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The ancient pagan peoples saw the sun gradually moving south in the heavens and the days growing shorter. With their superstitious minds they believed if they did not continue to observe Christmas or Hanukkah, the sun would set forever to relieve them. By using decorations and religious ceremonies they believed their devotion would influence the sun to remain in the heavens.

When they beheld the sun slowing down in its setting, they knew the new year was approaching and the old year had been successful. A time of unrestrained rejoicing broke out. Feasting and revelry were encouraged. Drinking alcoholic beverages heightened the excitement.

Then, when the pagans saw the sun again begin to move northward, yet another week or two later were able to determine that the days were growing longer, a new year was proclaimed. The ancient people were known to go to the top of a mountain or highest hill to mark the shortest and longest days of the year in order to know when the sun would travel from north to south and then north again (Skeptical History of Paganism, for example).

The Mother-and-Child
At the celebration of Christmas each year, you will observe the mother-and-child figures in the nativity scenes. While this is good, it also must be acknowledged that this custom was taken from the ancient Roman culture, however, yields the historical record of the veneration of a mother and child. This tradition traces back to Nimrod, who was believed to be reincarnated through his new son (sun), Tammus.

When, therefore, why make an idol out of the Mother-and-Child creche, nativity scene, anyway?
It was not the birth of Yahushua the Messiah that will save us, but His DEATH (and body) that will save us. The tree of life was given to the Israelites as the Tree of Yahweh in order that the new life would be the Captain of our salvation, along with His anointing.

Christmas Trees
Have you ever puzzled over the reason why a pine tree is brought into the house at Christmas time and set up with bright tinsel and lights? Nowhere can you find a commandment to do this throughout the entire Bible. This heathen custom also stems from the worship of Nimrod, and the Bible actually forbids the custom.

When Nimrod was executed by Sham (Noah's son) for the murder of his brother, Yahweh pursued Nimrod into the ruling Kingdom. Nimrod was depicted in mythology as a dead tree that had been cut down. Mythology was the name of the pagan serpent in Genesis 3. The pagans also became aware of the serpent in the Bible stands for Satan the Devil, Revelation 12:9 and Genesis chapter 3.

This paganism mythology (the dead tree and a new shoot) symbolizes the dying sun, and the new sun could have been the reason for the dead mighty tree that had once been a powerful object in Nimrod's reign.
restores and splendor to the December 25th solstice each year.

Tree Worship Condemned

Let us hear Almighty Yahweh speak to us in Jeremiah 10:2-8: “Thus says Yahweh, Learn not the way of the nations, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the nations are dismayed at them. For the customs of the peoples are vain; for one cuts a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman with the axe. They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and hammers, that it moves not. They are like a palm tree, of turned work, and speak not: they must necessarily be borne, because they cannot go. Be not afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, neither can they do good. There is no one like you, O Yahweh; you are great, and your name is great in might. Who would not fear you, O King of the nations? For to you it does pertain; since among all the wise men of the nations, and in all their royal estate, there is no one like you. But they are together brutish and foolish: the instruction of idols! It is but a stock.”

The True Worshiper must never be appeased at the changes of the seasons or other signs in the heavens as are the pagan worshipers. We must serve and obey Yahweh by keeping His commandments, trusting Him for salvation. We must not become foolish and degenerate in our thinking by worshiping the creation rather than the Creator (Romans 1:25). We shall serve the mighty King of the universe, Yahweh Elohim, and fear Him and His Son, as the Creator of all.

Xmas Wreaths

Made from evergreens, the wreaths are most frequently round. Evergreen means eternal life, a never-dying in pagan mythology. The round form symbolizes the sun, just as do the halos in common religious art. Consequently, the round Chrr-stmas wreaths stand for an eternal sun, a never-dying or self-renewing sun. In addition, the round form can also relate to the sign of the female which stands for the regeneration of life. Such symbols appear throughout Christian art and were copied from ancient Canaanite religion. Please study Numbers 25, among other passages.

Who would come out of Babylon, must eliminate such rank paganism from our lives as is memorialized in religious art and pagan holiday symbolism. We must eliminate from our lives all that could possibly displeasour Heavenly Father.

Chrr-stmas Spirits?

Characteristic of the Chrr-stmas celebration is a time of imbibing (the spirit of Chrr-stmas). During the winter holidays, it is imperative that each person engaging in that celebration take a drink of alcohol beverage. Many bottles of alcoholic beverages are given as Chrr-stmas gifts. Frequently, imbibing in the bottled Chrr-stmas spirit leads to tragedy.

The feast, as regulated by Caligula, lasted five days, where requests were given to drunkenness now every year (the Saturnalia). This was precisely the way, in which, Babylonians were to drink. When Babylon was destroyed, answering to our December, in other words, the festival of Bacchus, was celebrated in Babylon... the Wassailing bowl of Chrr-stmas was precisely its counterpart in the “drunken festivals” of Babylon, and many other observances still kept up among ourselves at Chrr-stmas came from the very same quarters.”

The Two Babylons, by Alexander Hislop, pages 96-97.

Where in the Scriptures can you find a passage to where they cannot do evil, neither can they do good? You will find that in an office party? Can you imagine the Apostles staging an office party to celebrate the birth of a demon? No Scripturist can be found that even remotely alludes to such loose conduct among the Apostles, whose singular goal in life was to fill the earth with the knowledge of Yahweh, and teach the truth of the Creator.

Santa and His Reindeer

Where did the man in the little red suit, who is to represent the Spirit of Chrr-stmas, originate? He was called Saint Nicholas, shortened to St. Nick! Have you ever considered who “Nick” really is? It is a “nick” name for Satan the Devil! Prove this fact to yourself from any good dictionary.

Why must parents tell children a lie about the Santa Claus myth at Chrr-stmas time? Santa Claus is telling children that a little elf named Santa Claus (St. Nicholas) will leave the presents under the tree a pre-variation that will psych your child into a sheep. Santa Claus is reputed to have been a contrac tion of the name Saint Nicholas. However, from twice round. Evergreen means eternal life, a never-dying in pagan mythology. The round form symbolizes the sun, just as do the halos in common religious art. Consequently, the round Chrr-stmas wreaths stand for an eternal sun, a never-dying or self-renewing sun. In addition, the round form can also relate to the sign of the female which stands for the regeneration of life. Such symbols appear throughout Christian art and were copied from ancient Canaanite religion. Please study Numbers 25, among other passages.

Little is known about this saint from the fourth century. A Nicolaus is mentioned in Acts 6:5, where he was ordained one of the Seven Deacons, but nothing is known of him except that he is described as a proselyte. In Webster’s New World Atlas, dated from 1894, Saint, 4th century A.D., bishop of Myra: patron saint of Russia, of Greece, and of young people, sailors, etc., his day is December 6th: SANTA CLAUS.”

Can one readily tie in the term Nicolaianites here. Commentators assert that this must have been an appellation set founded by Nicolas (perhaps the one in Acts or another), but they readily admit to their uncertainty. By checking the lexicons we learn that Concordance Dictionary is a name that is used all as #3551 (the 1991 American Standard Version corrected the spelling to Nicolaian). The word is then traced to #3534, Nicolas. If this is true (and there is no reason to disbelieve it), then the root of the word “Nicolaic” is Nicolas. The latter part of the word would then be #2992, Law, a people.

Let us also remember that the term Nicolaianites, Revelation 2:9 and 3:9, was a doctrine HATED by Yahshua the Messiah and Almighty Yahweh our Heavenly Father.

Who was Nick? The word Nick could form the basis of the word Nicholas. It was the pagan winged victory, the exaltation of Zeus. Many times Nick can be seen today portrayed on trophies even in our modern times. Look at the word Saturnalia. That is the advent of the birth of J-sus Christ. Obviously, there exist another very remarkable, close association here with paganism.

Pilgrim Fathers Rejected Chrr-stmas

Many of the original immigrants came to the New World with the intention of re-establishing the true Faith of Yahshua the Messiah, and the Faith of the Apostles outside of Roman, papal persecution. The Pilgrim Fathers, who were essentially Puritans, came to the New World at an early date (1620) and settled in New England. It was their intention to serve the Heavenly Father and Yahshua the Messiah in Spirit and in Truth.

The following is quoted from the Encyclopedia Britannica, 11th Edition. “In 1646 the English Puritans forbid any merriment or religious act by act of parliament, on the ground that it was a hea-then festival, and ordered it to be kept as a fast. Charles the 2nd revived the feast, but the Scots ad-hered to the Puritan view.”

In fact, for centuries, the true Messianic worship was never large or extensive. It was always composed of a few people, perhaps one or two individuals or families, who earnestly sought to serve Yahweh and refrained from association with idolatry or false worship. Very little is known from them thorough reports of the world’s historians. But, nevertheless, occasionally small groups, such as the Nazarenes, the Waldenses, and the Pilgrim Fathers, do make historical headlines.

Why do people in our modern times continue to cling tenaciously to customs which were derived from ancient pagan superstitions? Why do they never question a few people, or even two individuals, about their personal Bible and obey the Inspired Scriptures rather than attempting to support traditional, unscriptural observances with the sacred Scriptures?

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