

GOD: A Short Autobiography

"GOD is the Great 'I AM'" Exodus 3:13-14

Pastor Jason Dennett's Notes

NKJV - "Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What is His name?' what shall I say to them?" And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

NVI - "Moisés insistió: Supongamos que me presento ante los israelitas y les digo: "El Dios de sus antepasados me ha enviado a ustedes." ¿Qué les respondo si me preguntan: "¿Y cómo se llama?" Yo soy el que soy - respondió Dios a Moisés. Y esto es lo que tienes que decirles a los israelitas: "Yo soy me ha enviado a ustedes."

NLT - "But Moses protested, "If I go to the people of Israel and tell them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' they will ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what should I tell them?" God replied to Moses, "I AM Who I AM. Say this to the people of Israel: I AM has sent me to you."

"Dear Tech Support at maleintellect.com: "Last year I upgraded from boyfriend 5.0 to husband 1.0 and I noticed the new program began making unexpected changes to the accounting modules, like limiting access to flower and jewelry purchase applications that operated flawlessly under boyfriend 5.0. In addition, husband 1.0 uninstalled many valuable programs such as romance 1.0 and replaced them with undesirable programs such as NFL5.0 and NBA 3.0. Conversation 8.0 no longer runs and housecleaning 2.6 simply crashes the program. I've tried running nagging 5.1 to fix these problems but to no avail. Please advise. Signed, Desperate"

Tech Support writes back: "Dear Desperate, Keep in mind boyfriend 5.0 is an entertainment package, while husband 1.0 is an operating system. Try to enter the command c:/ithoughtyoulovedme and immediately install tears 6.2. Husband 1.0 should automatically run guilty 3.0 and flowers 7.0 which will take care of the problem but remember the overuse of this command will cause husband 1.0 to activate moody silence 2.5 and grumpiness 6.1, an aggravating program that creates annoying snoring loudly WAVE files and incoherent babble viruses. Under no circumstances are you to install mother-in-law 1.0 or a new boyfriend program, these are not supported applications and will crash husband 1.0. **In summary, husband 1.0 is a great program but has limited memory and cannot learn applications quickly. Signed, Support Team.**"

"What comes into **your mind** when you think about GOD,
is **the most important thing** about you!"
- AW Tozer

"It is deeply insulting to GOD for us to open the Bible,
read things that we don't like, and decide to **reshape our idea of GOD** into what pleases us. GOD is
not **whoever you want Him to be**. He is Who He is!!"
- Colin Smith

As the Great "**I AM**", we will see that...

- I. GOD exists **INDEPENDENTLY** from Creation.
- II. GOD exists **ETERNALLY** over Creation.

I. **GOD exists INDEPENDENTLY from Creation.** - "God said to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM.' And He said, 'Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

- **GOD, the Great "I AM", is our **CREATOR**:**
 - **Gen 1:1 NKJV** - "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."
 - **Gen 1:1 HEB** - "הָאֵרֶץ וְאֵת הַשָּׁמַיִם אֵת אֱלֹהִים בָּרָא בְהַתְּחִלָּה."
 - "GOD enjoys His creation." - **AW Tozer**
 - "Everything that GOD has created, is like an orchestra praising Him!" - **Oswald Chambers**
 - "All of creation was created to glorify God. God intended that we would join the created world, in reflecting the beauty and strength of His magnificent Character." - **Joseph Stowell**
 - **John 1:1-4 NLT** - "In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. He existed in the beginning with God. God created everything through Him, and nothing was created except through Him. The Word gave life to everything that was created, and His life brought light to everyone."
 - **Col 1:15-16 NLT** - "He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, for through Him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see - such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through Him and for Him."
 - "As the capstone of God's creation in this world, mankind exists to bring glory to God, our Creator." - **James Odens**
 - "Bringing glory to our Creator, should be a silver thread that runs through all of our actions." - **Thomas Watson**
 - "The main point of our spiritual life, according to the Bible is the furthering of God's glory, not the obsession of our own lives. In other words, GOD does not exist for us...we exist for Him!" - **Dwight Edwards**
 - **Everything in our universe had a beginning.** Every single atom, of every single substance in our world, was at one point brought into existence by GOD, the great "I AM". He **DESIGNED** it all; He **ENGINEERED** it all; He **FORMED** it all in His infinite Mind....and instantaneously brought it into being! GOD, the great "I AM" gave existence, and shape, and form to everything we see!
 - **Category #1** - All things in our universe are weak, fragile, and **dependent**.
 - **Category #2** - GOD, the Great "I AM" is strong/permanent, He has no beginning, He is uncaused, and He is **INDEPENDENT** of His Creation.
 - To be **INDEPENDENT** means that GOD needs nothing outside of Himself; GOD needs no-one to help Him. GOD is COMPLETE within Himself, and totally **INDEPENDENT** of His Creation.
 - The Name "I AM" proclaims to us that GOD is the living, eternal, self-sustaining Creator of the universe, that the burning bush was a picture of.

- *"If you think that GOD is boring, then you've never encountered the GOD of the Bible!" - Colin Smith*

- **GOD, the Great "I AM", is our *SUSTAINER*:**

- **Col 1:16-17 NLT** - "Everything was created through Him and for Him. He existed before anything else, and He holds all creation together."
 - **Col 1:17 AMP** - "...in Him all things consist (cohere, are held together)."
- **Heb 1:3 NLT** - "The Son radiates God's own glory and expresses the very character of God, and he sustains everything by the mighty power of his command."
 - **Heb 1:3 AMP** - "...upholding and maintaining and guiding and propelling the universe by His mighty word of power."
 - *Like a singer who **sustains the NOTES** of a song...**GOD sustains you!***
 - *Like a **REFLECTION in a mirror** is temporary...**GOD continually gives you the gift of existence!***
 - *Like a dreamer, who **DREAMS a world** into being...**GOD holds you together!***
 - *Like a fragile **FLOWER**..basking in the light of the sun...**The SON of God shines His light on you every second, keeping you in existence!***
 - *When we come to worship the Living GOD, we get involved with something far too deep for our minds to comprehend." - Matt Redman*
- **Rom 11:36 AMP** - "For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. [For all things originate with Him and come from Him; all things live through Him..]"

PERSONAL APPLICATION:

- **As Christians, we should be *WORSHIPPING!***
 - *There's a movement of new churches rising across the country, and guess what they all have in common? None of them believe in God! Yes, "Atheist Churches" and even atheist megachurches are becoming more and more popular as people want the warm feelings of a church experience they grew up with, just without God. Sanderson Jones, one of the leaders of Sunday Assembly in Los Angeles, said, "There was so much about it [referencing a Christian church's Christmas caroling event] that I loved, but it's a shame because at the heart of it, it's something I don't believe in," Jones said. "If you think about church, there's very little that's bad. It's singing awesome songs, hearing interesting talks, thinking about improving yourself and helping other people—and doing that in a community with wonderful relationships. **What part of that is not to like?**"*

- Rev 4:10-11 NKJV - *"..the twenty-four elders **fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him** who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying: "You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; **for You created all things**, and **by Your will they exist** and were created."*

- **As Christians, we should be COMPLETE!**
 - *"A man who went on a cruise, he had saved up all his money to buy a ticket to go on a cruise. He was so excited but knew he only had enough money for the boat. He was thinking to himself, "I don't have enough money for the food that it's going to cost, it would be very expensive on this cruise." So he walks on the boat and in his suitcase is bread, peanut butter and jelly. Day after day he walks by the steak and the lobster and all of the trimmings. And he goes back to his hotel room, pulls out the bread, spreads out a little peanut butter and eats his little toast in the corner with jelly. This went on day after day, until finally walking by that line of those delicacies, he couldn't take it any longer. He finally went up to the captain and says, "Look, I can't take this any longer, I've been on this cruise almost two weeks and this is like the last day. I'll do anything to eat the food that's in that line. I'll wash dishes, anything. And the captain laughed at him and said, "Didn't you know? When you buy the ticket, the food's included."*
 - **Everything you need for life is given to you in a relationship with the Great "I AM" - your Creator and Sustainer.** Yet I meet Christians all the time who are searching for something more in the Christian life. I hear it in their prayers, they want more power, they want more of the Holy Spirit, they want more blessings, they want more glory. They want more, more, more. And God is saying, *"It's yours. It's a package deal. You get the ticket to the boat, you get the meal."*

 - **John 4:13-14** - *"Jesus replied, "Anyone who **drinks this water will soon become thirsty again**. But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life."*
 - *"There is a **God-shaped hole** in the heart of every man, which **cannot be satisfied by any created thing** except by God the Creator, made know through Jesus Christ." - **Blaise Pascal***
 - *"You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you." - **St. Augustine***

- **As Christians, we should be SURRENDERED!**
 - *At the end of WWII, the famous General Douglas MacArthur, was meeting his enemy, the top Japanese General. The meeting was set up for the Japanese general to officially surrender, and bring the war to an end. When he stepped in front of MacArthur, the Japanese general stuck out his hand to shake MacArthur's hand. The American general didn't respond, but simply said, "I cannot shake your hand, sir, until you first surrender your sword. **We can't be friends as long as that sword is hanging by your side. Give me the sword, and then we'll shake hands.**"*
 - **A lot of us are like that with GOD,** we want to "shake God's hand" and be accepted by Him as friends, while we are *still carrying the sword of our*

own will. We must first surrender our wills to GOD, before we can enter into a close relationship with Him."

- *"Begin your day by acknowledging your dependence upon GOD and your great need for GOD. Purpose in your heart, that your first of the day will be an expression of your dependence on GOD, and your great need for Him." - **CJ Mahaney***

- **Rom 12:1 NLT** - *"And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to GOD because of all He has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind He will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship Him."*

- *"GOD is my Creator. I have learned, that I can never have true rest or deep happiness, until I am so intimately united to Him, that there is no created thing between my Creator and me." - **Julian of Norwich***

- *"GOD requires of me, that I now consider all of my body, all of my abilities, all of my life, as belonging completely to Him!" - **W. Nee***