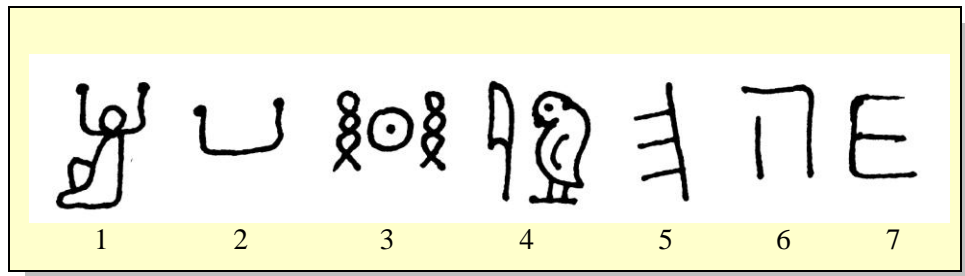


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Egypt's hieroglyph for the "god of air" was **Heh**, which stood for a "great, but indefinite number." It represented "**the Eternal One**, the god of *hundreds of thousands of years*." It stood for a "**limitless number**." In fact, *Heh* represented **infinity** and was drawn as:

- a stick figure of a man praying or praising God (figure 1);¹
- a simpler version with hands raised, the symbol for *ka*, the soul (figure 2); and
- a 3-image sign representing *eternity*: a circle with a dot in the center having a helix-looking column on either side. (figure 3)²

These facts are interesting considering that the dotted circle represented *sun, life and light*, and that science's symbol of *basic life* is the **helix**. In fact, in *older forms of Egyptian*, "I am" had the sound **yw**.³ (figure 4)

In the Ugaritic language, *hwy* or *yhwy* meant "to live, to keep alive, to grant life" with similar meanings in Phoenician (*hw*), Aramaic (*hyy*, *hywh*, "his life"), Arabic (*hay* (I) *ya*), and Hittite (*hyy*).⁴ In pre-Cuneiform and Chaldean languages, a "ka@ sound was drawn as a head with an open mouth (for breathing in life)."⁵ Further, at least three African people-groups speak the personal name of the **supreme being** as **YAWAY**.⁶

(1) Yah, The Eternal.

Yah (יה) is found in Psalm 68:4, "Sing to God...extol Him...by his name **Yah** (יה)" and in Psalm 89:8, "Who is mighty like unto thee, O **Yah** (יה)." See Exodus 15:2; Isaiah 12:2 and Psalm 118:14, "**Yah** is my strength and my song." What could *Yah* mean but a *manifestation* (י) of *heh* (ה)! "Praise God" in Hebrew is *Hallelu Yah* (יה)!

(2) Yahu.

Combine *Yah* and *Hu* (third, masculine singular English word meaning "he"). In other words, **Yah is the One, Yah is The Eternal. Yahu** has appeared on Hebrew seals, pieces of pottery, daggers and rings, etc., in the land of Israel since the beginning of the Hebrew script in the 9th century B.C. (Naveh 1994:21), and **Yahu** is also frequently found in names from Biblical days (Elijah - *Eliyahu*) down to present, exemplified in Benjamin *Natanyahu*.

(3) Yahweh (יהוה) is a compound word.

The first two letters form *Yah*. The last three are *Hawa* (הוה), or Eve (Genesis 3:20), the "mother of all living." When *yod* is added to *hawa*, it forms *Yahweh* (יהוה), *manifestation of The Eternal*.

In Isaiah 43:10-11, God says, "*I am Yahweh* (יהוה)...besides me, there is no other, and from the day I was/am/will be (הוה), *no one can deliver out of my hand*."

Personal Conclusions.

After years of study, I believe it is entirely possible that the true name of The Eternal (יהוה) *cannot* be spoken, but can only be *breathed*.

I often prayed fervently for God to show me how to say His name, reasoning that if I were his child, I should know how to say my Father's name. Through the years fasting was added to my prayers. In other words, "I asked, I sought, I knocked."

One day in Chicago while finishing up a jog of several miles, I suddenly stopped out of breath and gasping for air. While drawing in heavy, deep breaths, I heard "YH," and as I forced out the air, I heard a "WH" sound. Immediately, I was stuck by these sounds and felt God's presence and the understanding that to "live and to breathe is (what it means) to speak His Name." This revelation added new understanding to the Scripture, "*In Him we live and move and have our being*" (Acts 17:28). "*Let everything that has breath praise the Lord*" came alive in my spirit.

I actually looked up and laughed out loud, "That's it, isn't it, Lord? I have to speak Your name in order to live! Right? Every time I breathe, I say 'Yahweh,' don't I! That's it! Yahweh, that is so great! Thank you! Thank you!"

It explained something I copied down in a lecture during graduate school, "He who can rightly pronounce it (The Name) causes heaven and earth to tremble, for it is the NAME which *rushes* through the universe."

Science Supports Concept

This concept of a single *breath* "moving the earth" is not inconsistent with scientific knowledge. The study of fractals shows all systems are subject to feedback, and that feedback "will often undergo revolutionary changes of behavior, such as when a microphone is placed beside a speaker and the microscopic static generated blows up into a deafening screen, or when a tiny grain of ice on a plane wing explodes into a turbulence substantial enough to cause the plane to crash...or a small rolling pebble that unleashes an avalanche," so the universe has an extreme sensitivity to every little move of every little thing.⁷

Our praises of Yahweh and our Lord Jesus are like little tsunamis affecting the whole universe as they travel though the earth. How thrilling to know that even our smallest actions are effectual.

In Acts 17:22ff, the Apostle Paul spoke to the Greeks in the Areopagus saying, "Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things *you are very religious*; ... considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar *TO THE UNKNOWN GOD*. Therefore, *the One whom you worship without knowing - Him I proclaim to you*. God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth...*gives to all life, breath, and all things.*"

In the heart of Athens was an altar to the true God! Perhaps in the heart of Egypt was an inscription to *Heh*, The Eternal. Certainly in our mouth and breathe is the very instrument to not only say the name of Yahweh, but to praise Him.

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