

## God's True "Name"

Since ancient times, men have given a name to the Creator. Moses asked Him what His name is; He answered: "I Am He Who Is", in Hebrew it is said "YHVH", and means "The One Who Is", the "Being" in excellence. He also told Moses: "Here are the terms in which you will address the children of Israel: I AM sent me to you... This is the Name that I will carry **forever**, under which will invoke Me the future generations" (Exodus 3,13-15). This name indicates the existence of the unique Creator, "The One Who Is", by opposition to the gods of paganism and mythology who "are not", who don't exist.

Thus, the Creator's Name is neither "Elohim", nor "Allah", nor "God", nor "Theos", nor "Deus" or "Dio", etc, according to the languages, nor even YHVH. Because the Creator revealed His Name *in Hebrew*, a language in which this word has a meaning as we saw; it reveals His Essence, His Being, His Personality, His transcendent, eternal and uncreated Nature. The name YHVH doesn't have a meaning **in all the other languages**. Indeed, to understand the Name "YHVH", one must understand Hebrew. However, it is to the whole humanity, and in all languages, that the Creator wants to be revealed. His Name must have **a significance** in the language by which man invokes Him and must have the possibility to be translated in other languages while reproducing **the exact meaning of the word**. YHVH has no significant meaning in French, English or Chinese etc.

On the other hand, how can we translate in Arabic or in English the word "Deus"? Impossible! Because this word doesn't have a meaning, it doesn't designate the quality of the Creator's essence. YHVH means "THE BEING" in English, "L'ÊTRE" in French, "L'ESSERE" in Italian, "DAS SEIN" in German, "AL-KAEN" in Arabic, etc... These names strike men and lead them to think about their spiritual commitments to discover finally the One and Unique Creator.

All the other "names" assigned to the Creator are inspired or translated from paganism and mythology. Thus, "God", "Deus", "Theos", "Dios" emanate from "Zeus", the god of the Greek mythology. These are proper names which have no meaning and therefore disfigure the only One Being in reality; we remain rather indifferent to Him because they don't reveal the fatherly and loving Face of the Father, any character, any aspect of His personality.

On the other hand, the Name YHVH reveals a transcendent aspect, rather "cold", which doesn't touch men's hearts, it doesn't invite to God's love, nor does it reveal the Creator's love for his creatures. It was only a first revealing contact from the One who created mankind, wanting to make Himself known as the unique Source and Reason of the existence of men on earth.

With time, the Jews became unfaithful to the Lord by adoring the gods of the surrounding mythologies. They soiled His holy Name by placing Him at the level of these false gods. The Almighty denounced this apostasy by his prophets: "They have profaned my Holy Name among the nations where they have gone, so that people say of them: 'These are the people of YHVH'... I am going to sanctify my great Name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am YHVH" (Ezekiel 36,16-23).

Also, later, the prophecies announced that the Creator's true Name, his **sanctified** Name, will be revealed in the future. It was the Messiah's mission to reveal this true Name which includes the infinite, essential, intellectual and emotional qualities of the One who was before the world ever existed. The Messiah was to reveal the Creator's true Name at the price of his sufferings and persecution. David, 1000 years BC, foresaw the Messiah's passion and described it in one of his famous Psalms. David makes Him say:

"A pack of dogs surrounds me, a gang of villains closing in on me; they pierced my hands and my feet, they lay me down in the dust of the death... **I shall proclaim your Name to my brothers**, praise You in full assembly" (Ps 22,17-23).

When Jesus came, He held promise: the eve of his Passion, in presence of his apostles, "his brothers", addressing Himself to his Father, who also became by Him theirs and ours, He said:

"I have **revealed your Name** to those whom You took from the world to give to me... **I have revealed your Name to them** and **I will reveal** It to them (again therefore, in the future, as we will see further), so that the **love with which You loved me may be in them**, and so that I may be in them." (John 17,6 / 17,26).

Thus, we pass, by the Messiah's passion, from the intellectual Name of YHVH, to a Name of intimate Love: The Creator is pure love for **the brothers of his Messiah**, this Messiah who gave them for Father His own: "Go to **my brothers** and tell them: I am ascending to my Father and **your Father**..." said Jesus to Mary of Magdala (John 20,17). It is by Jesus that the Creator's true Name was revealed to the whole world.

Jesus insisted on revealing the Creator's **fatherly** dimension. He taught his disciples to invoke Him like a Father: "You should pray like this: **Our Father** who are in Heaven, **sanctified be your Name**" (Matthew 6,9). God's Name is sanctified in us by the discovery of the affectionate feelings of the Father towards his faithful children..., but His terrible feelings towards the infidels.

This is how his holy Name is sanctified! Understand who can!

By Jesus, the Creator's fatherhood became accessible to the believers of all races and nations, in contrary to the Jewish pretensions according to which YHVH is the monopoly of the Jews. Jesus, and his disciples after Him, opened the Creator's fatherhood to the whole world. Indeed, Paul says: "Do you think God is the God only of the Jews, and not of the gentiles too? Most certainly of gentiles too!" (Romans 3,29). That's how Ezekiel's prophecy comes true: "The nations will know that I am YHVH".

However, the revelation of this holy Name does not concern only the time of the Christ. Jesus had said: "... and **I will reveal** It to them", in the future, as we previously saw. In a heartfelt cry, Jesus had previously asked: "Father, glorify your Name!" The answer came instantly: "I have glorified It (*by Jesus*) and **I will glorify It again** (*in the apocalyptic times*)" (John 12,28).

It is in our apocalyptic end of times that Jesus reveals, once more, like a recall, the Father's true Name. This resumption is due to the fact that the believers of all sides - Jews, Christians and Moslems &mdash; have all disfigured the Face of the Creator and the authentic faith by their behaviors. To the purity of the faith, they mingled politics, fanaticism, material cult, laxity, ignorance, immorality, spiritualism etc. Jesus had foreseen it all; this is why He had said that He had to reveal, **again**, his Father's true Name.

In the past, the Father's Name has been soiled. Today, the Son's name has been soiled by the so-called Christians. Both holy Name's must be sanctified again today.

This holy Mission falls to the Apocalyptic Apostles; they have to accomplish it while "prophesying **again** against many different nations..." (Rev 10,11). The resumption of this prophecy will allow a great number to see the Father's true Face through the Son's sanctified Face: "Here He comes... Everyone will see Him, even those who pierced Him...(Rev 1,7)..."

That day, the deaf will hear the words of the Book and, delivered from shadow and darkness (*widespread by the false believers*), the eyes of the blind will see" (Isaiah 29,18).

Indeed, the Book of Revelation reveals that, nowadays, the Messiah also carries a **new**, sanctified, Name. In fact, the Name of Jesus lies no more in the traditional churches. Only the true believers will discover it and deserve, therefore, to have engraved in their hearts, forever, the Father's true Name:

- "The winner, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God and I **will engrave** on him **my God's Name**... and my own **new Name**" (Rev 3,12).

- "I saw Heaven open, and a white horse appear... its rider judges and **makes war** in justice. His eyes were **flames of fire** (of anger)... the Name written on Him was known only to Himself..." (Rev19,11-12).

- "The angel harvested the whole vintage of the earth and put it into a huge winepress, the winepress of God's anger!" (Rev 14,19)... The last plagues that must consume God's Anger (Rev 15,1)... The nations had gotten in fury and now the time has come for your retribution, and for the dead to be judged, and for your servants the prophets, for the saints and for those who fear your name, small and great alike, to be rewarded. The time has come to destroy those who are destroying the earth (Rev 11,18) ".

Thus, the Creator's apocalyptic Name, after the one of Love for his faithful children, is: Severe Judge and Ardent Anger regarding the impious men against whom "He makes **war** in Justice".

The Creator's Name is double: "Father Love" for his faithful children and "Pitiless Judge" for the rebels. He has an eye of infinite love towards his children, and an eye of ardent wrath towards the enemies of his Messiah, of virtue and of faith. We have to choose between the love of God and his just Anger.

However, God's Name is multiple: He is also "the Eternal", "the Merciful", "the Almighty", "the Omniscient", "the Creator", "the Unique", "the Terrifying" etc. The Quran gives Him 99 Names applicable to His Essence. All these **qualifying** Names, contrary to those of "God", "Allah", "Dieu" etc... - which are proper names (such as Robert etc...) - are translatable in all languages, to give a **meaning**, a **quality** of the Creator's multiple character; they define a **particular personality** of that Uncreated Being and Creator of all. Nevertheless, the word "God" cannot be eliminated. But when we pronounce it, let's have the conception of "Dad".

Now, in order to deceive the believers, the Devil starts by giving them a false image of the Creator as well as different names. These names and conceptions are the reason of the division between the believers. This is how the devil acts when he doesn't succeed in convincing them by atheism. This false picture of the heavenly Father also carries, necessarily, a false name which deviates the believers. In our time, the apocalyptic Beast is the satanic weapon of choice to distort the true Name.

Blessed are the winners against the apocalyptic Beast! They will discover, more in depth, the Name of Love of the Father: "Such will be the winner's part; and I will be his God and he will be my son. But the cowards, the renegades, the murderers etc..., their share is in the burning pond of fire and sulfur - it is the second death - " (Rev 21,7). On the other hand, the Father says about the faithful believer who triumphs over Evil in this world: "I will be his God, and he will be my son" (Rev 21,7).

In order to discover **closely** the true Name which has multiple faces of the Father, his varied Face, all his marvelous Qualities, let's put in practice James' precious advice:

"Resist the devil (*by resisting, today, to the Beast and to his works*) and he will run away from you. Come closer to God, **and He will come closer to you**" (James 4,7-8).

The closer we come to God, the more we discover to what extent "God is Love" (1 John 4,8). But, on the other hand, those who get away from Him discover that "Love is terrible when not loved", as said Theresa of Avila.

Finally, let's remember that Jesus told us to ask the Father above all: "Your Name be sanctified!" because, from this sanctification, which gives us to **know** the Creator, result all graces.

"The eternal life is this: **to know You**, the only true God, and your Messenger, Jesus, the Christ whom you have sent" (John 17,3).  
Father, sanctified and glorified be your name... within us! Amen!