



John 20:28 My Lord and my God

To understanding this verse in the light of the whole Bible one must understand the disciples including Thomas where Hebrew men speaking the Hebrew tongue with a Hebrew cultural understanding.

“God” or “El” [אל 'el] did not and even today does not mean what the western culture makes it out to mean. אל 'el simply means **firm strength, sturdiness firm strength, sturdiness, mighty**. From this comes אלוה 'elowahh literally meaning **one with supreme strength and ability** which is often translated as God in the English Bible and from that comes אלהים 'elohiyim which is plural and is translated as God, god, and gods. In Hebrew this use of Elohim (plural) is used for referencing more than one El or a top mighty El, the same as “water” in Hebrew is plural and “heaven” is plural. In the Septuagint this was translated as θεός theos and from that Greek to the English word God.

El, Eloha, Elohim, Theos simply refers to a mighty one or mighty ones in power and authority either by lawful or unlawful authority or even by a matter of sheer strength. The westernized meaning the English put on the word “god” translated from these Hebrew and Greek words is irrelevant to the true Word of YHWH.

What the Hebrew man Thomas was saying to Yahusha was that he, Yahusha, was his teacher, master and strong one or ruler. It is IMPOSSIBLE in the light of the whole word of YHWH to interpret this in any other way. It is IMPOSSIBLE to use this to say Thomas was declaring Yahusha as the Almighty God, or part of an Almighty God.

John 20:28 And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Master and my 'El.

John 20:28 And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord G2962 and my God G2316.

G2962 κύριος **kurios** (kī'-riy-os) *n.*

1. **lord, supreme in authority, the one in control.**
2. (also, by implication) **sir or master** (as a title showing respect for others).

G2316 θεός **theos** (the-os') *n.*

1. (properly, in Greek) a **god or deity. a supernatural, powerful entity** (real or imagined).
2. (by Hebraism, especially with G3588) **God, the Supreme Being, the Creator, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Yahweh by name.**
3. (figuratively) a **supreme magistrate** (in the land).

Exod 3:14 And Elohaym H430 said unto Moses, I EXIST THAT I EXIST: and he said, Thus shall you say unto the children of Israel, I EXIST has sent me unto you.

Exod 3:15 And Elohaym said moreover unto Moses, Thus shall you say unto the children of Israel, YHWH Elohaym of your fathers, the Elohaym of Abraham, the Elohaym of Isaac, and the Elohaym of Jacob, has sent me unto you: this [is] my name for ever, and this [is] my memorial unto all generations.

H430 אֱלֹהִים 'elohiyim (el-o-heem') *n-m*. [plural of H433]

אֱלֹהֵי 'elohiy (el-o-hee') [alternate plural]

1. (*literally*) **supreme ones**.
2. (*hence, in the ordinary sense*) **gods**.
3. (*specifically, in the plural, especially with the article*) **the Supreme God** (i.e. the all supreme).
4. (*sometimes*) **supreme, used as a superlative**.
5. (*occasionally, by way of deference*) **supreme magistrates, the highest magistrates of the land**.

H433 אֱלֹהֵי 'elowahh (el-o'-ah) *n-m*. [probably prolonged (emphat.) from H410]

אֱלֹהֵי 'eloahh (el-o'-ah) [shortened (rarely)]

1. **one with supreme strength and ability**.
2. **the Supreme Being, God the Creator, Yahweh by name**.
3. **a supreme entity, a god-like creature** (that is, one of God's supreme creations, or one of man's inventions).

H410 אֵל 'el (ale) *n-m*.

1. **firm strength, sturdiness firm strength, sturdiness**.
2. (*figuratively*) **a firm grip** (of the hand).
3. (*as adjective*) **sturdy** (as indomitable, supreme durability).
4. (*an abbreviated spelling, but especially*) **God, as the Superior or Indomitable Strength** (but used also of any deity).
5. (*hence*) **a god** (as created or imagined).