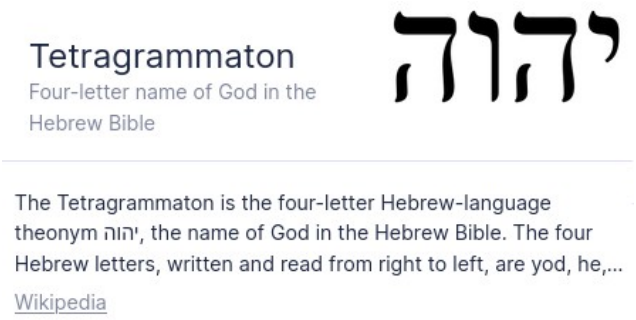
MENTORING OTHERS

10-What's the Difference Between YHWH and Father?

(This is a mentoring article)

'YHWH' is pronounced Yahweh and is translated as 'Jehovah' in English. It's written in the short format in ancient Hebrew because they didn't write vowels, hence only 4 letters appear. He was the God of the Israēlites, the kingdom of Israēl, and the Jeως of the OT.



So who/where is YHWH know?

Is he another god besides the Trinity who we relate to in the New Covenant?

Here's the answer to the question based on logic. I've provided in point form for simplicity:

- Father belongs to the Trinity – Father, Son & Holy Spirit. They are permanently unchanging, and reside in the spirit realm.
- Father always remains in Heaven. It's only The Son who interacts with the people of Earth.
- These days, The Son manifests as Jesus when he appears to believers. He also appears as the Lord Jesus when he appears to Muslíms (as we hear about it on social media).
- YHWH was The Son as he functioned as the god of Abraham, Issac, Jacob, Moses, Joshua, as well as the Israēlites and their successors.
- The Son is the one who manifested to people in the OT as "the angel of the Lord".[1] His appearance to people is theologically known as a theophany. Every time it says that 'The Lord' appeared to Moses, or Joshua, or Elijah, etc., it was The Son manifesting as YHWH.
- The origin of YHWH is the Israēlite religion, known as Judaísm.
- When The Son brought the Israēlites out of Egypt he directed them to Mt Sinai. There he wanted to make them his people, but in a relational way. He wanted to have a relationship with them as a nation, just like he has with us today.
- He had a relationship with Noah, Enoch, Abraham, Issac, Jacob and Moses, he wanted that with each person in the tribe as well. However, the Israēlite people didn't understand his desire for personal relationship.
- The Israēlites had only known the fierce god's of the Egyptians because they were born in that

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country while their tribe stayed in Egypt for a couple of hundred years.

- When they came to Mt Sinai, they rejected The Son out of fear, making their own god to worship, the golden calf. This was made in the likeness of the Egyptian gods which they were familiar with.
- The Son let them have their way.
- He created a legal (law-based) religious system for them. This went with their understanding of what a god would want, from their experience with what the Egyptians had. In effect, he gave them their heart's desire.
- As part of that religion, The Son became known to them as YHWH, not as "I am" as he was to Moses.
- Became of the law-based fear of divine punishment contained in their religion, they never referred to him as YHWH, but as Hashem (הַשֵּׁם – 'The Lord').
- Even though it was The Son who people have always connected with, Father has always been working with and for the people of Earth.
- Jesus came to reveal Father to the world. So, now we can have a relationship with him as well as The Son.

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