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WHO IS THIS ONE PERSON, THE ONE WHO IS I AM

Who is this One Who Is Supreme in His Being? Is He the One God of Noah? Is this divine Person the One God Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were seeking in Exodus 3? The answer is yes, but Who is He?

Is He the same God in Heaven the Jews, returning from Persia, worshipped as their Lord God and Father of Creation – YHWH? Is He the same divine Son of Mary, baptized by John in the River Jordan, near Jericho? Again, yes. But Who is He, what's His Name, and how are we to know this One Who Is?

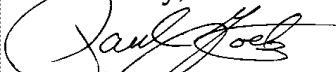
The answer to the One Who Is, becomes clear to those with ears to hear and eyes guided by His Light; those laying aside the false and failed ways of man's wisdom. The answer begins in Gospel of John 1:1. This Person we seek with open arms, is the Word – the One from in the beginning, Who became incarnate.

According to Exodus 3, this Word is the divine person Moses met at the burning Bush in Exodus 3 - I AM the I AM – the One Who Is. Why do we worship Him? Because He is Supreme in His Being - the Christ – and Father of His Creation. Yet far more! He became Incarnate – enfleshed in mortality – for the sake of our being restored, redeemed, and reconciled unto Him – not only as our Father from in the beginning, but also High Priest unto His eternal Unbegotten Father. His name is Jesus. He is the promised Christ in fulfillment – Moses and Isaiah – and is the resurrected Temple – as promised by His own words.

Why such grace and forgiveness for those lost in hopelessness? Because He is our Father. He made us – by generation – in accordance with His Image, of His likeness, and by filling the entirety of who we are, with His Spirit of Life. He calls us His little children and as our loving Father, promises to never leave us orphans. His Spirit. and Life, is in our blood and nothing of man's sophistry, can tear this relational Truth asunder. It is why we know Him as our Father and High Priest, the Creator of all and Tree of Eternal Life.

Thus our Father – the promised Christ of the Pentateuch – is the Anointed Son over His Creation and Only Begotten Son of His Unbegotten, eternal Father. He is the Word – Supreme in His Being – and Father to all humans and their being. He is our Deliverer, Who in trust and love, delivers us from the darkened words and fallen ways of man's foolish wisdom – an ignorance dating back to Nimrod – the Tower of Babel – being washed, cleansed and healed at His Baptism, His Cross, and His Spirit on Pentecost.

Sincerely,



Paul - SAAOT

Let us rejoice in the One Who Is, becoming wise in His Wisdom and Way. For as He offers (2Cor 6:18), I will be Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters.