

1 Who was Rich Mullins?

2 (Rich Mullins was old friend of Scott Hahn who was one of most popular composers in entire
3 evangelical world. One of his songs was Scott's favorite: *Awesome God*)

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5 Why did he call Scott Hahn?

6 He had found the truth of the Catholic Church but still had some questions and thought Scott
7 could help.

8 (Rich belonged to the "No Creed, but Christ" church – his question was which Jesus was the
9 true Jesus; his search left him deeply troubled; which gospel was true. Read Scott's book "*Rome
10 Sweet Home*" among many other materials and later enrolled in RCIA. He wrote a song about
11 the Creed: "*I believe what I believe is what makes me what I am. I didn't make it. No, it is
12 making me. It is the very truth of God and not the invention of any man, I believe, I believe*".

13 Rich died less than a year later on Sept 19, 1997 on his way to Wichita, KA where he was to be
14 received into the Catholic Church.)

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16 **The Creed**

17 How did the 4th century Archbishop of Milan convert St Augustine?

18 (Through his preaching, teaching, and proclamation of The Creed)

19 Question: Do you think we recite The Creed too much? OR ponder it too little? Do we take it for
20 granted?

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22 What does St Ambrose call The Creed?

23 (A Precious Treasure: "*The Creed is the spiritual seal - our hearts medication - an ever-present Guardian.
24 It is the unquestionably the treasure of our soul*". (CCC- Paragraph 197))

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27 How does Scott Hahn correlate the Hope Diamond and The Creed?

28 (It's like having the Hope Diamond in our living room!)

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30 St Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem (313 – 386 AD), stated "*This synthesis of faith was not made to accord with
31 human opinions but rather what was the greatest importance was gathered from all the scriptures to
32 present the one teaching of the faith in its entirety. And just as the mustard seed contains a great
33 number of branches, and a tiny grain, so to this summary of faith encompasses, in a few words, the
34 whole knowledge of the true religion contained in both the Old and the New Testaments.*" (CCC
35 Paragraph 186)

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37 What did the ancient church call the Apostles Creed? (Symbolon or symbol = half of broken object.

38 Meaning a seal divided into and was token of recognition. Broken parts meant to be *pieced* together to
39 verify the ID of bearer to validate his identity. Two halves made whole – When recite The Creed, we say
40 what we mean and mean what we say then become *whole* - then with God and humanity are united.)

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44 What else is The Creed?

45 Authoritative summary of Christianity's basic beliefs; synthesis of the Bible. From 1st millennium until to
46 today, we stand after reading Scripture to state solemn pledge which summarizes our faith which
47 synthesis the readings from new concealed in old and old revealed in the new; it becomes a covenant

48 renewal – the climax of the Liturgy of the Word just as Holy Communion is the climax for second half of
49 Mass (Liturgy of the Eucharist) when we receive the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus – two halves
50 that come together – the *SYMBOLON* is complete...not just summary of doctrine, not just synthesis of
51 Scripture but a *solemn pledge of ourselves to Christ.*)

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53 What did Dr Hahn reveal in his book *Kinship by Covenants*?
54 (Jewish Scholar Dr Friedman wrote at the end of his life that he saw in the Bible that Jesus is The Christ.
55 He stated, “*Nowhere else in all his studies did he find a god binding himself to his people; God binding*
56 *Israel to serve Him and God binding Himself in service to his own servants.*”)

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58 Seed planted in Old Testament with the Jewish Creed called *Shema* in Deuteronomy 6 “*Hear, O Israel,*
59 *the Lord our God is One Lord and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, should and*
60 *strength.*” NOTE: One = not as a solitary but in the sense of *unitary.*

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62 In Genesis 1, what was the *generic* name used for God? (Deity or Elohim)
63 When Elohim consecrates, blesses, and rests on the Sabbath, what is He called? (Yahweh Elohim)

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65 What is the Deity’s name on the Sabbath? (Elohim Yahweh?)

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67 How many times is the name Elohim used in Old Testament? (over 2600 times)
68 How many times referred to as Lord Yahweh? (over 7000 times)
69 How many times referred to as *Father*? (17 times)

70 In Old Testament, hear God is faithful, merciful, Shepherd – worship God of our Fathers (Abraham, Isaac,
71 Jacob) – The Shepherd takes care of the sheep better than parents take care of their children. In New
72 Testament, the Shepherd comes in a grand fashion as the Lamb of God – this new name of God doesn’t
73 simply fulfill the old but “*it surpasses the fulfillment of the old by Christ coming in the new and exceeds*
74 *the highest hope, the wildest dreams of the holiest Jews.*”

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76 At sermon on the mount where Jesus taught the Apostles to pray the *Our Father*, Jesus referred to God
77 as *Father*? (17) How many times is God referred to as *Father* in Hebrew Bible? (17)

78 NOTE: Even Temple high priests dared to address God or Elohim as *Father*.

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80 Jesus refers to God as *Father* 170 times in Gospels; in last discourse (John: 14-17) it is 51 times (3x17=51)
81 Jesus states “*I am the Truth, the Way and the Life...no one comes to the Father but by me.*” Why?
82 (Because no one knew that God was a father until He sent His son – God is much more than creator, we
83 believe Jesus *IS* “*God from God, Light from Light, True God from true God, begotten not made, one in*
84 *being with the Father...*)

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86 Jesus refers to himself as *the Son of Man* 82 times. What are the three contexts Jesus refers to himself
87 as Son of Man? (1. *Has power over nature. 2. Will be rejected and handed over to death. 3. Will be riding*
88 *on the clouds of heaven. Daniel 7:13-14.*)

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91 How many articles are in The Creed? (12)
92 When are the earliest records of The Creed being used for people entering into Baptismal covenant?
93 (215 AD)

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95 Author/pastor Rick Warren's (The Purpose Driven Life) Litany:
96 In today's society,
97 Materialism is idolized and morality is glamorized
98 Truth is minimized. Sin is normalized
99 Divorce is rationalized and abortion is legalized
100 On the Internet, TV and movies, crime is legitimized
101 Drug use is minimized, comedy is vulgarized, and sex is trivialized
102 Meanwhile, the
103 Bible is fictionalized; Churches are satirized
104 God is marginalized and Christians are demonized.
105 The elderly are dehumanized and the Sick are euthanized.
106 The Poor are victimized. The Mentally Ill are ostracized and our Children are tranquilized
107 Even in our families our manners are un- civilized, our speeches vulgarized
108 Faith is secularized and everything is commercialized
109 As Christians we are
110 Disorganized
111 Our pastors are demoralized
112 Our faith is compartmentalized and so our witness is compromised.
113 What do we need, we need
114 Our worship to be revitalized
115 Our differences minimized
116 Our members to be mobilized
117 Our marriages to be re-energized, and the
118 Lost to be evangelized and ...
119 Every one of us to be re-evangelized
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121 What did St Patrick finally realize what he had done in his life? (Taken for granted the mystery of
122 countless graces)
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124 What century was the first use of The Creed traced? (1st Century AD)
125 Dr Hahn states that if St Patrick with the Holy Spirit guiding him and only The Creed to teach could,
126 against incredible odds, convert a whole country, there is no reason God could not do it again. We only
127 have said yes "*from the heart and use the solemn pledge of The Creed – the great summary of our*
128 *beliefs, this great synthesis of Scripture*" – and re-confirm our covenant with our Father.
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130 What do the words *consubstantial with the Father* mean? (Of the same substance or essence)
131 Dr Hahn states this validates that God's *fatherhood* in reality is not metaphorical but metaphysical; the
132 love of the father for the son is the same as the love of the son for the father. That love is gift of life who
133 is the Holy Spirit – *that* is what the Father sent the Son to give us at the cross not pain, injustice or
134 violence but passion, love and mercy – freely given through His mother. (Genesis 3:15, John 19:24). He
135 *thirsts* for to ascend to the face of our Father.
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137 Other than God the Father, Jesus His son, and the Holy Spirit, who else is remembered in The Creed?
138 (Mary and Pontius Pilate)
139 Why is significant?
140 The Creed presents two people who made choices just as we must make choices. Pontius Pilot is a true
141 cynic. He knows Jesus is innocent; he went along to get along; a true relativist. Mary was instrument of

142 choice for God by the Trinity to overcome all the Pontius Pilots who cause suffering to save all the sons
143 and daughters who He adopted by Grace.

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145 What does St Louis de Montfort state about relationship between Satan and Mary and God? (Satan
146 fears Mary more than God because Satan's pride and shame is being defeated by a human and a
147 woman.)

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149 What secret did our Lord entrust to St Theresa of Calcutta on September 10, 1946? (The Lord wanted
150 her to share His *thirst* – not that of physical thirst but a thirst of the soul- of thirsting for a personal
151 relationship with Him)

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153 In the letter from St Theresa, she states "The Holy Father told me it was time for me to speak openly of
154 the gift that God gave me. Jesus wants me to tell you again how much love He has for each one of
155 you...beyond all you can imagine. "She continues "I worry that some of you have not really met Jesus
156 one to one, you and Him alone. We may spend time in the chapel, but have you seen with the eyes of
157 your soul? How he looks at you with love? Do you really know the living Jesus, not from books only but
158 from being with Him in your hearts, asking for the grace? "

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160 Mother Theresa continues to invite us to bind ourselves in our weakness to Jesus through the Eucharist
161 and by renewing our covenant with Him in The Creed.

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163 How does Dr Hahn describe the *family bond* between us and our Father in heaven?
164 (The bond is not just human but divine; not just temporal but eternal; it is summed up in The Creed)

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166 What is the significance of the 12 stones in Joshua 4?
167 Joshua commanded the Levi's to carry Ark of Covenant to banks of Jordan; the water parted and Joshua
168 was instructed to appoint 12 princes one from each of 12 tribes to take big stones across Jordan and
169 erect a memorial; 12 stones were also set into the Jordan

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171 How is the Church compared to a family?
172 The Church is a family drama that God is fathering through the body of Christ; it is the *Temple* of the
173 Holy Spirit and our home forever.

- 174 References:
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- 176 Song: Awesome God by Rich Mullins
- 177 Rome Sweet Rome by Dr Scott Hahn
- 178 Kinship of Kings (Dr Scott Hahn)
- 179 Daniel 7:13-14
- 180 Litany of Loretta
- 181 <https://www.hebrew4christians.com/Grammar/grammar.html>
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- 184 Definitions
- 185 Tetragrammaton – “the four letters” (Line 61)
- 186 Consubstantial – “of the same substance or essence”
- 187 Relativist – “there is no standard for truth; truth is what each person decides for him/herself “
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https://www.hebrew4christians.com/Names_of_G-d/YHWH/yhwh.html

In the Tanakh, YHWH is the personal name of God and his most frequent designation, occurring over 6,800 times. This is the Ineffable Name or Unutterable Name of the God of Israel. Because it is composed from the four Hebrew letters Yod, Hey, Vav, and Hey, it is also referred to as the "Tetragrammaton," which simply means "the four letters."

When God commissioned Moses to be Israel's liberator from the bondage of Pharaoh's Egypt, he asked for God's Name in order to validate his God-given role to the children of Israel (see Exodus 3:14). God simply answered Moses, "ehyeh-asher-ehyeh":

וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים אֶל־מֹשֶׁה אֲשֶׁר אֲהִיָּה

The phrase *ehyeh asher ehyeh* (rendered as "I AM THAT I AM" in the KJV) derives from the Qal imperfect first person form of the verb *hayah*: "I will be," and therefore indicates a connection between the Name YHWH and being itself. YHWH is the Source of all being and has being inherent in Himself (i.e., He is necessary Being). Everything else is contingent being that derives existence from Him. The name YHWH also bespeaks the utter transcendence of God. In Himself, God is beyond all "predications" or attributes of language: He is the Source and Foundation of all possibility of utterance and thus is beyond all definite descriptions.

This special Name of God (YHWH) was moreover combined with "The God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob" to be God's Name forever, "my memorial unto all generations" (see Exodus 3:15-16).

In the traditional Jewish view, YHWH is the Name expressing the mercy and condescension of Almighty God:

"The Holy One, Blessed be He, said to those, You want to know my name? I am called according to my actions. When I judge the creatures I am Elohim, and when I have mercy with My world, I am named YHWH" (*Exodus Rabbah* 3:6).

Elohim is the Name given for God as the Creator of the universe (Gen 1:1-2:4a) and implies strength, power, and justice. YHWH, on the other hand, expresses the idea of God's closeness to humans. For example, YHWH "breathed into his (Adam's) nostrils the breath of life" (Genesis 2:7).

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