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JOHN 14:6 – LESSON 2
I AM – PART 2

God identified Himself by name to Moses as ***"I AM"*** (Exodus 3:14). In Isaiah 44:6 the LORD (Yahweh, Jehovah) further confirms that ***"I AM the first and I AM the last, and beside me there is no God."***

In the "Book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ, which is its proper title, not "of St. John the Divine," Jesus spoke to John in Revelation 1:17 and said, ***"Fear not. I AM the first and the last."*** This shows His identity as God, co-equal with the Heavenly Father (YAHH). While YAHH shows the Father, YAHWEH shows them together as ONE, the I AM who spoke to Moses and as the WORD who created the world.

Jesus also said in Revelation 1:8, 11; 21:6; and 22:13, ***"I AM the Alpha and Omega...the beginning and the end...the first and the last."*** This identifies Him as God from the eternal and into eternity.

We also get confirmation of His godhood (deity) from two passages in the gospel of John. In John 8:24 he was telling the religious Jews that he was from above and not from this world. He went on to say to them, ***"For if you believe not that I AM (he), ye shall die in your sins."*** (Note: KJV added "he" which was not in the original Greek.) Jesus clearly identified Himself here as the ***"I AM."***

An absolutely awesome passage is found in John 18:4-8 when the band of chief priests, elders, and scribes came to arrest Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus asked them in verse 4, ***"Whom seek ye?"*** They answered, ***"Jesus of Nazareth."*** Jesus answered them by saying ***"I AM."*** As soon as he spoke ***"I AM (he) they (all) went backward, and fell to the ground."***

The anointing by speaking His name, ***"I AM,"*** was so powerful that even the unbelieving Jews were immediately "slain in the Spirit" as we would say.

In verse 7 after they had gotten back up, Jesus asked them a second time ***"Whom seek ye?"*** They replied, and Jesus restated in verse 8, ***"I have (already) told you that I Am."***

So now back to John 14:6 where Jesus said, ***"I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No man cometh to the Father but by (through) me"*** (because the Father and I, we are one, John 17:22).

So, in John 14:6 where Jesus said ***"I AM"*** it truly lets us know that He is our God (together as one with Father and Holy Spirit.)

Sadly, the vast majority of today's evangelical Christians no longer believe that Jesus is God. They only think of Him as a son of God. Modern bible (per)versions such as the NIV and many

others help to give a lesser status to his identification by leaving out the very crucial word (begotten) from John 3:16. The word "begotten" speaks of the uniqueness of His "son" identity, as it applies only to the I AM, separating Jesus from the millions of "sons of God (God's created human beings)" that were not born of the seed of the Father's Holy Spirit.