

Let us suppose you are God, and your task is to write a spiritual manual to all the men in the world. This manual would show them how to come to you in the spirit.

What do you mean?

This manual would tell them how they could know you and be saved.

I don't write manuals, let alone a whole Bible.

Ok then. Let us suppose that you could contact them by phone. So you want me to call someone down on earth like, "This is God — Listen up you men-creatures".

What did you just do?

I called earth people.

No. What was the first thing you said?

I said, "This is God".

So you introduced yourself, didn't you?

Yep.

Why?

You have to introduce yourself, since they can't see you.

Ahaa! Let's suppose you were sending a Fax. What would be different?

Well, nothing I suppose.

Why?

Because they need to know who is talking to them, since they can't see you.

Well, you can't see God, right?

Right.

Whether you are calling someone by voice on the phone, or sending a written Fax, or writing a spiritual manual about yourself, you would always start with an introduction of yourself, since they can't see you.

Right. I do that whenever I call anybody on the phone, or answer it.

Ok. Let's go back to the telephone call.

I've got my phone in my hand.

What do you think all the people would say after they got your phone message?

I don't know.

They would say, "Who is Joe? I know lots of Joes".

You are saying I would have to be more specific.

Joe is a common name.

Ok. Then I would have to say, "Joe Smith".

Well, Smith is pretty common too. How about a full name?

Does this sound better? "This is Joseph Crompton Smith".

Now they know who is calling them, right?

Right. Where is this going, man?

What would you say if I told you that God introduced Himself in the beginning with a first, second, and third name just like you just did?

Like God1, God2, and God3?

God introduced Himself as evening, morning, and day in order to differentiate His eternity from other false gods.

Ha, ha, ha, hee, hee, heeeeee....Yow!

What's so funny?

How could part of a day be God? I would introduce myself as God.

Really now, Joe Crompton Smith. They would say, "Who is this god. I know lots of gods".

Ha, ha, ha. It just doesn't make sense.

If you were the timeless God who was going to create temporal plants, shrubs, animals, birds, fish, and man-creatures, how would you define your eternal characteristics?

What are my choices?

Choose a spiritual, a material, or a time characteristic.

I can't use material, since God is not a physical being.

So that leaves a spiritual characteristic, or one of time.

I don't know of any spiritual characteristic that would, or could, be named to portray any meaning that a human could identify with.

So only time remains for a timeless God, right?

What does the beginning say exactly?

I'll read it to you from the ASV Bible.

1. *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*
2. *And the earth was waste and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep: and the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.*
3. *And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.*