



CHRISTMAS

A DIABOLICAL PARADOX

Diabolical: Of or pertaining to the Devil, demoniacal, fiendish.

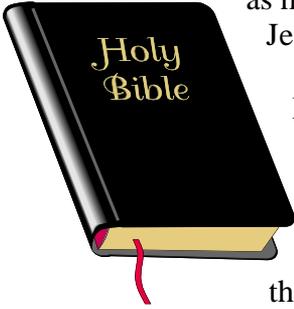
Paradox: A statement actually self-contradictory or false

Christmas is purported to be the celebration of the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. By simply and honestly examining the history, the scriptures and the actual practices of Christmas, it may be easily seen that it is truly a work of Satan foisted on an unsuspecting, and often willingly gullible, humanity.

HISTORY OF CHRISTMAS...its origin

Due to the cold weather in that area at that time of the year, the Judean shepherds would not have been in the fields on the 25th of December as they were at the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ (Luke 2:8).¹ Nor is it likely that Caesar would have required his

subjects to travel to their home towns in the winter to be taxed as he did just before the birth of the Lord Jesus (Luke 2:1-3).



Nowhere in the word of God do we find anyone celebrating the birthday of the Lord Jesus, nor do we find any command from God to do so. Since God Almighty has told us that within the pages of His written word may be found all He would have us do to be perfect (mature) Christians before Him, and Christmas is not found there, it must not be a good work in the eyes of God.

II Timothy 3:16-17 "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

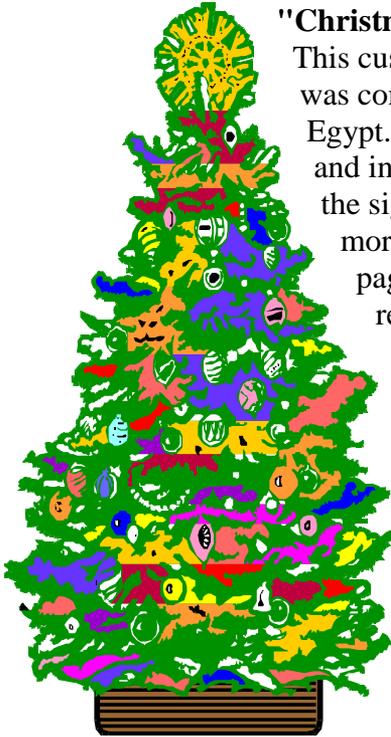
Obviously if the celebration of Christmas did not originate with God and the Bible, we will have to look to secular history for its origin. Prior to the celebration of Christmas, December 25th was celebrated as the Natalis Solis Invicti, the birthday of the Unconquerable Sun.¹ The worship of this pagan deity, known by different names in different lands, penetrated the Roman world in the first century B.C.. Under Roman Catholicism, the celebration of the birthday of the Sun was adopted² and changed to supposedly celebrate the birthday of the Son of God, retaining many of the pagan customs and festivities.³ Some of the earliest settlers of the American colonies, the Puritans, outlawed the celebration of Christmas "because there was no biblical sanction"⁴ for such an observance.

ORIGIN OF CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS

"Yuletide"

This common terminology for the Christmas season⁵ has its origin deeply rooted in paganism far before the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. In paganism, the mother of the sun god, and

great mediatorial divinity, was said to have been mystically turned into a tree and in this condition gave birth to her son. The birthday associated with December 25th was really a reincarnation of her son. He had been killed and was miraculously raised on December 25th. Thus the pagans would cast a "yule (child) log" on the fire the evening of December 24th. On the next morning, the reincarnated tree would appear.⁶



"Christmas Tree" (colored lights today)

This custom of the Christmas season was common in pagan Rome and Egypt. In Egypt they used a palm tree and in Rome a fir tree. See above for the significance of the tree on the morning of December 25th in the pagan festivals.⁶ It may be that the reference to the tree in Jeremiah 10 had its roots in this pagan celebration.

"Candles"

Lighted candles are foreign to the worship of God in the church of the New Testament scriptures. Yet, they too had their place in the worship of the sun god of paganism⁶ and in Christmas today.

"Santa Claus"

The origin of Santa Claus, or St. Nicholas, is well known. He was a Roman Catholic bishop in Asia Minor in the first half of the fourth century.⁷ Various legends of his generosity are reported, especially toward children whom he supposedly would question to see if they had studied their catechism and behaved well before giving them treats. His bishop's robe, no doubt, evolved into the modern day red uniform of Santa Claus.⁸

"Mistletoe"

Among the pre-Christian Druidic superstitions, derived from ancient Babylon, was the legend of the mistletoe. It was regarded as a divine branch that came down from heaven and grafted itself into an earthly tree. Thus the mistletoe became a token of reconciliation, the kiss being a symbol of pardon.⁹

At one time Babylon was the center of the civilized world and the origin of all paganism. As such it corrupted the truth of God through the "mysteries" of its religion and thus debased, carnalized and materialized it.

CHRIST-MASS

In the Roman Catholic mass, the following anti-biblical, anti-Christ events are purported to take place:

"Unbloody Sacrifice"

"The mass is the unbloody renewal of the sacrifice of Christ on Calvary's cross...Christ, through the ministry of the Catholic priest, offers Himself to God in an unbloody manner under the appearances of bread and wine."¹⁰



Crucify Him again! Do it again!
Again, I say. That is not enough.
Do it again! Again! Again!
Crucify Him again!

"**Christ Crucified Afresh**" (thus indicating His death on Calvary was insufficient) "The mass is the same sacrifice as the sacrifice of the cross because the Victim is the same. The purpose of the mass is, among other things, to satisfy the justice of God for the sins committed against Him."¹¹

"When the priest pronounces the tremendous words of consecration, he reaches up into the heavens and brings Christ down from His throne, and places Him upon the (*Roman Catholic*) altar to be offered up again as the victim for the sins of man...Christ became incarnate a single time, the priest brings Christ down from heaven and renders Him present on the (*Roman Catholic*) altar as the eternal Victim for the sins of man-not once but a thousand times! The priest speaks and lo! Christ, the eternal, omnipotent God, bows His head in humble obedience to the priest's command...No wonder that the name which spiritual writers are especially fond of applying to the priest is that of 'alter Chritus.' For the priest is and should be another Christ."¹²

To those who know the Savior and Lord of the Bible, Jesus Christ, the above quotations from official Roman Catholic publications are at once sickening and outrageous! Note the following from the word of God.

HEB 9:22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

HEB 9:24-28 For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that

But GOD said...
"ONCE FOR ALL!"

look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

HEB 10:5-18 Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldst not, but a body hast thou prepared me: In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure. Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me), to do thy will, O God. Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldst not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law; Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. For by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified. Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before, This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.



THE DIABOLICAL PARADOX

The celebration of Christmas is purported to be in commemoration of the birth of Jesus Christ. In the mass celebrating His birth, the Roman Catholics claim to call Him down from heaven and crucify Him again, the same as on Calvary. This means they celebrate His birth by killing Him!!!

Shall we who know the Christ of the Bible follow the leading of these "other christs" as they claim to accomplish such a terrible feat. Shall we, to the tune of clinking glasses of alcohol, shout "Merry Christ-Mass" or merry crucifixion of Christ again and again and again and again with those who do not love the Saviour! Shall we join with them in calling this unspeakable ungodliness "Christian" and make it the apex of the "Christian" holidays. If this is not a demoniacal contradiction then what is it?!!!

Can you not hear the similarity of the gleeful shouting of the two crowds? Modern day revelers, ignorant of the grand gift of the Son of God for their sins are shouting "Merry Christmas, Merry Christmas!" While the Christ rejecting Jews at the cross shouted "Crucify Him, Crucify Him." They are the SAME!!! Surely Satan must roll with laughter at the spectacle of some of God's true children blindly joining with his ungodly followers to demean, disgrace and defame the Lord of glory!

GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT NICHOLAS

The Bible teaches the following gospel, or good news, regarding the only way of salvation and forgiveness:

TITUS 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

EPH 2:8-9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

ROM 4:5-8 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works, Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.

Now, as with the false doctrines of Roman Catholicism, lets compare the word of God with the word's of man as ascribed to Santa Claus.

“SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN”

(A well known and popular Christmas song)

“He sees you when you’re sleeping.
He knows when you’re awake.
He knows whether you’ve been bad or good
So be good for goodness sake.!
You better not cry. You better not pout.
You better not sigh. You better watch out.
Santa Claus is coming to town.”



All are aware of the myth regarding Santa Clause. From his unseen North Pole headquarters he is preparing gifts as he miraculously keeps records on the behavior of boys and girls the world over. Once a year he visits their homes on the 25th of December to deliver toys and treats to boys and girls who have earned them by their good works. This is diabolically opposed to the true gospel of salvation and forgiveness of sins without works! In addition, although Santa is supposed to fill the stockings of bad little boys and girls with ashes and leave them no presents, there is never such a child! This only teaches lies and hypocrisy to the minds of little children. It teaches that regardless of what is taught, all will really be rewarded in the end. This is NOT true!

JOHN 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

JOHN 3:7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

JOHN 8:24 I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.

ACTS 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

And finally, when the child reaches mid grammar school they discover their parents have been lying to them (while instructing their children not to lie!). There is no person named Santa Claus. He is a myth. Of course, when the child is told about the Son of God Who really does know their every thought and deed and to Whom they one day will give an account, they readily believe their parents about this One! NO, of course they will not readily do so, to the damning of their souls!!! (Psalms 106:24-40)

CHRIST OF CHRISTMAS CANNOT SPEAK

The baby Jesus of Christmas is a helpless infant either lying in a manger or held in his mother's arms. He does not speak. Like a dumb pagan idol, he simply lies there content to be placed wherever man may choose, accomplishing absolutely nothing. At the first advent of the real Christ the angels were commissioned to truthfully proclaim, "Peace on earth, good will toward men." They are no longer commissioned to speak thus to a world that has rejected God's offer of peace by nailing the Prince of Peace to a cross. To sing such songs now makes the christ of Christmas a



powerless fraud! Meanwhile, the man size Santa reaps credit for giving sparkling delights to young and old alike, at least in the minds of children.

"WHATSOEVER YE DO..."

One of the earmarks of idolatry is that the "worshippers" tell their god what to do. They decide what pleases him. Their god's mouth is silent, like the christ of Christmas. However, the true child of God who really does want to please His Savior and LORD is enjoined to obey this command: (*Colossians 3:17*) ***And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.***

Can such a child of God honestly join with the world in a non-biblical celebration which is characterized by alcoholism, sexual license and much wasting of finances on unneeded luxuries, and believe he is doing so "in the name of the Lord Jesus?" Remember, He is and was "holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners (Heb 7:26)." What does it mean to "take the name of the Lord in vain?"

GOD'S "REVELATION" WARNING

The last book of the Bible, the book of Revelation, speaks of "Mystery Babylon." This will be the final religious system of the world before God returns in glory, not to "humbly bow His head" and take His place on the cross of Calvary again, but to take vengeance on them that know not God!

2 Thess 1:8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

The adherents to this anti-Christ final form of apostate Christendom will make the world "drunk," but not with wine. They will be drunk with the intoxication of human reasoning, sensual reveling and the blood of the true followers of Jesus Christ!



Revelations 17:1-3 And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication. So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet colored beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

In verse 9 the 7 heads are revealed to be 7 hills like the city of Rome! We are told in verse 12 that the 10 horns are ten kings (perhaps some form of the European Common Market). In verse 18, the woman is revealed to be the great city (Rome) which will be destroyed by Christ.

With these clear identifications of the religious system which will be prevalent in the last days being "Mystery Babylon" and the clear identification of the current Christmas celebration finding its roots in ancient Babylon, what should the response of the God fearing true child of God be but to heed God's command!

“Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.”

(2 Corinthians 6:17-7:1)

FOOTNOTES:

- 1** Robert J. Myers, CELEBRATIONS (Doubleday and Co., Garden City, N.Y.), p. 309
- 2** Tertullian, a writer in 230AD lamented the inconsistency of supposed disciples of Christ who willingly compromised with paganism, while the heathen had stricter fidelity to their superstitions. "Oh, how much more faithful are the heathen to their religion," he said, "who take care to adopt no solemnity from the Christians." See Alexander Hislop, THE TWO BABYLONS, Loizeaux Bros., Neptune, N.J., 1959, p. 93.
- 3** Ibid, p. 310
- 4** Robert J. Myers, CELEBRATIONS (Doubleday and Co., Garden City, N.Y.), p. 312
- 5** WEBSTER'S NEW COLLEGE DICTIONARY, p. 994
- 6** Alexander Hislop, THE TWO BABYLONS, Loizeaux Bros., Neptune, N.J., 1959, p. 94 and 97
- 7** Robert J. Myers, CELEBRATIONS (Doubleday and Co., Garden City, N.Y.), p. 318
- 8** See illustration of St. Nicholas attired in a mixture of Roman vestments and robe in THE BOOK OF KNOWLEDGE, Grolier Inc. N.Y., 1962, p. 922
- 9** Alexander Hislop, THE TWO BABYLONS, Loizeaux Bros., Neptune, N.J., 1959, p. 99
- 10** Rev. John A. O'Brien, UNDERSTANDING THE CATHOLIC FAITH, Ave Maria Press, Nortre Dame, Ind, 1955, p. 210
- 11** Ibid, p. 212
- 12** Rev. John A. O'Brien, FAITH OF MILLIONS, Our Sunday Visitor, Huntington, Ind., 1938, pp. 243-244

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