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THE RELIGION OF THE FIRST WITNESS (OLD TESTAMENT) IS YAHWEHISM

1. When God first met Moses He addressed Himself as an ancestral. (Ex. 3:1-6).
2. Moses' task and his question as to the name of God. (Ex. 3:7-14).
3. Then God tells Moses that as an ancestral God, His name is Yahweh. (Ex. 3:15, 16).
4. The use of I AM with Yahweh is because both etymologically means the "self - existent, eternal One". (Ex. 3:14, 15).
5. God tells Moses that his ancestors did not know Him as YAHWEH but as EL Shadday. (Ex. 6:2, 3).
6. Now when we look back at Genesis which was written by Moses after he knew YAHWEH'S name, we find he does not use it in Genesis one (1). (Gen. 1:1, 9, 20, 26, 31).
7. But in Genesis two (2), he uses YAHWEH with Elohim (God) to make us get familiar that God is YAHWEH. (Gen. 2:4-7, 15, 21, 22; Gen. 3:8, 14, 22, 23).
8. By the time of Genesis four (4) Moses can use the name YAHWEH alone if he wishes, because his readers must have gotten the understanding. (Gen. 4:1, 3-5, 9, 15, 26).
9. We now know then that whenever Abraham, Isaac or Jacob says El Shadday, Moses is putting YAHWEH:
 - a. Abraham: (Gen. 22:14; Gen. 24:6, 7).
 - b. Isaac: (Gen. 26:22, 24, 25).
 - c. Jacob: (Gen. 28:16-21).
10. When Abraham met the God of Melchizedek, His name was El Elyon "God most high". (Gen. 14:18-20).
11. Moses put it that "El Elyon" was YAHWEH. (Gen. 14:22; Ps. 83:18).
12. Now why did Moses do all this? Because God told him that YAHWEH was His "memorial" name. Ex. 3:15; (Hos. 12: 5).
13. God wanted to be remembered by that name, so He put His name with His acts giving them the significance of His name. (Ex. 6:6-8).
14. This shows that the best name to call the religion of the First Witness is Yahwehism. God makes a distinction between all other gods and Himself by His name in His Law. (Ex. 20: 1-3).

15. God presents His name to mean the God of retribution and of salvific mercy. (Ex. 20:5, 6; Ex. 33:18, 19; Ex. 34:5-8).
16. The Holiness of Israelite religion is stamped with Yahwehism. (Lev. 11:44, 45; Lev. 18:1-6, 21, 30).
17. True religion is stamped with Yahwehism. (Lev. 19:2,3,10, 14,16,18,25,31,32,34,36,37; Lev. 20:7,8,24-26; Lev. 21:8, 12).
18. Yahwehism as the true religion. (Lev. 22:2,3,8,9,30-33; Lev. 23:22,43; Lev. 25:17,37,38,55; Lev. 26:1,44,45).
19. The special Shema of Deuteronomy shows that First Witness religion is Yahwehism. (Deut. 6:4-6).
20. Yahweh being the true God above all gods renders His religion the worship of Yahwehism. (Isa. 42:8; Isa. 51:15; Isa. 52:6).
21. All nations was to know that true religion is of YAHWEH hence it is Yahwehism. (Deut. 28:9, 10).
22. Yahwehism cannot be associated with idols. (Eze. 20:39).
23. Yahwehism is a change of heart and spirit religion, true First Witness religion. (Eze. 36:20-28).
24. Yahwehism is salvific thus true religion in First Witness. (Ps. 54:1; Joel 2:32).
25. Yahwehism is served in holiness thus the true religion. (Ps. 96:8-10).
26. Yahweh created the heavens and the earth, He is thus the true God and His religion is therefore Yahwehism. (Ps. 124:8).
27. The special sign of Yahwehism is the Sabbath. (Ex. 31:13,17; Lev. 19:2,3,30; Lev. 26:2; Isa. 56:6; Isa. 58:13).
28. The name Jesus is "YAHWEH - Saviour", thus the religion of Yahwehism continued after the cross as true Christianity. (Matt. 1:21; Isa. 47:4; Isa. 43:11,12; Isa. 45: 21; Hos. 13:4; Acts 4:10-12; Rom. 10:9,13; 1 Jn. 4:14).
29. The Sabbath is Jesus' (YAHWEH'S) day. (Mk. 2:27, 28; Rev. 1:10).
30. Those are the last Christians who keep all of the Law (Jam, 2:8-12), who keep the Commandments of God have YAHWEH'S name in their hearts (minds). (Rev. 12:17; Rev. 14: 12, 1).
31. And since the Sabbath is the sign of YAHWEH, then the experience of Sabbath – keeping, is in their hearts and works. (Ex. 31:13, Heb. 4:3,).

32. These have the true religion of Yahwehism in the last days, they are not defiled by false religion (Rev. 14:1, 4; Rev. 17: 3-5).
33. Thus it is they alone who are qualified to and shall call people out of Babylonian false religions. (Rev. 18:1-6).
34. Since Seventh-Day Adventists keep the Sabbath, YAHWEH'S sign, then this group has the true Christian religion that is Yahwehism continued in the Second Witness. (Ex. 31:13; Rev. 14:12; Jam. 2:8-12).
35. What is Judaism? It is the religion of the Jews in which the Jews are gods. (Acts 26:5; Gal. 1:13, 14; Rom. 4:2).
36. Its essential salvific doctrine is righteousness by the works of the Law. (Rom. 9:31, 32; Rom. 10:1-3; (Acts. 15:5).

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JESUS (YAHWEH - SAVIOUR) SEEN WORKING IN THE OLD TESTAMENT OR FIRST WITNESS

1. What does the name Jesus mean? YAHWEH – Saviour. (Matt. 1:21).
2. The New Testament or Second Witness identify Jesus as God. (Jn. 8:24, 58; Acts 20:28).
3. It also identifies Him (Jesus) as the only Saviour of the world (Acts 4:10-12; Jn. 4:42; 1 Jn. 4:14).
4. Jesus is also identified as God the Saviour. (Tit. 1:4; Tit. 2: 10, 13); Tit. 3:4, 6).
5. In First Witness or Old Testament prophecies of Jesus, He is identified as God:
 - a. The sender YAHWEH and the sent YAHWEH: (Zech. 2: 8-11).
 - b. Jesus is the mighty God: (Isa. 9:6).
 - c. Jesus has been from eternity: (Mic. 5:2).
6. But in the First Witness, the name Jesus (Yahushua, YAHWEH - Saviour) is actually seen in the behaviour of YAHWEH, showing Him to be Jesus; in fact, where YAHWEH - Saviour and other related things are seen in the First Witness it is Jesus there expressed. For example:
 - a. Where YAHWEH is presented to be Saviour (Redeemer).
 - b. Where YAHWEH is presented as saving.
 - c. Where YAHWEH is presented as giving Righteousness since He gives Righteousness to save men.
 - d. Where so ever YAHWEH is related to grace, mercy, forgiveness, Truth, holiness or changing men, since all these are salvific in nature.
7. Here is YAHWEH - is - Saviour, the name Yahushua (Jesus) in God's First Witness (Old Testament) behavior. (2 Sam. 22:3,4; Isa. 19:20,21; Isa. 43:3,10-14,21; Isa. 45:15-17,21-25; Isa. 49:26; Isa. 60:16; Isa. 63:7,8,16; Jer. 14:7-9; Hos. 13:4).
8. It is YAHWEH that saves (thus Jesus). (Ps. 17:1,6,7; Ps. 18:6,13,21-23,27; Ps. 7:8,10; Ps. 20:6; Ps. 34:18; Ps. 32:1,2,5,11; Deut. 33:29; Isa. 30:15; Jer. 17:14; Jer. 33:16).
9. Yahweh gives Righteousness which He uses to save men, thus when His name is associated with Righteousness, it is YAHWEH as Saviour (Jesus). (Gen. 15:6; Ps. 4:1,3; Ps. 7: 10,17; Ps. 11:7; Ps. 17:15; Ps. 23:1,3 Ps. 24:5; Ps. 31:1 Ps. 33:4,5).
10. Here are a few points of YAHWEH - Saviour (Jesus) in the First witness (Old Testament).

- a. YAHWEH - Grace. (Ex. 33:12-19; Ps. 84:11; Ps. 111:4; Ps. 116:4, 5; Isa. 33:2).
- b. YAHWEH - Mercy. (Num. 14:18, 19; Ps. 30:10; Ps. 51:1, 2; Ps. 85:7; Isa. 54:10).
- c. YAHWEH - Forgiveness. (Ps. 25:7, 8, 10, 18; Ps. 130:4, 5; Ps. 85:1, 2; Jer. 31:34).
- d. YAHWEH - Truth. (Deut. 32:3, 4; Ps. 25:5, 6, 10; Ps. 31:5; Ps. 69:13).
- e. YAHWEH - Holiness. (Jer. 23:9; Ps. 97:12; Lev. 11:44, 45; Lev. 19:2; Lev. 21:8).
- f. YAHWEH changing men's heart, etc. (Eze. 11:17, 19, 20; Eze. 36:23-27).

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**THE RELIGION OF THE WHOLE BIBLE - WHAT IS IT? IT IS BETTER CALLED MESSIANIC
YAHWEHISM**

1. The writings of the Bible was commanded by God. (2 Pet. 1:19-21; Rev. 1:11).
2. Who is this God of the Bible? He was known as God Almighty before but His real name YAHWEH. (Ex. 6:2, 3, 7).
3. The special sign of this YAHWEH who sanctifies is the Sabbath. (Ex. 31:13).
4. The Bible is divided into two witnesses. (Rev. 11:3-6).
5. The First Witness prophecies of the Messiah to come. (Isa. 9: 6, 7).
6. The Second Witness testifies of the Messiah to come. (Gal. 4:4, 5).
7. What is the best name to call the religion of the First Witness? The best identification is Yahwehism. (Deut. 6:4-6).
8. YAHWEH is the true God in contrast to others. (Isa. 42: 5-8; Isa. 54:5).
9. But the Yahwehism of the First Witness is Messianic teaching about a Messiah to come. (Gen. 49:10; Deut. 18:15-19; Jer. 23:5, 6).
10. This Messiah was presented in the Testimonies of the Sacrifices and festivals. (Jn. 1:29; Ps. 40:6-10; 1 Cor. 5:7).
11. The Messiah's role in the First Witness was to be revealer of God. (1 Pet. 1:10, 11; Jn. 1:18).
12. Thus the best name for the First Witness is FIRST TESTIMONY MESSIANIC YAHWEHISM. (1 Pet. 1:10, 11; Jn. 1: 18; Heb. 5:1-4; Heb. 8:4, 5; Heb. 10:1-4, 11).
13. What is the center of the Second Witness? Thus the best name to call the religion of the Second Witness is Yahwehism also. (Mk. 12:29-33).
14. Love for God (YAHWEH) and love for man can only be accomplished through accepting the Messiah Jesus. (Jn. 3:16; 1 Jn. 5:1-5, 9-13).
15. Jesus is this YAHWEH. (Matt. 1:21).
16. In the Second Witness, The Messiah is also the revealer of God. (Deut. 18:15-19; Matt. 11:27; Jn. 14:6).
17. The Testimony of Christ in the Second Witness supercedes and largely replaces that of the First Testimony. (Heb. 1:1; Heb. 8:6-13).

18. Thus the best name of the Second Witness religion is SECOND TESTIMONY MESSIANIC YAHWEHISM. (Heb. 5: 5-10; Heb. 7:21,22; Heb. 8:1-3,6-13; Heb. 10:5-10,12-21; Deut. 18:15-19).
19. Christianity is therefore Second Testimony Messianic Yahwehism, since Christ is YAHWEH, God. (1 Jn. 2:22-24; 1 Jn. 4:2, 3, 8-10, 14, 15; 2 Jn. 9).
20. Thus the religion of the First Witness is FIRST TESTIMONY MESSIANIC YAHWEHISM, and of the Second Witness it is SECOND TESTIMONY MESSIANIC YAHWEHISM. (Heb. 1:1).
21. Thus the name of the religion of the whole Bible is simply MESSIANIC YAHWEHISM: (MK. 12:29-33; 1 Jn. 5:1-5).

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THE WHOLE EARTH MUST LEARN OF THE ONE AND ONLY TRUE RELIGION AND ITS GOD

1. Other nations claim to serve the only true and living God.
 - a. "Indra, light - winner, days, Creator, conquered, victorious, hostile bands with those who loved him." Rig Veda, Bk. 3, 34:4.
 - b. "Ila, Sarasvati, Mahi, three Goddesses who bring delight, Be seated peacefully, on the grass." Rig Veda, Bk. 1, 13:9.
 - c. "To drink the Soma, Agni, come, to our service and our songs. With all these Gods; and worship them. The Kanvas have invoked thee; they, O Singer, sing the songs of praise: Agni, come hither with the Gods; Indra, Vayu, Brhaspati, Mitra, Agni, Pusan, Bhaga, Adityas and the Marut host." Rig Veda, Bk. 1,14:1-3.
 - d. "The whole of this universe is permeated by Me (Krishna) as unmanifest Divinity, and all beings rest on the idea within Me. Therefore, really speaking I am not present in them." Bhagavad - Gita, 9:4.
 - e. "This Lord is truly the Arhat, fully enlightened, perfect in his knowledge and conduct, well gone, world - knower, unsurpassed, leader of men to be tamed, teacher of gods and men, the Buddha, the Lord." Buddhist Scriptures, p. 182.
 - f. "Whatever is in the heavens and on earth, let it declare the praises and glory of Allah: for He is the Exalted in might, the Wise: Quran, 59:1.
2. But God considers the gods of the nations to be demons. (Deut. 32:16, 17).
3. The true God's name is YAHWEH. (Ex. 6:2, 3, 7; Lev. 22:31-33).
4. His special sign is the Sabbath. (Ex. 31:13, 17).
5. The true religion came through Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. (Ex. 3:15; Deut. 6:10; Deut. 9:5).
6. This is the God of Israel. (Ex. 3:16; Ps. 59:5; Ps. 72:18; Isa. 5:24).
7. His religion is summed up in the First Witness and Second Witness shema. (Deut. 6:4-6; Mk. 12:29-33).
8. This YAHWEH sent His Son to be the Saviour of the world. (Tit. 2:13, 14; 1 Jn. 4:14; Jn. 3:16).
9. To refuse to believe in this Son is to be lost, but to believe in the Son is to accept salvation. (1 Jn. 5:9-12; 1 Jn. 4:15; 2 Jn. 7, 9).
10. This YAHWEH is the only Creator who will not give His glory to idols. (Isa. 42:5-8).
11. This is the great God that when you love Him you hate evil and love holiness. (Ps. 97:1-12).

12. This is the God that justifies no one by works, and all who believe - Jews and Gentiles (other nations), by Faith. (Rom. 4:9-16; Gal. 3:6-9, 14).

13. But the gods of the nations are idols not the true God. (Ps. 115:1-9).

14. Thus YAHWEH alone is the Creator, the true God of the whole earth. (Isa. 54:5).

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THE GREATNESS OF GOD ABOVE ALL FALSE GODS OR IDOLS INCLUDING THE GODS OF HINDUISM

1. The only true and living God created all things. (Jer. 10:10; Ex. 20:11); Acts 14:15).
2. Yahweh is His name. (Ex. 3:15; Ex. 6:3).
3. He alone is the God of the whole earth. (Ex. 20:2, 3; Isa. 54: 5).
4. Everyone on the earth should worship YAHWEH God alone. (Deut. 10:12-20; Matt. 4:10).
5. There is no other God but God. (Isa. 44:6, 8).
6. These other gods are really idols. (1 Chr. 16:25, 26; Ps. 96:4, 5; Isa. 42:8).
7. These gods/idols are the inventions of men. (Ps. 106:36-39; Isa. 40:18-20).
8. Do Hindus worship idols? The Hindu pundit says yes!

"Everybody has got predilection for a symbol, emblem or image. Idol or Murti (Vigraha), sun fire, water, Ganga, Saligram, Linga are all symbol or Pratikas of God which help the aspirants to attain one-pointed-ness of mind and purity of heart.

But, a higher advanced Sadhaka who has a pure mind and who sees the divine presence everywhere and in everything, can worship any kind of object.

In Puja, an image or picture representing some divine form is used as the object of worship. The image is adored. An image, a Sila or a Vigraha or Murti represents the form of the particular Lord who is invoked in it." **The Philosophy And Significance of Idol Worship, by Swami Sivananda, pg. 8.**

"A Saligram is an idol of Vishnu. Saligram is the symbol of Vishnu. There are images of Sri Rama, Sri Krishna, Karttikeya, Ganesha, Hanuman, Dattatreya, Sita, Lakshmi, Parvati, Durga, Kali, Sarasvati, etc., according to the taste of the particular devotee.

The image of Vishnu and of his Avatars, and the image of Sakti and Siva are the popular idols that are worshipped both in temples and in the houses. The idols in the temples of Tirupati, Pandharpur, Palani, Kathirgama, etc., are powerful Deities. They are Pratyaksha Devatas. They grant boons to the devotees, cure their ailments and give Darshan.

You may worship Lord Siva or Lord Hari, Lord Ganesha or Lord Subramanya or Lord Dattatreya, or any one of the Avatars, Lord Rama or Lord Krishna, Sarasvati or Lakshmi, Gayatri or Kali, Durga or Chandi. All are aspects of one Isvara or Lord. Under whatever name and form, it is Isvara who is adored. Worship goes to the Indweller, the Lord in the form. It is ignorance to think that one form is superior to another. All forms are one and the same. Siva, Vishnu, Gayatri, Rama, Krishna, Devi, Brahman are one. All are adoring the

same Isvara. The differences are only differences of names due to differences in the worshippers, but not in the object of adoration.

Idol is a support for the neophyte. It is a prop of his spiritual childhood. A form or image is necessary for worship in the beginning. It is an external symbol of God for worship. It is a reminder of God. The material image calls up the mental idea. Steadiness of mind is obtained by image worship. The worshipper will have to associate the ideas of infinity, omnipotence, omniscience, purity, perfection, freedom, holiness, truth, omnipresence. It is not possible for all to fix the mind on the Absolute or the Infinite. A concrete form is necessary for the vast majority for practicing concentration.... Idol worship is the easiest form of worship for the modern man." **Ibid, pg. 9, 10.**

"Idol are not the idle fancies of sculptors, but shining channels through which the heart of the devotee is attracted to and flows towards God. Though the image is worshipped, the devotee feels the presence of the Lord in it and pours out his devotion unto it. It is the appalling ignorance of the modern sensual man that clouds his vision and prevents him from seeing Divinity in lovely and enchanting idols of His form. The very scientific advances of this century ought to convince you of the glory of idol worship." **Ibid, pg. 11.**

"It is possible to commune with the all-pervading Lord through the medium of an idol. The divinity of the all-pervading God is vibrant in every atom of creation. There is not a speck of space where He is not. Why do you then say that He is not in the idols?"

There are others who would glibly say, 'Oh, God is all-pervading formless being. How can He be confined to this idol?' Are these people ever conscious of His omnipresence? Do they always see Him and Him alone in everything? No. It is their ego that prevents them from bowing to the idols of God and with that motive puts this lame excuse forward!" **Ibid, pg. 12.**

"Pratima (idol) is a substitute or symbol. The image in a temple, though it is made of stone, wood or metal, is precious for a devotee as it bears the mark of his Lord, as it stands for something which he holds holy and eternal.... The Lord is super-imposed on the image and the image generates divine thoughts in the worshipper." **Ibid, pg. 13.**

"Even so, the Lord is highly pleased when a small portion of His Virat (cosmic) body is worshipped. An idol is a part of the body of the Lord." **Ibid, pg. 14.**

"To the worshipper who believes the symbol, any kind of image is the body of the Lord under the form of stone, clay, brass, picture, Saligram, etc. Such worship can never be idolatry. All matter is a manifestation of God. God is present in everything which exists. Everything is an object of worship, for all is a manifestation of God who is therein worshipped." **Ibid, pg. 15.**

"Regular worship, Puja and other modes of demonstrating our inner feeling of recognition of Divinity in the idol unveils the Divinity latent in it. This is truly a wonder and a miracle. The picture comes to life. The idol speaks. It will answer your questions and solve your problems. The God in you has the power to awaken the latent Divinity in the idol.... Puja makes the idol shine with divine resplendence. God is then enshrined in the idol. From here, He will protect you in a special manner. The idol will perform miracles. The place where it is installed is at once transformed into a temple, nay, a Vaikuntha or a Kailasa in reality. Those who live in such a place are freed from miseries, from diseases, from failures and from Samsara itself. The awakened Divinity in the idol acts as a guardian angel blessing all, conferring the highest good on those who bow to it." **ibid, pg. 16.**

"The devotee beholds actually the Lord in the idol. Narsi Mehta was put to the test by a Raja. The Raja said: 'O Narsi, if you are a sincere devotee of Lord Krishna, if as you say the idol is Lord Krishna Himself, let this idol move.' According to the prayer of Narsi Mehta, the idol moved." **ibid, pg. 17.**

"The Murti is the same as the Lord." **ibid, pg. 18.**

"The aspirant who worships the idol in the beginning beholds the Lord everywhere and develops Para Bhakti. From Vaidhi Bhakti. He passes on to Ragatmika Bhakti or Prema Bhakti. He beholds the whole world as the Lord. The ideas of good and bad, right and wrong, rogue, etc., vanish. He sees the Lord in a rogue, dacoit, cobra, scorpion, ant, dog, tree, log of wood, block of stone, sun, moon, stars, fire, water, earth, etc. His vision or experience baffles description." **ibid, pg. 21.**

"There is nothing wrong in worshipping an idol in the beginning. You must superimpose God and His attributes on the idol." **ibid, pg. 22.**

"idolatry is only the beginning of religion. Certainly it is not its end. The same Hindu scriptures which prescribe idol-worship for beginners speaks of meditation on the Infinite or the Absolute, contemplation on the significance of the 'Tat Tvam Asi' Mahavakya, for advanced aspirants.

There are different grades of worship. The first is the worship of idols" **ibid, pg. 23.**

"Puran answered, 'My Lord, I am much perplexed. You did not deign to bless me when I devoutly worshipped You and repeated the Panchakshara Mantra for six months. But You suddenly chose to reveal yourself to me when I had discarded Your image and given up Your worship. What is this mystery, O Lord?'

The Lord answered, 'My child, there is no mystery to be explained; how could I reveal Myself when you treated Me as a mere image, as a mere piece of metal worshipped or thrown away according to your whim? Today you treated My image as a living presence when you wanted to plug the nostrils with cotton wool; thus you revealed that you recognised My living presence in the idol and I could no longer withhold Myself from you.'

“Ibid, pg. 37.

9. God forbids idol worship. (Ex. 20:4, 5).
10. The shape and type of idols God does not want us to make, (but which Hindus have). (Deut. 4:15-19).
11. These false gods or idols are really evil spirits that they worship. (Deut. 32:16, 17; 1 Cor. 10:19-21).
12. They that worship these idols are like unto them. (Ps. 115:4-8).
 - a. The idols are dead. (Jer. 2:26-28; Ps. 135:15-18).
 - b. The worshippers of idols are dead in sins. (Eph. 2:1, 5).
 - c. The reasoning/logic of idols worshippers are defiled or damaged. (Isa. 44:9-20).
13. It is God alone that gives rain, increase, prosperity and health, not these gods/idols. (Acts 14:11-17).
14. And God will not give His glory to idols. (Isa. 42:8).
15. God/YAHWEH is high above all and everything including all the gods of the nations. (Gen. 14:18-20, 22; Ps. 71:19; Ps. 83:18; Ps. 97:9; Ps. 99:2, 3).
16. Yahweh God alone forgives and punishes. (Ex. 34:5-7).
 - a. He alone could forgive. (Ps. 86:5, 6; Jer. 31:34).
 - b. He alone could punish. (Ps. 94:1; Jer. 9:25; Jer. 23:34).
17. Yahweh/God's special sign of allegiance to Him is the Sabbath. (Ex. 31:13; Eze. 20:12, 20).
18. Thus Hindus and others must turn from idols to serve the only true and living God. (1 Thess. 1:9).
19. Yahweh is Great and Greatest. (Ps. 48:1; Ps. 77:13; Jer. 32:18).

HEBREW: YAHWEH GADOL (pronounced: gawdole) (YAHWEH IS GREATEST).

THE END