

MR. ALPHA
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Purpose:

Many of the accepted *facts* of science are not actually facts. This interview with a ten-thousand year old man (TTYOM) takes us on a trip to the ridiculous to arrive at the most basic fact of all. Our God is the greatest, there is none above Him.

Characters:

TTYOM -- obviously *old*, hard of hearing, but fun loving with a sense of humor

Interviewer -- Very proper, young, and professional.

Props:

Microphone, possibly a notepad for the interviewer. Whatever props to add to the *age* of the TTYOM.

Interviewer: We are honored to have as our guest today, Mr. Alpha. He's the man you've heard so much about on the news. Mr. Alpha claims to be 10,000 years old. This has actually been validated by...

TTYOM: They don't believe me, eh?

Interviewer Actually, yes! I was just about to explain. This has been proven this by carbon dating.

TTYOM: Nope! Never dated anyone named Carmen. No one can prove that!

Interviewer Carbon! Carbon!

TTYOM: What a stupid name. But I guess I've heard worse in my time. Yep! Yep! Sure have.

Interviewer Come now, Man. You don't mean to tell me that in all your life, you've never heard of carbon? One of the basic elements?

TTYOM: Of course I heard of it! You just confused me. We used to call it charcoal. Had a dog once named Charcoal. Guess we could have called it Carbon. Wouldn't have mattered. Dog didn't come no matter what you called it.

Interviewer: What?... Never mind! Getting back to names. You must have been around when the custom of giving people names began. How did that start, anyway?

TTYOM; We got fruitful and all that. How many people you think it takes before "Hey you!" doesn't work anymore?

Interviewer: Yes, I can see that. What were some of the first names given to people?

TTYOM: Well. "Hey you" was probably first. Then we started playing with names like "aaaa" and "ooooo"

Interviewer: You're kidding!

TTYOM: I never kid. You think it was easy inventing consonants?

Interviewer: Well, have you had a lot of different names in your lifetime?

TTYOM: Yes, yes.

Interviewer: Can you share some of the names you've been called?

TTYOM: Shame on you. There are ladies here.

Interviewer: No, no. The regular names.

TTYOM: Well, I started as "iiii". That was me. Since then, I have been a "Tom", a "Dick", and a "Harry". My favorite was probably "Jehovah".

Interviewer: What? You telling us the stories about Jehovah are really about you?

TTYOM: Did I say that? No! When those Israelis who worshipped Jehovah started whooping the socks off everyone, it became a popular name. That's all.

Interviewer: Speaking of that, you must've been around when people first started worshipping God.

TTYOM: Which one?

Interviewer: Well? What was the first God you remember people worshipping?

TTYOM: "Phil"

Interviewer: Uh, did you say "Phil"?

TTYOM: You got a problem with hearing? Some folks get that as they age.

Interviewer: No, it's just.... Who on earth was Phil?

TTYOM: He was big. That's who he was. I can still remember how we used to pray to Phil.

Interviewer: Really?

TTYOM: Oh yes! We'd say, "Oh Phil. Please don't hit us Phil!"

Interviewer: When did you stop praying to Phil?

TTYOM: Oh, when Phil went out in a lightning storm to prove he wasn't afraid of anything. He shook his fist at the sky and a lightning bolt hit him.

Interviewer: Yes, I can see why you no longer prayed to Phil after that. What did everyone say? When that happened?

TTYOM: We said "Hey! There's something out there, bigger than Phil!"