

## The true and absolute God does not reveal himself face to face with people.

Moses saw the backs of the "God of the Old Testament" who did not want to show his face.

Only Jesus revealed legitimately God Father to this world.

In Exodus 24: 9-11 we read that Moses saw Jehovah, the "god of Israel", or the "God of the Old Testament", as well as Aaron, Nadab, Abihu and the seventy elders of Israel. The text says that they not only saw Jehovah but also talked with him, ate and drank.

In Genesis 18: 1-16 we read that Jehovah appeared to the patriarch Abraham and stayed with other "visitors" in his home, and the text also says that Abraham's wife - Sarah - was the one who prepared the food for the guests.

In Exodus 33: 18-23 we read that Moses saw the backs of Jehovah (God has "back"?), after Jehovah passed with his glory through the cleft of a rock and covered it with his hand, because Jehovah did not want that Moses could see him with many details. This is what the text says: ...

*Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory". And Jehovah said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the Lord, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. But **you cannot see my face**, for no one may see me and live". Then Jehovah said, "There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. Then I will remove my hand and **you will see my back; but my face must not be seen**".*



But in Exodus 33:11 we read that Jehovah spoke to Moses "face to face" (*presumably without seeing his real face*) and gave him verbal instructions just as a man talks to his partner.

In Genesis 32:30 Jacob also said that he would have seen God face to face. The place where Jacob wrestled with Jehovah transfigured in the form of an angel was called "*Peniel*", which means: "*I saw God face to face*". In Hosea 12: 3-4 we have confirmation that the angel who wrestled with Jacob was Jehovah himself.

In the episode of the cleft of the rock, Jehovah only allowed Moses to see his back, while at other times he allowed him to see him "face to face". Although in both situations, people were physically with Jehovah, the revelations were different.

I think the meaning of this double behavior is that in the times that Jehovah allowed people to see him "face to face", his appearance was concealed in human form, while in the cleft of the rock, Jehovah tried to hide his real face, as he allowed Moses only to see his back.

However, God the Father, who is the absolute and true God, never revealed himself face to face to anyone and the apostle John confirms it in 1 John 4:12 that God has never been seen by anyone, nor his face, nor his back or any other part of his body.

In John 6:46, Jesus declared that no one has seen the Father. Thus he said: ***"No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father"***.

Paul also says it in 1 Timothy 6:16: ... *who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.*

Also in John 5:37 we read like this ... ***"You have never heard his voice or seen his form"***. Those are enough proofs to conclude that Jehovah cannot be the same as God the Father.

Because he is not human and also because he is not the Absolute God, Jehovah can only be an angel, who is a being with intermediary attributes between God and human beings. However, he is not a common angel, but an archangel, that is, an angel with ancestry and supremacy over other angels, including the angel-demon Satan.

This means that the people in the Old Testament who saw Jehovah, or dined with him as Abraham, or were personally instructed by him as Moses, or fought with him as Jacob, thought they were seeing the true God, but what they really saw was the archangel Jehovah.

Those who are false, seek to hide the face so that the real identity cannot be discovered. But Jesus was not like that. On the contrary, Jesus offered his face even to the traitor Judas, who kissed him cynically to identify Jesus to the soldiers who came to arrest him.

Although that belief diverges from the beliefs of almost the totality of Christians in the whole world, it could explain why the behavior of Jehovah is so different from the behavior of Jesus Christ, which has the same essence and nature as the Father God, being his only legitimate representative among the men and women of his time.

The moral of the story is: Only Jesus truly revealed the Father, which is very clearly confirmed in John 1:18 ... ***"No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known"***.

Therefore, with the exception of Jesus, all others who declared themselves God's representatives among men were or are false, including the false god Jehovah.

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