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## JEHOVAH THE ONLY SAVIOUR.

(Isa. 43: 11).

BY THE EDITOR.

### IV.

Among the learned it is well known that the name JEHOVAH is from the third person singular in the future of a most ancient form of the Hebrew substantive verb "to be." It properly signifies "He will be;" but as a noun or name, "He who will be;" or, "He that is to come." As the Hebrew has no distinct present tense, it also signifies, "He that is," (I AM) and "He that was," as well, for "Out of nothing nought SHALL COME. Psalms 90: 2. Just after the fall of Adam and Eve, the Almighty promised a Seed of the woman to bruise the Serpent's head and suffer in his heel (Gen. 3: 15). It is one and only, for the pronoun is in the singular masculine. By believing the Promise of this "Coming Man" Eve escaped death of the fall and became the mother of all living." This promise appears recorded in the most ancient astrology (when the stars were used for memorials and books, Gen. 15: 5), in the consolation of the Virgin bearing a handful of corn, with the brightest star "Spica" the Seed; also in Ophiuchus bruising the serpent and treading down the scorpion which turns to wound his heel! This promise appears as the secret motive of intense desire for offspring among the ancients. That Eve understood God's pro-

mise in this way is shown by her words about her first born son: "I have gotten a man, even Jehovah." (Gen. 4: 1), viz., "He that is to be." She appears evidently to regard him as "the Seed," viz., the Saviour already born to crush the Serpent. The Greek, Latin, and English translators put in the word "from," but it is not in the original. Eve soon found out her mistake, and in despair of a mere human seed she called her next son Abel or "vanity." Afterwards in the third generation, men began to pray to God as JEHOVAH, viz., "the coming Saviour," the Divine Seed! (Gen. 4: 25). But again Noah is thought to be the Seed to comfort man and remove the curse of the Fall. (Gen. 5: 29). The promise was at length renewed to Abraham that in his seed all nations shall be blessed (Gen. 22: 18). St. Paul truly declares that this Seed is CHRIST (Gal. 3: 16).

I know the skeptical objection that God was not known to Abraham by his name JEHOVAH (Ex. 6: 3). But if they could read the Hebrew, they would see that the word "known" there means "understood" or "perceived" as in Isaiah 6: 9. Thus also we read that Eli's sons knew not Jehovah (1 Sam. 2: 12). In this way truly very few know JEHOVAH (*Divine love*) to this day, but only EL SHADDAI (*Almighty power*) as all their liturgies indicate. Do the men of the Iron Age know the Lord, "the Saviour, while they (with Herbert Spencer) honor only an unknown "God of Forces?" (Daniel 11: 38.)

Jacob prophesied of the coming Saviour as Shiloh of the tribe of Judah, and speaking of Dan as a serpent biting the heels of the horse, exclaims: "I have waited for thy salvation, O Jehovah!" (Gen. 49: 10, 18.) Observe the association of ideas, viz., Jehovah "the Seed of the woman" bruising the Serpent's head, though Dan and Jacob too are "heel takers." Afterwards the name of Jehovah was made very plain to Moses (Ex. 3: 14) as "I will be who I will be." viz.: the Word made flesh. This very name Christ claims repeatedly (John 8: 58; Rev. 1: 8, 12, 18; Heb. 13: 8). This is plainly the memorial name of God about to be manifest in flesh as the Divine Humanity, the Godman!

But from such awful warnings as Ex. 20: 7; Lev. 24: 16; Ps. 50: 16; Amos 6: