


## Yahweh Is Truth

I've been using the ancient Hebrew pictographs in my study of the book of Genesis and got to the point where I needed to understand the term "Yahweh" and how it fit into what I was doing. After looking up what I could find on the subject, it became clear that any attempt to "read" anything into that word was, well, not encouraged. Apparently, it is a holy name of GOD, can't be pronounced (because the vowels are missing), and shouldn't be said, anyway. So, naturally, this piqued my curiosity. (OK, so I'll never be a saint.)

Using ancient Hebrew pictographs for the name Yahweh, we get the following:

Yahweh is written as .

Reading the pictographs from right to left and using Benner's interpretations (in the website "Ancient Hebrew Research Center") for each pictograph, we get the following:

 an arm and closed hand, which means work, throw, worship;

 a man with arms raised, which means look, reveal, breath;

 a tent peg, which means add, secure, hook;

 a man with arms raised, which means look, reveal, breath.

If we think of the two men with arms raised as quotation marks around a particular idea that needs closer scrutiny (e.g., to discover the true meaning), then the meaning of **Y** needs a closer look.

To me, then, the name “Yahweh” in pictographs means an “arm of security”. Looking more closely at the idea of security, “that which enfolds us” keeps us safe, like the loving arms of a father. In essence, that which “enfolds” us is something we call “reality”, i.e., “that which is”; and, therefore, “the arm that enfolds us” is “the truth”

Seems to me we should speak “the truth” always, not hide it away. What we shouldn't do is to take the Lord's name in vain, that is to abuse, misuse, or pervert the truth.