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This seems extreme even based on what I know about the Gnostics. But then there's the specific point I really want to ask about. He says that if you look at the original Hebrew Elohim is the one who commands the sacrifice of Isaac, and YHWH (or his angel) is the one who saves Isaac. I have no idea how this fits into his ideology, but I hadn't heard this before. Is he up in the night? Is this really the way the Hebrew reads but no one cares? Or do lots of people care and there's some large esoteric disagreement that I was unaware of. In defense of his claim he included this picture:

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The fundamental error here is the assumption that Y-H-V-H and Elokim are two separate entities. That's wrong. These are two names for the same Entity.

Evidence:

Deut. 4:35-39. "You have been shown to know that Y-H-V-H, He is the Elokim; there is none besides Him...And you shall know today and take to heart that Y-H-V-H is the Elokim in the heavens above and upon the earth below; there is no other."

Deut. 7:9. "And you shall know that Y-H-V-H, your G-d, He is the Elokim, the trustworthy G-d that maintains the Covenant and the kindness for those that love Him and safeguard His commandments, for a thousand generations."

2 Samuel 7:28. "And now, my Lord Y-H-V-H, You are the Elokim, and Your words shall be true; and You have told Your servant this good thing."

1 Kings 8:9. "In order that all the nations of the world should know that Y-H-V-H, He is the Elokim, there is none else."

1 Kings 18:39. "And all the people saw, and they fell on their faces and declared: Y-H-V-H, He is the Elokim; Y-H-V-H, He is the Elokim."

2 Kings 19:15. "And Hezekiah prayed before Y-H-V-H, and he said: Y-H-V-H, G-d of Israel, Who dwells amidst the Keruvim, You alone are the Elokim over all the kingdoms of the world; You made the heavens and the earth."

Isaiah 37:15. "Y-H-V-H, Master of Legions, Who dwells amidst the Keruvim, You alone are the Elokim over all the kingdoms of the world; You made the heavens and the earth."

Isaiah 45:18. "For so says Y-H-V-H, Creator of heaven, He is the Elokim, the Shaper of earth and its Maker, He established it: Not for emptiness did He create it, for settlement He formed it; I am Y-H-V-H, there is none else."

Ezra 1:3. "Who is there among you of all His nation? May his G-d be with him! He should ascend to Jerusalem in Judah and build the House of Y-H-V-H the G-d of Israel--He is the Elokim!--in Jerusalem."

Nechemiah 9:7. "You are He, Y-H-V-H the Elokim, that chose Abram and took him out of Ur Kasdim and made his name Abraham."

1 Chronicles 17:26. "And now, Y-H-V-H, You are the Elokim, and You have spoken this good thing about Your servant."

1 Chronicles 21:17. "And David said to the Elokim: Was it not I that commanded to count the nation? It is I that sinned, I that did evil! What did these sheep do? Y-H-V-H, my G-d, let Your Hand be against me and my father's house, but let there not be a plague upon Your nation."

1 Chronicles 22:1. "And David said: This is the House of Y-H-V-H the Elokim, and this is the Altar for the elevation-sacrifices of Israel."

2 Chronicles 33:13. "And he prayed to Him, and He was entreated by him and He listened to his pleas. And He returned him to his kingdom in Jerusalem, and Menashe knew that Y-H-V-H, He is the Elokim."

Now, I don't claim that this is an exhaustive sweep of Scripture. It's just what I found with a quick search on the [Dicta search engine](#). And yet you see how many times Scripture repeats this point! 14 just in this list.

Distinguishing between Y-H-V-H and Elokim, and positing conflict between them, might be compared to distinguishing between George Washington and the President, and positing conflict between them. One is His Name, and the other is His Title (or one of His Titles).