

A Simple Overview of the Divine Name

All of the following material is historical fact presented as simple information. Please note that Hebrew is spelled *right to left*, and is written as such in this document.

1. The Absolute Name as originally given to Moses on Mt. Sinai (see Exodus 3:14) is *AHYH ASR AHYH*, or “I Will Be Who I Will Be,” written in Hebrew 
2. “I Am That I Am,” while of great value, is both a mistranslation and a Christian interpretation, applied to the Name a thousand years after the fact.
3. Saying “I Will Be” made people very nervous, so “I Will Be” (AHYH) was changed to “He Will Be” (YHWH), written in Hebrew 
4. YHWH is known as the *Tetragrammaton*, or ‘four-letter name.’ In English, we most often see this Name as “Yahweh,” and pronounce it *Yah’ way*. The certain original pronunciation has been lost to antiquity, with over 30 different pronunciations known to the Kabbalists.
5. Spelled *vertically*, the Tetragrammaton shows a human being: This amazing pictogram is a visual representation of what it symbolically means to be created in the image of God. 
6. Over time, the Hebrew people’s discomfort with the Divine Name continued. Soon, people would not pronounce YHWH at all, and when they saw the Hebrew letters for ‘YHWH’ in the Torah, they would either say *Ha Shem* (the Name) or *Adonai* (the Lord).
7. Originally, the Hebrew language did not have vowels, so eventually the Hebrews felt it wise to insert little dots (‘vowel points’) around the letters in order to remind the reader of the exact pronunciation.
8. When they came to YHWH in the text, they added the vowel points for *Adonai* (the Lord) to remind the reader that the Divine Name was *not* to be pronounced.
9. Around 1500 AD, Bible translators misunderstood that the vowel points were for “Adonai,” not “Yahweh.” Accordingly, the translators combined the letters of YHWH with the vowels of Adonai, and the result was “Jehovah,”

quite simply, a mistranslation. (Please note: this is not a judgment and the error is not evil. Those who use the name “Jehovah” are not sinners, and Jehovah’s Witnesses are not going to hell. It is simply an etymological fact that “Jehovah” is a mistranslation based upon a historical error). The error is something like changing “Betty” into “Botta” by keeping the same consonants, but using the wrong vowels.

10. In our modern Bibles, then, whenever the Tetragrammaton YHWH appears, it is usually “translated” (or replaced) with LORD (all capitals) or Jehovah. Both are incorrect.
11. The word “God” is a *noun* that names a type of Being. “*God*” is *not a name*. “Human” is what you are, but you also have a personal name.
12. Thus, when catechisms and preachers say, “What is God’s name? God is God’s name,” they are simply mistaken.
13. As you can see, the further away we get from the originating event, the more confusion and ignorance we acquire. Today, very few of our ordained clergy understands anything about God’s Name.
14. And yet, the 3rd Commandment *still* says, “Thou shall not take the Name of YHWH your God in vain, for YHWH will not leave him unpunished who takes His Name in vain.”
15. That’s why we work so hard at The Calling.
16. YHWH sent His Son YHSHW (Yashua, or Jesus) to the Earth to remind us that we are all YHWH’s children. YHSHW came in the Name of YHWH.