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The four Hebrew letters usually transliterated as YHWH or JHVH, used as a biblical proper name for God.

[Middle English *Tetragramaton*, from Greek *tetragrammaton*, four-letter word, from neuter of *tetragrammatos*, four-lettered : *tetra-*, *tetra-* + *gramma*, *grammat-*, letter; see **gerbh-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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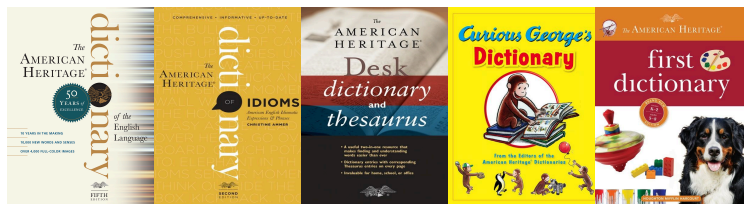
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