



# The Name of God

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# Exodus 3:14

<sup>13</sup> Then Moses said to God, “Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they say to me, ‘What is His name?’ what shall I say to them?”

<sup>14</sup> And God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And He said, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” <sup>15</sup>

Moreover God said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: ‘The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My name forever, and this is My memorial to all generations.’”



# What's in a Name?

**ORIGIN**

**Ancestry**

**Vocation**

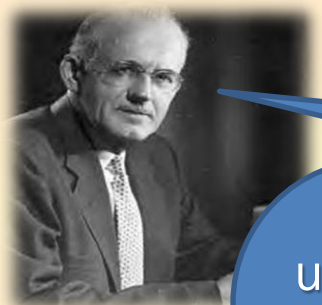
**Location**

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I AM

# Isaiah 43:10

“You are My witnesses,” says the Lord,  
“And My servant whom I have chosen,  
That you may know and believe Me, And  
understand that I am He. Before Me  
there was no God formed,  
Nor shall there be after Me.



“The child by his question, “Where did God come from?” is unwittingly acknowledging his creaturehood. Already the concept of cause and source and origin is firmly fixed in his mind. He knows that everything around him came from something other than itself, and he simply extends that concept upward to God. The little philosopher is thinking in true creature-idiom and, allowing for his lack of basic information, he is reasoning correctly. He must be told that God has no origin, and he will find this hard to grasp since it introduces a category with which he is wholly unfamiliar and contradicts the bent toward origin-seeking so deeply ingrained in all intelligent beings, a bent that impels them to probe ever back and back toward undiscovered beginnings.”

A.W. Tozer; *The Knowledge of the Holy*

# The Law of First Cause

Everything has been caused by something therefore the something that caused everything can have no cause.

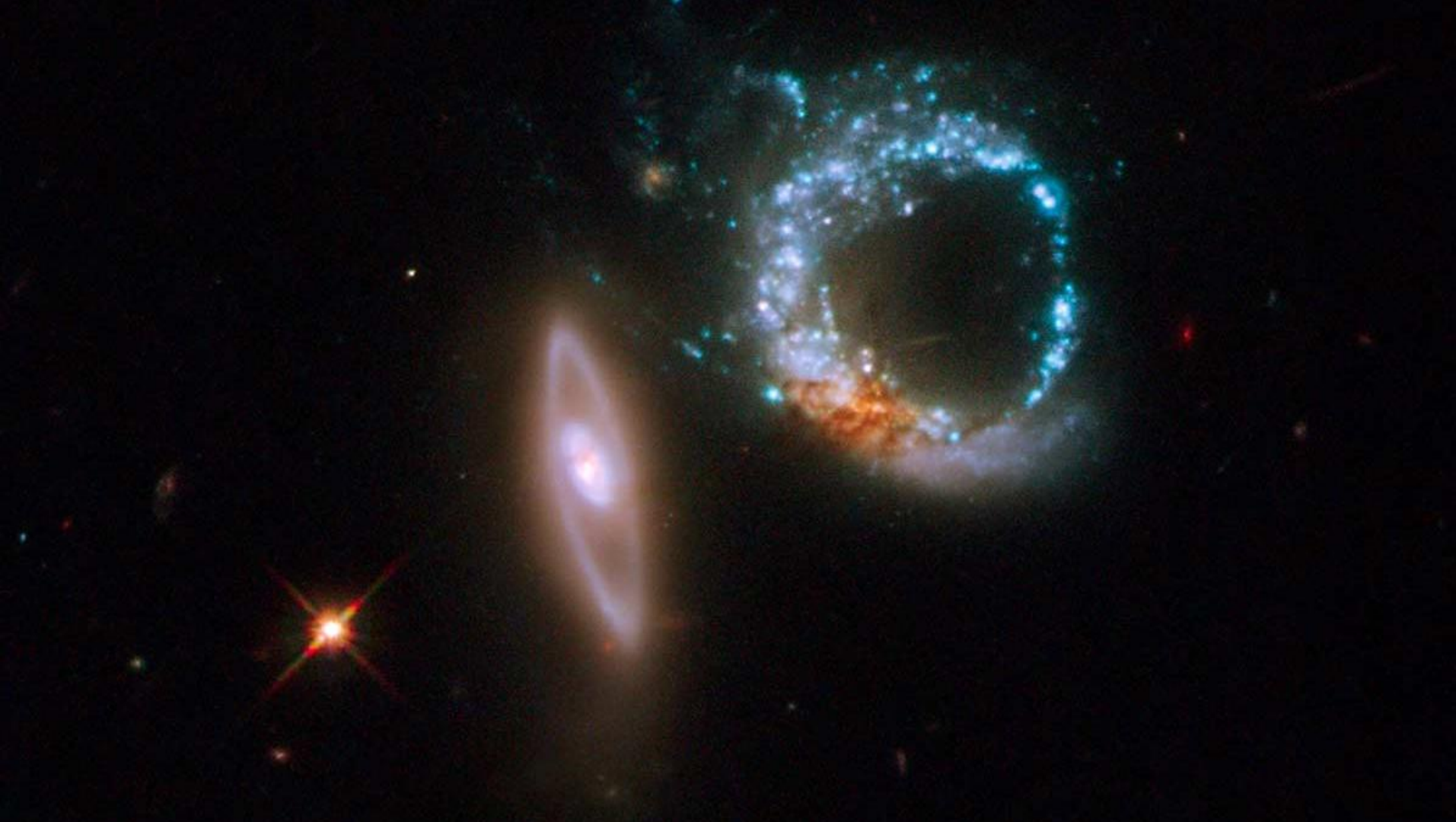
- If First Cause is rejected
  - The Universe itself is Eternal
  - There is an unending session of gods.
  - The Mormon idea: “As man is God once was, as God is man may become.” Lorenzo Snow 1834 quoting Joseph Smith



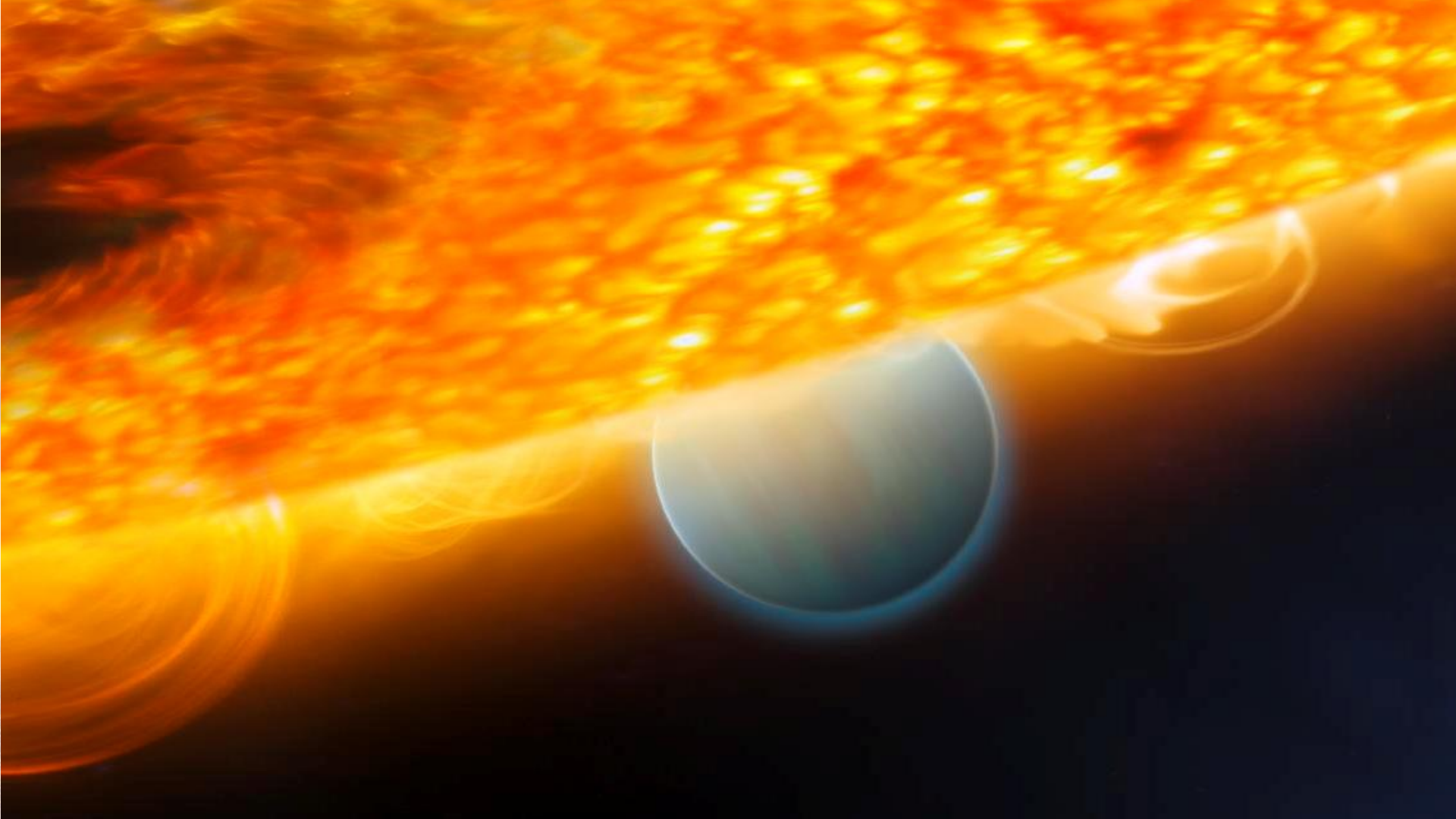












# Tetragrammaton

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YHWH

Yahweh

Adonai

Jehovah

# John 8:56-59

<sup>56</sup> Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw *it* and was glad.”

<sup>57</sup> Then the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?”

<sup>58</sup> Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, **I AM.**”

<sup>59</sup> Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

Jesus is

יהוה



"I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept his claim to be God. That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic — on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg — or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but let us not come with any patronising nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to. ... Now it seems to me obvious that He was neither a lunatic nor a fiend: and consequently, however strange or terrifying or unlikely it may seem, I have to accept the view that He was and is God."

C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

# Proverbs 18:10

The name of the **LORD** is  
a strong tower; The  
righteous run to it and  
are safe.

The Tower of David

