

"Hebrew Names" Historical Sketch

The present day Hebrew Names movement apparently began in the early 1930's when a Dr. John B. Briggs met a Mr. August Sheffick who insisted that the word "christ" was of pagan origin. Briggs investigated and began to emphasize the name of Yahshua. He was in association with A.B. Traina in an assembly in New Jersey, but, apparently going somewhat overboard in the matter, he was told by Traina, in effect, to "cool it," whereupon Briggs and Paul Penn, a Jew, departed to Detroit. Their "Names Evangelization Program" and Kadash Name Society began there in February 1937.

This group first obtained a charter as Assembly of Y.H.V.H., later as Yahveh Beth Israel (having four or five apparently autonomous congregations in the Michigan area/a couple of years ago). Briggs acted as executive through the years till his death Oct. 12. 1961, ordaining ministers to continue his work. This group believes Christ (Yahshua) was kept in prison a couple of days and not crucified till the preparation for the weekly Sabbath, 28 A.D., and that he was raised 3 days later on the last day of Unleavened Bread. They dip three times to baptize. (The FAITH magazine, March 1969, p. 4 and literature and correspondence from Yahveh Beth Israel.)

But far more important than the forementioned rather offbeat group is that which was developed by Traina and C.O. Dodd, whom Briggs also persuaded of the new doctrine. Dodd was rebaptized in Michigan in the name of Yahshua by Elder Earl Bigford in 1941. His Faith Bible and Tract Society in Salem, W.Va., was already publishing The FAITH

magazine beginning March 1937, which he directed till health problems prohibited in August 1955 (He died the same year). Mrs. Dodd has continued to operate the Bible and Tract Society from Salem while The FAITH has been edited and published by a succession of others being moved successively to Kansas City, Mo., Tulsa, Okla., Granview Mo., Washington, D.C., Morton (Philadelphia), Pa., and finally to Holt, Michigan in January 1969. (The FAITH, Feb. 1969, p. 3 and February 1970, p. 14) The FAITH ministers to the largest segment of Names people, the Assembly of Yahweh. They keep the Holy Days, believe the Israel identity.

Through the years, A.B. Traina continued in association with The FAITH, which printed many of his articles, but had also his own organization, The Scripture Research Association, Inc., in New Jersey headquartered more recently in Florida and in Michigan. Traina died year or two ago.

The Names message was put on radio in Detroit as early as 1939. Elder Ralph Kinney, perhaps even earlier by others.

Other -- independent -- "Hebrew Names" groups include L.D. Snow The Assembly of Yahvah (note different pronunciation). Snow had accepted the Sabbath and become a part of the Church of God, 7th Day in 1931, which church he later left and now brands as just one more of Rome's "harlot daughters." The Assembly of Yahvah began in Ft. Smith, Ark., in 1949, ^{incorporated} moved its headquarters in ¹⁹⁵⁶ to Emory, Texas, then ¹⁹⁵⁷ in ^{the Pacific} to Junction City, Oregon. Its official org: The Elivah Messenger began in 1945, ^{1950 (the Field Messenger "Report")} uses both Yahvahshua and Yahshua

as the Messiah's name. The group is rather against the identity of Israel, although admitting "many of us are Israelites." A Passover is kept. The observance of the Holy Days is allowed to individual members or even local assemblies (local churches) but are not promoted by the overall "Assembly" or discussed in the "Messenger." A peculiar doctrine is that the Western governments will set up a mark, name and number system, without which no man can buy or sell, as a sort of boy against Communism.

Still another group is the General Council of the Assemblies of Albany, Oregon, which was formerly associated with the Assembly of Yahweh, Inc., and publishes The WORD magazine (since 1961).

"The Boyds," (also ^a Feast keepers ^{in family}) published from Wilder, Idaho, beginning in 1958, the Sacred Name Herald, which was moved to Claremore, Oklahoma in 1969. It betrays S.D.A. leanings, defending Mrs. E.G. White's original, "uncorrupted" prophecies, and leaning toward vegetarianism except for those doing hard labor.

Then there are many independents, some weird, such as the Jefferson Kingdom of Yahweh, Inc., of Phoenix, Ariz., concerning whom the THE FAITH felt it is necessary to publicly disclaim any connection in its February 1965 issue. Los Angeles' own Apostle James Raymond who began The Messenger in 1956 was another odd one. Yahweh spoke to him!

I have purposely left any discussion of Jacob O. Meyer till last. "For a number of years this so-called 'sacred names' teaching appeared to be simply another of those fantastic pipe dreams which would pass off into limbo as soon as its novelty started to wear off and the zeal fire of its adherents commenced to die out. But within the past

decade this extraordinary religious virus has taken on the form of a virtual epidemic" (booklet, "Sacred Names ?" published by the People of the Living God, of New Orleans).

Much of this recent growth may be attributed to the determined activity and broadcasting of Jacob O. Meyer of Bethel, Pa., a small town about 10 miles northeast of the city of Lebanon. Meyer began to broadcast in 1966. The Assemblies of Yahweh, headquartered at Bethel also publish the Sacred Name Broadcaster, and now The Narrow Way (their counterpart of The GOOD NEWS), in the general fellowship of the original CO.Dodd Assembly of Yahweh, Inc. They regard "the Assembly of Yahweh" much as we regard the true spiritual Church of God, as an all-inclusive Biblical term not just for an organization but for a living spiritual organism composed of all converted believers in Yahweh everywhere. In recent years, besides actual daughter congregations, many local autonomous groups have turned to their fellowship and doctrine, such as Salem Publishers of Rock City, Ill. (1971), and groups and/or publishers as far away as England and India.

Meyer came originally from a Pennsylvania German Dunkard background. He describes the church in which he was reared as dead. Because of his role in raiding the Worldwide Church of God membership, it seems worthwhile to quote from his own words at length. From page 35 of the July-August Sacred Name Broadcaster:

I was born and raised in a rather conservative church here in eastern Pennsylvania. When I was a young boy it was my custom to sit in the front row seats with my grandfather, who was an official in the local congregation. As a consequence I received more than my share of preaching, and I might add that this was during the time when strong meat was still being delivered in the minister's messages. This congregation took strong stands on most sound Bible doctrines which today are neglected in favor of the "social gospel." Probably the most remarkable characteristic of that bygone era was the way the people would desire to have the ministers preach strong meat. There was very little rebelliousness in the attitudes of the people, but when the ministers proved a point from the Scriptures the people eagerly heeded the teaching. It might be well for you to recall how the Bible describes the sin of rebellion in I Samuel 15:23. "For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry."

In the years since my childhood it has been painfully obvious that the attitudes of people has drifted far afield. Rather than desiring to love Yahweh with all their heart, soul, mind and strength, and serve Him totally, most people seek ways to circumvent obedience. Scriptures have been watered down, doctrines have been softened and distorted, until one cannot recognize the importance of striving to obey sound doctrine which has been taught by the Savior in the Scriptures. When the Scriptures lose their power and authority to direct the life of the individual, moral decay sets in imminently.

Having viewed the gradual erosion of the fervor in nominal christianity, I began to cast around to find the True Worship. It must be here on this earth somewhere I reasoned. Although the conservative church in which I had been born and raised had now drifted into a limp, lifeless social-club attitude, Yahshua our Messiah had predicted that His assembly could still be found on this earth in the last days and that they would be a viable organism. The gates of hell (hades) could not possibly prevail against His message of Truth which He preached almost 2000 years ago.

Paradoxically, it was the message of Truth which finally came after me, rather than me personally unearthing it. Friends who had learned of the importance of the Sacred Name came and offered this vital bit of information to me. After being unchained from the shackles of nominal Christian doctrine through the Sacred Name, I began to read the Bible anew with an open mind, proving the Sabbath and the keeping of the Feast Days to myself, along with the vast new spectrum of Bible Truth which seemed now to be so rapidly available. Strangely, when one believes the Bible to be the Inspired words of the Heavenly Father, all he needs to do to receive a message from the Almighty directly, is to open the Bible and begin to read. When you apply it to yourself, tailoring each command to yourself alone, you will be able to note quite readily that you have now entered a group comprised of a small number of people who have become true fundamentalists. The vast store of knowledge in the Bible which has been untapped for centuries suddenly becomes understandable and comprehensible to you, while seemingly knowledgeable acquaintances of yours, never seem to grasp the meaning of what the Messiah was teaching.

And from page 9 of the July-August The Narrow Way:

With the commencement of the Fall Term of college, it appears that the much anticipated "School of the Prophets" could at last come to fruition. This school will consist of private tutelage in the Scriptures for young men who have graduated from high school and aspire to higher learning. We are recommending that such young men enroll in a local accredited institution in the Inspired Scriptures. All those who are interested should write to us. Simply enclose a brief resume of your background as well as your personal aptitudes and ambitions in life. Pray earnestly that this dream of several years will come to reality, that the young men in the Assemblies of Yahweh may learn to become "mighty in the Scriptures."

We are receiving ideas and suggestions from many sources, all of which are welcomed and receive our enthusiastic consideration. One such suggestion recently received is that we publish a quarterly or semi-annual magazine on the post-graduate level for those who are desirous of a deeper understanding of the Scriptures. The purpose of such a periodical would be to stimulate Biblical brainstorming on those areas of Scripture that still remain nebulous. Speculative and scholarly articles would be acceptable, challenging the readers to add their thoughts and research to the points under study. We realize of course that all of our readers would not be desirous of receiving such a publication, but only those with a scholarly bent. When some of these ideas begin to

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NORTH AMERICAN NAMES MOVEMENT START.

In the early thirties a brother one Dr. John B. Briggs met Mr. August Sheffick who prodded him that the name christ was of pagan origin. This incited an investigation and the result was that Dr. Briggs came to a compulsion to consecrate himself to a more realistic idea of the words of our savior 'Hallowed be Thy Name'.

Shortly after this while he was giving out tracts in a hospital he entered a room where a woman had just told the mother of a dying child that she had seen a man in vision the night before carrying the child out of the hospital. She exclaimed. That's the man I saw. When the mother consented Dr. Briggs anointed the child in the name of YAHSEUA. A nurse objected as he carried the child out of the hospital. In two days the child played in the streets. The doctors had said the child could only live for two days. This greatly encouraged Dr. Briggs to continue evangelizing the name YAHSEUA.

Being a Bible lover he wished to further this truth at an assembly in N. J. But the one in charge told him to put the soft pedal on.

Whereupon he and Paul Penn went to Detroit Mich, where great scholarship was joyfully received with open arms. And in Feb. 1937 at his living place an Atkinson st. study resumed with power for 'Hallowed be Thy Name'. An assembly at 1400 Orleans st. was the first place evangelized.

The reward for this love for the Name was new revelations in The Word. The first being. This is the ALEE YAH message of Mal. 4 - Unto those who reverence My Name. Shall a ministry of purity arise with healing in its wings. Remember then the Laws Statutes and Judgements. Behold I will send you YAH My ALEE (YAH MY Almighty) inspiration. Lest I come and smite the earth with a curse, (Restored version). - The desolating abominations became apparent, ie. Standing where they OUGHT NOT. Hence lord supplanted YAHVEH in eng; Bog pushed out YAHVEH in Polish - adonay of the jews thrown out YAHVEH. anon to demon worship and pandemonium.

Jezebels fornication - Rev. 2. - Mixing demon names with YAHVEH and YAHSHUA became apparent. Prophecies opened up and the time of YAHSHUAS coming is known to some. Dr. Briggs accepted Matt. 28; 19. And dipped this writer in the name of the Father YAHVEH Whom I was to face up to - Repent - Then he dipped a 2nd time in the name of His SON YAHSHUA as I accepted His Blood for (Kipur) remission of our sins. A 3rd dip he gave me in the name KADESH (Heavens angels group name)

The 1st chartered Names group was called Assembly Y. H. V. H., soon to expire. Then the 1st Name charter was gotten: YAHVEH BETH ISRAEL Still in force. In this Dr. Briggs acted in executive capacity thru the yeary till he fell asleep Oct. 12, 1961. We were ever solicitous of his advice. He ordained ministers to further his labor of love as he put it. Heavens names above hells names. ie. jesus lord christ adonay deiu bog anon amongst the nations.

Now by 1965 numerous groups throughout the U.S. have been formed to implement Deut. 32; 3. Publish The NAME, 'Hallowed Be Thy NAME'. Rev. 14; 13. Blessed are the dead who die in YAHVEH henceforth, Yea sayeth the Spirit, That they may rest from their labors; And their works do follow them. Saint Briggs would not fellowship such as deny a personal Father in heaven, He neither begged nor solicited tithes, Believing 1 Cor. 16; 2. Let each lay by him in store, Not someone else in store. Blessed are the good works following Saint Briggs over the earth. Happy the day when he helped bring Clarence Dodd to accept the names of heaven. Happy the day when he said 'We are members of the body of YAHSHUA and not of mens harlot organizations. AMEN and Hallelu YAH. Signed

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Pres. Paul Penn.
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Phil Arnold: Address: 7-25-70
The envelope represents the first printing done in 1937 to "Publish the name" only have a few left. - So you have a historical item of the "Names movement" - Elder N. Bowen will be in western U.S. shortly if you wish to call let me know and I will notify him - Last Sabbath he was in Fresno Cal. baptizing. He will mail you literature
In name of Yahshua
W. Bishop.

Dear Phil:
I don't remember if you were mailed the jews address to verify the report as to how the "Names Evangelization Program" started
Write the jew.

Paul Penn
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He will gladly answer you

Yours.

W. Bishop.

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intending for the FAITH which was once delivered unto the saints. Jude. 3

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This magazine is published for the glory of our Heavenly Father and His begotten Son, our Saviour. It upholds the original inspired Scriptures—the whole counsel of Yahweh." (Acts 20:27). Its aim is to remove the ies substituted by man for the Memorial Name of the Creator and His Son, Saviour of the world. Therefore, the originally inspired Name Yahweh, the Elohim (Mighty One) and the angelic name Yahshua, the Messiah will be nd on its pages. It upholds the Ten Commandments: restoring the Sacred me in the third and the observing of the 7th Day Sabbath (Saturday) in the rth. It stands for baptism by immersion in the Name of Yahshua the Messiah ording to Acts 2:38; the ordinance of feet washing and the commemoration Messiah's death at the Passover Season; the recognition of the Feasts of Un- rened, Weeks, and Tabernacles. It advocates tithing and the observance of all hweh's health laws including clean foods. It teaches justification by faith in itually. It stresses the importance of the whole man — physically and Holy Spirit by which Yahweh works in us— " . . . to will and do of His d pleasure." Philipians 2:13. It is supported entirely by the "Called Out es of Yahweh," which is the meaning of "The Assembly of Yahweh." It is His People, by His People and for His People; all those who have heard and led the call of Revelation 18:4.

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Our Motto: Forward with the
Originally inspired Scriptures!

The late Elder C. O. Dodd.

The Faith Editorial

As you know by now THE FAITH is coming to you from Holt, Michigan. To bring you up to date; your magazine is now beginning its thirty-second year. Founded by and published for over 18 years by Elder C. O. Dodd. (Volume I— Issue I was sent out in March 1937, the last issue under Elder Dodd's editorship was Volume 19—Issue No. 10 — August 1955.) Its headquarters were moved from Salem, West Virginia to Kansas City, Missouri where "The Sword Was Passed On" to Bro Robert C. Darnell, (who served as Editor from February 1956 to February 1957) after Elder Dodd's health prohibited him from continuing. Sister Martha Dodd who was a great help to her husband in the work, is still operating The Faith Bible and Tract Society at Salem, W. Va. In March of 1957 Bro. B. C. Wright became the Editor, he carried on for over 4 years until August 1961. During this time THE FAITH headquarters moved twice; in August 1958 it settled in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and once again back to Missouri, where the town of Grandview became the home office. Then beginning in September 1961 THE FAITH moved to the Capital of the United States, Washington D. C., where Elder D. G. Werner continued the work as Editor. In January 1964 the publishing headquarters moved once again, this time to the state of Pennsylvania, where the Morton Assembly of Yahweh began the work of printing and mailing the magazine, Elder Werner continued as Editor until January 1966. At this time the duties of Editor were shared by several members of the Morton Assembly known as "The Faith Staff". This system has worked well for the past 3 years. It has been decided by the Holt Assembly to continue with similar staff of Co-Editors. This staff is to consist of the Officers and Director of the Holt Assembly; these Officers are elected annually by a meeting of the General Assembly.

We would be remiss if we did not take note of the fact that there are many more names we could have listed besides those of the past Editors: those who so willingly served on the various Editorial Committees, acted as Secretary Treasurer, or in other positions of responsibility. To do this without overlooking someone would be very difficult, as there have been so many. However to those of you who have helped down through the years we say, "THANK YOU FOR A JOB WELL DONE."

As Holt becomes the seventh headquarters of THE FAITH and as we take up this publishing work we do it with great anticipation, realizing it carries with it great responsibility. It was after much prayer that we decided to accept this opportunity to help further the NAME of YAHWEH and the truths found in HIS WORD. We know it will be a difficult task to continue the high quality of work performed by our predecessors. We are very appreciative to the Morton Assembly for their efforts in making the transfer go so smoothly. We are all indebted to Sister Ruth F. Fink of Morton for her fine Quarterly Lessons which she so kindly prepared for our first issue in January.

As you perhaps have noticed there has been a few changes made in THE FAITH. For on thing the cover is different, for another the STAND display on the inside cover has been changed slightly. Before you proceed any further PLEASE READ IT. If you have never done so before it may be an eye opener if you have perhaps you will refresh your memory. In just a few words: it is what WE are striving to do in this publishing work. When the FAITH

adments?", "Do I believe in Immersion in the name of Yahshua", and so on in the list. If you can answer YES to these questions, then YOU are a called one of Yahweh, YOU have broken the bonds of that woman depicted in relation 17 & 18. When we say, "THE FAITH" published and edited by "The Embassy of Yahweh," it means YOU.

Brothers, Sisters—will you join with us in these last days. The time is short, this is being written 3 men are, for the first time in history, circling the GLOBE, for the first time MORTAL men gaze upon the moon from a distance a few miles. This is a sure sign of how near we are to the fulfillment of the OPHECLES concerning the "Great Day of Yahweh." We are commanded to do this work! The Psalmist said, "Declare His glory among the heathen His name among ALL PEOPLE." Ps. 96:3.

Without a doubt we can say that this publishing work does belong to the people, during the past 31 years hundreds have contributed their time writing articles, thousands more have written letters of encouragement, contributed their tithes and offerings, and most importantly their prayers. This is the Scriptural way; there is one BODY but many members. "Now ye are the BODY of MESSIAH, and MEMBERS in particular." I Corinthians 12:27 please read the whole 12th chapter.) It is our prayer that you will continue to help. Remembering it is YOUR FAITH, OUR FAITH, THE FAITH.

A BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO THE NEW FAITH STAFF:

Bro. Samuel Graham, President: Samuel is in the select group of second generation sacred believers. His parents came into the knowledge of Yahweh's name before he was born, so he was raised in a home wherein the pagan names are not heard. Just 27, Samuel along with his wife Connie is very active in the Assembly leadership, being a past Treasurer and Vice President. Samuel and Connie have two children Brian (4) and Benjamin (2). To earn a living in is a truck driver and mechanic, he lives in near-by Eaton Rapids.

Bro. Lloyd Parry, Vice President: Lloyd now 52, is a long time sacred believer, coming into the knowledge of the name of Yahweh in 1940. He along with his wife Ruth raised all their four children, Camilla, Thomas, Terry and Timothy in the name, all are grown and through school except Tim who is a High School Senior. Lloyd being one of our most active members has served as President, Vice President and Director many times in the past. Lloyd is an accomplished brick mason and is from Holt.

Bro. Richard Francis, Treasurer: Richard is 31 years of age. Was immersed in Yahshua in 1960 by Bro. Paul Kwiatkowski of Penna. Also lives in Holt with his wife Camilla, son Richard (6) and daughter Rachel (3). Richard was Treasurer of the Assembly once before. In order to support his family he is employed as a business machine repairman.

5.3. Ruth Parry, Secretary: The wife of Lloyd Parry, sister Ruth is very active in the teaching of the young people of the Assembly. Besides being a fine wife and mother she has excellent qualifications for the work of Secretary, as she is employed as Secretary to a battery of Professors in the Religion Dept. at Michigan State University. (Continued on Page 11)

"Thus says Israel's king and his redeemer Yahweh Sabaoth: I am the first and the last; there is no other Elohim besides me." Isaiah 44:6

Yahweh is the creator of all things seen and unseen, known and unknown in our universe. He is worshipped as such by millions of Christians and Jews around the world who use the Hebrew Bible or a translation of it in their own tongue. About 99% of them do not know His true NAME.

The English speaking world has substituted inaccurate titles such as "LORD" and "GOD," or sometimes the false name "JEHOVAH" in their Bibles. Other nations have likewise substituted the names of their local Deities for Yahweh in their Bibles. The German Bible uses "Herr," the Greek "Kurios," the Polish "Pan," the Russian "Bog," the French "Dieu".

How and why did this occur? The information is easily obtained from most modern Dictionaries, and Encyclopedias. I quote now from Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary page 879: under the article "TETRAGRAMMATON": — "The four letters forming a Hebrew tribal name of the Supreme Being transliterated by modern scholars Yahweh, which the Jews about three centuries B. C. ceased to pronounce as too sacred and for fear of desecration, substituting for it in reading the word Adonai, My Lord, or Elohim, God. The three vowel points of Adonai often written with the Tetragrammaton, as a direction to read it Adonai, being misinterpreted, gave rise to the Christian form Jehovah." We find this in the Encyclopaedia Britannica, Vol. 12, p. 965; under the article "JEHOVAH": — "The pronunciation "Jehovah" is

an error resulting among Christians from combining the consonants YHWH (JHVH) with the vowels of ADONAI, "Lord," which the Jews in reading the Scriptures substituted for the sacred name, commonly called the TETRAGRAMMATON as containing four consonants. It is first found in manuscripts of Martin's PUGIO FIDEI (1278), belonging to the 14th century, and Galatinus (1518) is found arguing against abbreviating it to "Jova," or the analogy of the Latin JOVIS (as proved by G. F. Moore)." I have only quoted a small part of the information to be gleaned from this article due to space limitations, however I recommend that you look this up if a copy of the Britannica is available. Also look under the articles "Yahweh," and "Tetragrammaton" in the Britannica. (If you do not have access to a copy write the Editors of THE FAITH for a free photocopy of these articles.

Ha shem (the name), the so called tetragrammaton YHWH is the Memorial of our Creator. In the third commandment of the famous Decalogue (ten commandments) I warn against the taking away of, substituting, for or the misuse in any way of his name. "You shall not utter the name of Yahweh your might one to misuse it, for Yahweh will leave unpunished the man who leaves his name to misuse it." Exodus 20:7.

There are many adjectives and titles that are attributed to Yahweh but just one name. For proof that Almighty has one and only one personal name let us turn to the pages of the Bible. Exodus 3:15 "And I

some basic, meaty, perhaps hard to take facts. Save it as reference for the basis of your health. Perhaps in the future we can elaborate some.

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from year to year, because it is tied to the date of Easter. Lent is a period of 40 weekdays and 6 Sundays preceding Easter. This period was fixed by Pope Felix II in 487 A.D. The first day of Lent is called "Ash Wednesday." A day of general repentance and one of the two strictest fasts of the Christian year. The ashes used on Ash Wednesday employed in the blessing are those made by burning the palms in the services on Palm Sunday of the preceding year.

It is written in Isaiah 1:13-14 that "your feasts and your new months my soul hateth: they are a trouble to Me; I am weary to bear them." Let us not be soothed into a false world of hope; when a true foundation has already been laid down for us by the apostles and prophets; Yahshua, Himself being the Chief cornerstone upon whom we must build. Ephesians 2:20-22. There is no other foundation upon which man can build but one of sand, which though it mount to the height of heaven and fill the whole earth it shall not stand in that day. To build upon lies and man's belief does nothing for you but lead you astray.

Without a vision of our destiny we shall perish as the word relates in Proverbs 29:18. Your faith is personal. We will be judged by our works, Revelation 22:12, and without faith it is impossible to please Him. It is up to you to act and seek out your own salvation with fear and trembling. Philippians 2:12. You have the freedom to choose. Your belief is something sacred, the responsibility

Bro. Donald Frowbridge, Director: Don is 46 years old. Lives just a few miles from Holt in rural Mason with his wife Helen and youngest son Mark (12), their eldest son Jim is attending college at Eastern Michigan U. Don has been in the sacred name movement for 20 years. As well as being one of our finest leaders Don is an excellent musician. For a living Don is an officer of the Ingham County, Michigan, court.

Earl Earl Bigford, Director: Earl now 72 is the eldest member of our staff. A very steadfast, long time member of the Faith. Bro. Earl lives with his wife Nina in Grand Ledge, some 15 miles from Holt. They also raised their family in the knowledge of the truth one son Dick, and two daughters Barbara and Marge, they all have families of their own now. As Earl and Nina are the only retired people on our staff, they may be our roving ambassadors as they have time for travel. It will be of interest, to some, to know that it was Bro. Earl who immersed Bro. C. O. Dodd into the name of Yahshua some 28 years ago.

Bro. George Kinney, Director: Bro. George is 44 years old. He is another who was brought into a knowledge of the Faith at an early age. Elder Ralph Kinney (George's Dad) was one of the first, if not the first, to broadcast the sacred name on Radio. This was in Detroit in 1919. George is also very active in the Holt Assembly along with his wife Berneta. They have two children, Ann (16) and George (10). George was President for the year just past. George is employed with the U.S. gov't. as a rural mail carrier.

As you can see we are not professional in the worldly sense of the word. We will be doing our best as students of the word of Yahweh. We will not be taking any payment for ourselves as we already have jobs with which to earn our livings. If we make mistakes as printers, publishers or editors please feel free to correct us. We need and expect your suggestions. As we begin this task, and in a way it is a new beginning for THE FAITH, make it a point to write soon, let us know just how you feel about this work. DO IT TODAY! Even if you do not like the magazine let us know. We want it to go only to those who want it and request it themselves. You will be pleased to note the inside cover, there is no longer a subscription price. (The postal regulation that required it has been changed). We feel very strongly that no price should be put on Yahweh's word. Matthew 10:8, Isaiah 55:1-3. Therefore it will now be up to YOU who wish to see this message freely given around the WORLD to get behind it and support it as never before.

Now that you know us a little better, let us hear from you that we might get to know you better. THE EDITORS.

THE FAITH Vs. PAGANISM

lies on your shoulders. We stand as individuals with only one Mediator, Yahshua to plead for our eternal life. I Timothy 2:5.

Information compiled in this article has also been taken from: LOOK, magazine, Feb. 1955, Vol. 19. THE DETROIT FREE PRESS, Feb. 1953 article — "St. Valentine Legend

THE STATE JOURNAL, Lansing, Mich., Feb. 1958, "Odd facts about Lent listed by Tom Henshaw.

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am Yahweh, holy in Israel."

NOTE: The JERUSALEM BIBLE has been used for all Scripture quotations, with the titles Elohim or Mighty One being inserted in place of "GOD". Also emphasis used in quotes

FEAST OF TABERNALES KEPUNIS

MICHIGAN:

The Assembly of Yahweh, Holt, Michigan hosted the 1968 Feast of Tabernacles for anyone who chose to attend. When Brother Jacob Meyer suggested we have the Feast in Michigan, we asked Yahweh through prayer if it was his will to have the Feast here. The brothers and sisters took it to heart and started to plan for this big undertaking.

A suitable location had to be found that would accommodate fifty to one hundred believers. Letters were written to various campgrounds, and trips were taken to look over possible sites. About three weeks before the Feast, the campground near Howell was acquired. With the location taken care of, we could go ahead with our plans for the Feast, and with Yahweh's help everything worked out beautifully.

With the brothers of the Assembly planning the programs and duties for individuals, and the sisters planning the menus, everyone was busy. The members wanted to have the cleanest and most wholesome food for Yahweh's children as possible. Everyone enjoyed the Kosher beef, raw cider (no preservative), raw milk (not pasteurized), and whole grain bread and rolls.

A cook was hired so that the sisters could attend more of the meetings, however, when she failed to come, Sister Berneta Kinney took over and did a wonderful job with the help of the sisters that were present.

The people began arriving Monday afternoon. Brother and Sister Titus Eberly and family, and Brother and Sister Jacob Meyer and family, from Bethel, Pa., Brother Isaiah Hawkins

Ark. Brother Frank Antrozak and daughter Mary and also Brother Orville Frazier all from Grand Rapids, Mi.

Brother Lloyd Parry gave the first message on the meaning of the Feast of Tabernacles. Brother Sylvester Anthony gave a very good talk on "Who is a Yahwist?". Brother Isaiah Hawkins was next with a lesson, "We should walk like Yahshua and be more like him". Brother Jacob Meyer gave four lessons on the Feast, immersion and discerning of spirits. Brother Mansagar spoke on "If the Holy Spirit is in you, there is no room for flesh", and "Yahweh's Promises if we keep his laws, which are still binding". Brother Fraser's message was "Let Yahweh's Spirit descend like a dove and come into our lives." He led a beautiful anointing service, in which Sister Bashore asked for prayer to heal her hearing and was greatly improved immediately. Praise Yahweh.

Sister Pearl Hogarth (Smith) gave a lesson on new moons. Brother Richard Francis spoke on the law and immersion. Brother Don Trowbridge talked of putting on the whole armor of Yahweh in our warfare with worldly sins.

Brother and Sister James Roley spoke on how Yahweh blesses you if you obey his Commandments. Brother Sam Graham's lesson was, "How to receive a bible lesson from road signs". Brother Joseph Owsen's message was "Why I keep the Feast of Tabernacles." Brother George Kinney spoke on his favorite subject, Health, and foods that are mentioned in the Bible. Brother John Chizmadia gave a lesson on the pronouncing of the Sacred Names. Sister Rosena Holloway told of her ministry work and the life of her three singing daughters.

the immersion services, when Espt and Sister I Man, and Sister Nina Bigford were immersed in the Sacred Name. Brother and Sister Mansagar came to the knowledge of the sacred name with the help of the sacred name broadcast; heard on KXEL, Waterloo, Iowa.

A trip to Greenfield Village Dearborn, was scheduled for Thursday. There are ninety exhibits from history to view: Thomas Edison laboratory, Henry Ford's first workshop, the Wright brothers' cycle shop various homes from the past, just name a few. The whole group enjoyed this outing.

Everyone enjoyed the special music and singing. There was an abundance of specials each meeting. Brother Chizmadia, the Anthony and the Young children, Brother Sam Graham, Brother Willy Young, Sister Pearl Hogarth, Sister Berneta Saxm: Sister Ethel Florian, Brother Isai Hawkins, Sister Mansagar and daughter Linda, Daniel Meyer, Brother William Graham and daughter Susan and the Holloway Sisters all praise to Yahweh during the Feast. Tim Parry and Brother Trowbridge played their trumpets. Brother George Kinney played a few numbers on Hawaiian guitar. Young George Kinney and Mark Trowbridge sang duet, with Mark accompanying on guitar. We want to thank Ann Kinney and Sister Nina Bigford for playing the piano for the congregational singing and the special accompaniments.

We can truly say it was good come to the Feast of Tabernacles and receive His wondrous blessings.

Submitted by

SAMUEL A. GRAHAM, MI

REPORTS CONTINUED

ALABAMA:

ous fellowship was enjoyed at ons Gap, Alabama during the of Tabernacles. Many praises were presented to Yahweh. one could feel the Holy Spirit e midst of the congregation. ose attending the '68 Feast are llows:

ALABAMA—Highland Home
 & Sis. Asa Jackson and daughter, Frances with her 3 children
 aksons Gap

& Sis. Roy Pennington and 1 children
 & Sis. Ed Pennington and 4 children
 & Sis. Robert Lawton
 Ennaimine Hall and children
 & Sis. Bob McBride & children

na & Linda Hall
 Harold Hall and 2 children
 o. Harry Tidwell

o. Clinton Crow
 i. Pearl Pennington and son
 Ralph
 iter Mabel Whitney & daughter
 & son-in-law

o. & Sis. Harvey Thompson and 4 children
 o. & Sis. Enos Ayers
 o. & Sis. Coley Freeman
 s. Sonny Ayers and son
 o. C. J. Ayers

illers and Martha Hall
 o. & Sis. Bill Jones and 4 children
 dren
 o. & Sis. Bill Ragsdale & 2 children
 dren

infield
 ster Eva Webb
 ro. James Webb
 ro. & Sis. Nathan Wilds & 2 children

CALIFORNIA
 Bro. Lester Williams

GEORGIA

Sis. L. E. Tabor
 Robbie Hancock, Donnie, Teresa, Tim and Tod
 Mildren Wilson, Kahla and Michael

MARYLAND

Bro. Karel Ensing
 Sis. Jennie Ensing

MICHIGAN

Bro. & Sis. Danny Vlad
 Bro. & Sis. Bob Young and children

PENNSYLVANIA

Bro. & Sis. Al Francis

SOUTH CAROLINA

Bro. & Sis. T. R. Jackman

TEXAS

Bro. & Sis. Roy Lee Spence and children

Bro. & Sis. Ortego

VIRGINIA

Sis. Betty Smith and children
 Sis. Carolyn Saturday and sons
 Sis. Iola Carroll and Jeanie and Stevie

Sis. Lydia Misner

Speakers during the Feast

Bro. Bob McBride, Jacksons Gap, Ala.
 Bro. Robert Young, Detroit, Mich.
 Bro. Harvey Thompson, Jacksons Gap, Ala.

Bro. T. R. Jackman, South Carolina

Bro. Al Francis, Morton, Pa.
 Bro. Nathan Wilds, Winfield, Ala.

The total attendance was about 105. Will your name be among those for the forth coming Feast? Let's have another grand and glorious Feast of Tabernacles in '69

Plea For Help

Letter received from Miss Naomi Gallimore, Reserve P. A., Treasurers, Jamaica BWI, anyone wishing to help her; please write immediately to above address. Editors

"Peace to you through Yahshua our soon coming king. Thank Him for his many mercies our lives are still spared to behold the sunshine and to continue to give Him our praises. My dear brethren I am now sending you a request after searching so long in Jamaica (5 yrs.) and no work obtained. I am now asking (rather begging) you my dear brethren for your help in some way that I can come to America where I am more sure likely to get a job. I would like any of you brethren to sponsor me as quickly as possible to your country where I can help my poor parents and the Faith of Yahshua Messiah. Any job is suitable as you can visualize.

I am dying to get a job, I am 22 years old and of a Jamaican citizen. I have had domestic experience and qualified certificate in G.C.E. and J.S.C. (Jamaica School Certificate) Examinations. Looking so earnestly to hear from you soon." Naomi Gallimore.

NOTE: If you do respond please inform the editors of The Faith, Thank you.

Obituary

Elder Jacob Depner of Chilliwack B.C. formerly of Millet, Alberta, Canada, was born in Lutse, Poland, December 1, 1886. He fell asleep at the age of 81 yrs. He is survived by his loving wife, 5 sons, 2 daughters, 34 great-grandchildren, 24 great-grand grandchildren; all in Canada, 2

brothers and one in many. He had accepted the Bible, holy Sabbath including the Personal Holy name Yahweh and Yahshua. He was immersed in water by Elder Wm. Meyer of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

Since that time he was a faithful, respectable member of the Assembly of Yahweh, after a lengthy illness fell asleep in Yahshua his beloved Saviour on the 9th of October 1968. Chilliwack B.C. Inturnment was made also in Chilliwack B.C. October 12, 1968. He left an honorable example to his beloved wife and children and to all Yahweh's saints which shall not be forgotten.

Elder Depner awaits the call of the life-giver in whom he expressed his faith and dedication throughout his life. Funeral services were conducted by Yahweh's servant Brother Wm. Meyer, of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada and Elder Kosalske of Chilliwack B.C. Elder Depner will be greatly missed by us all.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

DECEMBER 31, 1968

September Balance	Owed	Expenses*	Balance on Oct. Issue
Oct.-Nov.-Dec. Income	Oct.-Nov.-Dec.	Balance Owed	November Issue
		*Expenses Itemized	December Calendar
		Printer	January Issue
			Mailing Envelopes
			Postage
			Telephone
			Office Supplies

\$ 243.62
 1,428.33
 1,559.71
 131.38
 \$243.62
 268.80
 404.16
 303.20
 145.20
 100.32
 91.81
 2.60

Letters We Receive:

im Colorado,

Please pray for me. I need Yahweh to help me and heal me.

Jack D. Speer

im California,

What a joy it is to be privileged to call upon His precious name. What a privilege to be among those to Publish His Name to His wandering flock.

Alleen Donohoe

Please place my name on your subscription list for "The Faith". How can I say that "Yahweh" was the Father's name in the Old Testament when the Holy Testament says The Messiah came to reveal the Father (therefore not known in the Old Testament to man), and John 1:1 shows the Messiah was with the Father at creation?

Guy Gipson

• Please read Hebrews 1:1-2 "The Almighty, who at sundry times and in various manners spoke in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, Whom He hath appointed heir of all things by Whom also He hath ordained the ages;" You see the Father WAS KNOWN in the Old Testament, He was known to Adam, Moses, Abraham and the prophets and patriarchs of old. It is in these last days that we must come to Him through His Son Yahshua the Messiah.

om Canada,

I am writing to you to renew my subscription for 1970. We are pleased about your magazine and the lessons, the two go so well together. The health hints are very helpful, the whole magazine is inspiring. May Yahweh help you carry on his work and spread the good news of His coming kingdom of joy and peace.

K. Dummy

om Texas,

I have in my possession several tracts printed by you people. I also have a friend who owns the Holy Name Bible that was printed by your society. I am very interested in finding out what religious organization you are affiliated with and more about what you teach.

Jesse Franklin

• In 1937 Elder C. O. Dodd started the Faith Bible & Tract Society, and began publishing "The Faith" magazine. He and his wife did this for 19 years until his death in 1955. Since that time the headquarters of "The Faith" moved around and the editorship changed hands several times, finally settling here in Michigan in 1969 (January to be exact). However, Sister Dodd has continued to

affiliated with. We are not connected with ANY denomination. We are a up of selves (as does the Scriptures) "The Assembly of Yahweh." are a up of small groups and individuals scattered here and there, some have (as we have here in Michigan) incorporated as non-profit religious organizations in order to comply with the laws of the land; and to make use of the privileges allotted to "Churches", by the States: In the September issue of The Faith magazine, please read the editorial "The Assembly of Yahweh" and the article "The Congregation of Yahweh" in the January 1970 number for more information. Each of the groups around the country is completely autonomous, that is to say "self-sustaining." Each one does a work in it's own way, some print magazines, some put radio programs on the air, others print tracts and booklets and others publish Bibles. The Holy Name Bible that you have, was published by Bro. A. B. Traina, of "The Scripture Research Association, Inc."

From Jamaica,

"To the faithful brethren in Messiah Yahshua, which are at the Holt Assembly: Grace be unto you and peace from Yah our Father and our dear loving Saviour Yahshua the Messiah! . . . Brethren I do not know if you have heard that I was arrested on the 17th of August 1969, for Blasphemy. Because I said in my preaching the name of Jesus is a filthy name and the name Lord God is an abomination; also, the Bishops, priests, ministers and etc. have robbed Yahvah's and Yahshua's glory and given it to devils . . . Kindly send this news to all believers in the United States and all over the world so that they all will unite with me in prayer for extra boldness and courage to stand as Paul and utter Yah's power . . ."

Elder Henry Muir

We receive many letters everyday, we are sorry that we cannot print every one of them. We are endeavoring to answer each one individually, many are from sincere seekers of truth, and they ask many questions, which we try to answer from the Scriptures to the best of our knowledge. We welcome and encourage these letters. We also receive many letters from those in need of prayer and help from Yahweh, we urge all of our readers to join with us in prayer for them. In addition to these we have many requests for missionaries to be sent or funds to support missionary work. These come from different parts of the United States, from the large cities to the country areas; as well as all over the world; Africa; Jamaica; India; Philippines; Trinidad; etc. We are unable to respond to these requests, at this time, as ALL the funds that reach us are used in the printing of The Faith. If you, our readers, would like to begin a special MISSIONARY FUND, we would be willing to administer it to those who ask us for help. Write and let us know your thoughts on this matter

Editors

Thoughts To Ponder

"LOVING means to love that which is unlovable, or it is no virtue at all; FORGIVING means to pardon the unpardonable, or it is no virtue at all; FAITH means believing the unbelievable, or it is no virtue at all. And HOPE means hoping when things are hopeless, or it is no virtue at all."

—G. K. Chesterton

"ERRORS, like straws, upon the surface flow; He who would search for pearls must dive below." All for Love. (1678). Prologue

Name of His Son, our Savior YAHSHUA the MESSIAH. We affirm also that the most accurate transliteration of these names from the Hebrew into the English is by the spellings employed above. Exodus 3: 14 and 15; Psalm 68: 4; Psalm 83: 18; Isaiah 42: 8; Isaiah 52: 6 and Acts 4: 12.

5. We affirm that the Holy Spirit is the Mighty Power from the Heavenly Father and our Messiah dwelling within us so that we may have the ability and strength to live lives which are pleasing to our Heavenly Father, John 14: 15 to 27. We find the trinitarian doctrine to be foreign to the Inspired Scriptures. The Holy Spirit is imparted to the obedient believers by the laying on of hands of the Elders of the Assemblies after baptism. Acts 19: 1 to 6; Acts 8: 14 to 24; 1st Timothy 4: 14; Acts 2: 38 and Acts 5: 32.

6. We affirm that it is necessary that we keep all the commandments, statutes and judgments for our salvation, except the ritual and animal sacrifice laws, which the Heavenly Father gave to Israel to make them a separate people, Lev. 20: 7 & 8; Deut. 6: 6 to 9 and 25; Matt. 5: 17 to 20; Romans 7: 12. We now keep a Spiritual sacrifice rather than animal sacrifices, meal and drink offerings, Hebrews 13: 15 and 16; 1st Peter 2: 5; Romans 12: 1 and Phil. 4: 18.

7. We affirm that sin is the transgression of the Law of Yahweh. 1st John 3: 4.

8. We affirm that in order to be free from sin, a person must accept the blood of Yahshua the Messiah as his atonement and live a life which is acceptable to our Heavenly Father by keeping His Laws. Micah 6: 8; 1st John 1: 7; 1st John 2: 2; Hebrews 10: 26 to 31; 1st John 1: 7.

9. We affirm that water baptism is a necessary act of repentance; that this baptism is immersion in water, backward, one time, in the Name of Yahshua the Messiah, that this baptism symbolically indicates an inner cleansing, Romans chapter 6; Matt. 3: 13 to 17. We also affirm that baptism, except in rare instances is a necessary step in receiving the Holy Spirit, John 5: 42; John 14: 26; Acts 2: 38

10. We affirm that obedience is necessary to all the commandments of Almighty Yahweh, and that this obedience includes observing and keeping holy His commandments and observances of Leviticus 23 as follows:

11. We affirm that the weekly seventh day Sabbath (commonly called Saturday) is upheld in both Old and New Testament Scriptures, Exodus 20: 8 to 11; Mark 2: 27 & 28; Luke 4: 16 and Hebrews 4: 9.

12. We affirm that the Passover Memorial Supper in this New Testament era is the annual observance of our Savior's death. This observance of the Passover Memorial is to be observed on the evening of the 14th day of the Scriptural month of Abib, after sundown, at the commencement of the day, Exodus 12: 3 to 14; Numbers 28: 1st Cor. 5: 7 & 8 and 1st Cor. 11: 23.

13. The Passover observance utilizes as the emblems which are to be partaken in this New Testament era, the unleavened bread (matzos) as the symbol of the broken body of our Savior, 1st Cor. 10: 16; Exodus 23: 18. The symbol of our Savior's shed blood is understood to be the fruit of the vine (new wine, grape juice), Matt. 26: 27 to 29; Isaiah 65: 8 and Deut. 32: 14. We find the Passover to necessitate the use of unleavened bread on this day, but it is not a Sabbath of rest. It is the pr

paration for the Feast, the day before the Sabbath, Mark 15: 42; Luke 23: 54; John 19: 31 & 42; Exodus 12: 18; Exodus 34: 25. Foot washing precedes the taking of the emblems, John 13.

14. We affirm that the days of Unleavened Bread are observed from the 15th to the 21st inclusive, of the month of Abib, and during this period we eat only unleavened bread with our meals, while symbolically cleansing ourselves of everything which corrupts, meaning false doctrine (teaching) which leads to sin. The first and last days of this observance are to be kept as holy Sabbaths and convocations for the worship and praise of our Heavenly Father, Exodus 12: 15 and 20; Numbers 28: 17 to 25 and Acts 20: 6 and 7.

15. We affirm that the Feast of Shavuoth (Pentecost) is to be observed 7 weeks after Passover, beginning our count toward this day from the weekly Sabbath during the week of Unleavened Bread. Shavuoth (Feast of Weeks) is always observed on the first day of the week, Lev. 23: 9 to 21 and Acts. chapter 2. We find that it was the day of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the New Testament Assembly and was also the time when the law of Yahweh was given to Israel from Mt. Sinai.

16. We affirm that we shall observe the Feast of Trumpets in anticipation of our Savior's return from Heaven for His bride, the Assembly. Lev. 23: 24 & 25; Numbers 10: 1 to 10; Numbers 29: 1 and 1st Thes. 4: 16.

17. We affirm that the fast of Atonement (Yom Kippur) is to be observed as a memorial of our Savior's atonement for us on the tree of Calvary. This day is to be observed as a strict Sabbath and fast day, Lev. 23: 27 to 32 and Acts 27: 9.

18. We affirm that the Feast of Tabernacles is to be observed in this New Testament era as a preview of the Kingdom of Yahweh and the millenium, Lev. 23: 34 to 39; John 7: 1 to 39; Zech. 14: 16 to 21. The Feast of Tabernacles is a feast of 7 days, the first day being a Holy Convocation, while the 8th day, called the Last Great Day, is to be observed as a Holy Convocation also. John 8: 37.

19. We affirm that the Scriptural months are determined by the visible New Moons which indicate the first day of each month. We find that the Scriptures indicate further, that the law will go forth from Zion in the millenium and that the Holy Days will then be set from Jerusalem. We find that the Scriptural day begins and ends with sunset, Lev. 23: 32; Mark 1: 32; Isaiah 2: 3; and Micah 4: 2.

20. We affirm that our Savior Yahshua the Messiah will establish the Kingdom of Yahweh, the Kingdom of the Heavens, on this earth. This Kingdom will rule for 1,000 years and will be set up by Yahshua the Messiah as His second coming. At that time righteousness will be established as the order of the day and this earth will be rebuilt into an Edenic Paradise which man lost originally through sin, Isaiah 11: 1 to 10; Matt. 6: 10; Rev. chapters 21 and 22.

21. We affirm that the Scriptures teach eternal punishment for the wicked, that this punishment is complete annihilation or destruction in the lake of fire (Gehenna), and we disavow an eternal torment in an ever burning hell, 2nd Thes. 1: 7 to 10; Mal. 4: 1 to 3; Psalm 37: 20 to 22; Isaiah 33: 12; Matt. 25: 46; Jude 7.

22. We affirm that adherence to the law of clean meats in Lev. 11 and Deut. 14 is still in effect and binding in our era, and that it is important to our physical health.

23. We affirm that the Scriptures teach anointing with oil in the Name of Yahshua the Messiah for healing of illness. This anointing service should be done by at least two Elders if possible, James 5: 13 to 20 and Ex. 15:26

24. We affirm that in order to preach this true doctrine of salvation around the world, every member of the body of the Messiah is obligated by Scriptural Law to tithe ten percent of their increase to the Assemblies of Yahweh. These tithes are to be paid to the headquarters treasury so that no duplication of the ministry shall occur, Mal. 3: 8 to 12; Leviticus 27: 30 to 33 and Matt. 23: 23. The Assemblies of Yahweh teach also the second (Feast Day) and the third (third year poor fund) tithes.

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SPIRITUAL LIFE IN THE ASSEMBLIES OF YAHWEH

In the Inspired Scriptures we find a definite picture of the Spiritual life which is to be lived by each individual member of the Assemblies of Yahweh. We affirm that the Scriptures teach a life of total obedience to Almighty Yahweh and to His perfect laws. We affirm that the members of the Assemblies of Yahweh should be bright and shining examples to the outside world of the true worship which we find in the Scriptures. It should be our aim to live as closely as possible to our Heavenly Father Yahweh each day. It should be our goal to live a simple life, abstaining from activities with which this worldly society around us amuses itself. As ambassadors of a Heavenly Kingdom to come, it should be our desire to exclude ourselves from all involvement in the political activities of the nations in which we reside. This abstention will include voting in elections, 1st John 2: 15; 2nd Cor. 5: 20; Matt. 5: 14 to 16; 2nd Tim. 2: 4; Leviticus 26 and Deut. 28.

Every baptized member of the Assemblies of Yahweh who has dedicated his life to the Messiah, should endeavor sincerely to witness the Good News of the Kingdom of the Heavens to his surrounding acquaintances.

We affirm that the Scriptures command modesty in dress for both brethren and sisters, 1st Tim. 2: 8 to 10. We find that the Scriptures teach a doctrine of headship in regard to our positions of authority in the Assembly and in the home, 1st Cor. 11: 1 to 16; 1st Tim. 2: 12 to 15; and 1st Peter 3: 1 to 7. Relative to this teaching of headship, we find that a woman is obligated to have her head covered for worship and while witnessing. The Scriptures teach a doctrine of purity of the body, meaning that we will not take into our bodies any habit forming drugs which may cause the body to lose its sanctified nature, possibly causing the Holy Spirit to depart from us; 2nd Cor. 6: 14 to 18. It should be our objective to live as healthfully as we possibly can, in order that we may present a witness of strength to the world and consequently be a more effective witness for Yahweh.

We affirm that the Scriptures teach a doctrine of non-violence toward our fellow men. We are commanded to live at peace with all men and to follow the golden rule set forth in Matt. 7: 12; also Lev. 19: 17 & 18; Matt. 22: 39. The example which our Savior Yahshua the Messiah set for us should be followed by all the brethren of the Assemblies of Yahweh, in which He left His vengeance in the hands of Almighty Yahweh, the Heavenly Father. Our attitude toward all men should be that love will win our enemies, 1st Peter 2: 21 to 23; 1st Cor. 6: 1 to 11; Matt. 5: 33 to 48.

In accordance with this attitude which exhibits peace toward all men, we insist that all of the young men of draft age in the Assemblies of Yahweh refrain from

military duty of any kind. We urge that they accept a position in an institution whose objective is humanitarian or in conservation work, in accordance with the government laws regulating alternate service and in lieu of military service. The ministers of the Assemblies of Yahweh are charged with responsibility in teaching and assisting the young men of the brotherhood to further this Scriptural principle, Exodus 20: 13; Deut. 5: 17; Matt. 5: 38 to 48; Luke 6: 27 to 35; Matt. 26: 52; John 18: 36; Romans 12: 9 to 21.

It should be the goal of each member of the Assemblies of Yahweh to establish a home in which a spirit of love prevails. Each husband and wife in the Messiah should strive to build a life which will last into Eternity. The enlightened members of the Assemblies of Yahweh will never find solutions to their marital problems in the divorce courts. The parents will dutifully teach their children the correct way which leads to life eternal, Eph. 5: 20 to 33; Eph. 6: 1 to 9; 1st Cor. 7: 1 to 17. Our everyday lives are the best witness we can present, both to those in the Assemblies of Yahweh and to those outside in the world, that no reproach shall be brought upon the Name of the Messiah.

In the Assemblies of Yahweh the spirit of love should be evident among the brethren. This spirit of love should be an outgoing concern which manifests itself spontaneously for each member of the body of the Messiah. Any differences shall be settled according to Matt. chapter 18. No brother shall take recourse in the worldly courts of law in a disagreement against his brother in the Messiah, 1st Cor. chapter 6.

In each assembly order is to be maintained at all times. The worship of Yahweh's people for our Heavenly Father should be manifested in the same way that a child is obedient to his parents.

Each individual member of the Assemblies of Yahweh should find opportunities to witness the truth of the Inspired Scriptures which they hold dear and to seek out others and bring them to the fold. Every member of the Assemblies of Yahweh should work hard to further this organization and to prepare it as the body of the Messiah which will meet the Savior in the air when He returns. Each member of the body of the Messiah should endeavor to fulfill the Scripture in every way so that he will be a fine example of the True Worshiper to those in the outside world, so that others will wish to join the body of the Messiah.

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QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE ASSEMBLIES OF YAHWEH

The qualifications for membership in the Assemblies of Yahweh shall be as follows:

Each member in good standing shall have been baptized into the Name of Yahshua the Messiah. Each member shall be living a life of total submission to our Heavenly Father Yahweh and to His royal law, a life which indicates repentance and conversion. Each member shall be in agreement with this statement of doctrine and recognize it as a summary of the truth which is proclaimed by the Inspired Scriptures. It should be the aim of each member of the Assemblies of Yahweh to draw closer to those of like precious faith and to fellowship with them as Spiritual brethren.

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Interview: Joe B. Walker Eugene, Ore. Oct. 21, 1971

1. Mr.

Born in 1906 in Arkansas, Walker's wife was a SDA and he became one through her. He came into the Church of God in 1942, and preached for them for 20 years. He quit the Church of God, and was re-baptized in the Sacred Names Church in 1965. He has pastored a church in Veneta for 3 years, which calls itself the Assembly of Yahweh.

From about 1960-65, he pastored the Scrael Hill church. He was removed from being a pastor because of his sacred names ideas. Previously he pastored an independent Church of God in Pomona (30 mi. east of LA), Calif., for 8½ yrs.

The Sacred Names movement was founded by C.O. Dodd. They had the Feast Days from the start. John Kiesz introduced Walker to the Sacred Names doctrine. He also studied with Dodd on this during the '40's. He thus had studied the idea long before his break with the Church of God in 1965.

Walker knows A.N. Dugger very well; he met him in 1945. Dugger believes some of the Sacred Names doctrine, but uses both God and Mahshua, etc. Dugger told Walker in a letter that he believes the truth of the Sacred Names, but does not preach this strongly because it offends the Jews, who believe YHVH is too sacred to pronounce.

Walker terms the Passover the "Master's Supper," and has both wine and grape juice available because some believe one way, and others the other way. Pentecost falls on different days of the week, and thus must be calculated from the annual high day, and not the weekly Sabbath. Walker admits this is the first year he has kept all the Feast Days. He started going to the Assembly of Mahvah in Junction City, and they did not believe in the Feast Days at the time. When he moved

to Eugene and began attending with the Veneta group, he studied more about the Feast Days. Veneta group does not demand that the Feast Days be kept, and the FT had meetings only on the first and last days. FT's were held in Veneta, Michigan, Missouri, Kansas and elsewhere. Walker cited Zech. 14 that the FT will be kept in Millennium, so we should keep it now. Can't see why the Church of God doesn't do this.

The Veneta church has 23-30 in Sabbath school, and the entire membership is 40-45. On the all day meetings held one Sabbath of the month, attendance runs as high as 80. They associate with a Feast Day keeping Seventh Day Church of God in Springfield, headed by Donald Smith, and a church on Patterson and Waite in Eugene that used to be with Armstrong. There is also an Assembly of Mahweh in Lebanon. All are autonomous. Jacob V. Meyer does the Sacred Name Broadcast, from Bethel, Pa.

Walker reports that since February, he has baptized 14 people, most of these from Armstrong's church. It is up to the individual whether or not he wants to be re-baptized. Since these from Armstrong's church desired re-baptism, they must be quite antagonistic toward their former belief.

Walker says he does not agree with Mr. Armstrong on the Millennium, but shows he does not understand what Mr. Armstrong teaches. He is vehement against Mr. Armstrong closing his church; he once called the pastor in Eugene but was told to study more before he could come. He thinks Mr. Armstrong wastes money by having a plush campus and paying his son \$40,000 a year.

Tithes are paid to the local church, and used in the local church, with portions sent to the various Sacred Name

Recently a whole church, including the pastor, of the Seventh Day Church of God in Wisconsin came into the Sacred Names movement.

Walker is not antagonistic toward the Church of God. But he thinks if they have the opportunity to study the Sacred Names and the Feast Days and reject it, God will not wink at their ignorance, they will be accountable. When he studied and compared the doctrines of the SDA's and the Church of God, he found the later to have the most truth.

Walker wrote to the SDA HQ in Washington, D.C. and got their story of the Church of God. The material he had was loaned to Ed Severson and wasn't returned. In his studies, he found out that the SDA's of the early period chewed tobacco also.

He has a considerable stock of old magazines of Idaho, Denver, and Dugger, and invites me to come by to look at them.

ORIGIN AND HISTORY OF THE SACRED NAME MOVEMENT

Dodd and the Faith Magazine

Clarence O. Dodd states that he began to keep the Passover in 1928, and immediately began keeping the other Feast Days of that year.

"After being thwarted in a determined effort to teach the importance of keeping these Holy Days in the group in which he was then affiliated," Elder Dodd "broke away and inaugurated a magazine to proclaim the importance of this great Truth."

Dodd had been instrumental along with A.N. Dugger during the 1933 Church of God, Seventh Day split, helping to form the Salem, West Virginia faction. He served as Secretary-Treasurer through the spring of 1936. When the church reacted strongly in opposition to his Feast Day teaching and asked him to resign, Elder Dodd began a new magazine in March, 1937 in order to continue to teach the keeping of the Feast Days.

It is interesting to note that Dodd co-authored the book, A History of the True Church with A.N. Dugger, which was published in 1936. Many in the Salem group did keep the Feast Days during these years. Elders John Kiesz and Frank Walker continued to keep them, with Herbert Armstrong, until at least 1945. But in 1937 at a campmeeting in Eugene, Armstrong was forced out of the Church of God, Seventh Day, because he would not cease preaching about the Feast Days and Anglo-Israelism.

It is indeed significant that Dodd should break away and start The Faith magazine in the same year, March of 1937.

Dodd "began to publish the [Sacred] Names [idea] in 1939," says Jacob O. Meyer, but according to L.D. Snow it was October of 1938.

At first he used the name, "Jehovah," but through continuous study, he began to see that the tetragrammaton should be transliterated as "YAHWEH," pronounced "Yahway," Dodd was baptized into the name of Yahshua in 1941 by Elder Earl Bigford of Michigan.

Further, "quite a number of ministers [in the Salem Church of God]... accepted the Feasts ultimately and some of them eventually accepted the Sacred Name...." Among these were Elders William Bishop and William Bodine.

Armstrong's Relations With Dodd

Jacob O. Meyer, current leader of the Sacred Names Movement, writes: "Among some of my interesting research material is a 1939 copy of the Faith magazine in which Elder C.O. Dodd advertised the Feast of Tabernacles which was held in Oregon under the direction of Elder Herbert W. Armstrong. A similiar advertisement appears in 1941, in which Elder Dodd calls Mr. Armstrong 'a pioneer in this great truth.' The notice even hints strongly that some of that Oregon group [Armstrong's] were using the Sacred Names!"

The Conns and Mrs. Bobbie Fisher, early converts through Armstrong's preaching, strongly feel that Armstrong came to understand the Feast Days through self-study, and not through Dodd. But Mrs. Vera Henion, who with her husband Dave Henion moved to Oregon in October of 1934 (they were Church of God members previously in Nebraska), notes that there might have been some tie between Armstrong and Dodd. She herself learned much of her beliefs concerning the Holydays from Dodd's tracts and articles. She took the Salem Bible Advocate, and might have learned something about the Feast Days from that source. She wrote questions to Dodd, and recalls that Armstrong's knowledge of the Holydays was increased through her, as she gave him Dodd's material and they studied them together. She recalls that a woman in Eugene (a big, fleshy woman, now deceased) started Armstrong on the Holydays. Mrs. Henion, who went to the Scrael Hill church, believes it was the latter part of 1935 that she started keeping the Holydays, along with 40-60 others, including the Helms, McGills, Davis and Armstrongs.

Work of Dodd — The Faith Continues

Meyer notes that Dodd "was not blessed with an advertising flair as some men are, and as a consequence the Sacred Name message reached a rather limited audience. Dodd died in December, 1955, and his magazine passed to different individuals. Yet his work continued in The Faith magazine and the Assemblies of Yahweh.

From March 1937 to August 1955, The Faith was published at Salem, West Virginia, by Dodd's Faith Bible and Tract Society. After his death, headquarters passed on to Robert C. Darnell at Kansas City (February 1956 — February 1957). Dodd's wife Martha continues to operate The Faith Bible and Tract Society at Salem. B.C. Wright continued the editorship from March 1957 to August 1961, during which The Faith headquarters moved in August 1958 to Tulsa and later back to Grandview, Missouri. In September 1961 it moved to Washington, D.C. where Elder D.G. Werner served as editor until January 1966. In January 1964, the paper moved to Morton (near Philadelphia), Pennsylvania. From 1966 — 1969, several members of the Morton Assembly of Yahweh, "The Faith Staff" served as editor.

In February, 1969, the paper again moved, this time to its seventh home, Holt, Michigan, where the "Holt Assembly" served as Co-Editors. In 1969 these were Samuel Graham, President; Lloyd Parry, Vice President; Richard Francis, Treasurer; Ruth Parry, Secretary; and Donald Trowbridge, Earl Bigford and George Kinney, Directors. Ruth Fink of Morton provided Quarterly Lessons.

The assembly of Yahweh which puts out The Faith does not consider itself to be any denomination, but is made up of small groups and individuals around the nation, each completely autonomous.

Sacred Name Leaders

According to a letter from a Sacred Names believer, Ruth Fink of Philadelphia, Alexander McWhorter wrote a book or tract, "The Memorial Name, or Yahweh-Christ," in 1857. He may have been one of the earliest Sacred Name believers.

She also notes that Dodd, a member in the Church of God (Seventh Day), along with A. B. Traina, John Briggs, Bro. Cessna of Detroit, Marvin Gay of Richmond, Michigan, Bro. Owsen of Livenia, Michigan and other became interested in the Sacred Name. Others were Mr. and Mrs. William Bodine of Van Buren, Arkansas (Bodine was chosen #5 of the 70 elders at the November 4, 1933 meeting in Salem, West Virginia. William Bishop was also a Church of God (Seventh Day) Associate who became a Sacred Name leader.).

Fink notes that there was a Camp Yah in Eaton Rapids, and Sister Pearl Smith of Lansing had quite a group for a number of years. Mr. and Mrs. Parry, Sister Bertha O. Saxman and Richard Francis are of the Holt group.

Dr. John Briggs and Yahweh Beth Israel

About 1933 to 1936, Angelo B. Traina, now deceased, pastored a church called the Gospel Kingdom Assembly in Irvington, New Jersey. It believed in baptizing in hyssop and rejected Pauline writings. One of his members, a Czech named August Sheffick, may have introduced

Traina to the Sacred Name concept, as he claimed that he hated the word Christ, as it was a profane Greek name, meaning "smeared with excrement." Traina studied the subject further, especially noting the word Jehovah in Psalms 83:18. "Dr." John Briggs, from Michigan, was living in New York City and considered himself a disciple of Traina, learning of the Sabbath, the "tribes" message and clean foods from Traina. Briggs came to Irvington on weekends and became convinced of the Sacred Name through Sheffick. Briggs prayed for a sick girl in "the Sacred Name of Yahshua" and she was healed; after that Briggs always used this name in prayer, although not all the church in Irvington believed it. Traina told Briggs to "soft peddle" the idea, so Briggs and Paul Penn, a Jewish member of the church, moved to Detroit, resuming a study at Briggs' house on February 13, 1937. They attended a Church of God (Seventh Day) assembly, at 1400 Orleans Street, "the first place evangelized" in the Sacred Name. When the elders of the church were away attending a convention in Flint, Briggs was asked to speak. His Sacred Names sermon in December, 1936, convinced William Bishop, after Briggs explained why Christ is reported to have said "Eli, Eli, Lama Sabachtani," Bishop was of the "fighting type," and this apparently caused a stir over the issue in the Church of God. He rented a church for three months so he and Briggs could preach the name doctrine. Bishop was the first to evangelize in the name of Yahshua.

Briggs came to believe in triune immersion, first in the name of the Father, YAHVEH, second in the name of His Son YAHSHUA, and third in the name KADESH, group name for the Heaven's angels.

Brigg's group of followers was chartered in Michigan on July 11, 1939 as The Assembly of YHVH with Charter members Joseph Owsinski, John Bigelow Briggs, Squire La Rue Cessna, Harlan Van Camp, George Reiss, Daniel Morris, William L. Bodine, John M. Cardona, Edmond P. Roche and Marvin Gay. Supposed to be a "general organization," the group permitted transliterations as Yahovah, Yahveh, Yah and Yahavah. The Assembly of YHVH may be the oldest chartered name group in America.

L.D. Snow reports that Briggs and Penn were the first to pronounce and use the name Yahshua. Later William Bishop and S.L. Cessna used it.

At one time in the late 1930's and early 1940's, there was such a large group of names believers around Detroit that they sponsored a radio program with Elder Ralph Kinney as spokesman, beginning in 1939. Elder Joseph Owsinski led the group in Dearborn, and Elder Cessna pastored the Detroit church.

Brigg's group later became known as YAHVEH BETH ISRAEL. Briggs served as its executive secretary until his death on October 12, 1961, previously ordaining ministers to continue his work. By 1965, Paul Penn was the President, Norbert Bowen the Treasurer, and William E. Bishop the Executive Secretary.

Briggs' "Kadesh Name Society," or "Names Evangelization Program" has also been referred to as "The Hallowed be Thy Name Movement."

It continues, with congregations in Dearborn Heights, Michigan (Yahveh Beth Israel). Taylor, Michigan (B'Nai B'Rith Yah); and Detroit (B'Na Yah).

A.B. Traina and the Holy Name Bible

In 1938 Traina had received a copy of The Faith magazine from Dodd. He apparently went to Dodd in Salem, West Virginia, convincing Dodd of the "Israel message." Dodd had Traina write this down, so he could put it into The Faith.

Traina seems to recall that this same year, 1936 as he remembers, but 1938 in fact, Dodd asked him to accompany him to a campmeeting in Warrior, Alabama. Traina was the first one called on to speak. When he got to the platform, he announced that he was anti-Christ, and that before he got through, there would be many other anti-Christ with him. After a two-hour sermon, he had an altar call, answered

first by the Dodds, and then almost half the congregation. At this time they believed the proper name was Yahovah, but later learned that Yahweh was more proper.

Traina was an important figure in the Sacred Names Movement. He translated the New Testament into the Sacred Name in 1950, and published the Holy Name Bible in 1963. Traina continued to work with The Faith but formed his own Scripture Research Association, Inc. of 1125 Stuyvesant Avenue, Irvington, New Jersey. Traina said he began to keep the Sabbath in 1916, through reading the Scofield Bible. He says he was never a member of the Church of God (Seventh Day). Exactly what his Israel beliefs are is not known; he apparently identified them with the Caucasian race. He maintains that he did not "hear of the tribes from Destiny Magazine NOR from Armstrong. [But] when I was in Los Angeles, in 1947, I tried to get Armstrong right on the question of the tribes and the Name, BUT he refused to discuss the subjects so he is just as ignorant as Jere. 8:8 and 9 says about false prophets."

Interestingly, the Scripture Research Association's headquarters at one time was at Box 47, Cessia, Florida. Traina may have been the "minister from Florida" that wrote Herbert Armstrong in 1927 or 1928, saying that he was ignorant unless he knew the identity of the United States and Britain as the Birthright people of Israel.

This started Armstrong on his researches on the Anglo-Israel question.

Traina reported he kept three Feasts, Passover, First Fruits and Feast of Tabernacles. He died in 1971 or 1972.

L. P. Snow and The Elijah Messenger and Assembly of Yahvah

L. D. Snow was first converted in 1929 under the preaching of a Free Will Baptist minister, in Fort Smith, Arkansas. In 1932, Snow united with the Church of God (7th Day) of Fort Smith, pastored by Elder R. A. Barnes. Soon after his marriage on October 17, 1933, Snow was given an American Standard Version of the Bible, and came to respect the name "Jehovah."

Barnes' church went into the Salem Church of God faction, and Snow became a minister. A. N. Dugger, General Overseer, called a ministers' meeting during the Campmeeting at Galena, Kansas in 1936, requesting several months in advance that the ministers prepare to make a decision as to the exact words for the ceremony of water baptism. Snow privately felt that "Jehovah" was the proper name, and later believed that this conference, and the resultant discussion, was important in starting the name movement.

Elder C. O. Dodd, one of the "mainsprings" in founding the Salem Group, served as Secretary-Treasurer through 1936. But because he differed

on the subject of Feast Days, he was asked to resign, and in March of 1937 he started The Faith Magazine. Someone from Michigan sent Dodd a clipping about the Savior's name, which Dodd published as "filler." But great interest was sparked by the article, and Dodd began to use the form Jehovah for the Creator, and also Jahovah and Yahovah and Jah-oshuah and Jahoshua in the October 1938 Faith. This same issue contains an article by A.B. Traina, "What is His Son's Name?" in which he used Jahovah for the Father and Jah-oshuah for the Son. Also there was an article by William Bishop and John Briggs of the Kadash Name Society of Detroit on "The King James' Version Regarding Sacred Names."

The first "name" campmeeting was the Feast of Tabernacles of the Church of God at Warrior, Alabama, held in the home of Church of God minister J.D. Bagwell. Dodd and Traina attended, as well as elders C.J. Ayers, J.A. McClain, Arthur Barnes, and L.D. Snow. Traina, though not a Church of God minister, was the main speaker, given 4-6 hours a day to lecture on the name subject. Names then used were Jehovah, Jahovah and Yahovah, and Jah-oshuah.

Snow considers October 1938 campmeeting as "the real beginning of the Name Movement." It was also the year that Dodd founded The Faith Bible and Tract Society.

Snow and his wife were convinced of the Name in 1943. He was credentialed with The Assembly of YHVH in Michigan in the early 1940's. At this time, Dodd was using the form Yahweh and Snow went along with this spelling but pronounced it Yah-WAH for a short time, later YAHVAH. In 1950 Snow changed his spelling of the Name to Yahvah. Others who supported Snow on this usage were Elder Squire La Rue Cessna (a former Church of God, Seventh Day, minister) and Elder Israel Klar. Cessna in the late 1920's called his group "The Assembly of Jehovah," and in the early 1930's, "The Assembly of Yahvah."

Snow maintains that during the early years of Dodd's work, Dodd used the four letters YHVH and the form Yahavah, pronounced Yahvah. But later Dodd changed to "Yahweh," pronounced "YahWAY." As early as 1938, the issue of just how to pronounce and spell the Hebrew name has been a hotly disputed issue among Name Belivers.

In 1945, Snow began publishing The Yahwist Field Reporter, which was later changed to Kingdom Messenger and Field Reporter, and still later to The Elijah Messenger and Field Reporter. He formed the Sacred Name Publishing Association at Fort Smith, Arkansas. Associate ministers were C. A. Davis of Tulsa, L. F. Wilds who moved to Fort Smith in 1945, C. J. Ayers and W. L. Bodine.

In 1949, Snow moved to Emory, Texas, where that summer he organized The Assembly of Yahvah with himself as overseer and E. B. Adair Assistant Overseer. In 1956 the group was incorporated in Texas, and Snow began to teach "apostolic organization."

Snow's literature resulted in the organization of Sacred Name work in India as early as 1948, and also the Philippines and Jamaica.

Differing greatly over the pronunciation of the Name with Elder A. B. Traina, Snow nevertheless notes that Traina did much to spread the name message.

Snow moved to Junction City, Oregon in 1957, where he was assisted in 1966 by Wilburn Stricklin of Harrisburg. Another associate that year was James Pridmore of Moline, Illinois.

The Elijah Messenger uses both Yahvahshua and Yahshua for the Messiah's name. The group is rather against Anglo-Israelism, although admitting that "many of us are Israelites." Passover is kept, but Feast Day observance is allowed to individual members or local churches, but not promoted by the Messenger.

"Yah" and "The Word"

Another Sacred names group is The Assemblies of Yah, headquartered at Albany, Oregon. Formerly associated with the Assembly of Yahweh,

this group publishes the paper, The Word (since 1961) and in 1969 was led by Hans H. Schallig. The annual feasts are kept by the "Yah" group.

Boyd's and Sacred Name Herald

Still another group has been Earl and Mrs. Boyd, who since 1958 have published the Sacred Name Herald, from Wilder, Idaho. In 1969, it was moved to Claremore, Oklahoma. The "Feast of Weeks" is figured by the Boyds from the annual Sabbath.

Jacob O. Meyer and the Sacred Names Broadcast

Born in Bethel, Pennsylvania, German-accented Jacob O. Meyer's ancestors arrived in America from Germany in 1732. They were among the founding fathers of the old German Baptist Brethren (which later took the name, Church of the Brethren). Meyer notes that one of the strange customs of this church was the annual spring deacons's visit to each member, to see if they still held fast to the teachings of the church. The tradition stemmed from a split in the church in colonial times, when Conrad Beissel preached the keeping of the Scriptural Sabbath, and founded the monastic community at Ephrata, Pennsylvania. There is a strong possibility, Meyer notes, that some of his forefathers were in the Ephrata community, which observed the memorial supper four times a year, one of these at the Passover season.

Meyer learned the Sacred Names doctrine from a Bible course he took in conjunction with Albright College, sponsored by the Berks County Sabbath School Association. He first associated with a small group who met at Hamburg, Pennsylvania; later he found scattered groups all over the world. He noticed that "most of the Sacred Name believers were firmly committed to Feast Day keeping" as a result of "the able teaching of Elder Dodd."

This was during the early 1960's, and Meyer was "terribly disillusioned" when he found that the Sacred Names people were "terribly fragmented on doctrine. [And] There was really no determined effort to work toward unity or preach this magnificent Bible Truth to the world."

Meyer was re-baptized into the Sacred Name, and volunteered his services to assist Elder Boyd, who was publishing a Sacred Name periodical the Sacred Name Herald, in Wilder, Idaho. His first Feast of Tabernacles was in 1964, when his family went to Oregon and assembled with some 30-50 brethren at a campground in Turner. The Feast was arranged by the Lebanon Assembly of Yahweh.

Meyer apparently stayed in Oregon for a time and worked with them, supporting them financially and journalisticly in their effort to establish a magazine. But "Satan entered the flock and caused this group to dis-integrate," and Meyer returned to his birthplace in Bethel, Pennsylvania.

In 1965, Meyer kept the Feast of Tabernacles at Nevada, Missouri with 30-40 people. Mrs. Pearl Smith of Michigan was there also. Meyer was ordained to the ministry there. A few months later in February of 1966, he initiated the Sacred Name Broadcast radio program, over radio program, over radio WBMD, Baltimore. In 1968, Meyer began the Sacred Name Broadcaster magazine.

In 1969, Meyer launched the Assemblies of Yahweh, Inc. as a vehicle to unify all the Sacred Name elements.

During the previous years, Meyer had observed the Feasts with small groups in Alabama and Michigan. The 1969 Feast of the Assemblies of Yahweh was held in Bethel, with 60 people. In 1970, there were 100 people. The people outgrew this place, so in 1971 and 1972, the Feast was observed in St. Louis in a state park.

Meyer began a magazine for members only, called The Narrow Way. In 1972 his administrative assistant, and managing editor of The Narrow Way, was Henry D. McFarland, formerly of the Worldwide Church of God. In 1971, Meyer was the only fulltime member of the staff, but by 1972 there were eight. A "School of the Prophets," that is, a college, was planned for the fall of 1972. Private tutelage would be given young men, who enrolled in local college Bible courses.

A Pasadena, California assembly of Yahweh was expected to begin in August of 1972 under the guidance of Donald Capra.

The Spanish work began on June 29, 1972 with the decision to publish a "Curso De Correspondencia."

The Sacred Name Broadcast of Meyer is heard across the nation and is becoming widely known. Both the Bethel and Holt groups work together. All the Holy Days are kept by the Assembly of Yahweh (Pentecost on Sunday), which makes them differ from the Assembly of Yahvah, which keeps Passover only, and the Assembly of Yah, which keeps Pentecost as the Jews do.

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Assemblies of Yahweh

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THE STATEMENT OF DOCTRINE

PREAMBLE

The brethren in the Messiah who have united to organize the ASSEMBLIES OF YAHWEH, present this document as their statement of doctrine. These dedicated brethren have become concerned with the wide spread disorganization and confusion which has been rampant during the past years in the Sacred Name Movement. This concern has led to the conclusion that a statement of doctrine such as this is necessary to define for the interested inquirers after Scriptural truth, the sound doctrines which are contained in the Inspired Scriptures, the Word of Almighty Yahweh. We hereby present this document as the basis of faith on which we all can stand, and on which we can base a unity of purpose. We believe that this statement of doctrine presents the faith which was once and for all time delivered to the sanctified believers, clearly and concisely. We believe that this statement of doctrine will be instrumental in uniting us all under one banner as the body of the Messiah, and will enable us to give a ready testimony of our faith to all who seek truth, 1st Peter 3: 15.

THE BASIS OF OUR FAITH

1. We affirm that in order to interpret correctly the Inspired Scriptures, we must use the Old Testament as a basis for our faith. We must therefore interpret the New Testament through the teachings of the Old, thereby making one complete unit. In the New Testament we find that repeated reference is made to the Law, the Psalms and the Prophets, in other words, the Word of Almighty Yahweh, John 5:39; Luke 24: 44 to 46 and 2nd Timothy 3: 14 to 17. Please see also Isaiah 8:20. The Old Testament Scriptures saw partial fulfillment in the accounts which are recorded in the New, while they will find complete fulfillment in the years which will follow the second coming of our Savior.
2. We affirm that there is one Almighty Heavenly Father who is above all, and to whom we owe our reverence and worship. Deut. 6: 4; 6: 13; Matt. 4: 10 and 1st Cor. 8: 4 to 6.
3. We affirm that the Messiah has come in the form of the man who is depicted in the New Testament Scriptures, that He pre-existed with the Father, Psalm 2; Micah 5: 2 and John 17: 5; that He was born of a virgin, Matt. 1: 18 & 23; Luke 1: 26 to 38; that He lived a sinless life, 1st Peter 2: 22; that through His death upon the tree of Calvary we may have atonement for our sins, Isaiah 53; Hebrews 9; and that He rose again the third day to give us a hope of a resurrection also, 1st Cor. 15: 1 to 8; Romans 5: 6 to 12 and 1st John 5: 9 to 13.
4. We affirm that it is necessary and most important to our salvation that we accept the revealed, personal Name of our Heavenly Father YAHWEH and the