

# Early Sacred Name Movement by Sis. A.L. Schulze



This is a wonderful old article by Sister A.L. Schulze sent to me by [Daniel Botkin](#) of Gates of Eden, who has guest blogged here previously, about the early origins and fruit of the Sacred Name movement. Now, modern

“sacred namers” are not people who like to pronounce the Name of God, but those who militantly insist that those who do not do so are not saved, their prayers are not heard, etc. I have seen this doctrine, in it’s current incarnation, tear apart congregations, families, and friendships. This was written by a first-hand witness to it’s more benign beginnings. I personally have no problems with the usage of Jesus, God, Lord, etc. just to be clear, nor do I have a beef with anyone who uses the sacred names. I do not agree with every view expressed in this article, but thought it was interesting how the joy of learning something so wonderful can later be used to divide people who agree on almost everything else.

Part 1

## Reconstructions of the Early Sacred Name Movement

By Rev. A. J. Schack

The Sacred Name movement got underway in earnest in the early 1930s, but I am more aware of its history in the 1960s when I came in contact with the early pioneers.

Bro. Harold of the Michigan group I believe was active even before Elder Dodd came on the scene. I met him and his lovely step-daughter in 1962 in Nevada, Missouri, at the Feast of Tabernacles. She wrote very lovely poems for the paper of the Assembly. They are both deceased.

I first heard the name Yahuwah at a COG, 7th Day meeting at St. Louis, Missouri. Bro. Elton was at the meeting and actively promoted and explained the names to those who would listen. He stayed with the COG.

Years passed before I heard the name again. Like many others I never realized the importance of the name until Bro. James Hensley of Florida started getting the Faith magazine edited by Elder Clarence O. Dodd. He shared it with us back in the late forties, printing out passages that expressed the importance of the names Yahuwah and Yahobuah as well as the Feast days.

One day I reread again the book with Holy Name truths by Bro. Dodd and Trina in the courtroom. For some reason I went to the store well before the book listing.

Why I left down to these facts I cannot explain, except to say I believe it was through Yahuwah's Spirit. Following a dream or so facts about the Name which included interesting, thought-provoking items. After putting away the groceries, I sat down and read and read! I could not stop until I had read most of them. I knew then I was reading the truth. When finished reading them, I took them to my mother who lived across the street and asked her to read them. I told her I was convinced they were the truth.

Bro. her, she marked each with an A as she finished reading them. She was also convinced that Yahuwah printed out to my name who kept the Sabbath various places in the Bible dealing with the second Name. She was an astounded but joyful soul. She was not long in accepting the truth of the Name as the continued reading the books. One other sister also accepted Yahuwah and Yahobuah as the true Names of the Heavenly Father and His Son.

In 1960 my mother, my eldest son and I went to Benton, Arkansas, to our first Feast of Tabernacles. It was so wonderful. Bro. Dodd and Bro. Trina were both there, and their sincerity was so great and the need for truth was understandable. At this meeting we sang "All Things Are Ready, Come To The Feast," before each meal. We all ate at

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one long, long table. We had great, satisfying meals, prepared by the local cooks. But the meals there was the revelation of truths that came from the scriptures. My soul had not taken and mine had many marks and notes to bring home with me.

We were a blessed crowd as we were "hanging out and thinking for righteousness." I will never forget my first Feast of Tabernacles. There I met the Dodds, a lovely couple. Bro. Trina was a delight with his rebuke sessions. I never met his wife as she ran a care center for the elderly and kept the home fire burning. She was literally a true supporter of his efforts.

These sisters are all gone from the living, but their words do indeed follow them. I hope to add to this report as I am able in the next newsletter. May this account strengthen your faith and give you endurance.

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Many Jews, along with many others, are skeptical of the 712 and Yavon Ansel's integrity in denouncing all terrorist activities. Most letters have been submitted to the six months following the September 11th attacks than in the six months prior. Perhaps we all should "pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love them." (Zech. 1:17)

12:22: I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the grip both against Judah toward Jerusalem, and in that day will I make Jerusalem a hard stone for all people of that border themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it. (Zech. 12:3)

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Rev. A. J. Schack

There always said the first Feast we attended was the best, perhaps because we were so hungry for truth and we knew we had found the "bread of great price."

We had two or three who spoke besides Bro. Dodd and Bro. Trina, but those later two gave us the deeper session. They also had a few women whom they allowed on to ask questions and we always were given good answers. The Name was the subject of great interest and the questions were many.

I asked Bro. Trina to write his name in another language, which was in Latin: "Yahuwah Yehovah Yahuwah." He said even though this was written in Latin letters for English speakers, it would sound the same in any language.

Bro. Joseph Deason was also there and explained that he was Polish and upon coming to the United States, there were no letters in English to carry the correct sound to give the proper pronunciation of his name, so he changed it to Deason. He explained that we sometimes adopt a different name and have it made legal, but our Heavenly Father says, "I am Yahuwah, I change not." (Malachi 3:6). He himself has not changed the Name, but marked to remember

each time by accident.

How well I recall when I first accepted the sacred Name my sleep was disturbed quite often and I was unable to get to sleep. I would try to sleep, but I would not sleep. I would look up the verses the next day and Yahuwah always went out. I have long since forgotten the scriptures that would come to me.

By my own search in the truth, don't be surprised at the way I feel about the Name, for he will do his best to show us away from world darkness.

Being the "father of lies," he fights against the truth so it honors his grip and takes away his hold over people. Each man or woman truth would not soon get on to the back, and we are told to "Preach all things, hold fast that which is good." (1 Tim. 4:1) Jesus is known as "Prince of the peace of the air," and don't I want his authority taken away, for his influence caused me to see in his stripes of the garments, the Name has come in glowing splendor.

Bro. Dodd also asked various ones for their favorite Bible verse, and my choice was Isaiah 55. This was my mother-in-law's favorite as it was a comfort to people with heartache. She was convinced by a pharmacist and would often read when some day she would keep and run like a deer. My understanding of this scripture is that my eyes will again have perfect vision.

Rebuilding Nations: Issues of the editorial staff are surrounding the spring issue, so we continue the May issue of YNCA News this issue.

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In 1902 we had another meeting near Scottsville, Ark., at the home of Mrs. Williams and her husband. We held the meeting in the local country school house, but we all slept in and out of the Redden home. There were in the past and a number of us were in their lovely home, including my mother and me. They made everyone so welcome it was a joy to be with the hostesses.

There were the only two ladies here. Dodd was in the meetings I attended. His wife and daughter Mary attended a meeting held in Nevada, Mo., after Mrs. Dodd's death. At the Redden meeting and at my suggestion we held a few more into the north of the Name.

Mrs. Dodd recalled how difficult it was to give up the name "Travis." She had learned to love that name. However, she was not long in joining Mrs. Dodd in converting to the correct Hebrew Name Yehovah, which means "Revelation of Yah."

The Dodds and his, Travis initially used "Yehovah," thinking that was the true name. After continued deeper study they changed to the correct "Yehoweh." The Dodds found the truth of the Holy

Days even before they encountered the same truth and Peter Dodd wrote some booklets on the Feast Days.

They held a meeting south and west of Nevada about 12 miles where their daughter was two years of age. That was 40 years ago, as our oldest son was then. I joined my husband in driving his machine to the meeting and also wrote thrilling cards home telling how interesting everything was. I was young and not too interested. But soon afterward I started my study on the Sabbath and the law. I became a member of the Church of God 7th Day.

I was in that group until the late fifties when I started my serious study on the Second Name. After my study of the facts which I wrote of in my last writing, I asked to have time to make a few statements at our local Church of God 7th Day. The superintendent allowed me the time and I stated by the precept and stated I had accepted the Holy Name and had works on the subject if anyone would like to study them. It was an all-day meeting and the next were all filled.

(To be continued...)

**The Captive He Ransomed**

The joy that surrounds His presence  
 Enriches me greater than gold.  
 His gentle hands lift the burden  
 Which I can no longer hold.

He dresses the wounds of my spirit  
 Inflicted at such great cost.  
 He reaches for me through the darkness,  
 And I am no longer lost.

For I am the captive He ransomed,  
 The reason for which He came.  
 And touched by His infinite mercy  
 My heart is no longer the same.

Born without any possessions,  
 What can I do these few give,  
 For I belong to the Master,  
 And I am no longer my own.

By Jesse Reese

**Tomato Lace Quiche**

**Crust:**  
 2 eggs cooked and  
 1 egg, beaten  
 1 deep galled Parmesan cheese

**Filling:**  
 1/2 cup butter  
 1/4 cup green onion, chopped  
 1 cup peeled, seeded, and coarsely chopped tomatoes

3 ounces shredded Swiss cheese  
 2 deep galled Parmesan cheese  
 1 egg  
 1 cup evaporated skim milk  
 1/2 cup low-fat cottage cheese  
 1 egg Italian mixed herbs  
 salt and pepper to taste.

—Submitted by Daisy Smith

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**It Won't Matter**

One hundred years from now, it won't matter  
 what our I drove,  
 What kind of house I lived in, how much I had  
 in my bank account.

No, what my clothes looked like, but, the world  
 may be a little better  
 Because I was important in the life of a child.  
 Another Unknown.

—Submitted by Bill Messinger

**Recollections of the Early Sacred Name Movement**  
 Part 1

by Mrs. A.L. Schaefer

To know the ones who labored so truly and studied the Word so sincerely in order to pass the truth on to others who had not known would be to have had the very foundation of this movement. There were many who sensitively gave of themselves and sacrificed to convert the truth. Each one did what he or she could to walk closer with Yehovah.

I will take those I personally have met and also those I wanted to know from their writings and from those by whom I have been instructed who have since taken the responsibility of spreading the truth they in years past had studied. Paul refers to this when our plastic, another nation, but Yehovah gives the income. (1 Cor 16)

I have already mentioned Mrs. Dodd and Mrs. Travis, both of whom I most consider first because they labored to publish the truth in *The Faith Magazine*, and both put out tracts, which were the bulk of the school of truth they were promoting. Their writings were the means of my acceptance of the Name: Yehoweh and Yehovah.

Mrs. Dodd was more of a scholar and teacher, while Mrs. Travis was a faithful preacher who was so busy with his words that there would be no danger of anyone's going to sleep. Mrs. Dodd's writings were always well thought out, and he was not afraid to admit when he made a wrong claim for a Feast day, which he sincerely ever made. They were both very able and strong leaders. Even though they had some differences, they worked together smoothly. They were above talking out over details. They have both fallen asleep in Yehovah, and were faithful to the end.

Mrs. Dodd's faithful companion told how he felt when in death with his last words "Yehovah Yehovah." He was only 36 years of age he passed from

life. Mrs. Travis was older at death.

Mrs. C. J. Ayres was the first member of the Sacred Name Movement we met. He was a fiery speaker, being born in the Pentecostal movement for a number of years. He founded the 1900 Feast of Tabernacles, which was my first Feast. He did a wonderful job. Previously, I wrote about the big, long table where we had our three meals each day. It was full of those who had founded a banquet, but the few books I believe had their own meals, however, I eat not more.

Mrs. Ayres had an song "Come To The Feast." (Fittingly, the first line was "All things are ready.") His hair and beard were white, making him appear older, but he was in his early 40's, I believe. If I recall, he is deceased, but his wife is still living and resides here in the Feast, which was very special to me.

Mrs. Joseph Carter was present at this 1900 Feast also. As mentioned previously, he was the one who could not find enough English letters to transcribe the Hebrew name correctly, so he shortened it to German and made it his legal name.

He was at one of our Nevada, Missouri, Feasts and I recall my oldest sister attended one Sabbath during the Feast and began questioning him about different things. Our question was, "Do you think we should leave the faith we were brought up in?" His answer was, "Yes, I was raised in the Catholic faith. Do you think I should have stayed in that faith?"

It was the perfect answer. She had no further argument. Sadly, she remained in the Christian faith because she did not want to desert her family who were still in that faith. I truly think she believed we were right doctrinally, and seemed interested, but did not have the strength to put Yehovah first, the part her family first instead. I hope she will be

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with those who will bear the truth in the thousand-year reign where no false doctrine will be taught.

Bro. Owen fell asleep in the faith at an advanced age. He was very adamant when it came to following the Bible in every thing.

We enjoyed another young preacher whose name I don't see writing words with beautiful tunes, all sacred songs. His wife was a good musician and wrote the music and played the piano for these seven or eight children who sang the songs but he had composed. I believe the only son was the oldest, who along with his sisters would march up front with the smallest who was only eleven— they all would sing those songs really well.

Later I got a record of these James children, some grown, and most of the songs and music was composed by them. A really talented family.

Bro. David, being in ill health at the annual meeting at Rome, Ark., sent Russian Duke Ivan Florida to help at the Feast. He had been a Jehovah's Day Adventist for over 20 years. He had his ministerial retirement pension taken from him because he had accepted and taken the Holy Gospels. They said that just as an example after the feast of Yafsech, he had (read at his own). You believe that kind you, but (and you and for my own sake) well, let Jehovah be glorified but he had never in anything, and I should be ashamed. (David 18:7)

Bro. Burke had depended upon this pension for his retirement years, but was cut off by his name's sake. It is always amazing how many so-called Christians continue to rely on the human name. He was a good speaker and to his credit he died in the faith.

There Dr. Webster from Washington, D.C. who had spent 30 years as a preacher for the 7th Day Church attended one of our Feasts in Nevada. He was a good speaker, a steady appearing man, and a doctor of Divinity. I understand he also had his pension from the Nation.

Then Bro. Hays Matheson, the author of *The Fugitive Faith of The True Worshipers* was also a very capable speaker. He was raised a Catholic in America, he was for a time a Jehovah's Witness and maybe the COG 7th Day. He joined the Sacred Name Movement, a well-known speaker whose sermons were on the details of the meaning of the Yafsech. He long ago says showing how the ark was placed and given information dealing with the foundation. (Now I will have to insert we seem to have his work follow in the person of Elder Lucy Hodson, who delves into deeper meanings of the Yafsech

and other symbols found in Yafsech's word.)

I think Bro. Matheson's daughter is the one the mother of his parents by the name Turke. He was but two or three years old. He had both before he was, and became so transfixed over well, he saw, he was unable to walk or talk for those 4, four years. His mind and words came to him and through their counsel and care they were able to restore him back to normal.

He came to this country when a young man and worked for the Wallbeam Watch company as I recall. After years of service, he was able to retire comfortably.

Bro. Matheson and Bro. Owen had a slight quarrel as they were from the old country and both were raised Catholic. His people will go out and find pictures, we read in John 2:19. This is so true, they keep attacking the pictures with greater glee, breaking out the false teachings to find the path of great price. These have all died in the faith, but their works do indeed follow.

I must add Bro. Pearl Smith to the list of leaders who have fallen in death from the ranks of believers. She and her lovely adopted daughter Lucille Oremcamp both of whom I have previously mentioned, were always active. She built loved ones (Christ), Michigan, and once spoke to the whole assembly where I remember one statement that stood out about with the Sabbath and holy days. She said Yafsech makes the appointment and we meet on His appointed times. We don't see the time to meet and tell Him to come on our appointed time.

It was worth her trip to Nevada's Feast of Tabernacles, if we didn't remember anything but only that statement. It is so true. We are all the best. He is!

She spoke again to a women's meeting with advice for marriage and how to care for our bodies, which was good. There were other outstanding women, including two women sisters, Ella Wright and Mrs. Julia Hayes who were or had showed the meaning of our good meals.

I could go on and on with these precious memories. It is difficult to name all who helped in so many ways. These last two are still living. All others I have mentioned have fallen in death. Hopefully these faithful true believers will add to our faith and give us living hope while we occupy till the comes to start His thousand-year reign that reaches through all eternity.

As the Lord runs His reign over to the Father, those in their graves who await the resurrection and

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those who are living will be able to be in that wonderful "heaven on earth" Kingdom. All earth made new, like the original paradise. As the song says, "Woe's it be wonderful those?"

I'm sorry I cannot remember the details Bro. Matheson requested in a letter to me to relate the incident of Bro. Tinsler's coming to the lecture saying, "I am anti-Christ! Yes, I am anti-Christ, and by the way I think my sermon, I hope you are anti-Christ too!" I am sure he said it as I quoted him. For it sounds like Bro. Tinsler, I'm afraid, he was finally against the title "Christ," as he went into the source of these names we had grown accustomed to. He was on fire for the True Names of Yafsech and Yafsech.

How could a Hebrew-speaking Greek Jewish family give the name a Hellenized Latin name that has no meaning in any language? I'm sure to translate the only language we had spoken by Yafsech and His angels in Hebrew. The English title Messiah is much more fitting than a puny Greek "Christus."

By the way, have you ever seen "I see Christ" in the Old Testament Scriptures? Why if that is His name, is there no mention of it until the New Testament was handed down to us? Why do some preachers explain to church over TV that the word "CCC" is of pagan origin, but continue to refer to Almighty Yafsech by that pagan "W"? ☐

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Recollections of the Early Sacred Name Movement

Part 4

-Rev. A.L. Roberts

In concluding this writing on the Sacred Name Movement, I want to mention an anecdote Rev. Dodds made in the last newsletter. Having received a letter from Ruth Apers saying she knew the address of the 1885 Feast of Tabernacles, Rev. Dodds assumed Ruth Apers was a widow of C. J. Apers whom I had placed among those having died. Rev. Apers was dead before he did and his wife Apers in the wife of C. J. Apers' was. (My apologies—DRB)

This last individual I want to devote to the encouragement of the present leaders who are striving to carry on the truth their former pioneer leaders devoted their time and life to. These leaders who have taken from the battle of death in death had shown their devotion in many ways.

*Instead of a worshipful gathering, it became more like a three-ring circus.*

For example, two of them, Dr. D.C. Weiner and Ransom Burke, furnished testimonial pieces from the 7th Day CDC because they believed so strongly in the Names Yehovah and Yahshua. They left the true Name of our Heavenly Father and the Son was a truth to be cherished above all and thus left their positions for their old age.

I must mention another convert to the Sacred Name I met in 1936 at Boston, Arkansas, Elizabeth C. Rose, who wrote words to several songs in our song books. She was a very nice-looking lady, and I believe she helped at one time at Rev. Dodd's secretary. Happy to say I recently got acquainted with her, and I imagine she has since left the land of the living.

Also, Elsie Dodd put words to some songs as well. John Briggs wrote several good songs. In many instances who are gone as well as some who are still living have given so much of their talents to carry on

the work of Yehovah. Now to encourage those who are carrying on these truths to practice to all of us, I want to include some incidents that took place during the years of Brothers Dodd and James who were deeply devoted to truth. They defended the truth against those who attempted to trouble and divide those who had found the narrow way.

I believe it was my third Feast of Tabernacles, which took place in Allentown. A minister who had accepted the name Yehovah objected to spelling it with a V instead of a W. (Later on, I remember that that man in the name carried the spelling as "Yehovah" "He revealed against Rev. Dodd in presenting the erroneous spelling as "Yehovah" (Josephus spelled "Yehovah" in a number of four vowels, and the V is a consonant.)

It came with a good-sized group of his followers to this meeting. I assume he had learned of Rev. Dodd's last illness, which would take his life, so he came and took over the meeting. However, Elsie Dodd must have assumed that he would do this. In being unable to attend personally, Elsie Dodd had sent her younger brother, Ransom Burke of Florida to take his place at this meeting to ensure it was carried on properly.

I won't mention this individual's name, but he had his own way of a very good musician take over the only piano. He played the songs of worship like jazz and his father kept urging the congregation to sing along so he said "I'm in the mood of the building." I didn't sing as I could not hear my own voice and I didn't really want to blow away the roof.

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He was also making altar calls every night and nearly women went to the altar. (Of course we find altar calls a part of worship in the Bible!) I don't recall their kneeling, but they would wave their arms over their heads and jump up and down. One heavy woman in particular made quite a spectacle as she jumped up and down. They all continued and around.

One lady of Rev. Dodd's group was sitting by one and she got to her feet and raised her arms and gave a very shrill scream and went up to the altar and then she was loudly protesting the action. But when I said something to her, I realized by her answer that she had been taken in by the others at the altar.

She and her friend discussed between themselves what a great leader this minister would make. I was heartily and wholeheartedly in his favor. The next night Rev. Ransom Burke was the speaker and he tried to correct the outbreak and actions of the night previous with Scripture. He showed those actions to the times of David and the 430 prophets of Israel.

From the close of his address Rev. Boyd stood up and rebuked Rev. Burke, alleging he was quenching the Spirit. I agreed in my mind, but not in the way Rev. Boyd meant. I knew Rev. Burke was trying to quench the unholy spirit, not the Holy Spirit. After the close of the night's service, I went to Rev. Boyd and told him that the Scripture says, "Rebuke an elder, but strain him as a father" (1 Tim. 5:17). He was not to rebuke Rev. Burke in front of the entire crowd of people. And I added that I did not think Rev. Burke needed any rebuke.

This minister who was taking over saw an outside as I was standing alone, waiting I would have. He approached me and tried to pacify me. But I was very thankful of his trying to have every fellowman who himself, members who had been converted to the Holy Name through Rev. Dodd's good faith. Instead of a worshipful gathering, it became more like a three-ring circus.

When I got home I wrote Brothers Dodd and James what had taken place. Rev. Dodd's daughter Mary responded, as he was too ill. She stated that her father had expected such might happen. Rev. Dodds wrote "When the car is away the man will play."

That was a perfect summation of the whole affair. Rev. Dodd had said a sign he had made for those at the Feast. Instead of playing it before the audience it was played in front of me. Hardly any knew of it as it was never announced, and so only a handful of us heard his message.

Reflecting this is a bit painful, but I am doing this to show the very truth that leaders before you want to know that you know the price they paid to give us the knowledge we share today.

I know most of you will go through some of the same, as some of you have already experienced. We were not presented a new path, but rather a very narrow and thorny way. It was not meant and told we would not know we had what it takes to endure. Our older brother Yehovah knew more than we will ever know.

Let us all pray for the ministers that they will endure and be steadfast to the end. Won't it be wonderful in the Kingdom? HalleluYAH!

Too Busy

Too busy to pick up the Book of John,  
Too busy to ask how the Son came to save,  
Too busy with duties from morning till night,  
Too busy to study the way that is right,  
Too busy with planning for things that we never,  
Too busy to ask about sin and the grave,  
Too busy with self and the idols we own,  
Too busy to know that Yehovah sits on the throne,  
Too busy to know the true name of our King.

Too busy to praise Him, too busy to sing,  
Too busy to kneel, and too busy to pray,  
Too busy to keep the true Sabbath day,  
Too busy to walk in the ways of Yehovah,  
Too busy to read the truths in His Word,  
Too busy to ask for our help from on high,  
But waste day we won't be too busy to die,  
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—submitted by Virginia Johnson

I wish I had a way of knowing who this wonderful sister is, but I pray that posting this will honor her testimony in a small way.