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Who Is God?

Most people who are observant and look deeply into life's important questions almost all agree that the universe is so amazing and its laws so astounding that it is self evident that existence as we know it is the result of a calculated design by an all-intelligent Divine Creator.

But has The Creator revealed anything about Himself to man so that we may know (to a certain level) who “He” is and what His name is? The answer is yes. God has not left us alone without a fundamental understanding of who He is and what He plans in the way of His communication with us. That witness to God's revealing of Himself is found in His written Word – The Holy Bible, or “The Scriptures” as some note it.

When God appeared to Moses at the burning bush (Exodus chapter 3), Moses wanted to know who God was and asked Him as much. God replied “I AM THAT I AM”. In the Hebrew text it reads “Ehyah Asher Ehyah” which primarily means “I continue to be, and will be”. It is an expression to denote that God is The Always Existing One.

Then added to this revelation about Himself given to Moses, God added that His memorial name unto all generations is “The LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob” (Exodus 3:15) But this “name” is very misleading as it was not used by God when speaking to Moses. The term “The LORD” was added centuries later and is a mistranslation contained in English Bibles. God was impressing upon Moses that He was/is the author of LIFE and in fact is life. The word “LORD” does not imply this intent.

Instead of “LORD” God told Moses that His name in Hebrew is formed from four Hebrew letters – YOD HAY VAUV HAY. In English this equates to YHWH or YHVH depending on which dialect of ancient Hebrew the scholars debate to be the correct one. The important thing to grasp is that these letters stem from the Hebrew root word “havah” meaning “to exist, the existing one”. Again the important matter to understand is that God is the source of life and existence and that He is forever alive without being dependent upon anything else at all.

Also, as God gave His name to Moses in the Hebrew language, the closest we can reason to a pronunciation of that name is Yahweh (Yah-Way) or Yahvah. In truth, nobody knows the exact pronunciation used in the days of Moses because we have no recording of the precise pronunciation. So bickering over an exact pronunciation of Yahweh is not what God was imparting to us. It is the meaning that matters. That meaning is LIFE EVER LASTING.

Therefore we may correctly refer to God as “Yahweh” but we must know that it means The Everliving One for this was the memorial intent of His name that God told Moses was to be remembered down through all generations.