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**YHWH:**

**“I AM WHO I AM”**

(a short poem)

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**And of the holy NAME of God,  
the Word that was  
in the beginning,  
the Word that became Man  
in Jesus Christ...**

**Of what significance is this  
four-letter NAME - YHWH?**

**It is the silent Word,  
the Word of words,  
the Tongue of tongues -  
the Word which allows  
the passage of air  
through the human being,  
undefiled by his humanness...**

**The Word of pure Spirit,  
the NAME of God,  
which cannot be subject  
to any human tongue.**

And yet it is a word,  
with four letters  
so arranged  
as to defy pronunciation  
and yet allow air  
to pass through us.

Physically, the "Y"  
poises the mouth for speech -  
but the "H" immediately  
opens the throat,  
preventing enunciation.  
Then, as the lips approach  
one another ("W"),  
perhaps to ask a question...  
they are left open  
by the final "H".

And one is left

**in a state of pure wonder,  
sensing the presence of God  
within oneself,  
and all around oneself.**

**One is filled with the innocence  
and purity  
of God's beauty.**

**Thus one may come  
to know God  
by simply speaking  
His silent NAME.**

**(Be as a child  
before his Father.)**