today. They could neither read nor speak Hebrew fluently and resorted to the Greek translation of the Old Testament known as the Septuagint, bypassing the original Hebrew texts.

From the Greek Septuagint was made the Latin version of the Old Testament. From the Latin came our English Bibles.

#### Septuagint Had Yahweh's Name

The original Greek Septuagint of the Old Testament had Yahweh's Name (known as the Tetragrammaton—meaning four letters) inscribed in gold letters in Hebrew: יהוה. Later copyists, being ignorant of Hebrew, substituted the Greek words *Kyrios* and *Theos* with the excuse that if the Tetragrammaton were sacred in the Hebrew, *Kyrios* and *Theos* were sacred in the Greek.

The translators of the 1611 English Bible, the highly revered King James "authorized" version, followed the custom of earlier Bible translators in supplanting the sacred Name Yahweh with the

his God by Moses. The spelling YHWH (pronounced Yahweh, as we know from Greek transcriptions) is always found in prose passages in the Hebrew Bible, as well as in the Mesha Stone (ninth century) and the Lachish Letters (cir. 589 B.C.)."

- "The pronunciation Yahweh is indicated by transliterations of the name into Greek in early Christian literature, in the form *iaoue* (Clement of Alexandria) or *iabe* (Theodoret; by this time Gk. b had the pronunciation of v) ... Strictly speaking, Yahweh is the only 'name' of God. In Genesis wherever the word *sem* ('name') is associated with the divine being that name is Yahweh." (Eerdman's Bible Dictionary, 1979 p. 478).

The Encyclopaedia Britannica, 11th edition, volume 12, p. 995 under "Jehovah," makes the following comment:

"The pronunciation 'Jehovah' is an error resulting among Christians from combining the consonants Yhwh (Jhv) with the vowels of 'adonay,' 'Lord,' which the Jews in reading the Scriptures substituted for the Sacred Name, commonly called the tetragrammaton as containing four consonants.

"The tradition that, after the death of Simeon the Just, 290 B.C., it was no longer pronounced even on these occasions, is contradicted by the well-attested statement that in the last generations before the fall of Jerusalem (A.D. 70) it was uttered so low that the sounds were lost in the chant of the priest. After that event the liturgical use of the name ceased, but the tradition was perpetuated in the Rabbinic schools; it continued also to be employed by healers, exorcists and magicians, and is found on many magical papyri. It is asserted by Philo that only priests might pronounce it and by Josephus that those who knew it were forbidden to divulge it. Fi-

nally, the Samaritans shared the scruples of the Jews, except that they used it in judicial oaths ... The early Christian scholars therefore easily learnt the true pronunciation."

- "Yahweh, yawe (YHWH). The vocalization of the four consonants of the Israelite name for God which scholars believe to approximate the original pronunciation." See GOD, NAMES of, B." (The Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible, under "Yahweh").

### What of "Jehovah"?

The group known as Jehovah's Witnesses have admitted in certain of their writings that the proper spelling and pronunciation of the Tetragrammaton is best represented by "Yahweh."

In their pamphlet, "The Divine Name That Will Endure Forever," we read this revealing statement:

"Some – though not all – feel that the Israelites before the time of J-sus probably pronounced G-d's name Yahweh," pp. 8 - 9.

On pages 10 - 11 is the following, "While many translators favor the pronunciation Yahweh, the New World Translation and also a number of other translations continue the use of the form Jehovah because of the people's familiarity with it for centuries."

In other words, the Jehovah's Witnesses rely upon traditions of past generations rather than acknowledge that the hybrid name Jehovah, which they use, is an inferior transliteration. They admit they are following a mere custom of man. Was it not our Savior Who said, "You have made the commandment of Yahweh of none effect through your traditions"? (Matthew 15:6).

The Jewish Encyclopedia, on page 160, says this about the name Jehovah, "This name is commonly represented in modern translations by the form 'Jehovah,' which, however, is a philological impossibility. ... This form has arisen through attempting to pronounce the consonants of the name with the vowels of *adonai*."

Dr. J. B. Rotherham, in his Emphasized Bible, makes the following observation concerning the name Jehovah: "To give the name JHVH the vowels of the word for Lord (Hebrew *adonai*) and pronounce it Jehovah, is about as hybrid a combination as it would be to spell the name Germany with the vowels in the name Portugal – viz., GORMUNA."

The Emphasized Bible further states, "The true pronunciation seems to have been Yahwe (or lahway, the initial l = Y as in *lachimmo*). The final e should be pronounced like the French e', or the English e in there, and the first be

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### IS HIS NAME JEHOVAH OR YAHWEH?

*The Christian translators of the Bible unknowingly followed the Jewish Scribes and disguised the Name of the Creator. Now learn the truth about the Heavenly Father's revealed, personal Name!*

ASK MOST BIBLE BELIEVERS what the name of the Heavenly Father is and they probably will say Jehovah. Ask them for some proof of this and they will either point to traditional usage or refer you to some Old Testament English Bible version.

Surprisingly, the name of the Heavenly Father is not Jehovah, and never was. The history of "Jehovah," which some encyclopedias call erroneous and which many Bible scholars agree is not accurate, is quite eye-opening.

In the oldest text of the Bible, the ancient Hebrew script, the sacred Name is represented by four Hebrew letters, יהוה. These four letters are called the Tetragrammaton, appearing in English as YHWH.

The ancient Hebrew alphabet had no vowels. To indicate vowels, scribes or copyists used diacritical marks or points above or below the letters. Jewish law experts decided to hide this Name to make certain it would not be taken in vain or blasphemed. Therefore, when the four letters of the Tetragrammaton appeared in the text, scribes "pointed" it with substitution vowels for the Hebrew word *adonai* (meaning "lord") which was then read "adonai" instead of the sacred Name "Yahweh."

One of the most widely known words in the world is "halleluYah," an imperative meaning "Praise you Yah." Notice that the short or poetic



sounded as an aspirate." Further, Dr. Rotherham states, "The form 'Yahweh' is here adopted as practically the best. The only competing form would be 'Yehweh,' differing, it will be observed, only in a single vowel – 'e' for the 'a' in the first syllable," p. 25 of his introduction to "The Incommunicable Name."

### BAR Taken to Task

In a letter to the prestigious Biblical Archaeology Review (BAR), a professor took to task the editorial note of BAR that the pronunciation Yahweh for the Tetragrammaton is simply a form agreed to by Hebrew scholars. Note his letter to the editor:

"An editorial note in BAR, November/December 1984, states that the pronunciation YAHWEH for the Tetragrammaton is 'by scholarly convention.' It should be noted that there are many strong linguistic and epigraphic arguments in favor of Yahweh as the correct form. There are Greek transcriptions from religious papyri in Egypt; there are personal names in

Biblical Hebrew ending in YAHU, which is the typical 'Short form' (jussive, i.e., commands, and past tense) for verb forms of that particular type in which the last two consonants were originally WAW (w) and yod (y). The 'long form' of those same verbs ends in eh. The Anglicized form, Jehovah, is a 'ghost word' based on the four consonants YHWH, with the vowels of another word, *adonai*, meaning 'my Lord.' The Hebrew scribes of the Middle Ages put those vowels in to remind the reader to say ADONAI rather than pronounce the Sacred Name. But in the first syllable, they nevertheless put in an e rather than an a so as not to cause anyone to see the syllable YA and inadvertently blurt out the Sacred Name! This is just further proof of the correct first syllable, which in any case is confirmed by Greek spellings and the evidence of Hebrew linguistics. So Yahweh is not just some sort of scholarly convention." (Professor Anson F. Rainey, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel).

It is quite apparent from the Bible and language scholars of our day that the best spelling of the holy Name in English is Yahweh. This most closely approximates the Hebrew pronunciation as used in the temple. Other variant spellings are a result of attempting to bring phonetic sounds across from another language. Jewish authorities admit Yahweh is the proper spelling of His Name in English. Some of the differences surrounding the pronunciation of the Sacred Name centers on the letter J versus the letter Y. Our booklet, *The Missing J*, covers this topic. If you have not already secured a copy, write us at the address given in this magazine.

Elder Donald Mansager  
(deceased)

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# Truth, Error, and the Law and the Spirit

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## The Letter of the Law Versus the Spirit of the Law

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At the hospital where I work, they have a committee called Spiritual Development, which runs a small column in the newsletter that comes out several times per month. Their column is called "Spiritually Speaking." A recent entry was called "Life's Recipe" and reads as follows:

### Life's Recipe

#### Ingredients

- 1 cup of good thoughts
- 1 cup of kind deeds
- 1 cup of consideration for others
- 2 cups of sacrifice for others
- 3 cups of forgiveness
- 3 cups of well-beaten faults

#### Directions

Mix above ingredients thoroughly. Add tears of joy, sorrow and sympathy for others. Flavor with little bits of love. Fold into daily life and bake well with the heat of **human** kindness. Serve with a big smile. - Author unknown

#### Activity

The recipe for life is to be kind to others. Now that's good advice for someone who wants to live the "good life," doing what is morally correct. That's wonderful. But, isn't there something MISSING from the recipe? Perhaps the author of this recipe has overlooked the One Who GAVE us life? You know, the Creator! Or, maybe the author is not really concerned about Eternal Life. Perhaps what is missing is the hope in living a life, here, that gains an eternal existence with the Creator. Well, far be it from me to allow something to just lay where it's at, fallow, without doing something to make it grow. So, I wrote another recipe, this one is "A Recipe for Eternal Life."

### Recipe For Eternal Life

#### Ingredients

- 1. gallon of undiluted, in-depth Scriptural Study, untouched by human hands

- 1 earnest of Holy Spirit
- 1 circumcised root of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil

A good measure, at least 10 cups of well-aged Obedience to the Word, pressed down, shaken together, and overflowing. (Luke 6:38).

- 7 Tablespoons of Sweet Worshipful Convocation

- 1/2 cup Prayer of Gratitude

- 1/4 cup Spiritual Song

- 1 Tablespoon Adversity

- 1 wafer-thin slice of Fat-free, Dehydrated Sinfulness

- 2 cups of Faith in Yahweh, in the Name of Yahshua

- 3 Heaping Tablespoons of Good Works

- 1 teaspoon of sharing the Good News

- 1 Tablespoon Understanding Others

- 1 Tablespoon Accepting Others

- 1 Tablespoon Forgiving Others

- 2 Tablespoons Sacrifice for Others

#### Directions

Add an earnest of Holy Spirit to a gallon of Scriptural Study and bring to a fervent boil, but, do not cover.

Grate 1 teaspoon of the Root of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil; add to mixture.

Stir in Obedience to the Word in the 2 cups of Faith until thoroughly dissolved; let simmer all the live-long day; enjoy its fragrance.

Add the Worship, Prayer and Song until mixture clarifies.

Lightly blend in the Good Works, the Good News, Understanding, Acceptance, Forgiveness and Sacrifice for others.

Vigorously whip a Tablespoon of Adversity into the mixture until exhausted; remove from heat and let set, allowing the Worship, Prayer and Song to rise to the top.

Take one thin slice of Fat-free, Dehydrated Sinfulness and pulverize with a mortar and pestle to a fine powder until unrecognizable. Consider how

tempting and “original” it would be to add it to the mixture. But instead, smell it; if it stinks, then wash the mortar and pestle free of this substance with soap and water, and flush the sinfulness down the sink’s drain.

Put the mixture in a glass dispenser designed to fit in your refrigerator. Chill.

### Activity

Drink it when thirsty. Enjoy alone or in the company of others. If prepared correctly, you will never run out – you will be able to drink it forever.

### Overview

When I’m not finding fault with articles in the local newspaper, I’m busy working as a Social Worker at a local hospital which is a foren-

sic, psychiatric facility. Its function is to rehabilitate individuals who have engaged in serious, unlawful behaviour of which a court of law has determined that they cannot be held responsible for their behaviour due to the degree of mental disability or defect from which they suffered at the time of the crime – and from which they continue to suffer.

Part of my work involves facilitating two therapeutic groups on my ward, the Basic Thinking Errors Group and the Problem-Solving Group. It wasn’t until September 2, 2005, that I realized that the hospital’s mission and purpose is, in a sense, a reflection of Yahweh’s Plan of Salvation, though on a much smaller, human scale. This minor revelation came to me while facilitating a group made up of the thirteen clients whose cases I manage. On this date, I had not prepared a topic for discussion, but I felt somehow inspired to give the “big picture” to these men about why they were here.

Before I continue, let me explain that earlier in the week, during a meeting in which the entire ward meets to discuss changes in procedure and so on, one new client asked the most frequently-asked question of all the questions ever asked by clients at the hospital, “How do I get out of here?” Another client answered, “By keeping out of trouble; don’t act aggressively and do what you are told.” Then, another client refuted this answer with a profane remark. It dawned on me that I now had what we call a “teaching moment”; and I said to the disgruntled man, “You’re right! Keeping out of trouble, not acting aggressively and doing what you are told IS NOT how you get out of here, is it?!” The ward was silent (because it seemed to contradict what they had been taught since their admission, namely, that “If you do everything we ask of you, you will be discharged or transferred to a less-restrictive environment.”). I asked

the entire ward, “How many of you know someone who says they have done everything they have been asked to do; they appear to have met their Criteria for Discharge written in their Individualized Treatment Plans; they’ve been free of physical and verbal aggression for years; they attend all their classes; they are at Level 6 or 7 while most clients struggle to achieve and keep their Level 3; and they are STILL here on this ward – and the Treatment Team is not willing to submit a request for their transfer to a less-restrictive setting?” All their hands shot up. At that moment, our time ran out for the group, and the RN was setting up to pass out medications. So, the group ended on an unresolved note, until my smaller group met on September 2.

In that group, (getting back to

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### A Matter of Death and Life

Do we really die when we pass away or does our soul live on in heavenly bliss while our loved ones mourn us down here on earth?

**Most of my early life** I had been bothered by a nagging question. If when we die our souls waft off to a joyful eternity in heaven, then why so much mourning at funerals?

If the popular teaching and belief is that man has an immortal soul, then why do ministers talk about “death” when administering last rites?

And if our soul lives on after we die, what’s the point of a resurrection of the “dead,” which the Bible speaks of?

We hear people say that good ol’ Uncle Ben has died. Is Ben really dead? Or do we go to his funeral just to mourn his lifeless body, while our uncle lives on, rolling around heaven, playing his harp and testing the aerodynamics of his wings?

There he is, lounging serenely, propped up by one arm as he peeks over a cloud’s edge and smiles down at those glumly carrying his corpse in a casket. Or at least that’s what so many think. They want to believe that the dead aren’t actually gone, we just can’t see them anymore.

Let’s face it. Most people don’t like to talk about this subject. They’re too into the present: too busy trying to get ahead, raising a family, getting a promotion, working for retirement — going for the gusto of life. The seriousness of the subject weighs heavily on the conscience, and we’d rather not be reminded of our own mortality.

The philosophy is, why worry about it? Just live a decent life, be an honest citizen, do your share, and it will all work out in the end. You’ll get to heaven, they believe. But is that true?

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#### Mini Study



### Do You Have an Immortal Soul?

Churchianity in general teaches that the real you, the real person, is living in a fleshly, temporal body. Our fleshly body is likened to a container of sorts that is embalmed at death and buried in the ground while the real person, the real you, is invisible, having wafted off to heaven – or maybe to an ever-burning hellfire. This ethereal something is referred to as the “soul”.

“His soul has departed from the body and is now in heaven with the Lord” is a popular summation of death at many funerals. Often the eulogy alludes to whatever attributes of the deceased are suitable, and concludes by noting that the dead person is actually more alive than ever without the body. The person’s body is about to be put in the ground to await the resurrection to heaven, but the soul is already there according to the popular belief.

#### No Immortal Soul in Scripture

Yahweh’s Word presents an entirely different picture of the “soul.” Try to find the expression “immortal soul” anywhere in the Bible. It is not there! Nowhere does the Bible declare that the soul or body is naturally immortal. In fact, the opposite is true. Souls can be destroyed. The body is not the soul, because Yahshua said Yahweh is able to destroy both body AND soul:

*“And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell,” Matt. 10:28.*

my story) I recounted the discussion above. Additionally, I reiterated a previous presentation to them in my Basic Thinking Errors Group about the opposite of Error, which is Truth. Then, I asked them, "Is it TRUE that DOING all that is expected of you – abiding by the ward rules, attending and participating in all of your groups, and avoiding all inappropriate behaviour – will get you out of here? They all answered, "No!" Then, I took a risk. I asked, "Then, does it look to you like we are LYING to you?" They all said, "Yes!"

Ah! I had brought them to yet another teaching moment. "No," I said, "we are not lying to you. But, there IS a thinking error present here. Can anyone see it?" Silence. So, I explained, "The laws, statutes, regulations, policies, procedures, ordinances and ward rules are written for those who are not willing to refrain from hurting others. You are here at this hospital because you disobeyed the law, and you are here to 'change your behavior.' Now, we've talked about why we act the way we do. Right?" They said, "We act out of our feelings." "Right," I said. "And where do our feelings come from?" They replied, "From our thoughts." "And, where do our thoughts come from?" Silence. I reiterated the answer to them. "Our thoughts, perceptions and beliefs come out of our life's experiences. When a child is molested by a parent who is an alcoholic or drug addict; when he is abandoned, beaten, neglected and otherwise treated like trash; what does that child THINK about himself? He thinks, 'I'm no good, there's something wrong with me, it's all my fault, I don't have any control over my body, the people who love me the most are the ones who can hurt me the most and I'll never be free.'" Then, I asked, "And, what did YOU feel when these things happened to you? You felt afraid, powerless, guilty, ashamed, disconnected and betrayed. These

feelings turned into anger. You grew up and acted these feelings out toward others. You committed the crimes that got you here. You acted out the Thinking Errors that you learned in your early life and which still exist within you today. Your peers, those who have moved on to a lesser restrictive environment, have changed their behavior, not by simply obeying the rules; they have changed ... their THINKING. They have come to the conclusion that 'I am important to others,' 'I AM in control of myself,' 'my caretakers will not hurt me,' and 'there is nothing to be afraid of.' Their behaviour reflects what they have changed in their hearts. In other words, they don't NEED the law – rules and regulations, and policies and procedures – to control their behaviour; they ARE a law unto themselves. In

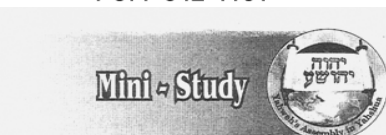
other words, the law is in their hearts."

To you, the reader, can you see how the understanding of the Law of Yahweh can be applied to real life? Now, I have no idea whether or not any of my clients understood what I was saying to them. It may be that Yahweh was speaking more to me, out of my own mouth, to help me understand His Plan of Salvation and to edify His Law in my heart. I think I understand the connection between the Law and Love, for it seems to me that it is the Love of the Father, that is, His love for us, and our reciprocal love toward Him that guarantees our obedience to His Law. He gave us His Law as a guide so we would know what it means to obey His Law. His Law IS righteousness. It is the Law of Love, for when we love Him, we will do His will. We are THEN "not under the Law," because the Law is **within** us.

What is the opposite of Truth? Error. Can the Law be in Error? No. Why not? Because, the Law defines Truth. What is the Spirit of the Law? The Spirit of the Law is the knowledge of the depth, breadth and height of the relationship between us and the Father that assures us that we are "good enough," that we are "in control of our thoughts, feelings and behavior," that "there is nothing to be afraid of in this world," and that "we have all that we need." Understanding this, we are filled with the Spirit of Yahweh, the Spirit which grants us a sense of worth, personal power (or initiative), security and satisfaction.

Why is this important? Because the ones who break the Law are the ones who do not have this Set-Apart Spirit. Breaking the Law is how the world obtains the **illusion** of worth, power, satisfaction, connectedness and security, because of the failure to understand our TRUE relationship with the Creator, the Almighty, Yahweh. Yahshua said, "If you LOVE Me, obey My Commandments"; mean-

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## Why Biblical Law?

A lesson from the Potter

**THE POTTER** stretched his wetted hand over the lump of clay as he started rotating the large stone wheel. Turning it slowly with his feet, he formed the revolving mass until a rounded shape began rising from the miry clump.

Adding water from time to time, the potter skillfully smoothed out the softened clay, eliminating minor imperfections.

What was once a shapeless blob on the wheel soon became a sleek, pliant jar in the deft hands of the potter.

Next would come the firing of the kiln to bake permanently the shaped clay into a usable jar.

### We in the Hands of the Maker

Have you ever considered looking at mankind through our Creator's eyes? He evidently sees humans as vessels of clay that can eventually be transformed into something wonderful and precious.

Paul addresses this concept in Romans 9:21, "Has not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honor, and another unto dishonor?"

We are clay in the hands of the Master Potter. He can mold of us whatever He wills. We are all individuals, each different from all others. We are unique beings on this earth,

ing “obey My Words”; “obey My Law.” Law-breakers are attempting to gain a sense of worth through public attention or adoration; they are attempting to gain power by controlling others; connectedness through sexual exploits; security by threatening or hurting others; and they are attempting to obtain satisfaction through the acquisition of material possessions. These are the ones for whom the Law is written.

We oppose the Law ONLY when we feel worthless, powerless, afraid, humiliated, betrayed and disconnected. The Law, you see, from the vantage point of our fleshly bodies, is a THREAT to our worth; because it, alone, has value – it, alone, is truth. The Law is a threat to our power, because it seeks to control our behaviour. It is a threat to our security, because it demands consequences for disobedience. It is a threat to our satisfaction, because it is not designed to please the flesh ... to bring us happiness. In fact, the **letter** of the Law is death, even though it was given to us to find LIFE. The Law of Sin and Death means, “If you SIN you DIE!” It is a threat to our innocence, because it bears testimony to our wrongdoing. The Law is a threat to our fleshly courage – it seeks to bring us to shame for the inherent sinful nature into which we were born. That’s why it is in our BROKENNESS, when we “fall upon the Rock,” that we are in a place to receive the Word of Yahweh; that is, when we seek Him and His forgiveness. Because, we realize that we are dead without His mercy and longsuffering. HE died for OUR sins. When does the “burden” of obedience to the Law become light? When does it become an easy yoke? The answer is, when we come to understand the gift that we have been offered, that is, eternal life with the Father.

When we are FILLED, abundantly, with the Love of the Father, we do not NEED to “find” alterna-

tive ways to obtain peace; we ARE innocent; we ARE powerful, satisfied, secure and worthy. For, He makes it so, not us. He is our Provider. He is our Strength. He is our Protector. He is our Innocence. In Him is where we find our worth.

The other day, my wife and I watched a movie called “Jeremiah.” It was fairly well done, the acting was good enough. However, while speaking one of his prophecies, and using a quote from Scripture, Jeremiah was heard to say, “I will make a new covenant with you, one that I will write on your hearts.” I came up out of my chair and said something like, “Oh, come on! You could at least quote what it SAYS!” I was upset at the lie that was being promulgated. Yahweh did not say He would write a covenant upon our hearts. He said He would write

His Law upon our hearts!

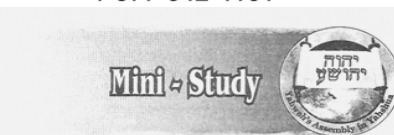
*“The time is coming,” declares Yahweh, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke My covenant, though I was a husband to them,” declares Yahweh. “This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time,” declares Yahweh. “I will put My Law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their Elohim, and they will be My people. No longer will a man teach his neighbour, or a man his brother, saying, ‘Know Yahweh,’ because they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares Yahweh. “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more,” Jeremiah 31:31-34.*

Yahweh is the Elohim of Love. His Spirit breathed life into existence. His Word was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. His Word, His Law, was made manifest in His Son, Who appeared to us in the flesh, so we could see; so that our blindness could be taken away. A Spirit-filled life is one in which the Law of Yahweh is made manifest. Yahshua is the embodiment of Yahweh’s Law, placed in the mind and written on the heart. Knowing the Law is knowing Yahweh.

May we sacrifice our moral frailty, our flesh, to the consuming fire, to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, and may we choose, this day, to serve Yahweh, according to His will. HalleluYah!

**Elder John Fisher (deceased)**

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## The New Covenant WHAT IS IT?

A covenant is often described as “An agreement between two or more parties outlining mutual rights and responsibilities.” The Old Testament lists several covenants between individuals such as David and Jonathan; King David and Abner; King Solomon and Shemei, one of his subjects, but our interest is in the Covenant with Yahweh. The common word for covenant in Hebrew is *berith*; in Greek it is *diatheke*, meaning “last will and testament,” both are understood as covenants.

It is Yahweh Who initiates His covenants; first with Noah, (Gen. 9:8-17), then Abram (Gen. 15 and 17), and later with Abraham’s descendants, the Israelites of Exodus (19-24). It is this covenant which holds our interest, for it is the same covenant Yahweh made years ago with ancient Israel which the present-day Jews give lip-service, but do not fully keep. Yahweh emphasizes He will make a new Covenant with the house of Israel (10 tribes) and the house of Judah, (2 tribes). Note that in giving the house of Israel the law at Sinai, Yahweh considered Himself Israel’s husband (Ezek. 16:8).

### THE NEW COVENANT

The book of Hebrews has the most to say about the New Covenant:

“For if that first covenant had been faultless, then would no place have been sought for a second. For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith Yahweh, when I will make a New Covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith Yahweh.” (Heb. 8:7-9 AV)

Comprehending Israel’s failure at Mt. Sinai is the key to knowing what the New Covenant was to correct. History provides a record of Israel’s failure in keeping the Old Covenant. Within 40 days Israel broke the Covenant they had

# Love of the Brethren

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Through His mercy, Yahweh is calling out His specially chosen people at this time to be part of His End Time Work, because they qualify through faith and obedience. Through Yahweh's Promise, His chosen will be there to rule with Yahshua in the Millennium.

Now we are clearly told in Scripture that the Almighty Father does that calling and that we have no part as to whom He calls. We are also shown they will be from all walks of life, each with his, or her, own personal beliefs and characteristics. Through Yahweh's indwelling Spirit, we are able to understand and learn to live by His Will.

We are also reminded that we have been called through the Ultimate Price our Saviour paid by His very LIFE, so we dare not take His calling lightly.

Yahweh is building up His Assembly as a set apart family to be a future living temple, not made with hands but a sacred set apart body, ruling, teaching, healing, building an ever expanding, never ending Kingdom under Almighty Yahweh, and His Son Yahshua Messiah.

With all this, we have been given a warning never to give the adversary the opportunity to do any destructive damage to Yahweh's Assembly by permitting any sign of sin, or disobedience to Yahweh's Law.

## Warning to be Given

Now, we are to clearly warn a brother who could be walking in the way of sin, by using the mercy Yahweh gave us in the beginning, at the time of His calling us out of this spiritual blindness, which is in this world. It is only if the sin is being wilfully committed with an attempt to cause dissention within the Assembly is there a time when under two or three wit-

nesses, that person is to be warned, and taken note of. Until there is a clear sign of a true repentant attitude can there be no restitution, for we are to forgive when asked for forgiveness, and there are to be clear signs of repentance. But, it must be very clear that the Marking of any baptized member has to be performed by the authority of no less than two or three witnesses.

Yes, contentions will arise amongst us, with different views in the understanding of secular history, and of the Sacred Scriptures. The majority of these contentions have nothing to do with anyone's Eternal Salvation, so rather let the two parties agree to disagree, and let that matter be laid aside, insuring that the Love which should always be within all those called in Yahshua grows within His Grace (Free Pardon) and knowledge of Yahweh's Word.

As Scripture advises us, when an offence arises between brethren, we are to approach one another in the Love of Yahweh, and be willing to work together with forgiveness towards one another, realizing that either of us could be in the wrong, and that your brother in Messiah is only out to help in a service of Love towards his brother in Messiah. There is a saying that "We cannot choose our relations." Well, it also goes to say: We cannot chose our Brethren who are ordained by our Almighty Father through His wisdom, for He is the Builder of the Assembly, and above all things.

As Scripture has warned, we dare not turn down those whom HE HAS CHOSEN. Without having that forgiveness towards a brother could cost us that Eternal life which has been promised to us through His terms and conditions.

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