Subject: Calling God, 'Daddy'...
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Jesus tells us in Matthew 6:9 that when we pray we're to address God as: "Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed by thy name."

Yet I hear more and more people refering to Almighty God, Yahweh, The Creator of the universe; as 'Daddy', or 'Daddy God'. We know Jesus called Him "Abba" at least three times(Mk.14:36,Rom.8:15,Gal.4:6) and according to what some say, abba means daddy. Some say that it denotes an intimacy with God that He desires us to have, just as Jesus had with Him. Others believe it to be disrespectiful and irreverent.

To me it just seems disrespectiful and I cringe when I hear someone saying it, just like I do when someone(most times a woman) says they're 'in love with Jesus', or are in a love affair with Christ; it brings to mind the wrong picture of intimacy.(not to say that the person speaking this way means it in an impure manner, it just seems to sound carnal like the society we live in today)

Am I just old fashioned or do others feel this way? There are SO many scriptures telling us how God is to be reverenced and honored, loved and obeyed, worshiped with pure hearts and clean hands; yet we're also reminded that He is a consuming fire and we should have a godly fear and awe of Him.(Heb.12:28-29)

I understand the place of intimacy in our relationship with Him as Gal.4 explains and maybe it's just the lingual difference and the way we express ourselves today. I think I'll stick with addressing Him as my 'Father'.