

Is the Holy Spirit masculine or feminine? By Rabbi Simon Altaf

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When we read scripture we find that the references to the Holy Spirit especially in the New Testament Scriptures are referred to as a He. Let's examine this further.

John 14:16 "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that **He** may abide with you forever,

Rather than focus on the Greek text which has accommodated a Platonic worldview we will only examine the Scriptures in light of the Hebrew text of the Tanach (Hebrew Bible called Old Testament) to seek to understand the concepts in the Newer Testament which by all means are inspired but not written in Greek the myth that is propagated by Greek scholars. The Renewed Covenant (NT) is not a text that stands on its own two legs so to speak but is part of a corpus of text that is derived from the Tanach (The Hebrew Scriptures erroneously known as the Old Testament).

First of all there is no "HE" in the Greek text of John 14:16 so this is erroneous to deliberately change gender because it then changes everything. The "RUACH or Spirit of God" is described in the Bible as "wisdom" or "Cochmah" in the Hebrew and "Sophia" in the Greek.

The 1st witness

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Exodus 28: 3 So you shall speak to all who are gifted artisans, whom I have filled with the Ruach (Spirit) of wisdom, that they may make Aharon's garments, to consecrate him,**1** that he that he may minister to Me as Kohen (priest).

This occurrence shows very clearly that the Spirit is associated with "**wisdom**" a feminine characteristic Hebraically speaking.

The 2nd Witness

1 Kings 3:28 And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had rendered; and they feared the king, for they saw that the **wisdom of God** was in him to administer justice.

Another way to say the above is that the great (King Solomon) was endowed with the Holy Spirit (Ruach ha Elohim) and very wise unlike today's many Christians running around the block falling backwards calling it slain. Yes they are slain alright but now by the Holy Spirit but by some foreign evil spirit taking them down. Writhing like snakes and following after false prophets is still what many are doing today .

Hose 4:12,17-19 My people ask counsel of their wooden idols, and their diviner's staff answers to them: for the **ruach (spirit) of whoring** has caused them to err, and they have gone whoring from under their Elohim.

17 Ephraim is joined to idols: let him alone.

18 Their drink is sour: they have committed temple whoring: her rulers do love shame.

19 The wind has bound her up in her wings, and they shall be ashamed because of their sacrifices.

If we look at today's Christian meetings or much of televangelism it's full of harlotry and detestable things. They don't know the name of Yahushua, they don't know the name of God so what are they doing there on stage teaching. Truly God is right that they follow after their own imaginations and have the "**spirit of whoring**" not "wisdom".

Telling people to give \$100 or give \$1000 and receive ten fold back is the **spirit of whoring** making God's altar an altar for whoredom. To give handkerchiefs prayed upon for diseases is one thing but to sell them for financial prosperity is ludicrous and foolish.

The spirit of been slain on many TV stations is so wide spread where people are falling backwards (this is a sign of judgment not favour).

The 3rd witness

When Adam was created God found no suitable helper for Adam amongst the animal kingdom so God created a Helper for Him. The Hebrew word in Genesis is referred to as Ezer or Ezer Knegdo meaning Helper and opposer or balancer.

The woman (female) is both a helper and an opposer what I normally term a counter balancer like an anchor of a ship without which the ship would just drift away. The same with the man since He has tendencies to run away with his imagination and become extremely prideful so the woman kind of brings him to the earth and is his SIDE literally speaking.

Genesis 2:20 So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a **helper** comparable to him.

Now this is the first use of the Hebrew word Ezer and here it is referred to as a female gender and that is important for our inquiry.

When Yahushua spoke about sending a "helper", He was talking about the feminine side of God. The word Elohim is from Eloah and is a feminine word but coupled with masculine words around it. Let's pick the text up in Yahuchannan 14.

--King James Version

John 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, (helper) that he may abide with you for ever;

The word "He" is not in the text and is inserted or brought forth out of gender mutilation in the different translations. When the book of John was translated from Hebrew and then from Aramaic to Latin and then to Greek it is at that time that the Ruach (Spirit) had lost its gender or had it changed from a she to a HE. The change is completely wrong and usually done in the translation from Hebrew to Latin.

This happens because the Ruach (Spirit) had no feminine tense in the Greek and had a neuter tense. Neuter tense words in Greek are given a masculine tense such as "HE" and so we are compounded by this error in the Greek from which then it was carried over in to the English.

Correctly the text should read with the feminine gender to the feminine noun;

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John 14:16 And I will ask the Abbah, and he shall give you another Helper, that she¹ may abide with you forever;

Yahushua was essentially saying the same thing that was said when He provided the first woman to Adam, she was the visible manifestation of our earthly fleshly need. This Set-Apart Spirit would be our helper (Ezer) and that she would guide us into ALL truth like a mother guides her children into teaching them how to live in the world, while the father is out earning the money. So the Ruach Ha Kodesh (Holy Spirit) is the spiritual feeder that we need and without the Spirit we are just empty. She is the one teaching us Torah. All the instructions and the law of our Holy God and how to be obedient.

The early believers knew the Holy Spirit to be feminine and it was no surprise for them. No one would dare call her a "HE". In the Shepherd of Hermes an extra biblical writing (deuteron-canonical) the Spirit is referred to as a feminine character. Yahushua/Jesus said that the "Spirit of Truth" will lead you into ALL truth.

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John 16:13 And when She, the Ruach (Set-Apart-Spirit) of Truth, is come, She will guide ye into all Truth for she will not speak of her own initiative; but whatever She shall hear, that shall She speak: and She will show you things to come.

The Holy Spirit was under the direct authority of the Father just like the wife is under the authority of the Husband so she was to guide us into ALL Truth that would mean Torah obedience and obedience into the commandments since the word "Truth" is an idiomatic expression for keeping and obeying Torah. Also the Spirit was to open up prophecy to you and other important Scriptural truths. How is it that some Christians have not been opened to these truths? The simple answer is this that any Christian who has the true Holy Spirit would be guided into these truths. A person could override the Holy Spirit and live in deliberate sin or deliberate error but that would mean they are not allowing God to work in their lives.

¹ The 'Helper' is the feminine side of YHWH the Ruach Ha Kodesh the Holy Spirit. When the translations were made into Greek it was at this time that the switch was made from 'she' as a feminine to a 'he' as masculine. It's simple to work out the Hebrew word. Here it is 'ozair,' the same word used for Adam with Chava (Eve) his wife. Was Chava a male or female? That should answer the question. The church has hid this truth for fear of people worshipping female deities. The plural family in heaven is not a 'He plus a HE plus another He, but the family is actually a HE (Abbah) plus a She (Mother) plus a He (Son) that is the Father, Son and the Mamma, the Ruach Ha Kodesh. The Father and the Mother came together to bring forth the Son in Luke 1:35. There are also seven other subordinate feminine Spirits of YHWH in scripture.

This is why we see so many Christians who simply are running around like headless chickens with no real direction. They do not have the Holy Spirit but only think they do. Any person who has the Holy Spirit may not know or understand a lot of the Scriptures but one thing will stand out that with this type of person, they will be pliable and willing to learn and be teachable because he/she has the Spirit of Truth and a heart of flesh but if it is another spirit then he/she will refuse to listen even to the point of sin and sin as we know is the art of witchcraft. The Holy Spirit plants the seed from our Abba in heaven into the believer and this seed becomes a little tree which then needs to be nurtured and will one day become a large Torah tree.

Now you can see why the Church turned it into a He because of their misogynist attitude over the years.

Why do we need a helper?

Without the indwelling of the Holy Spirit we cannot commune with God and would not be convicted of sin or have any discernment but more importantly the Ruach ha Kodesh (Spirit of God) is to teach us Torah, the instructions of YHWH and remove us from the instructions of the world sanctifying us step by step through the words of God. It is not chance or good luck that you will come across a good teacher but it is through the Holy Spirit and her guidance that you will be taken to good Torah teachers and then it is up to you to listen or to reject the words that you hear.

If we reject Torah then we do not have the Spirit in us that is the simple answer or we have allowed our flesh to overtake and dictate to us how we live which is worldly and bound to end up in more sinfulness. If our flesh is controlling our lives then we will live incorrectly or not according to Torah prescription. This is the case in many believers today.

Proverbs 1:2-3 To know **wisdom and instruction**; to perceive the words of understanding; (3) To receive the **instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment**, and equity;

Wisdom and instructions are idioms for receiving the Torah. We find this correlates here in the Torah of Moses

Deuteronomy 4:6 "Therefore be careful to observe them; for **this is your wisdom and your understanding** in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes, and say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people."

As can be seen wisdom and understanding are idiomatic expressions to obey Torah and good Torah keepers are wise and understanding.

Proverbs 1:3 hits the nail on the head because it gives us three allegorical or what we term drash and the remez (hint) interpretations for the Akhad unity of God.

The term "**instruction of wisdom**" is related to receiving Torah, if you don't receive Torah then as I suggested earlier you don't receive God. Let me explain further, if you reject the Sabbath

on Friday sundown to Saturday sundown then you have rejected the Father because the commandment was issued by Him through the Son. By rejecting one you reject the other.

1Jn 2:24 As for you, let that stay in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning stays in you, you also shall stay in the Son and in the Father.

The beginning is where John is speaking about what was taught in the Torah of Moses and if you have rejected this then the game is already over for you then according to John you are likely to have the **spirit of delusion**.

1Jn 4:6 We are of God – the one knowing God hears us. He who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the Spirit of the Truth and the **spirit of the delusion**.

By accepting one you accept ALL and open up room to learn because as long as you are faithful the Ruach Ha Kodesh (Holy Spirit) will open up more scripture for you to learn and understand or it will close the whole book. Like when a child misbehaves the mother will stop teaching him/her until he corrects his/her behaviour.

Wisdom in these passages is the drash for the “Ruach Ha Kodesh” and if you don’t receive wisdom then you won’t receive Torah either.

In the same proverb Justice is a related idiom for the Father and judgment through His Son to come. This is where the three offices of our God are displayed and meet. To reject one would be to reject all. So here we have it.

Proverbs 1:2-3

Justice - The Father

Judgment - The Son upon His return

Wisdom - Ruach Ha Kodesh (The Holy Spirit)

When the Son Yahushua returns He will judge the whole world and the book used to judge everyone would be “The Torah of Moses and it will be 100% justice meaning the character of the Father because His throne is set upon **Righteousness and justice**. Yahuweh is not going to judge people because you missed one Sabbath or several but because you refused to believe and obedience is going to be looked at in the world to come and the obedience to Torah, repeated in the prophets and Psalms is paramount. The New Testament only repeats what is already established in the Torah so there is nothing new.

Psalms 89:14 **Righteousness** and **justice** are the foundation of Your throne; **Mercy** and **truth** go before Your face.

The Psalm also speaks of the Son in the terms of “righteousness” meaning salvation through the Messiah and Justice as explained above being the picture of the Father.

Mercy and Truth are two representative one of His NAME, YHWH and the other of His Torah. You may not have heard but in the name of God is mercy. We could say one of the Ten Commandments like this;

Exo 20:7 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD [mercy] of thy God in vain; for the LORD [one that gives mercy] will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain [without mercy].

Why was it decided to change the nature of the Ruach Ha Kodesh (Holy Spirit)? I present two possibilities. It's possible that it was considered that with other cultures worshipping women as goddesses that it might cause people to stumble such as the worship of Diana was common throughout the regions of Asia Minor as you know. The other possibility is that it was done out of error by translating from the Semitic language to the non-Semitic language and gender confusion came in as a result of language to language translation.

This certainly has caused a lowering of the status of women in our societies and caused men to mistreat women, abuse them and even put them down and not give them the proper place where they should be. Women have also not helped themselves by taking unscriptural positions of authority usurping the authority from men, which results in an unbalanced home that can never flourish.

The Spirit of God is a living being the feminine manifestation of God and no Hebrew scholar with any worth will argue otherwise. We find that as a mother nurtures her children and teaches them likewise this is an area of function for the Spirit also.

Mishle Proverbs 1:8 My Son, Hear the **discipline of your Abbah** and **forsake not the Torah of your eema.**

The Torah of your mother or mummy is the instructions that God our Father in heaven has set forth and so here we are pre-warned not to forget it or ignore it but millions around the world have been taught the opposite by ignoring Torah and rejecting it because some clergy somewhere decided it is for the Jewish people only and that error is propagated to this day. The Jewish people are right that though the Spirit of God is the power of God but that does not mean people should stop going to Yeshivas (house of learning) because a good teacher is necessary to learn many precepts of the scriptures. Likewise you will not find a Muslim objecting about his children going to mosque in fact they diligently send their children to the madrassa or mosque so they can grow up strong in their faith. Muslims by the way learnt all these things from the Jews because the tradition comes from them. The Jews are right. Christians need to learn to obey and stop running after fashion theology of the day.

When the first human being Adam was created he was created in the image of God. If He was created in the image of God then whose image (character) was the woman created in?

She was created in the character of the Spirit and we do find that this truth is expounded upon in Proverbs 8.

Any kind of wickedness is an abomination before the Spirit of God such as worship, bowing before cows, snakes, stones and hand made human statues.

Proverbs 8:7 For My mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness is an abomination to My lips.

The idiom for Torah is Truth so it speaks about this.

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Proverbs 8:22-24 אָנֹכִי constituted me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. **23** I was poured out like a libation from everlasting, from the beginning, before the earth was. **24** When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with mayim (waters).

In the first instance it speaks about the Cochmah wisdom the Holy Spirit declaring here the WAY as did Yahushua in John 14:6.

31 Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights were with the sons of men.

She delighted in the sons of men as her children because a mother loves her children and never hates them.

Pro 9:1 Wisdom has built her house, She has hewn out its seven columns.

Remember the house that God built the raised Bet in the first word of Beresheet in Genesis 1:1, well it encompassed the family in the Hebrew word ELOHIM that is the Father, Son and the Mother because you cannot leave her out since she is the one who loves her children all those that trust and surrender their lives to Yahushua the Messiah have entered that House through Her Son revealed to the world.

It's time for us to remove church dogma and error of our ways and return back to YHWH. If the Ruach is with in you then as demonstrated above you will be Torah obedient, it may be that you don't fully understand Torah but at the very basic level you will not reject Torah and will want to learn all aspects of it. **This is the only true sign of a believer and a disciple of Yahushua and anyone who rejects Torah simply has no Holy Spirit as claims mean nothing in real life as they are worthless in the world to come.**

God is abundantly clear that those who reject His Torah He rejects them so let this be a warning for us all. The Torah and the Messiah go hand in hand, once you accept The Messiah of Israel the ketubah (Torah) is incumbent upon you at that moment in time then you have accepted to taking His yoke (Torah) upon you. It maybe that you do not know how to do all of it but that is fine and not a sin because you will learn slowly and it will take many years before you will get there. This is perfectly acceptable.

You may struggle to live to it fully but this is where Grace abounds to help you and me to live up to it. Remember Yahushua only sacrificed Himself once and will not sacrifice for us again and again. His sacrifice is not cheap and neither a license for sin but many in Christendom have just done that.

Hosea 4:6 My people have perished for lack of knowledge: because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you, from being a kohen (priest) to me: seeing you have forgotten the Torah² of your Elohim, I will also forget your sons.

Note the prophecy is both for the past, present and future so it is not a one time event.

Lack of Knowledge (Da'at) means you lacked instructions in Torah thus were carried in every wind and doctrine going so that results both putting you in bondage and a slow death from a lack of nourishment.

Rejected Knowledge (Da'at) – The worse thing any of us could do is reject Torah and live lawlessly. This is a serious matter and the severity has serious consequences so must be looked at seriously.

May God be with all of you who decide to be obedient to Him.

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² Seeing the House of Israel (Ten tribes) did not care about the Torah and the testimony of their forefathers and went after false worship of other false elohim YHWH cast them off.