

HALLOWED BE THY NAME

By Robert Applegate

THE NAME that is used for God in the Old Testament is YHWH. The Hebrews did not write the vowels, but these were probably a and e. The name was probably Yahweh.

In most English versions of the Bible the name is rendered "LORD" (spelled with capital letters). This is a convention that goes back to the Hebrews, who after a certain time would no longer pronounce the name Yahweh and so substituted for it the term Lord. Our translators have adopted this convention; it robs us of much of the meaning of the Old Testament.

The word lord designates someone to whom we owe obedience and honor. God should be our Lord; we want to be His subjects. But the name Yahweh means more than this.

Yahweh is some form of the verb to be. Some scholars think it is just the indicative: He is (i.e., He is the Eternal One). Others think it is a causative form of the verb: He Causes to Be (i.e., He is the Creator). Most probably the word is a verbal noun: Being. If you will read - or understand Being when you see the word LORD, it will give you a new insight.

For example: "Hear, O Israel, Being, our God - Being is One; and you must love (pant after) Being, your God, with all your heart and with all your soul (life) and with all your strength."

In this one verse we are told that there is but One Being in the Universe; and this Being is not material, but is the Eternal Spiritual God. It follows of necessity that man is one with that Being. It is One Being in all. So man's being is one with the Being of the Universe. Man is to "pant after" this: i.e., to desire to know it as a reality.

The first words of the Lord's Prayer convey a similar idea. "Our Father in the heavens." God is in the heavens - the Infinite Universe - as the Life and Intelligence of which they are made. And this One Infinite God is "our Father." Think about it.

The first petition of the Lord's Prayer follows logically on the address: "Hallowed be Thy Name." For the Jews the word name meant what we mean by this word, but it also meant something more. It meant essence, substance, what-a--thing-is. So "the name of God" means what-God-is.

"The name of the LORD is a strong tower," we are told. This means: "What-Being-Is, is a tower of strength." In the Lord's Prayer we ask that we may revere what God is.

The last demand of the Lord's Prayer is "Deliver us from evil." In the Scripture "evil" is anything that hurts us. This is what we want to be delivered from. But only one thing can truly hurt us: not to take God seriously. So the Prayer ends where it starts: May we revere what God is.

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JUDGMENT

By Alden Truesdell

IF CHILDREN in their first years of school were taught that two and two are five and that p-i-g spells "cat," that would be the Truth for them until they unlearned these false teachings.

In the kindergarten of life we are led to believe - not necessarily taught - that man is a mortal, an animal of sorts, who came into being through the primeval mud of the marshlands. Man is supposed to have emerged from these stagnant pools as an amoeba, which is a very low form of life. And from the low life form that the amoeba is, he worked up to the low-life that he is believed to be at this stage of his development.

But man is not that. He is not a product of the soil; he is a product of the Spirit. He is the image and likeness of God. When man remembers what he is and acts accordingly he is credited by some with being "righteous"; by others "normal." When man forgets his origin and heritage, he takes off into a fancied state of existence where imaginings seem to be real, where spirituality seems to be superstition. This is where most people live.

There is much confusion and opposition in this realm of imagination when the Reality of Life is considered and proclaimed. The unreal wars against the Real. It will stop at nothing to perpetuate its seeming existence. It will piously try to kill all who advocate a better way to true progress. As Jesus said:

"They shall put you out of the synagogues; yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service. And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor Me. But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them."

People have no power except to be moved by a higher or a lower power. The free will is the ability of man to give his attention where he will. He will respond to all the traits of what he gives his attention to. He will be motivated and directed by them. And so all the free will man has is the freedom to choose the power by which he will be motivated.

God's Judgment is stark Reality. It strips man of any extenuating plea or excuse he may offer for neglecting to give his attention to God and so measure up to his son-of-God status. (This is why the world fights against God's Truth.) And yet this Judgment is so tempered with compassion it will not test anyone more than he can bear. Judgment is always designed to bring about peace. And peace is the poise and balance of spiritual normalcy. Such is the quality of Judgment: it establishes and maintains harmonious, peaceful, universal Justice. Everyone brought before the Judge of the Court of Divine Justice is convicted of being a son of God.

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WALK WITH GOD ALWAYS

By H. B. Jeffery

PEACE COMES from loving the Divine Order, the Law of God. It cannot be understood by the human reason, for the things of the Spirit are spiritually discerned; but you will know it. It is powerful. The man at peace is never hurt.

The world is full of beliefs, and there is a pull downward when anyone accepts one of these false beliefs. Everything that is not of the Truth must be eliminated from the mind. You cannot hold on to any fixed beliefs. The self has to be abandoned and given to the Divine. It is not easy to follow the Way that Jesus taught, but it must be done.

You do not grow or develop. You have always been perfect and complete in God. Nothing can ever be added; nothing can be taken away. You just unravel yourself of your false beliefs, and so you think you see more of God. His Fullness was there all the time. "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" His Glory shines in you; His Strength is in you. You are "complete in Him."

Some people think that God is testing them and that this is the reason they have burdens. This is not so. God does not test anyone.

The people called on Jeremiah and told him that their burdens were too heavy. They asked him to pray to the Lord and have Him remove some of their burdens. He said: "The burden of the Lord shall ye mention no more: for every man's word (thought) shall be his burden." So it is.

The head of an institution for the insane in Massachusetts said that 85% of the inmates are there because of wrong religious beliefs. They are fixed in them. They need to be freed of their worship of that which is not the True God. So it is with you. The only thing that holds you in bondage is your false beliefs, your "words," oral or silent.

I was asked why a certain woman had so many accidents. She had been falling a lot and on her last fall had hurt her knees. She was in much pain and the doctors could not understand why the pain held on. It was because she had not given up a certain belief. She had been leaning heavily upon the love and support of someone, who had left to go to the West Coast. Then her knees buckled. If ever you have weakness of the knees, you can know that it comes from leaning on the support of some person or thing other than God. God cares for you. He loves you and will take care of every human need.

Fixed beliefs hold that some things are stimulants and some are beneficial, but this is not so. There is only One Substance - Divine Substance. If you know this and know the Presence of the One Mind that cannot be affected, you will snap a person out of a seeming case of alcoholism. He will feel better for it, because he has been touched by God.

The vital Life-Force comes from God. It is everywhere present; It vitalizes and heals. The only way healing can take place is through this vital Life-Force. The healer is ever conscious of It. Truth is health. To be

healthy mean to be living in Truth. Some people are sick and this merely means an absence of life somewhere. Become conscious of Life, and you will see the eye of the sick light up with the renewing strength pouring into the heart.

Our bodies show forth our reactions. We say, "He gets on my nerves" - "makes me feel like a dishrag"; etc. All reactions! It is not an action upon us; it is our re-action. Dis-ease is a lack of ease; that is all it is. It is your re-action to the actions of others. Don't wrestle with error; know the nothingness of it. Then you will always be at ease.

Wisdom comes from above. This is all one has to realize for so-called subnormal children. A baby who the doctors proclaimed was "not all there" was declared perfect in three months after this truth was declared.

A teacher in a school for subnormal children spent the summer with a group of metaphysicians and became aware of the Divine Intelligence everywhere present. When she went back to school in the fall, the children began to get back to normal and many went back to their regular schools. The whole method of teaching in that school was changed.

The principle - the truth - of whatever you want to know is within you. Therefore look within. Once you have the principle, you can work out any problem that arises. You will become filled with the wisdom of Universal Mind. But you will have to give up your own intellect, your own reasoning. Paul was a scholar, trained as a rabbi, but he had to give up his intellect for the Mind of Christ.

The Mind of Christ is one with the Father. For every question that you have the intelligence to ask, Divine Intelligence is giving you the answer. "Before they call, I will answer." A young man who wanted to enter West Point failed in his examination and appealed for help. West Point never gave anybody a second chance before, but it did in this case and they are happy about it. When the young man knew the Presence of the One Intelligence and the Wisdom that knows all the answers, he did so well that he came out on top, and now is on the point of being made a general.

Walk with God always. Never give power to anything that is not of God. The person who knows the Truth is not unaware of the non-truth, but he makes nothing of it; he is not disturbed. He keeps knowing the fullness of the Ever-present Good, and so the non-good disappears into its nothingness. For that which is not of God has no truth, no substance, no power.

The visional sense? We all have it. A young man in love gives all his attention to the object of his love, how she looked, talked, etc. Well, give this all to God.

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AS I SEE IT

By Nell Truesdell

THE IMAGE that you carry in your heart joins with your will and outpictures as thought; thought prompts the word that materializes. "Truly God is good . . . to such as are of a clean heart." (Psm.73:1)

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Your word, backed by Faith and supported by Love, is established in works. Love sustains Faith. Faith produces the works that reveal your word. Although you may temporarily formulate Divine Substance by your word, you cannot endow your works with Life or Intelligence. Only God can impart these qualities, as He gives Himself to His creatures.

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You will be with God for a much longer time than you will be with the people and the things of the world. Set yourself to know God.

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Never let anybody discourage you by saying that you cannot succeed in what you wish to do. Keep on in your attempt until you are convinced either that you can or cannot be successful. Only then will you be satisfied. Otherwise the gnawing in your heart will torment and weaken you.

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Why be jealous of your brother and so be consumed by your own venom?

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God does not come and go with seasons or the days on a calendar. The permanence of God frightens many people. In an eon God will be the same as He is today. We must respect God for His changelessness and adjust ourselves to it. When we do, we are refreshed and established.

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When a person asks, "Where is Heaven?" we inquire, "Where is your home?" The usual answer is, "my home is where I live." Some persons are surprised when we tell them that the Kingdom of Heaven is where they live.

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Can any influence destroy God? Can the fanaticism of twisted minds eradicate God from the race? Can negation rob God of His Power? Can God be annihilated by the flimsy thoughts of an angry personality?

"What is man," asked the seer, "that Thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that Thou visitest him? For Thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of Thy hands: Thou hast put all things under his feet." (Psm.8:4-6) (See: Hebrews 2:6-7)

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Nothing could stop Jesus Christ: His mother's anxiety did not pull Him back; His brothers' ridicule did not shame Him; His friend's dullness did not deter Him; His enemies' malice did not sway Him. "I am the Son of God," He said.

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II PETER, Chapter 3

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(1) This, friends, is the second letter I have written you. In them I rouse your pure minds to remembrance - to remember the words spoken to you long ago by God's prophets and also the command of your Apostles; that is the command of the Lord and Saviour. (3) Know this first: in the last days there will come scoffers with their scoffing - those who walk according to their own desires and say, (4) "Where is His promised Presence? From the times the patriarchs died - even from the time of creation - all things stay just the same." They willingly forget this - the heavens have existed for a long time, and the earth which was formed out of water (chaos) and through water by the Word of God. (6) But the former earth was flooded and destroyed by waters from those heavens. (7) By the same reckoning the present heavens and the present earth are saved and kept for the day of judgment, the day of destruction of irreverent men. (Note: This happens in each person's consciousness, I believe. RA)

(8) Friends, do not you forget this one thing: with the Lord one day is as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day. (9) The Lord is not slow with His promise, as men think of slowness; but He is longsuffering (patient) with you, not wanting any to be destroyed, but all to have opportunity for change of heart. (10) But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, when the heavens will disappear with a roar, the stars will be burned up and destroyed, and the earth and the works in it will (not) be found. (This too happens in us.)

(11) Since all these things are being destroyed, what sort of people should you be in dedicated conduct and reverence? (12) as you look forward to, and speed, the coming of the Day of God, in which the heavens will be burned and destroyed and the stars (stoicheiai) will be burned and melt. (13) But according to His promise, we expect a "new heavens and a new earth," in which righteousness (justice) lives. (Isa.65:17; 66:22)

(14) Therefore, friends, be earnest to be found by Him spotless and unblemished, in peace. (15) Consider the patience of our Lord to be deliverance, as our friend and brother Paul has written to you (16) (as in all his letters he speaks about these things). In his letters there are some things that are hard to understand, which the untaught and unestablished twist, as they do the rest of the Scripture, to their own destruction. (17) And so do you, friends, since you know these things beforehand, guard yourselves so that you do not become involved in the error of the unprincipled and so fall from your own firmness; (18) but rather may grow in grace and in the experience of our Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him be glory, now and unto the Day of Eternity.

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A LETTER

Dear Mrs. Truesdell:

I THANK you for your kind letter telling me of your thoughts and aspirations to further the work of our Great Leader whose loving guidance is leading us onward and upward.

I have been led to give much thought lately to the question of man's will power as, no doubt, is the case with many seeking souls.

There seemed to be an injustice in giving to man the gift of free will and expecting him later on to nullify it - "Not my will but Thine." But now, like a ray of light from one of the facets of Divine Being, has come the answer.

We do not give up that will of ours. We use it as our Father directs. We will to do His Will. We will to let His Will be done in us. Mr. Jeffery says: "Every activity on our part is a movement in the Divine." We see how this is true when we learn to let His Will be done in us. But we must be faithful to our trust - must keep our confidence steadfast.

Without exception each soul is being taught by the Divine Spirit residing within him, consciously or unconsciously. Every experience through which one is called upon to pass has a part (often infinitesimal) to play in his spiritual growth. The Truth has come twice to me that every soul is growing spiritually.

It would be wrong for any other to accept this conviction of mine because of my say-so. New ideas may come to us intellectually from others. Pondering upon them may result in a gleam of light coming to us direct from the Great Source and, until that happens, we cannot claim to know.

But many claiming Divine Guidance seem to believe such contradictory facts. Those facts may be contradictory only to our intellectual comprehension, which is but a stage on the way to the basic understanding of Spirit. The deeper meaning is hidden in the unconscious till we are made ready to recognize it, to know it. . . . It is not for us to judge the acts of others. Jesus said, "Yet, if I judge, My judgment is just." No one of us can say that. He had reached and passed the pinnacle of humanity and knew Himself to be wholly a spiritual Being. His will was no longer directed to self-seeking, but was merged in, yielded up to, the Will of His Father whom He taught us to call "Our Father." He is now leading us along the same Divine Pathway.

How wonderful life is! Every day brings a new glow to one's heart. Sometimes we seem to be looking beyond our present horizon to new beauties of the Spiritual Landscape.

Blessings on you, one and all,

In His Name -

Signed: Mary C. Moisley

Augustine wrote: "Our wills are ours to make them Thine, for our hearts are restless till they rest in Thee."

Alphabet of
DAILY MEDITATIONS
For Every Week Day of the Month

JUNE, 1966

1. I have set the Lord ALWAYS before me.
2. The BEAUTY of the Lord our God BE upon us.
3. My heart CRIETH out for the Living God.
4. Thou hast DONE wonderful things.
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6. My EXPECTATION is from Him.
7. Hold FAST the FAITHFUL Word.
8. The earth is full of the GOODNESS of the Lord.
9. HOPE thou in God.
10. Thou upholdest me IN mine INTEGRITY.
11. Take nothing for your JOURNEY.
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13. KNOW . . . that the Lord He is God in Heaven.
14. He satisfieth the LONGING soul.
15. He is God that MAKETH MY way perfect.
16. Blessed be His NAME for ever.
17. I also OVERCAME.
18. The Lord is my PORTION, saith my soul.
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20. QUICKEN us, and we will call upon Thy Name.
21. God is a REFUGE for us.
22. Pray to thy Father which is in SECRET.
23. TRUST in Him at all times.
24. UNDO the heavy burdens, and . . . go free.
25. I AM the VINE, ye are the branches.
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27. Thy WILL be done.
28. Thee have consecrated YOURSELVES.
29. Where is thy ZEAL and thy strength?
30. With God nothing is impossible.

"When thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly."

As electricity is the working power of the electrical principle,
So Spiriticity is the working Power of the Spiritual Principle.

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