## WE MUST BEGIN ON THE SAME PAGE.

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## **Preliminary Questions**

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Unless we agree on some basic things as being facts, any discussion of religious topics is going to be fruitless, therefore, I am going to ask a few questions, and see if consensus is possible.

I am *NOT* asking for or demanding that anyone insert all "YES" answers, and a "0" in #8, but I AM asking for honesty, and that one's position regarding their respect for the Torah be clarified from the outset.

- 1. Do you believe that the heavens and the earth were created by some intelligent source that people often call "God"? []YES []NO
- 2. Do you believe that God had the bible written according to His directions? [] YES [] NO
- 3. Do you believe that the **Tanakh** (this is the book that Christians call the "**Old Testament**") is the word of God?
- 4. Do you believe that the New Testament is the word of God? [] YES [] NO
- 5. Do you know the penalty for being a false prophet in the Torah / Tanakh? [] YES [] NO
- 6. Do you believe that the writers of the New Testament should be held to the same standard as the writers of the Tanakh?
- 7. If/when the writers of the New Testament make *gross* errors, misrepresentations, and fabrications regarding statements that were made in the Tanakh, should the writers and teachers of New Testament be given the penalty for being a false prophet?
- 8. *How many* gross errors, misrepresentations, and fabrications regarding statements that were made in the Tanakh should someone tolerate before they consider that the writings attributed to that author in the New Testament has *become irrelevant*? Number, and Why?

(if more, use lines below)

- 9. Are you comfortable with the Karaite outlook [*Sola Scriptura*] that any *earlier writing* sets the foundation for *later writings*, but the later do not change the former?
- 10. Are you comfortable with the Karaite outlook that the written word as given by **YHWH** to His Prophets is *THE rule and guide of our faith*?

When **most** of the answers are "**YES**," then peaceful discussion is completely possible. Please explain any "**NO**" answers. If the explanations *can be resolved*, then we may be able to proceed into a productive discussion. Even when ALL of the answers are "**NO**", you might still find all of these articles interesting, if only to discover more ways to argue against the written word of YHWH. I share the Word of YHWH with you anyway, because I believe <u>Isaiah 55:11</u>'s promise that His Word will not return unto Him void.

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## יהוה

The name of our Creator is made up of four, Hebrew <u>vowels</u>, Y H W H יהוה. Vowels are <u>sounds</u>, not just marks on paper. (source: Flavius Josephus - Antiquities of the Jews)

The letter  $\overrightarrow{n}$  (h) when used as a vowel, usually has the "ah," "ha," or the "huh" sound. The  $\overrightarrow{n}$  is the *definite* article, meaning *THE*, *SPECIFIC*, *to the EXCLUSION of ALL others*.

This is exemplified in showing the difference between the word "eretz," meaning land, and the words "ha\_Eretz," meaning *THE Land of Israel*, to the <u>exclusion</u> of all others.

In Hebrew, the letters (y) and (v)(w) are used interchangeably, and when located in the first, second, or third position in a word, indicate the tense of the word, either past, future, or continuing. Being placed in the first and third positions, the  $\cdot$  and  $\cdot$  indicate that the name is **both past and** 

future, or, - *Eternal*.

The  $\overline{\phantom{a}}$  associated with **both** the ' and the ' means that the name is specifically, to the exclusion of all others, both *past* and *future*, or **THE Eternal**.

Furthermore, being *singular*, and *being found <u>twice</u>*, the **T** would also allow the addition of the word, **ONE**, as a descriptor.

The Name, **YHWH**, could then be logically rendered as **The Eternal ONE**, because **He** has eternal existence, **to the exclusion of all others**.

It is pronounced in one, long breath, like the wind, with the accent on the middle syllable. .

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