

YAHWEH, GOD OF THE CHRISTIANS

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*“I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob,
by the name of God almighty;
but by my name יהוה was I not known to them.”*

Exodus 6:3

The first time I heard the word *Yahweh* was at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in the mid-seventies. Now, Yahweh is accepted as the most likely true name of God in all of liberal Christianity, and it is more slowly (but surely) being accepted in almost every Christian sect. Why Yahweh instead of Jehovah? Here is the explanation for the change, as delivered to me by my professors of Hebrew at the Baptist Seminary:

The name of God revealed to Moses (Ex.6:3) is made up of four letters. In theological circles, it is called the "tetragrammaton". "Tetragrammaton" is a simply Greek word meaning "four letters" (tetra = four; grammaton = letter). Here is how those four letters look in Hebrew:

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In the reading of the Bible, many of the ancient learned Jews, we are told, had so much reverence for God that they refused to speak His name aloud when it was found in the Biblical text; so, they contrived various means to circumvent it. At any place where the text reads, “Thus saith יהוה ”, they would refuse to pronounce the name. They would instead say, “Thus saith the name.” It was a little awkward, but that's how some of the Jews felt about the name of God; it was too holy even to be voiced out loud. So, generations passed. No one spoke the name aloud. Eventually, no one even remembered how to pronounce it.

Now, in the original Hebrew text, there were no vowels, just consonants. A group of Hebrew scholars and translators, so the story goes and so it appears, called the Massorettes, invented a vowel system and added the vowels to the ancient text about a thousand years ago. In part, I imagine they did so in order to help preserve their beloved Hebrew tongue from becoming a lost language. But which vowels were they to add to the tetragrammaton? Since no one any longer remembered how to pronounce the name of God, what vowels were they to add to those four mysterious letters? According to the theory now accepted as fact by growing multitudes of Christians, the Massoretic translators decided to use the same vowels which they added to the Hebrew word for "Lord". The result? The tetragrammaton would be pronounced (in English form) "Jehovah". With the vowel pointings added by the Massorettes, the tetragrammaton looked like this:

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That is the story I was told, and that in fact may be the way the word "Jehovah" actually came about. I don't know. And don't know that anyone else does. But that is what is taught as historical fact.

But modern scholars were not satisfied with simply understanding how the word Jehovah came about. They felt that they could improve upon the name offered by the Massorettes and add to the tetragrammaton vowels that were closer to its original form, even if no one could say for certain what that really was. The Massoretic vowel pointings, now dismissed as untrustworthy contrivance by modern scholars, were replaced with modern scholars' guesswork. Their vowels made the tetragrammaton look like this:

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How is it that the tetragrammaton with the "new and improved" vowel system comes out as Yahweh"? To understand it, one must understand these simple facts of Hebrew grammar: There is no "J" sound in Hebrew, nor is there a "V" sound. The "J" would be pronounced as the English "Y" and the "V" would be pronounced as the English "W". So, as a result of the scholars' efforts, the new and improved pronunciation of the tetragrammaton is no longer the antiquated Jehovah, but the more likely, Yahweh. Virtually everyone in higher scholastic circles approves of this modern improvement, and the name Yahweh is gaining ever greater popularity among all Christians.

Now, to change subjects for a moment.

We know that the gods of the ancient world were in fact demons. For me to say that actually might not have bothered educated philosophers of the ancient world. Yesterday, I read an excerpt from the fiery Celcus, a third century proponent of Rome's ancient ways of worship. Celcus criticized believers in Jesus of his day because they refused to honor what he called demons. Of course, such ancient scholars as Celcus believed that demons were harmless—even helpful—as influencing spirits. They called them "gods" and honored them. Moses and Paul, as well as many other of God's servants, proclaimed that demons were evil and not to be trusted.

But to move on, you may remember from school days that the chief of the Gentiles' gods was called Zeus by the Greeks. This same "supreme" god was called Jupiter by the Romans. We who believe the Bible know that the chief of demons is not the imaginary Zeus or Jupiter but Satan, the fallen cherub; and so, we know that the Gentiles' chief god (Zeus, or Jupiter) was in fact none other than Satan himself. But the Romans had another and possibly more popular name for the chief of all demons: the Latin name JOVE.

Now, consider carefully these facts about Latin grammar: First, just as in Hebrew, Latin has neither the English "J" nor "V" sound. Instead, as with Hebrew, the Latin "J" is pronounced as the English "Y", and the Latin "V" is pronounced as an English "W". Secondly, there is no silent "E" in Latin. If a Latin word ends with an "E", it is pronounced as a short "eh" sound. Thirdly, as anyone learns in the first few days of studying the Latin language, a short "O" sound (such as in the Latin word Jove) is difficult to spell out but is somewhat like "AH".

What all this means is that if we pronounce Jove according to the rules of Latin grammar which we are taught, and if we pronounce Jove as an ancient Roman would have done, Jove would be

pronounced very nearly, if not exactly as the modern Christian name for their god: **Yahweh**. Can anyone honestly believe that this is a coincidence?

We have already been taught by the Spirit that the god of Christianity is Satan; what is surprising, with the emergence of Yahweh as the new name for God, is how so few people have even noticed this amazing fact. Satan has been disguised for a very long time, but the holy Ghost is forcing him out of the closet. Can you see him?

The god of Christianity is the Roman chief of demons, Yahweh. Since the first time, years ago, when I heard Christians suggesting a change from Jehovah to Yahweh, I have wondered why. Now the answer is clear. As I have told you before, Christianity is the Roman Empire in disguise. The chief priest of Christianity, the Pope, still calls himself after the chief priest of the Roman Empire, Pontifex Maximus – because he is following after the same chief of demons, Yahweh, that the ancient Romans revered.

What Jesus showed me, and what I have told you about the Roman Empire's transformation Into Christianity, is being confirmed again. It is amazing, and I pray for faith to be able to believe it myself; but can anyone seriously believe that this similarity between Yahweh of modern Christian scholars and Yahweh of the ancient Romans is mere coincidence? No reasonable person can believe so. The only thing is–what do we do with this truth that Jesus is showing us? Tell us what you think.

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