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Would you like to know the name of our heavenly Father and His Son? Prov. 30:4, last part, asks the question: "What is His name, and what is His Son's name?" There would not be this question if His name were well known. Anyone who has the Hebrew Scriptures and knows how to read them can know. All the translators of the Bible know it, but they have suppressed it and substituted for His name, titles that are not names. Do you want proof? Here it is: I quote from the Preface of the complete Bible translation by Edgar J. Goodspeed. "One detail of translation which requires explanation in the treatment of the divine name... The Hebrews called their Deity by the name of "YAHWEH," and in a shorter form, "YAH," used only in relatively few cases... In this translation we have followed the orthodox Jewish tradition and substituted "THE LORD" for the name "Yahweh" ...In all cases where "the LORD" or "GOD" represent the original "Yahweh", small capitals are employed. Anyone, therefore, who desires to retain the flavor of the original text has but to read "Yahweh" where

he sees "LORD" or "GOD."

Quoting from the Preface of a translation by James Moffatt (at the top of page 21), he says, "Were this version intended for students of the original, there would be no hesitation whatever in printing "YAHWEH"...There is a distinct loss in this, I fully admit."

In the Preface of the "Revised Standard Version" on page 6, it tells us that the "name was originally pronounced Yahweh," and in this same version in Ex. 3:15 there is a foot note sign at the word "LORD" referring to the bottom of the page where it says. "The word LORD, when spelled with capital letters, stands for the divine name "YHWH" which, as written in the Hebrew, is pronounced Yahweh. The word "GOD" is translated from the Hebrew word, "Elohim," in the plural, and Eloah and El in the singular. In English, it means mighty ones or mighty one. These are titles and not names. The name of the Almighty is the same in all languages, and the translators have erred by changing His name.

Using the true translation of the word Elohim or Eloah and putting the true name of the heavenly Father where it belongs instead of the substitute, in Ex. 3:15 we read, "The mighty One said unto Moses, say unto the people of Israel, Yahweh, the mighty One of your Fathers, the mighty One of Abraham, the mighty One of Isaac, and the mighty One of Jacob, has sent me unto you: this is My Name forever, and thus am I to be remembered throughout all generations." Does that not include this generation?

Our Saviour, in John 5:13, says, "I am come in My Father's name." Is His Father's name "JESUS'?" Matt. 1:21 in Hebrew states, "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call

His name Yahshua: for He shall save His people from their sins." Yah is the short form for Yahweh, and Shua means Saviour. Therefore, Yahshua is the Savior's name as given in both the Old and the New Testament, in the Hebrew, so that is the name by which He should be called and the same name by which all His disciples called Him.

As to the personality of Yahweh and Yahshua, let me ask some questions and answer them with Scripture.

Q: Do bodies have spirits?

A: "The Spirit Itself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of Yahweh." Rom. 8:16. According to this, we all have spirits.

Q: Do spirits have bodies?

A: "And the devil (Hebrew: Satan) that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire." Rev. 20:10.

Q: Can you burn something that has no body?

A: Ezek. 28:15, speaking of Satan under the symbol of the Prince of Tyrus, states that he was a created being, and verse 18 says, "I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of them that behold thee." Here is stated that there will be those who will see him brought to ashes. We cannot now see spiritual beings, but those who will have part in the first resurrection will be spiritual beings and have immortal bodies like that of our Saviour, Yahshua. (1 John 3:2; Rev. 20:6; 1 Cor. 15:51-54) They will be able to see Satan. One cannot see something without body or form. Satan was a created angel and must have a body in order to be reduced to ashes. You cannot make ashes out of nothing. Satan is also a spirit, an evil spirit, that is everywhere, just as the Holy Spirit is everywhere.

According to the Scriptures, Satan, the source of the evil spirit, and Yahweh, the source of the Holy Spirit, both have bodies as the source from which the spirit of power flows. As we have already seen from the Scriptures cited, the source of the evil spirit will become ashes, the substance that is left after the body is burned.

Now let us consider the source of the Holy Spirit. Yahshua, Himself, in Rev. 3:14, says that He is "The beginning of the creation, of Yahweh." By this statement from the One Who is the, truth and the life, it is clear that He had to be the first creation of Yahweh. Do you believe it? Heb. 1:3, speaking of the Son of Yahweh, declares that He is "The express image of His Person." He was the first Son by creation in the express image of His Father's Person. There can be no image without form or substance, so if we believe the Scriptures, the Father is a Person as well as a Spirit, which is the source of the Spiritual power.

Yahshua, speaking to the Jews, in John 5:37, tells the Jews that they have neither heard the Father's voice nor seen His SHAPE. Shape is just another word for image or form. Again in John 6:16 He says, "Not that any man hath seen the Father, save He which is of Yahweh, He hath seen the Father." Something without form or shape cannot be seen. "And they shall see His face; and His Name shall be in their foreheads." Rev. 22:4.

In Eph. 3:9, the apostle Paul tells us under inspiration that "Yahweh created all things by Yahshua, the Messiah." Here the Spirit of 'truth tells us that Yahweh created all things by using Yahshua as the workman.

Col. 1:15, speaking of Yahshua, states, "Who is the image

of Elohim whose Person, we cannot see, the preference of all creatures." (Quoted from the Hebrew) Now verse 16 states, "For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven and that are in earth, visible, and invisible." And again we read in John 1:1-3, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with Elohim (mighty One) and the Word was Elohim (mighty One)." In both places in this verse, the word Elohim is used as singular and written as plural. The Word was with, not by Himself, the mighty One, and the Word was a mighty One, empowered by His Father for His work. It does not state that they are each the same mighty One, for the word, "with," points them out as separate beings. One the Eternal, and the other the created. "The Word," empowered by Yahweh, spoke things into existence, and He became flesh and dwelt among us. Rev. 3:14 "And His name is called The Word of Yahweh." Rev. 19:13 In many places in the Hebrew Scriptures, the word, "Elohim," is used where the context proves it to be in the singular tense. Another example is Ex. 7:1: "And Yahweh said unto Moses, See, I have made thee an elohim to Pharaoh; and Aaron thy brother shall be thy prophet."

Speaking of the Word that was made flesh, in John 1:3 we read, "All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made." Stating His relationship to His Father, Yahshua said in John 14:28, "My Father is greater than I:" And in John 5:19, speaking of Himself, He says, "The Son can do nothing of Himself." In other words, He was empowered by His Father to do His work which, according to John 15:5, should be our relationship to Yahshua. "He that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without Me ye can do nothing." "For Yahweh so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have ev-

erlasting life. For Yahweh sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved." John 3:16, 17. He could not have been sent, unless there was One in authority over Him to send Him. Yahshua prayed in John 17:5, "And now, O Father, glorify Thou Me with Thine own Self with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was." Verse 22: "And the glory which Thou gavest Me I have given them; that they may be one, even as We are One." We all have separate bodies, so the oneness He prayed for was not oneness of body but of unity of spirit in righteousness. He and His Father have separate bodies. If His Father has no body, there could not be the same oneness.

Verse 24, last part says, "For Thou lovest Me before the foundation of the world." Surely Yahshua was not referring to Himself being loved by Himself.

Micah 5:2, in foretelling where Yahshua was to be born, states, "Whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting." Yahshua existed at the same time as His Father and before His incarnation as a human baby.

Now let us go to Ex. 33:17-23. In this Scripture, Yahweh, speaking to Moses when Yahweh and Moses spoke together on the mount, and Moses asked Him to show him His glory, verse 20 says, "Thou canst not see My face: for there shall no man see Me, and live." Verse 22: "And it shall come to pass, while My glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a cleft of the rock; and will cover thee with My hand while I pass by." Verse 23: "And I will take away Mine hand, and thou shalt see My back: but My Face shall not be seen." Here, Yahweh Himself says that He has a face, hand and back, and He promised to let Moses see His back. So here we have, from Yahweh's own Word, the plain

statement that He has a body from which His power comes. All the above are plain statements of the Spirit of Truth as Yahweh inspired it to be written and needs no interpretation. When Moses came down from the mountain after this closeness to Yahweh, according to the record of Ex. 34:29-35, his face shone so that the children of Israel could not look at him, and he had to put a veil over his face to talk with them.

Another witness is the disciple, Stephen. "But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of Yahweh, and Yahshua standing on His right hand. And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing on the right hand of Yahweh." Acts 7:55, 56. As Yahweh said, no man could see His face and live. Stephen died, but he saw Yahweh and told it for edification before he died. He said he saw Yahweh and Yahshua side by side. Do you believe it?

Now let us go to Gen. 1:26, 27. "And Elohim said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness...So Elohim created man in His image, in the image of Elohim created He him; male and female created He them." The "us" in verse 26 shows there were two persons who, in the light of Eph. 3:9, would be the One giving the orders and the other doing the work. The word "Our" indicates that they both had the same image or form.

With all the foregoing Scriptures to back it up (and there are many more), I cannot help but believe that Yahweh created man in His image. It did not say size, but image or likeness.

In Yahshua's invitation, as given in John 7:37-39 (verses 28-29 in the Holy Name Bible), He says, "He that believeth on Me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly" (In the R.S.V. is written, "out of his heart.") "shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake He of the Spirit, which they that believe on Him should re-

ceive: for the Holy Spirit was not yet given; because that Yahshua was not yet glorified.)" If the Holy Spirit could flow through a human body like rivers of living water, it makes it easy to understand that the power from Yahweh could be everywhere in the universe.

This is by no means all there is on this subject, but it seems to me that these plain statements, inspired by the Holy Spirit of Truth, should be enough to convince any seeker for truth that the Father and the Son both had bodies before the world was created.

Yahweh is the Almighty. He has no equal, never has had and never will have an equal. Yahshua never claimed equality with Yahweh, and when He has finished the work of redemption Yahweh gave Him to do, He will still be subject to Yahweh. (See I Cor. 15:28.)

Dear children of Yahweh, let us stop trying to interpret the Scriptures and start believing what they say. Yahweh knows how to tell us what He wants to tell us. If He doesn't, who does?

"Cease from num." Isa. 2:22.

"For the teachers of this people cause them to err; and they that are led of them are destroyed." Isa. 9:16.

Are you going to follow the leaders, or follow the teaching of the Scriptures? Are you going to shut your eyes and say, "I just can't see it" or will you heed the Spirit of Truth? Your salvation hangs on your decision.

"For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" Mark 8:36.

Come now and let us reason together in the light of Yahweh's inspired Word and believe what we find there as Yahweh has interpreted it.

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