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FROM WHERE DID THE WORD JEHOVAH ORIGINATE?

This seems to be a perfect place to demonstrate that the word Jehovah doesn't actually exist as a name for God, but was invented by well meaning individuals looking for a way to pronounce the unpronounceable symbol for God: (יהוה). The symbol you see between the parentheses is called the Tetragrammaton, literally meaning "word with four letters," because it is based upon four Hebrew consonants, no vowels (a word with no vowels can also be called an "abjad"). Because the Tetragrammaton has no vowels it therefore has no pronunciation. Some scholars say the reason why the vowels were removed from the Tetragrammaton in the first place was to make it impossible for the children of Israel to take God's name in vain (Exodus 20:7) or to erase or deface the Name of God (Deuteronomy 12:3-5). Eventually the true pronunciation became lost to the ages. The closest we could come to the actual vocalization of the Tetragrammaton is Yhwh, which are the equivalent letters from the English alphabet that represent the Hebrew characters Yod (י), He (ה), and Vav (ו) (Hebrew is read in reverse horizontal, right to left). There are several theories on why the "Jehovah" approximation became the standard name for God. Perhaps the most accepted theory is the one that postulates that sometime between 200 and 700 AD the Masoretes borrowed the vowels for Jehovah from the Hebrew words Elohim (אֱלֹהִים) which means "God" and Adonai (אֲדֹנָי) which means "Lord." Elohim provides the "e" and "o" while Adonai provides the "a," ergo Jehovah. (The vowels "e" "o" and "a" are Romanized here for simplicity). Also, because the Hebrew alphabet contains no letter "J" the proposition that God's name is Jehovah acquires an additional basis for ridicule. The Watchtower Corporation may argue that Jehovah is a transliteration of the Tetragrammaton. If that is the case, then why not transliterate the Tetragrammaton to something else like Yahweh, which is actually a closer equivalent to the original Hebrew? Why Jehovah? If it is as important to God as the Watchtower Corporation

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What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it. (Deuteronomy 12:32).

Every word of God *is* pure: he *is* a shield unto them that put their trust in him. ^[6] Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar. (Proverbs 30:5-6). *

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