

the Bible as the Word of God, but instead seek to find in it all sorts of inconsistencies and incongruities, I personally feel much more comfortable about saying "Jehovah" than about saying "Yahweh." In most cases I tend to follow the usage of the King James Version and say "the LORD."

You probably realize that in the King James Version the common Hebrew word *adonai* is represented by "the lord" (in small letters), while the sacred name for God is represented by "the LORD" (entirely in capitals). If a person realizes this, then it is easy for him to understand that when we read "God," it indicates a type of being, whereas when we read "the LORD," it represents an actual name. One who does not know this would be apt to think that the two were exactly the opposite of what they really are.

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TRANSMISSION OF NUMBERS

Dear Dr MacRae,

Having graduated from Faith Seminary in 1939 and having a continued admiration for your scholarship especially in Old Testament studies, I should like to request your reaction to an article which I came across recently. Considering the author and the publication in which this article appeared, my inclination is to trust it. However, I would appreciate your comments.

The problem of Old Testament numbers I have generally set aside as something to which I would not likely find any very good answers. It seems to me that if this explanation is sound, it would be a great help to us.