

"Understanding Yahweh"

The Attributes of Yahweh

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"Acquaint now thyself with [Yahweh], and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee" (Job 22:21).

"Thus saith Yahweh, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty glory in his might, let not the rich glory in his riches: But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth, and knoweth Me, that I am Yahweh" (Jeremiah 9:23,24).

"The secret things belong to Yahweh our Elohim, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this Torah. (Deuteronomy 29:29)"

The foundation of a personal relationship with Yahweh must be a clear understanding of His perfections as revealed in Holy Scripture. An unknown Deity can neither be trusted, loved, served, nor really worshipped. Yahweh is only truly known in the soul as we yield our spirit to Him, submit to His authority, and yield all the details of our daily lives to His Torah.

"Then shall we know, if we follow on (in the path of obedience) to know Yahweh" (Hosea 6:3).

"If any man will do His will, he shall know" (John 7:17).

The people that do know their Elohim shall be strong" (Dan. 11:32).

The Aloneness

"In the beginning, Elohim" (Genesis 1:1).

There was a time, if "time" can be used to pinpoint a time when there was no time, when Yahweh, in the unity of His nature, dwelt all alone. This is called the Ayn Sof (Incomprehensible), the true hidden essence (atzmut) of Yahweh, which is entirely unknown to humans. It's endless. It's beyond comprehension. It's beyond understanding. Beyond wisdom. Its beyond power as well. It's the world where none can reach. In Hebrew, *atzmut* can also mean

"self" derived from the root *etzem*, which means "bone" meaning that it is the elemental of an entity. The first word of Torah given to Israel--the Ten Commandments--is *Anochi*, "I," the revelation to Israel of Yahweh's Absolute Essence, His ultimate "Self."

Ayn Sof (the divine no-thingness) - is a combination of two words - AYN, meaning WITHOUT and SOF, literally meaning END, WITHOUT END or THERE IS NO END. We could also call Him Ayn Techila--"no beginning." Ayn Sof is the mystery before which no human word or thought can comprehend. He is He that our thought cannot attain to. "Hamah Shemah Masseget"

"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," says Yahweh. (Isaiah 55:8)"

"Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain it. (Psalm 139:6)"

Ayn Sof does not reveal Himself in a way that He may be figured out. Through carnal reasoning Ayn Sof is inaccessible, even to the innermost thought.

Ayn Sof is without definition, and is before definition. Here there was no Heaven, where His glory is could be manifested. There was no earth to begin His intimacy with His creation. There were no angels, no Heavenly Host; no universe to be upheld by the Word of His Power. There was nothing, no one, but Ayn Sof; and *that*, not for a day, a year, or an age, but "from everlasting." During a past eternity, Ayn Sof was alone: self-contained, self-sufficient, self-satisfied; in need of nothing. The Ayn Sof, the Infinite, says Gershom Scholem, "is the absolute perfection in which there are no distinctions and no differentiations."

The Ayn Sof was under no constraint, no obligation, no necessity to create. That He chose to do so was purely a sovereign for He "**worketh all things after the counsel of His own will**" (Eph. 1:11). That He did create was simply for His glory.

"Who has preceded Me, that I should pay him? Everything under heaven is Mine. (Job 41:11)"

"Who has directed the Spirit of Yahweh, or as His counselor has taught Him? (Isaiah 40:13)"

"For who has stood in the counsel of Yahweh, and has perceived and heard His word? Who has marked His word and heard it? (Jeremiah 23:18)"

"For who has known the mind of Yahweh? Or who has become His counselor?" Or who has first given to Him and it shall be repaid to him? (Romans 11:34,35)"

The First Revelation

Ayn Sof was concealed by *afisah* ("no-thingness"). He moved from this point to become **"Eyeh Asshur Eyeh,"** the **"I AM WHO I AM"** or cause of all causes or root of all roots – the Big Bang. We have come to know this concept of Ayn Sof as **Abba**, the Father of Creation.

As Ayn Sof revealed to Moses, : **"I AM WHO I AM...Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you...Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: 'Yahweh Elohim of your fathers, the Elohim of Abraham, the Elohim of Isaac, and the Elohim of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My name forever, and this is My memorial to all generations.' (Exodus 3:14,15)"**

King Messiah YahShua taught us the understanding that Ayn Sof revealed Himself to us as our Creator Father.

"...Rebbe YahShua answered and said, 'I thank You, Father, Sovereign of Heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight. All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him. Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light. (Matthew 11:25-30)"

"For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. (Matthew 6:14)"

Yahweh, by virtue of creating is the Father. **"And [Messiah] said, 'Abba, Father, all things are possible for You. (Mark 14:36)"** As Creator He is the **"I AM WHO I AM,"** Cause of all causes; the Root of all roots.

"...Rebbe YahShua answered them, 'My Father has been working until now, and I have been working. (John 5:17)"

"I am One who bears witness of Myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness of Me. (John 8:18)"

"Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. (John 17:11)"

"You have heard Me say to you, 'I am going away and coming back to you.' If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, 'I am going to the Father,' for My Father is greater than I. (John 14:28)"

"All comes from One and all returns to the One." The Messiah said, "I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father. (John 16:28)"

The Apostles continued this teaching:

“...Yahweh our Father ... (Romans 1:7; 1 Corinthians 1:3; 2 Corinthians 1:2; Philippians 1:2; Colossians 1: 25; Philemon 1:3; Galatians 1:3; Ephesians 1:2; 1 Timothy 1:2; 2 Timothy 1:2; 1 Thessalonians 1:1; 2 Thessalonians 1:2)”

When the Children of Israel met Yahweh to receive Torah Yahweh revealed, **“Hear, O Israel: Yahweh our Elohim, Yahweh is one! (Deuteronomy 6:4)”** Rebbe YahShua solidified this doctrine by calling it the **first and greatest commandment (Matthew 27:36)**.

Rabbi Sha’ul connected the teaching of Yahweh as Father and Yahweh as Echad.

“...for us there is one Elohim, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for Him; and one King, Messiah YahShua, through whom are all things, and through whom we live. (1 Corinthians 8:6)”

The Ayn Sof manifested Himself through His will. “Harazon ad Ayn Sof” The will of Ayn Sof is like a garment clinging to Ayn Sof at all sides.

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of Yahweh, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to Yahweh, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of Yahweh. (Romans 12:1,2)”

The will of Yahweh is eternal with Yahweh. The will of Yahweh is the aspect of Yahweh active in creation and continues re-creating throughout eternity.

How should we conform to this perfect will?

- ? Pray for the will of Yahweh to be done on earth (Matthew 6:10).
- ? Make doing the will of Yahweh our meat (John 4:34).
- ? Seek the will of Yahweh as our Messiah did (John 5:30).
- ? Try to understand the will of Yahweh (Ephesians 5:17).
- ? Do the will of Yahweh from the heart (Ephesians 6:6)
- ? Live in the perfect will of Yahweh (1 Peter 2:11-17).

Communion with the will of Yahweh is the final aim of our relationship.
“...the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of Yahweh abides forever. (1 John 2:17)”

Yahweh manifests Himself through His “MahShavah” (thought) that has no finality or end. Yahweh’s thought is pure, holy thinking – a domain impenetrable to mere human thought.

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