Yahweh, Breath of Life

When Almighty God created human beings,
He made us from two things:
      from the dust of the ground and
      from His own breath. (Genesis 2:7)

Then when God called Moses
      to lead His people out of Egypt,
Moses asked Him what name he should give to Israel
      for the God who sent him. (Exodus 3:13-15)
God's response:
      tell them I AM sent you. (v.14)
Then in the next verse (v.15), God reveals to Moses
      His name for Himself,
      a name based on the Hebrew for "I AM":
      Yahweh.
That name suggests that God is not some small, local deity
      but is the source of all being itself.
He Himself is the breath of life.

Some have pointed out that the very act of saying "Yahweh"
is like breathing.
      Breathe in as you say, "Yah".
      Breathe out as you say, "weh".
Try it.
The name itself reminds us that
      God Himself – Yahweh –
      is the breath of life.
As we turn to Him,
      talk to Him, and
      speak His name,
we experience His presence,
      His Spirit,
      His life,
as close and as intimate
      as our own breath.

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