

## The Occult Calendar

Winter Solstice - 13      December 21 [Yule]  
   December 21/22 - Winter Solstice/Yule  
   December 25 (Christmas)

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   Feb 1/2 - Candlemas  
February 2 [Imbolg](Groundhog Day)  
February 14 (Valentine's Day; 13 days after Imbolg)

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Spring Equinox - 13      March 21/22 [Ostara]  
   (Easter first Sunday after first new moon after Ostara)

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April 1 (All Fool's Day; 13 weeks from New Years Day)  
   April 30/May 1 - Walpurgis Night/Beltane  
May 1 (Highest day on the druidic/witch calendar) [Beltaine]  
   (May Day)  
   May 1 - (Illuminati's 2nd highest human sacrificial day)

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   June 21/22 - Summer Solstice  
Summer Solstice - 13      June 21 [Litha]  
   July 4 (U.S. Independence Day; 13 days after Litha)

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   July 19 (Olympic Games 1996; 13 days before Lughnasadh)  
   July 31/ August 1 - Lammas, Great Sabbat Festival  
August 1 [Lughnasadh]

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Autumnal Equinox - 13      September 21 [Mabon]  
   September 21/22 - Autumn Equinox

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   October 31 [Samhain] (Halloween or All Hallows Eve)  
   October 31 - (Illuminati's highest human sacrificial day)  
   Halloween - Satan's birthday)  
   October 31/Nov 1 - Samhain/Halloween  
   November 1 (All Hallows Day or All Saints Day)

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I hope some sceptics view this page as it may help them wake up. The above diagram illustrates the occult system that multitudes of people observe ignorantly. I will briefly explain what it all means.

First of all it is important to understand that in the occult numerology is very significant. The science of numbers in the occult is called 'Gematria.' Gematria stems back the Kabbalah and originally back to Babylon. It is a perversion of the original numerical system established by God.

Pythagoras who was an initiate in the Eleusinian Mysteries, the Mysteries of Isis and the Mysteries of Adonis, expounded on the science of numbers as related to the Mystery Schools. Although many of the esoteric teachings of this occult philosophy has been lost today the occult science of numerology is still very important and worth studying.

In the occult Gematria every number has a meaning. For the diagram above we will only concern ourselves with the meanings of three of these numbers.

6 - Six represents the number of man.

7 - Seven represents divine perfection.

13 - Thirteen represents man reaching a state of divine perfection or illumination (6+7). In Biblical Gematria thirteen means depravity and rebellion.

On the left side of the diagram are listed the four seasonal times of the year (opposite for southern hemisphere). The Winter Solstice (Yule) is when the sun reaches its southern most part of the sky (noted where it rises) and then seemingly stops for three days and then makes its way back from whence it came. This was viewed in ancient cultures as the death and rebirth of the sun (the sun being reborn on December 25 hence Christmas).

The Summer Solstice (Litha) is when the sun reaches its northern most point in its journey across the sky.

The winter, spring, summer, and autumn solstices and equinoxes are called 'Minor Sabbaths' in the occult. Human sacrifice has been performed on these days throughout history.

Imbolg, Beltaine, Lughnasadh, and Samhain are known as 'Major Sabbaths.' These days also included human sacrifice.

The 13's I have listed next to the minor sabbath's represent that each of these days is separated from the other by 13 weeks. Each of the Minor Sabbath's is also separated from the Major Sabbath's by 6 and 7 weeks respectively.

As I have indicated many of the declared public days of celebration have been intentionally placed in line with the occult system used. The average person only sees the exoteric application of these festive days. The occult calendar is a clear demonstration of the occultic influence in history and in present society. It is interesting how the profane (you and me) are led like a flock of sheep to observe the Mysteries own festival days even though most do not understand it. The people of the world celebrate occult festivals in complete ignorance just as the people of the world did in times past. Today most people do these and many other things and never question why they do them, nothing has changed. The same pagan practices (activities) are used to celebrate these days and it is interesting to see how many Christians think they are celebrating 'Christian Holy Days.' By renaming an occult ceremony or festival with Christian terminology does not make it Christian. If you are one of these people, you have been deceived.

Many official announcements and events happen in relation to this Luciferian system. If you pay attention to the dates on the above calendar and to the numbers 13, 33, and 39 and several others you will notice how many events and announcements are timed precisely to these days. This is no accident. Following I have listed several recent examples...

□ On the 13th day after Beltaine this year (1998) the House of Representatives (U.S.A) passed a sweeping bank reform. These reforms gave huge tax breaks and more power to the mega-banking corporations. What is happening is the International Financiers and those at the top of the transnational corporations (and they are all Luciferian Illuminists) are consolidating their wealth together in preparation for the one world economic system and currency which will rise out of the soon to come economic chaos.

□ On the 13th day after Beltaine, Rupert Murdoch and MCI announced the planned merger of their satellite company with major television companies.

□ SBC Communications and Ameritech announced a 61 billion dollar stock transaction to form a phone company that controls 57 million phone lines.

Another point of interest is the placement of All Fool's Day (April Fool's Day) precisely 13 weeks into the New Year. This was done to demonstrate the power of the Illuminist's and to make a mockery of those who the Adept's term the profane. Remember they consider people like you and me to be stupid ignorant sheep who do not use our brains. With regards to looking around myself at the world around me and the sheer ignorance of the masses this definition indeed has some truth. Yet the people who consider themselves illumined are the biggest fools of all for they have deceived themselves into thinking they are some kind of god.

The deception of the age in which we are living is so deep it is completely beyond the understanding of most people. Yet we must sit back and open our eyes and minds or we will suffer the consequences. Please pay attention to the signs all around us and take heed of them.

***"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge..." Hosea 4:6***

#### **8 Annual Illuminati Human Sacrifice Nights**

- **March 21**
- **May 1 (second highest)**
- **June 21**
- **August 1**
- **September 21**
- **October 29-31 (highest, Oct 31 = Halloween )**
- **December 21**
- **February 1**

#### **Waco and Airline Crashes that Occured on these 8 Nights**

#### **Halloween - A Druidic Celebration?**

#### **OTHER KEY SACRIFICIAL DATES :**

April 19 - is a Satanic ritual day relating to fire - the fire god, Baal or Moloch/Molech/Nimrod (the Sun God) or the Roman god Saturn (Satan/Devil). And what does Moloch demand? The sacrifice of children. Waco (April 19 1993) and Oklahoma (April 19 1995) were child sacrifices to Baal/Moloch according to exactly the same belief system as those performed by the ancient Phoenicians and Canaanites. In the same way, a war to the Illuminati is a mass blood ritual in which unimaginable numbers are killed and maimed, and the planet is engulfed by negative emotional energy. It is this energy on which many of the lower fourth dimension (spiritual realm) reptilians (demons) either feed or use to manifest in this dimension. - David Icke from his book "*The Biggest Secret*" pg 292. See also the video "*Waco : The Rules of Engagement*"

It is at the crossroads that the witches and the Grand Masters and sorcerers of Freemasonry perform their rituals. Crossroads are symbolic of the Vortex points created where ley lines cross. In ritual sex magic, the wearing of clothes of the opposite sex and the performance of bi-sexual acts are called 'Crossroad Rites'. The women involved were called 'dikes'. Crossroads are also places of human and animal sacrifice and Hecate is known as a 'sex and death goddess' and the goddess of witchcraft and sorcery. At the Pont de L'Alma, right at the spot where Diana died, the road that goes through the tunnel is crossed on the surface by another road which leads onto the Pont de L'Alma Bridge. In fact this spot is a maze of crossroads. And Diana died in the early morning of August 31st. Hecate's Day in the Satanic calendar is August 13th, but under the Satanic law of reverse symbolism and reverse numbers, Hecate's day of sacrifice is ... August 31st !! - David Icke from his book "*The Biggest Secret*" pg 444.

### **AMERICA'S OCCULT HOLIDAYS hosted by Doc Marquis**

#### **Reveals startling information by Doc Marquis.**

"Christmas" has nothing to do with the birthday of Jesus Christ. It is an ancient occult ceremony dedicated to the birthday of Tammuz, the son of the co-founders of the occult, Nimrod and Semiramis. Also, you will find out that "Christmas" was forbidden to be celebrated by the Christian pilgrims and why it became a revised holiday.

"Easter" is determined by a shifting date using astrology, a known occult practice. You will also find out that Easter has nothing to do with our Lord's resurrection, but is in fact the celebration of the return of Semiramis into her reincarnated form of the spring goddess. (*In astrology, Easter (i.e Easter Friday) is determined by being the first Friday after the third full moon from the start of the year.*)

"Halloween" may seem innocent in appearance, but the celebration of Halloween is the deadliest holiday ever celebrated in human history. You will learn the true origins to this occult night which is dedicated to the Celtic lord of the dead. You will also learn the demonic truth behind the practices of "bobbin' for apples," "trick o' treat," "jack o' lantern," and why, to this very day, people of all ages are being used as human sacrifice offerings to Samhain, the Celtic lord of the dead.

You will also learn the occult behind "St. Valentine's Day", "Ground- hog Day", "May Day" and "St. Patrick's Day". 2-1/2 hr. video for \$25

#### **Read Chuck Missler's article on *Halloween* at Koinonia House's Website**

The celebration of the pagan festival of Halloween is now a \$2.4 billion merchandiser's market. 50% of Americans will decorate for Halloween (compared to over 80% for Christmas). It is now the third most popular party activity, after the Superbowl and New Year's Eve.

This is always a difficult time for Christians, especially those with children. It is also a dangerous time for some, since many of the seemingly "harmless" involvements associated with Halloween can also be "entries" for the occult, and can prove very tragic for the unwary.

There is only one true God (Isa 44:6, 8; 46:9). Thus, only one true religion. Scripture declares "all gods of the nations are idols" (Ps 96:5). All false religion and idolatry is by definition involved in demon worship - whether or not the participants recognize it (Acts 26:18). Hence Paul's concern. The spiritual power and reality behind idols involves demons (I Cor 10:20, Ps 106:37). The Bible tells us to shun occultic practices. This series will help you understand the Pagan background to the modern Halloween traditions practiced today.

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### **Satanic "holy days"**

#### **Easter**

The English word Easter is derived from the names "Eostre" - "Eastre" - "Astarte" or Ashtaroth. Astarte was introduced into the British Isles by the Druids and is just another name for Beltis or Ishtar of the Chaldeans and Babylonians.

The book of Judges records that "*the children of Israel did evil ...in the sight of the LORD, and served Baalim, and Ashtaroth, ...and forsook the LORD, and served not Him.*"

Easter is just another name for Ashtaroth "*The Queen of Heaven.*" Easter was not considered a "Christian" festival until the fourth century. Early Christians celebrated Passover on the 14th day of the first month and a study of the dates on which Easter is celebrated will reveal that the celebration of Easter is not observed in accordance with the prescribed time for the observance of Passover.

After much debate, the Nicaean council of 325 A.D. decreed that "Easter" should be celebrated on the first Sunday after the vernal equinox. Why was so much debate necessary if "Easter" was a tradition passed down from the Apostles? The answer is that it was not an Apostolic institution, but, an invention of man! They had to make up some rules.

History records that spring festivals in honor of the pagan fertility goddesses and the events associated with them were celebrated at the same time as "Easter". In the year 399 A.D. the Theodosian Code attempted to remove the pagan connotation from those events and banned their observance.

The pagan festival of Easter originated as the worship of the sun goddess, the Babylonian Queen of Heaven who was later worshipped under many names including Ishtar, Cybele, Ideaea Mater (the Great Mother), or Astarte for whom the celebration of Easter is named. Easter is not another name for the Feast of Passover and is not celebrated at the Biblically prescribed time for Passover. This pagan festival was supposedly "Christianized" several hundred years after Christ.

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#### **Christmas**

The Encyclopedia Britannica reports that "The traditional customs connected with Christmas have developed from several sources as a result of the coincidence of the celebration of the birth of Christ with the pagan agricultural and solar observations at

midwinter. In the Roman world the Saturnalia (December 17) was a time of merrymaking and exchange of gifts. December 25 was also regarded as the birth date of the Iranian mystery god Mithra, the Sun of Righteousness."

Colliers Encyclopedia agrees. Quote: "After the triumph of Constantine, the church at Rome assigned December 25 as the date for the celebration of the feast, possibly about A.D. 320 or 353. By the end of the fourth century the whole Christian world was celebrating Christmas on that day, with the exception of the Eastern churches, where it was celebrated on January 6. The choice of December 25 was probably influenced by the fact that on this day the Romans celebrated the Mithraic feast of the Sun-god (natalis solis invicti), and that the Saturnalia also came at this time."

Both encyclopedias plainly reveal that the source of the celebration of December 25 is the birthday of Mithra, the pagan sun god. Sun worshippers since the time of Babel recognized this time of year in honor of their gods.

1st century believers, taught personally by Christ, did not celebrate His birthday. 2nd century theologians condemned the thought. Only after severe persecution, destruction and inaccessibility of biblical scripture and the blending of pagan doctrine with the worship of God was the Mithraic celebration of December 25th proclaimed to be "Christian" in nature.

These facts are well documented. They can be found in any encyclopedia. There is no way to "Christianize" the birthday of the sun god. Anyone with access to an encyclopedia can know better and those with theological degrees do!

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### **What Witches Do After Halloween**

#### **All Hallow's Eve Is More Than Candy and Playtime For Dark Members of Society**

Halloween comes and goes for most of us. But for members of Wicca--one of the fastest growing religions in the world--the season of Samhain is a magic time.

The Halloween Sabbat (celebration) concludes for Wiccans on November 1 with the final turn of the year-wheel. Mother Earth nods a sad farewell to the god who will be reborn at Yule (December 20), and the life cycle begins again. This is a time to honor the Earth Mother, remember the Ancients, and revere the Horned god of the Hunt.

According to the Celtic Almanac, the Wiccan year begins following Halloween. The seasonal scenario that follows is reminiscent of the earth goddess and dying-god cults of ancient civilizations.

□ \* Yule is on December 20 and celebrates the goddess giving birth to the Sun god.

\* The next season is Imbolc and marks the recovery of the goddess after giving birth to the god.

\* The Spring Equinox (Ostara) marks the first day of Spring. The goddess awakes as the days grow longer and the light overtakes the darkness. The goddess fills the earth with fertility.

\* Beltane celebrates the transformation of the boy god into manhood. He is filled with lust for the goddess and lies with her in the grass. The earth becomes pregnant with her vitality. Crops begin to grow. Flowers bloom.

\* Litha (midsummer) arrives as the powers of nature escalate. The Earth Mother is filled with fertility. Wiccans practice numerous kinds of magic during this season.

\* The next season is Lughnasadh, the time of the first harvest. The Wiccan god begins to lose his strength as the Sun rises higher each day. The nights grow longer. The god begins to die.

\* Mabon is the completion of the harvest. The Wiccan god suffers death, draws back into darkness, and waits to be reborn at Yule.

The Wicca year-cycle described above is very similar to concepts held by early pagans, who viewed the natural world with awe and superstition. Ancients watched the changing of the seasons and wondered about the life and death of crops. They perceived such natural processes as mystic, and developed fertility cults with gods and goddesses who died and were reborn. The worship of the earth's "spirit" as a mother, and the incarnation of the earth's fertility forces within dying gods and goddesses, developed into one of the most widespread forms of paganism recorded in antiquity.

Whether it was Inanna of the Sumerians, Ishtar of the Babylonians, or Fortuna of the Romans, every civilization had a sect of religion based on the embodiment of the earth's spirit as a caring mother-goddess. The Egyptians worshipped Hathor in this way, as did the Chinese, Shingmoo. The Germans worshipped Hertha as the great Mother Earth, and the apostate Jews idolized "the queen of heaven." In Greece, the queen of the Olympian goddesses and Mother Earth was Hera. Before her was Gaia (Gaea), the creator-mother earth, and beneath her were many other earth goddesses including Demeter, Artemis, Aphrodite, and Hecate.

### **MOTHER EARTH IN ANTIQUITY**

The principal idea was, and evidently still is among Wiccans, that the Earth is a sentient being. The ancient and universally accepted idea that the "living Earth" was also a fertile mother was conceptualized in different ways and in various goddess myths and images throughout the ancient world. In The Golden Ass, by second century Roman philosopher Lucius Apuleius, evidence reveals that the spirit of the earth was perceived as a feminine force, and that such force incarnated itself at various times, and to different people, within the goddess mothers. Note how Lucius prays to the earth spirit:

□ O blessed Queene of Heaven, whether thou be the Dame Ceres [Demeter] which art the original and motherly source of all fruitful things in earth, who after the finding of thy daughter Proserpina [Persephone], through thy great joy which thou diddest presently conceive, madest barraine and unfruitful ground to be plowed and sowne, and now thou inhabitest in the land of Eleusie [Eleusis]; or whether thou be the celestiall Venus [or] horrible Proserpina, thou hast the power to stoppe and put away the invasion of the hags and ghoasts which appeare unto men, and to keep them downe in the closures [womb] of the earth; thou which

nourishest all the fruits of the world by thy vigor and force; with whatsoever name is or fashion it is lawful to call upon thee, I pray thee, to end my great travaile.

The earth spirit responds to Lucius:

□ Behold Lucius I am come, thy weeping and prayers hath mooved me to succour thee. I am she that is the natural mother of all things, mistresse and governesse of all the elements, the initial progeny of worlds, chiefe of powers divine, Queene of heaven, the principall of the Gods celestiall, the light of the goddesses: at my will the planets of the ayre [air], the wholesome winds of the Seas, and the silence of hell be disposed; my name, my divinity is adored throughout all the world in divers manners, in variable customes and in many names, for the Phrygians call me the mother of the Gods: the Athenians, Minerva: the Cyprians, Venus: the Candians, Diana: the Sicilians, Proserpina: the Eleusians, Ceres: some Juno, other Bellona, other Hecate: and principally the aethiopians, Queene Isis.

One could assume, based on such texts, that a single spiritual source (or realm) energized the many goddess myths. Likewise, in the ancient Hymn, "To Earth, The Mother Of All," Homer illustrates how the earth-spirit was universally involved in the affairs and lives of nations. Through Homer's dedication to the earth we discover how far-reaching and omnipresent the mother-earth spirit was thought to be:

□ I will sing of well founded Earth, mother of all, eldest of all beings. She feeds all creatures that are in the world, all that go upon the goodly land, and all that are in the paths of the seas, and all that fly: all these are fed by her store. Through you, O queen, men are blessed in their children and blessed in their harvests, and to you it belongs to give means of life to mortal men and to take it away. Happy is the man whom you delight to honour! He hath all things abundantly: his fruitful land is laden with corn, his pastures are covered with cattle, and his house is filled with good things. Such men rule orderly in their cities of fair women: great riches and wealth follow them: their sons exult with ever-fresh delight, and their daughters in flower-laden bands play and skip merrily over the soft flowers of the field. Thus it is with those whom you honour O holy goddess, bountiful spirit. Hail, mother of the gods, wife of starry Heaven; freely bestow upon me for this my song substance that cheers the heart! And now I will remember you and another song also.

From these and other ancient records, it is obvious that the earth was more than an agricultural or herbaceous facility to the pagans. She was the personable and "eldest of all beings," the "holy goddess," the "bountiful spirit," the all-nourishing mother of men who manifested herself within the popular idols of the mother goddesses.

Modern Wiccans and other neo-pagans perceive the earth similarly, often referring to the earth as Gaia--a living, caring entity. We are told that people are just one of Mother Earth's species, not her dominators. She provides the living biosphere: the regions on, above, and below her surface, where created things, both physical and spiritual, live. During the Samhain sabbot (Halloween), pagans celebrate the time when the veil between the living and the dead is at its thinnest, thus spirits beneath Gaia's surface can more easily communicate with the living.

#### SOMETHING WICCA THIS WAY COMES

Wiccans might find it interesting that many Christian theologians also believe the physical earth contains spiritual forces. In the Book of Revelation, chapter nine and verse fourteen, we read of "the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates." Likewise, in Job 26:5, we find "Dead things are formed from under the waters." The literal Hebrew translation says, "The Rafa (fallen angels) are made to writhe from beneath the waters."

Additional biblical references indicate that the earth is a kind of holding tank, or prison, where God has bound certain fallen entities. (2 Pet. 2:4; Jude 6) That such fallen spirits seek to communicate with, or participate in the affairs of humanity, is defined in Scripture. The Hebrew people were warned that earth spirits pretending to be gods might seek communion with men, and, when the witch of Endor communicated with the same, they ascended up from "out of the earth" (1 Sam. 28:13). It would seem, based on such Scriptures, that the dynamic or energy behind the earth-goddess-spirits of Halloween is indeed real, and, according to the Christian doctrine, is identical with the legions of fallen spiritual forces that are bound within the earth.

Sadly, as in antiquity, those who practice modern paganism are deceived into worshipping "devils" (Rev. 9:20). The dogma that were once embraced (and still are through Wicca) as the wisdom of the goddesses, are defined in the scriptures as the "doctrines of devils." The Apostle Paul said, "the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils" (1 Cor. 10:20). In Acts 7:41-42 (Jerusalem Bible), we find that those who worship idols are joined to the "army of heaven" [stratos, the "fallen angel army"], and Psalm 96:5 concludes, "all the gods of the nations are idols" (elilim, LXX daimonia [demons]). Thus, pagan images, such as represented the ancient gods and goddesses, were "elilim" (empty, nothing, vanity), but behind the empty idols were the living dynamics of idolatry, and spiritual objects of heathen adoration: demons.

Because the Bible clearly defines earth-centered goddess worship as the homage of demons, and since demons are eternal personalities which desire the worship of humans, it is fair to characterize Wiccan deities, including the god, goddess, and Horned god of the Hunt, as neo-pagan titles attributed to demon spirits.

#### WITCHES ARE PEOPLE TOO

It is also true that many Wiccans are caring, intelligent people. Some are former Christians. As we enter a new millennium the Church must move with compassion to reach these precious souls with the Gospel.

I ask myself: Were we not paying attention as some of those who are now involved in Wicca searched for spiritual meaning? Did we look past them at church or on the job? Do we continue to do so? Not everyone will receive the Gospel, but Wiccans are everywhere and they are people for whom Jesus died.

The New Testament tells the story of presenting the Gospel to such people. It records conversions to Christ and the abandonment of earth-centered goddess cults. So powerful was the spread of the early Christian faith that pagan religions which had dominated the Middle East for thousands of years, crumbled. The cold embrace of Mother Earth could not match the magnetic

warmth of the love of God. The last recorded utterance of the oracle at Delphi seems to indicate the spirit of the Olympians understood that he was no match for Jesus. From Man, Myth & Magic, we read:

"Apollo delivered his last oracle in the year 362 AD, to the physician of the Emperor Julian, the Byzantine ruler who tried to restore paganism after Christianity had become the official religion of the Byzantine Empire. 'Tell the King,' said the oracle, 'that the curiously built temple has fallen to the ground, that bright Apollo no longer has a roof over his head, or prophetic laurel, or babbling spring. Yes, even the murmuring water has dried up.'"

The worship of Diana in Ephesus was another stronghold of earth-centered goddess cults. Dianic witchcraft was the greatest single unifying religion among all pagan people up to that time. It took 220 years to build the massive temple to Diana in Ephesus. But when Paul preached the Gospel of Jesus to the Ephesians, "Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver. So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed" (Acts 19:17-20).

May we with joy declare such a life-changing Gospel. "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek" (Rom. 1:16).

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## **EASTER IS COMING! (Or is it Eastre?) Some Claim Popular Holiday Is Rooted In Ancient Paganism**

A recent edition of Raiders News Update included a "Happy Valentine Day" greeting. A reader responded by pointing out that Valentines Day "is not a Christian celebration!" She's right, but is it wrong for Christians to celebrate a particular day?

Easter is just around the corner, and, like many other holidays, its roots may be found in ancient paganism.

The eighth century English monk, Venerable Bede, popularized the notion that "Easter" is derived from Eastre, the old Germanic goddess of spring. Others conclude that "Easter" began with Ishtar, the Assyrian fertility goddess of spring, or Astarte--the Phoenician or Greek composite of Ishtar and Aphrodite.

The fact that many pagan people used rabbits and "Easter" eggs as fertility symbols to celebrate the forces of spring, and that such forces were usually manifested in popular goddess images, is also indisputable.

In 1966, Ralph Woodrow (Babylon Mystery Religion) complained that Easter is thus an adaptation of "...the pagan spring festival into the fallen church," and that "...adding pagan customs into the worship of the true God is utterly and absolutely condemned in the Bible!"

The recently converted Worldwide Church of God disagrees, saying, "...even if the word "Easter" was associated with an ancient goddess, it does not mean we cannot use the word today. We have many words in the English language that were connected with ancient gods. For example, our word "cereal" comes from the name of the ancient goddess of agriculture, Ceres....[But] when we use the word "cereal" today we're not thinking of the goddess or worshipping her, but of corn flakes or granola."

### **HISTORY AND THE SPRING FESTIVALS**

The Thesmophoria was the most popular of such spring fertility festivals, and drew the largest crowds at Athens and at Eleusis for nearly two thousand years. Demeter, the Thesmophoria's primary goddess, boasted the most protected cult secrets of the mystery religions because her rituals were performed inside of the inner sanctum of the Temple of Demeter (the Telesterion) and were so well-guarded by the Temple devotees that little survived to enlighten us as to what actually occurred there.

Only those portions of the Thesmophoria held outside of the Temple were publicly recorded (sparsely) and provide us with a partial historical record.



What is known is that the rituals of the Thesmophoria were based on the mythology of the abduction and rape of Persephone (Proserpina), and of Demeter's (Persephone's mother) subsequent actions in searching for her daughter. The cult's rituals are therefore interpreted according to the Demeter myth.

The myth claimed that Hades—the dark god of the underworld—fell in love with beautiful Persephone. One day as she plucked flowers in a grassy meadow, Hades swooped down in his chariot and dragged Persephone down into the underworld, where he forced her to become his bride. Above ground, Demeter was distraught by her daughter's disappearance, and she searched the earth in vain to find her. With the help of Helios and Hecate, Demeter finally discovered the truth, and, in her fury, she demanded that Hades release her daughter. When Hades refused, Demeter sent a horrific famine upon the earth. Plants dried up; Seeds refused to sprout, and the gods began to suffer from a lack of sacrifices. Finally, Zeus dispatched Hermes to intercede with the lord of the underworld, and, after a great debate, Hades agreed to release Persephone if she would eat a pomegranate seed.

What Persephone did not understand was that, by eating the pomegranate seed in the mystical location of the underworld, a sort of divine symmetry was created that bonded Persephone with Hades. This ensured that the goddess would automatically return to the underworld for a third part of each year (in the winter), during which time the seeds of the ground would not grow.

Persephone thus became the spring goddess of youth and happiness, and the underworld queen of the dead; a dual role depicting her as both good and evil. On earth she was the goddess of the spring and the friend of the nymphs who appeared in the blooming of the spring flowers (symbolizing her annual return from Hades), and in the underworld she was the dreaded wife of Hades and the Queen of the Darkness who controlled the fates of deceased men.

The reenactment of such myth—the abduction and rape of Persephone—was central to the rituals of the Thesmophoria, and, as such, key to interpreting the bits of information that are known.

#### THE MYSTERIES OF THE SPRING FESTIVAL

The festival of the Thesmophoria—sometimes called the Eleusinian Mysteries—lasted between three and ten days. Each day of the festival had a different name and included specific rituals.

A highlight of the festival was a procession from Athens to Eleusis which was led by a crowd of children known as ephebi. The ephebi assisted in carrying the hiera (sacred objects) including an egg (Easter eggs), and in pulling a statue of Dionysus as a boy (Iacchos). The children also assisted in the ceremonial cleansing of the initiates (candidates of the mystery religion) in the sea.

Upon arriving at Eleusis the women organized the first day of the celebration (anodos) by building temporary shelters and electing the leaders of the camp. On the second day (nesteia) they initiated the Greater Mysteries which, according to myth, produced the cult's magical requests (a fertile harvest). Such mysteries included a parody of the abduction and rape of Persephone, and the positioning of the female devotees upon the ground weeping (in the role of Demeter for her daughter), and fasting for the return of Persephone (the return of spring). The setting upon the ground and fasting was also intended to mystically transfer the "energies" of the women into the ground, and thus into the fall seeds. Not surprisingly, the festival was held during the time of the fall planting, so as to nearly guarantee a positive response to the cult's magic.

On the fifth day of the festival the participants drank a special grain mixture called kykeon (a symbol of Persephone) and ate [Easter] eggs in an attempt to assimilate the spirit of the goddess. The idea was to produce an incarnated blessing of fertility, both of the crops and of children.

About this same time certain women called "antleriai" were cleansed in the sea and then sent down into the mountainside trenches to recover the sacrificial piglets and various other sacred objects that had been thrown down into the hillside canyons several days before. The sacred objects included dough replicas of snakes and of genitalia, which were burned, with the piglets and a grain-seed-mixture, as an offering to Demeter.

The reason for the casting of the piglets into the mountainside cliffs has been thoroughly debated and no single interpretation has emerged as the absolute authority. While several mystical representations can be made of the symbology, and the dough replicas are obviously fertility symbols, pigs blood was sacred to the gods and thus the piglets are key to understanding the ritual.

Greeks venerated pigs because of their uncanny ability to find, and unearth, underground items (roots, etc). Some scholars conclude from this that the ritual casting of the pigs "into the deep" was a form of imitative magic based on the underworld myth of Persephone and Hades. That is to say, casting the piglets into the deep canyon trenches, and fetching them back out again, represented the descent of Persephone into the underworld and her subsequent ascension back up to the surface of the earth.

The piglets in the trenches may have also served the practical purpose of supplying a host (body) for Persephone to hide in until the antleriai women could assist her (by retrieving the piglets) in her annual escape from the underworld. Burning the piglets later that night would, according to an ancient religious idea that fire passes the soul from one location to another, free the spirit of Persephone into the upperworld (compare the children sacrificed to Baal who "passed through the fire" from the physical world into the spiritual).

#### BUT WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

The New Testament informs us that pagan rituals, such as those performed in the Thesmophoria, were the worship of demons. "The things which the Gentiles sacrifice," said Paul, "they sacrifice to devils..." (1 Corinthians 10:20).

This makes one wonder if a connection between the ritual casting of the piglets down into the deep canyon trenches (representing a descent into hell), and the biblical story of the Gadarene demoniac, existed.

In Luke, chapter Eight, we read:

"And they arrived at the country of the Gadarenes....And when he [Jesus] went forth to land, there met him out of the city a certain man, which had devils....When he [the demoniac] saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God most high? I beseech thee, torment me not"....And Jesus asked him, saying, "What is thy name?" And he said, "Legion:" because many devils were entered into him. And they besought him that he would not command them to go out into the deep [emphasis added]. And there was there an herd of swine [emphasis added] feeding on the mountain: and they besought him that he would suffer them to enter into them. And he suffered them. Then went the devils out of the man, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea [emphasis added], and were choked" (Luke 8:26-33).



The word deep in this text is Abussos (the Abyss), and refers to the underworld Bottomless Pit. Since the principle elements of the sea, the swine, and the deep were employed; and since the Abyss (part of the underworld) was central to the narrative; and further since the cult rituals of the Thesmophoria were well known throughout Asia Minor and were considered by the Hebrews to be an activity of the devil (the inhabitants of Hades were known as 'Demeter's people,' and Hecate, the goddess of witchcraft, was Persephone's underworld guide during the rituals); one could easily surmise that Jesus was mocking the Thesmophoria. It's possible that Jesus was revealing, to His followers and to the neighboring communities, that such spring festivals were, in fact, the consort of devils.

It may be a stretch to suggest an interpretation of the biblical story in this way, but clearly the similarities and historical proximities are startling, especially since the demons requested an entry into the swine. Why would demons make such a plea? There are two possible connections with the Thesmophoria: 1) the demons believed that by entering the swine they could escape the underworld deep (as in the magical Persephone escape ritual described above); and 2) Jesus, by granting the request of the devils, was illustrating that the Thesmophoria ritual of casting the piglets into the deep was inherently demonic.

Obviously there are other possible interpretations of the narrative in Luke chapter eight. But since this is the only record of Jesus granting the petition of demons, it seems possible that a powerful social commentary on a popular pagan idea, like that of the Thesmophoria of Demeter, was made by the Master.

#### BUT WAIT A MINUTE

*But Wait A Minute*, some will say, the difference between the scenario above and true Christianity is obvious. When Christians attend Easter sunrise services they celebrate the meaning and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Ancient spring goddesses are far from the picture.

Furthermore, even if the word "Easter" originated with a pagan goddess, am I forbidden to exalt the Lord on an Easter Sunday morning? That would be silly. Every day of the week is connected to some pagan deity! Monday is "moon's day," Tuesday is "Tiw's day," Wednesday is "Woden's day," Thursday is "Thor's day," and so on.

Thus, Easter Sunday, like any other day of the week, is a day to worship Christ. The fact that pagans once worshiped spring deities on "Easter" is, in many peoples opinion, irrelevant.



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#### **Paganism in Christmas Part 1, by Roy A. Reinhold**

Isn't it amazing that Christians will fight tooth and nail to defend practices rooted in the pagan religions? In this article we will present the pagan aspects of Christmas, identify where they came from, when they were implemented, and prove from the scriptures that Yeshua (Jesus) was born in the fall of the year in September-October. The purpose is to show that Christmas is a completely false holiday that Christians today should not be involved in. Did you know that the Pilgrims and Puritans outlawed the celebration of Christmas in the early years, because they knew then, what you are about to read?

In Revelation 3:14-22, the portion applying to the Laodiceans is appropriate for discussion, and applicable to the end-times church. An end-times church that says they are rich and neither hot nor cold, while in reality the Lord says they are "wretched and miserable and poor (spiritually) and blind and naked." The Lord's rebuke is due to their lukewarmness.

#### **When was Yeshua (Jesus) born?**

Does it surprise you that we can assert conclusive evidence that Yeshua was born in the fall of the year? First, we need to show when John the Baptizer was conceived and when he was born. Then we can identify when Yeshua was conceived and when He was born.

Zacharias (z'kharyah), John's father was a priest who served at the Temple in Jerusalem, and he was married to Elizabeth (elisheva), who was the daughter of a priestly line. Zacharias was assigned to Temple duties in the course of Abijah (abiyah) [Luke 1:5]. We know that there are 24 courses of priests and they have specific assignments for the weeks they serve at the Temple.

1 Chronicles 24:3, 10, 18 And David, with Zadok of the sons of Eleazar and Ahimelech of the sons of Ithamar, divided them according to their offices for their ministry..... ..the seventh for Hakkoz and the eighth for Abijah. ....the twenty-third for Delaiah, and the twenty-fourth for Maaziah.

From the time of king David, there were 24 courses of priests assigned to the Temple, and the course of Abijah was the 8th course as a permanent assignment. Each course of priests served for 7 days (1 Chronicles 9:25), twice a year. Their week long service at the Temple began and ended on the Sabbath (2 Chronicles 23:8).

3 times a year all Israel was required to appear before the Lord at the Temple, and during those 3 weeks, all priests from all courses served at the Temple. The 3 times were the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Feast of Weeks (Pentecost), and the Feast of Tabernacles (Succoth) [Deuteronomy 16:16]. Therefore, all priests served 5 weeks a year; during the two weeks their course served at the Temple, and the 3 weeks where all priests were present.

The year for priest's courses began on the first of Nisan (Abib) in the spring of the year. Therefore we can count to the exact time for the service of Zacharias at the Temple. We don't count the week for the Feast of Unleavened Bread and for the week of Pentecost, because all priests served at that time. Therefore, Zacharias' first week of service would have been the 10th week of the year from approximately Sivan 12-18. His second week of service would have been the 35th week of the year from approximately Kislev 10-16. Sivan is the 3rd month in the Jewish calendar and occurs in May/June; while Kislev is the 9th month of the year and occurs in November/December.

Zacharias was serving in the Temple at the time appointed for his division of priests, and he was chosen by lot to enter the Temple Holy Place and burn incense (Luke 1:8-13). The angel of the Lord, Gabriel, appeared to Zacharias, standing next to the altar of incense, and told him that he and Elizabeth would have a son and they will name him John (Yochanan). He was unable to speak until John was born, because he didn't believe Gabriel. The scriptures record that after Zacharias' week of service at the Temple was over, he went home. Elizabeth became pregnant immediately afterwards (Luke 1:23-24).

We can assume that Elizabeth conceived the week after Zacharias' service at the Temple, which would make it approximately Sivan 19-25. Luke 1:57 states that Elizabeth bore John at the appointed time, which we know is 9 months long. Therefore if John was conceived in the 3rd week of the 3rd month Sivan, then he was born some time around the first of Nisan of the next year. Some people have tried to pinpoint John's birth to Passover on 14 Nisan, and while that is possible, I guess the best can say is that it was somewhere in the first couple of weeks of Nisan.

After Elizabeth was pregnant for about 6 months, the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary in Nazareth and announced that she would conceive a child supernaturally by God and will name Him Yeshua (Jesus) [Luke 1:26-39]. The scriptures record that immediately afterwards, Mary went hurriedly to visit and stay with Elizabeth and Zacharias. She stayed with Elizabeth for about 3 months and left before John was born. Also, when Mary conceived, Elizabeth was in her 6th month of pregnancy, which would have been somewhere around the middle of the month of Kislev. Some writers have placed the conception of Mary as occurring on Hanukkah which is Kislev 25. We know it was somewhere around there, so perhaps it did occur exactly on Hanukkah (Feast of Lights). Hanukkah falls somewhere in December, although not very often on December 25 like it does in the year 2000, and can be early in December.

We know that John the Baptizer was born somewhere from Nisan 1-15, and he was 6 months older than Yeshua (Jesus). Therefore, Yeshua was born somewhere in the Tishri 1-20 timeframe. Tishri is the 7th month in the Jewish calendar and occurs in September/October, in the fall of the year. Some writers have tried to place Yeshua's birth exactly on Tishri 15, the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles (Succoth), and I can go along with it. After all, John 1:14 states, "And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us". The veiled reference to tabernacling among us points to Yeshua's birth at the Feast of Tabernacles. For these reasons I can agree with those who want to pinpoint John the Baptizer's birth date to Passover, and Yeshua's birth to the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles on 15 Tishri.

Also, Luke 2:1-8 records that Joseph and Mary stayed in a succah because there was no room at the inn. The Feast of Tabernacles is called Succoth, which is the plural for succah, because Jewish people are required to build temporary flimsy shelters to stay in during the Feast. The circumstantial evidence is that there was no room anywhere, because during the Feast of Tabernacles, all Jews had to appear at the Temple and the population of Jerusalem swelled from about 120,000 to over 2,000,000. Since Bethlehem is only about 4 miles south of Jerusalem, there was no room anywhere near Jerusalem because of the crowds there for the Feast of Tabernacles. There is compelling evidence to support the birth of Jesus at the time of Succoth or the Feast of Tabernacles.

Likewise, Luke 2:8 states that there were shepherds in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night, when Yeshua was born. If the 8th course of Abijah, where Zacharias was visited by Gabriel, was the 2nd week for their course in the year, then Yeshua would have been born in mid-January to early February. Since that is winter and the rainy season there in Israel, the flocks are not out and the shepherds wouldn't be out in the fields at night. Just another piece of the puzzle that shows Yeshua was born in the fall of the year.

Why do you think God put all these details in the scriptures? Surely not just for entertainment purposes, or to use as filler material. That's why proving that Yeshua was born in the fall of the year IS important, because it is harmonious with the scriptures and explains the scriptures. Some of you will say, "so what". Well, that attitude arises out of a lack of desire for truth and an intention to maintain pagan customs regardless of the evidence. You have the right to believe whatever you want to, but don't tell me that has anything to do with Christmas being Christian in any way. Let's go on to see where Christmas customs were developed and when were they first practiced.

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#### **Paganism in Christmas Part 2, by Roy A. Reinhold**

Oh how people love to participate in all the man-made aspects of Christmas; the glittering lights, the evergreen tree, the giving of presents, and the entire merchant push for their biggest sales period of the year. While some Christians will say that "we ought not commercialize Christmas", or "let's put Christ back in Christmas", those are just slogans to perpetuate what is a pagan festival.

#### **When Did Christmas Originate?**

One prolific writer in the early church fathers was Irenaeus, the bishop over all the churches of Asia Minor. He was designated a saint by the Roman Catholic church, and was the bishop following John the apostle and Polycarp. Irenaeus was bishop in about 170-180 AD, and wrote about all the church observances. Nowhere is Christmas mentioned or the observance of a day for the supposed birth of Yeshua. You can read Irenaeus' writings in English at the Wheaton University website, and check it out for yourself.

The Catholic encyclopedia states that shortly after the Council of Nicea in 325 AD, a pope assigned December 25th as the day for observing the birth of Yeshua. Then in the 5th century AD, another pope made it church law, that all Christians would observe December 25 as Christmas, forever. Think about it, the date of December 25 was chosen over 300 years after the death of Yeshua, as the date of His birth; and 400 years afterwards it was institutionalized as a mandatory church observance. The same bunch who changed the Sabbath from the 7th day of the week to the first, also decided to create Christmas.

Emperor Constantine was the ringleader in this process, using Christianity to gain greater political power over the people. The following edict is his exact decree on March 7, 321 AD, formalizing Sunday in place of the Sabbath.

*"On the venerable Day of the Sun let the magistrates and people residing in cities rest, and let all workshops be closed. In the country, however, persons engaged in agriculture may freely and lawfully continue their pursuits; because it often happens that another day is not so suitable for grain-sowing or for vine-planting; lest by neglecting the proper moment for such operations, the bounty of heaven should be lost."*

There was a dual observance of Saturday and Sunday for a while, but the Council of Laodicea in 364 AD institutionalized Sunday observances with the following edict:

"Christians shall not Judaize and be idle on Saturday, but shall work on that day; but the Lord's Day they shall honor, and as being Christians, shall, if possible, do no work on that day. If however, they are found Judaizing, they shall be shut out from Christ."

The Eastern Orthodox bishop of Alexandria also instituted these practices in concert with the Roman Catholic church, laying the groundwork for the Eastern Orthodox also observing Sunday. They (Rome) later excommunicated any who were keeping the Sabbath on Saturday. I won't even dwell on the anti-semitism institutionalized in the church at that time, because pope John Paul II has recognized it and apologized for that and other mistakes through the centuries.

Why am I bringing up changing the Sabbath from Saturday to Sunday in this discussion of Christmas? Because they are tied together. The popes ordered Christmas to be instituted on the birthday of Sol the sun-god, because the Roman pagans already observed Sunday to honor Sol and the winter solstice period was already observed as Sol's birthday. This was an overt means to convince the people that Sol and Yeshua were the same person. The winter solstice occurs on December 21, and Saturnalia was kept from December 17-24. Then on December 25, Brumalia was the celebration of the rebirth of the sun-god. This is called Mithraism.

Who was Sol the sun-god? It was a continuation of the Baal worship from ancient days. It was present in Egypt and back to ancient Babylon. December 25 is the birth day of Tammuz, the son of Semiramis, and the rebirth of Nimrod. The ancient legend is that a green tree sprang up on Brumalia, with the stump symbolizing Nimrod (Baal) and the green tree Tammuz. This festival is nothing more than witchcraft institutionalized in the church today as Christmas. It is Baal worship. Many Christians hold up their noses over ancient Israel who worshiped YHVH and also worshiped the baals. They think they would never do such things themselves. However, they are practicing the same Baal worship that people were criticized in the scriptures for, over 2500 years ago.

Jeremiah 10:3-4 For the customs of the people are a delusion; because it is wood cut from the forest, the work of the hands of the craftsman with a cutting tool. They decorate it with silver and gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers so that it will not totter.

The northern Europeans worshiped the same gods from ancient Babylon, but under the name Odin, who was the equivalent of Sol (Baal). The evergreen fir tree was sacred to Odin and people decorated it during the festival of Saturnalia. *Legend has it that Odin would bestow yuletide gifts to those who approached the sacred fir tree on Brumalia.* The giving of presents on December 25 happened long before Rome arbitrarily chose December 25 as the supposed birth day of Yeshua. The stories about St. Nicholas being the origination of giving presents is merely church spin to try and put a christian face on what was a pagan custom done for hundreds of years. Throughout the scriptures, the worship with the green tree is condemned, and we know this refers to the evergreen tree, because every tree is green part of the year. It is the evergreen tree that is green all year round. In ancient pagan Rome, the fir tree also was sacred and they decorated it with red berries and silver and gold during the festival of Saturnalia.

Yes, you can give presents to people, it is your right to spend your money as you choose. However, it is somewhat strange that you would do it on December 25 to perpetuate the ancient customs on Brumalia. Why not do it at the fall of the year when Yeshua was actually born? Is it because you love the pagan practices?

You say you do these things because you choose to, and yet what you do in celebrating Christmas is to perpetuate the ancient Babylonian customs. What part of Christmas did you think up? or is it some sort of defensiveness, that you object in your mind to this article because it exposes your love for the pagan practices?

What about sparkly spherical balls hung on the evergreen tree to symbolize the sun? What about the silver and gold tinsel with which you lovingly decorate your evergreen tree? And you wonder when reading Revelation 17 and 18 about Mystery Babylon, where it could be located today?

Where did the mistletoe come from? It is from ancient Babylon, Rome, northern European pagan practices, and from the Druids of England and Ireland. The mistletoe is thought to give magical healing powers to pagan practitioners on December 25. What about the yuletide log? It too came from Odin worship and back to ancient Babylon. The yuletide log symbolizes the stump for Nimrod (Baal) and the evergreen tree his rebirth through Tammuz on December 25.

Isn't it amazing that when the Spanish conquerors invaded Central America, that they discovered that the pagans already observed Saturnalia and Brumalia at the winter solstice, and recognized the madonna and child? That's because Baal worship from ancient times pictured Semiramis and Tammuz as madonna and child on Brumalia, December 25. These pagan people in Central America also kept a 40 day fast in the spring (Lent) leading up to the spring fertility festival at the spring equinox festival to honor Semiramis.

There is nothing Christian about Christmas except man-made overlays to the ancient pagan practices condemned throughout the scriptures. Can you honestly defend these practices with a straight face? I doubt it. Or do you want to defend the practices of Mystery Babylon? Your call.

If you are Catholic, you might feel compelled to defend the practice of Christmas because it is ordered by the church. Did you know that Tertullian omitted Christmas from his list of church observances and condemned the creeping methods employed by some to make Sol (sun-god) practices part of the church? Did you know that Augustine bitterly denounced the identification of Jesus with Sol, the sun-god? Did you know that pope Leo I denounced solar survivals, where Christians on the very steps of the Apostles basilica, turned to adore the rising sun?

Or maybe you're Lutheran, and gaze fondly at the Advent wreath hung so lovingly at the front of the church. It's craft is apparent with the evergreen boughs and red berries from the ancient pagan practices. Solemnly, you light a new candle every week

during the weeks leading up to the Advent of the rising sun with the candles representing the new light of the sun. Then on Christmas, the birth day of the Sun God, you light the central candle and celebrate the risen Sun god Sol (Baal). Who do you think you're kidding? We know that Yeshua was born in the fall of the year.

Let's face it, the practices of Christmas are thoroughly pagan. Yeshua was born in the fall of the year at approximately Tishri 15, the beginning of the Feast of Tabernacles (Succoth). The leading early church fathers denounced these things. Do you want to defend your practices based on later edicts of the Catholic church designed to control and tax the peasantry? Hello!!! Are you by choice deciding to be the controlled peasantry today?

I won't even go into the effect that lying about Santa Claus has on children. It is certainly repeated in families all over the world, where after children find out that Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny are lies, that they realize their parents cannot be trusted. It introduces a breaking of the bond between child and parent, and after all, isn't Satan's objective to divide and conquer?

Christmas is paganism plain and simple, and no amount of arguing to defend it will change the facts. You can have and love your pagan mythic practices, but don't tell me or anyone else this is from God our Father.

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#### **The Constantine Conspiracy**

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Can a believer be under a curse for the anti-Semitic attitudes of his ancestors? Just ask Eric Carlson. While serving on a submarine he had a life-changing visitation from God that lasted for two days. The Lord revealed to him he was Jewish. Eric later discovered that his grandfather had changed his last name when he immigrated to America in order to hide his Jewish identity. Then God told Eric he was under a family curse for denying his Jewish heritage and that the curse must be broken. After he prayed to break the curse, he was flooded with revelation.

Could the church be under a similar curse? Constantine, the Roman Emperor in the beginning of the fourth century, was a master politician. He tried to satisfy heathens and Christians by modifying pagan customs and festivals and giving them Christian meanings.

One of the reforms by the Council of Nicea (headed by Constantine) legislated the switch of the day of Christian worship from Saturday to Sunday — the day dedicated to the worship of the sun. Another legislated the change of the celebration of Resurrection Day from the context of Passover week to Easter on the first Sunday after the first full moon of the vernal equinox. Easter was when the pagans worshipped the fertility goddess, Ishtar. Have you ever wondered why we have Easter bunnies and eggs? These are vestiges of Ishtar worship.

Constantine didn't like the Jews because they had tried to rebel against Rome. And the church was more than willing to follow his lead in order to avoid persecution. Christians were prohibited from worshipping on Saturday or observing Passover, upon the threat of excommunication, or worse. Constantine expressed the anti-Judaic sentiments of all the bishops of the Christian world when he wrote the following: "Let us therefore have nothing in common with this odious people, the Jews, for we have received from our Saviour a different way.... Strive and pray continually that the purity of your souls may not be sullied by fellowship with the customs of these most wicked men.... All should unite in desiring that which sound reason appears to demand in avoiding all participation in the perjured conduct of the Jews" (Theodoret, *Historia Ecclesiastica* 1,10).

History shows that as the center of the Christian faith moved from Jerusalem to Rome, it became increasingly Hellenized, adopting pagan customs and philosophies rather than the God-ordained customs and beliefs of the Bible. By the middle second century the day devoted to the sun god had largely replaced the day devoted to the One True God, whose period of time, the Sabbath, was the first element of creation that He had sanctified or set apart in remembrance of His creative power. That God had rested on the Sabbath day was a historical fact and could no more be changed than the fact that He created light on the first day of the week. Nevertheless the change was made and justified by the church fathers, and not initially on the basis of the resurrection. The primary rationale for the observance of Sunday was to commemorate the first day of creation and the resurrection of Jesus was only a secondary issue. (It should be noted that nowhere does the New Testament say that we are even to observe Resurrection Day.)

Justin Martyr writes, "Sunday indeed, is the day on which we hold our common assembly because it is the first day on which God, transforming the darkness and prime matter created the world..." (Justin, *I Apology* 67, 3-7). He goes on to mention the resurrection, but only secondarily.

Many of the church fathers who originally changed the Sabbath day were anti-Semitic. Moreover, those who changed the Sabbath show no understanding of the God-given nature of the day. Tertullian thought that God had always hated the Sabbath (*Against Marcion* 1, pg. 271 ANF III). The Epistle of Barnabas denies altogether that God had ever given the Sabbath as a commandment to be kept. Justin Martyr considered the Sabbath to be a highly deserved curse on the Jewish people.

Justin lectures Trypho the Jew by saying, "As I stated before, it was by reason of your sins and the sins of your Fathers that, among other precepts, God imposed upon you the observance of the Sabbath as a mark." This "mark" was to "single them out for the punishment they so well deserved for their infidelities" (*Dialogue* 21,1; 23,3).

Instead of recognizing that "the Sabbath was made for man" (Mark 2:27), the Sabbath was seen as part of the curse of the law, upon that hated and despised race — the Jews. It was to separate themselves from all things Jewish that the post-Apostolic church instituted another day of worship. This anti-Judaism was not only reflected in Constantine, but also in the replacement theology of all the other early writers of the Hellenized church.

It's no coincidence that when the Jewish biblical heritage of the church was removed, intimacy with God was watered down. The church went from everyone doing the works of Jesus to professional clergy leading a congregation of spectators. The supernatural power of God was replaced with the politics and traditions of men.

Does all of this mean that today we should stop worshipping God on Sunday? No. I believe since our culture is based on Sunday vacations, it is the best day for corporate worship. "For the kingdom of God is not food and drink [or specific days of worship], but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit" (Romans 14:17,5,6,10). I personally attend a congregation that worships on Sunday.

But if we continue to deny our Jewish heritage, we are dishonoring the fathers of our faith. The Fifth Commandment says, "honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long ..." (Exodus 20:12). And Romans 9:5 identifies the "fathers" of our faith as the Jewish fathers (Abraham, Isaac and Jacob).

We are also commanded to provoke the Jewish people to jealousy that they will desire Jesus (Romans 11:11). What would provoke a Jew to jealousy more — celebrating Jesus in Easter? Or Jesus in the Passover?

The big lie the devil tells Jewish people is: you can't be Jewish and believe in Jesus. By hiding its Jewish roots the church has reinforced this lie. It's time for Jewish people and Christians alike to see Christianity's Jewish connection. Soon the only friend the Jew will have will be true Christians.

The first church observed all the biblical festivals. During the Millennium we will observe the Shabbat (Sabbath, Isaiah 66:23) and the Feast of Tabernacles (Zechariah 14:16,17). Why have we put these celebrations "on hold" for centuries?

Today we shouldn't try to restore the Jewish biblical feasts as a means of salvation or righteousness. This was the mistake of the Galatians. We are saved by repentance and the blood of Jesus. Nothing more is needed.

So what should our attitude be? Since the biblical festivals are shadows of past and future events in the history of God, we should observe them as great celebrations. There is so much revelation about Jesus ready to be released as we worship God at these appointed times. I have also found that God increases the anointing for miracles and evangelism during the festivals.

We should not necessarily follow the rabbinic interpretations and traditions. Instead, we should study each festival in the Scriptures. Then pray, "Holy Spirit, how can we honor Jesus?" Let God breathe His Spirit into the feasts.

God is once again dealing with the Jew and Israel; He is restoring the true meaning of these festivals or holy convocations (rehearsals). This is the set time to favor Zion.

I believe there are supernatural blessings connected with observing the biblical festivals in liberty. For instance, God specifically states that for those who observe the Sabbath, "the LORD will be your delight. I will give you great honor and give you your full share of the inheritance I promised to Jacob, your ancestor. I, the LORD, have spoken!" (Isaiah 58:14, New Living Translation).

I am suggesting churches use the seven biblical festivals as corporate or even city-wide worship events (Passover, Unleavened Bread, First Fruits, Pentecost, Trumpets, Day of Atonement, and Tabernacles). Many churches have chosen Friday night (the beginning of the Sabbath) as a time for prayer or night watches.

Another idea is to have a corporate Sabbath service once a month. The other Friday nights, why not observe the Sabbath in your homes? The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. This is a wonderful time for families to bond together. Invite unsaved family and friends to join you. What a great way for Jesus to fulfill ("fill full" of Himself) the Fourth Commandment.

As part of the church, we must repent for anti-Semitism against the Jewish people, just as Daniel repented for the sins of Israel. Not only has the church forsaken its Jewish roots, blatantly anti-Semitic statements by many church fathers have been fuel for the likes of Adolph Hitler.

Hitler wrote in Mein Kampf, "Hence today I believe that I am acting in accordance with the Almighty Creator: by defending myself against the JEW, I am fighting for the work of the Lord" (Mein Kampf, translated by Ralph Manheim (Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co. 1971), p. 65).

Thank God for the Passover Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the whole world. May His power, lordship and intimacy be restored quickly.

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## **A NEW LOOK AT THE MYTH OF SANTA CLAUS VERSUS THE REALITY OF JESUS CHRIST**

When we carefully compare the myth of Santa Claus versus the real Biblical story of Jesus Christ, we are presented with the shocking truth that Santa has thoroughly supplanted Jesus Christ in too many people's lives.

The New World Order is coming! Are you ready? Once you understand what this New World Order really is, and how it is being gradually implemented, you will be able to see it progressing in your daily news!!

Learn how to protect yourself, your loved ones!

Stand by for insights so startling you will never look at the news the same way again.

### **YOU ARE NOW ON THE CUTTING EDGE**

New Age authors repeatedly state that the supreme head of the Planetary Logos -- their supreme leader -- is named Sanat Kumara. Master D.K., speaking through Alice Bailey, defines Sanat Kumara as the "life and informing intelligence upon and within our planet." [ The Externalisation of the Hierarchy, Alice A. Bailey, Page 676]. Later, Sanat Kumara is identified by another title: The Lord of the World [Page 735]. Of course, this is synonymous to one of the Biblical titles for Satan. In John 12:31, 14:30, and 16:11, Jesus called Satan the "Prince of the World". Thus, there can be no doubt that the Sanat, the New Age

supreme head, whom they call, the "Lord of the World" is none other than Satan, whom Jesus called "Prince of the World". Sanat is simply and only a translocation of the word, Satan. Sanat equals Satan. There is no doubt, especially when you realize that the Plan to produce the New World Order of Sanat is identical to the Biblical prophecy of how Satan is going to act in the End of the Age.

Sanat equals Satan.

Now, please allow me to introduce to you another translocation of the word, Satan.

Santa. As in Santa Claus.

Before you react too quickly, please take the time to read this comparison between the Biblical teachings about Jesus Christ and the mythical teachings of Santa Claus. Many, many Christian pastors have lamented the fact that Santa Claus has replaced Jesus Christ in the hearts and minds of too many children and adults in America today. When you read this comparison, you will understand that this replacement in the hearts and minds of Americans is not by accident. You will be able to see Satan, the Master Marionette, pulling the strings above the world, leading adults and children alike away from Jesus Christ and toward Santa Claus, who is the epitome of the love of the world and everything that is in it.

### COMPARISON BETWEEN JESUS CHRIST AND SANTA CLAUS

#### JESUS CHRIST: OUR LORD AND SAVIOR ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE SANTA CLAUS: THE COUNTERFEIT ACCORDING TO MYTH OF MEN

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| 1. Has white hair like wool (Rev 1:14)                                       | 1. Has white hair like wool   |
| 2. Has a beard (Isaiah 50:6)   | 2. Has a beard  |
| 3. Comes in red apparel  | 3. Comes in red apparel   |
| 4. Hour of His coming is a mystery (Luke 12:40; Mark 13:33)                  | 4. Comes in red apparel   |
| 5. Comes from the North where He lives (Ezekiel 1:4; Psalm 48:2)             | 5. Comes from the North where he lives: North Pole  |
| 6. Is a carpenter (Mark 6:3)   | 6. Is a toy carpenter   |
| 7. Comes as a thief in the night (Matthew 24:43-44)                          | 7. Comes as a thief in the night  |
| 7. Comes as a thief in the night. Even gains entrance to homes as a thief.   | 7. Comes as a thief in the night  |
| 8. Omnipotent -- all powerful (Rev 19:6)                                     | 8. Omnipotent -- can deliver all the toys of the world in one night   |
| 9. Omniscient -- knows all (Hebrews 4:13; 1 John 3:20)                       | 9. Omniscient -- knows if you have been good or bad, for the entire year.   |
| 10. Omnipresent (Psalm 139:7-10; Ephesians 4:6; John 3:13)                   | 10. Omnipresent -- sees when you wake or sleep. Has to be everywhere at once to be able to deliver all the toys in one short night. |
| 11. Ageless, eternal (Rev 1:8; 21:6)   | 11. Lives forever   |
| 12. Lives in men (1 Cor 3:16; 2 Cor 6:16-17)                                 | 12. Lives in the hearts of children   |
| 13. Giver of Gifts (Ephesians 4:8)   | 13. Giver of Gifts  |
| 14. Absolute Truth (John 14:6)   | 14. Absolute Fable - (1 Tim 1:4; 4:7; 2 Tim 4:4)  |
| 15. Sits on a throne (Rev 5:1; Heb 1:8)                                      | 15. Sits on a throne  |
| 16. We are told to boldly go to the throne of Grace for our needs (Heb 4:16) | 16. Children are bidden to approach his throne to ask for anything they want  |
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| 17. Commands children to obey parents  | 17. Tells children to obey parents  |
| 18. Wants little children to come to Him (Mark 10:14)                        | 18. Bids children to come unto him.   |
| 19. Judges (Rom 14:10; Rev 20:2)   | 19. Judges whether you were good or bad.  |
| 20. Everlasting Father (Isa 9:6; Heb 12:2)                                   | 20. Father Christmas  |
| 21. Christ Child (Matt 1:23; Luke 2:11-12)                                   | 21. Kris Kringle (means christ child)   |
| 22. Worthy of Prayers and Worship (Rev 5:14 Hebrews 1:6)                     | 22. Prayers and worship to "St. Nick" by children   |
| 23. Lord of Hosts (Mal 3:5; Isa 8:13; Psalms 24:10)                          | 23. Lord over a host of elves - (In Druidic religion, elves are demons or tree spirits)   |

24. God says, "Ho, ho ... (Zechariah 2:6)

24. Santa says, "Ho, ho, ho ..."

25. Prince of Peace, the Image of God (Isa 9:6; Hebrews 1:3)

25. Symbol of World Peace, the image of the Christmas Season Note: This comparison taken from "The GOOD NEWSletter", by Former Catholics For Christ, Oct/Nov/Dec, 1997. Clearly, you can see that someone deliberately created a Secular counterfeit to Jesus Christ, matching the many attributes of Jesus Christ with Santa Claus! There are too many direct matches for this creation of Santa Claus to have been an accident. We are told in Job 1:6-7 that Satan walks up and down on the Earth, as if it were a small garden plot completely under his domination. Satan can be thought of as a Master Marionette, pulling the strings on Earth. Certainly, in these Last Days, Satan would have wanted someone else to draw the attention, admiration, and love of the children away from Jesus Christ. But, not only that, Satan would have wanted to infect children early with that most devastating of spiritual diseases, the love of material things, and the love of oneself that goes with trying to get as many presents as possible! The creation and promotion of Santa Claus certainly fulfills all these goals.

Remember that one of Jesus' End Times prophecy was that the hearts of the people would have become extremely cold to Him. "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." (Matthew 24:12)

Certainly, children are told to come to the wrong source for their gifts, they are encouraged to right behavior throughout the year for the wrong reasons, and they are taught to love material things rather than, and more than, God. This brings to thought another End Times Scripture. "But understand this, that in the last days will come perilous times of great stress and trouble, hard to deal with and hard to bear. For people will be lovers of self and utterly self-centered, lovers of money and aroused by an inordinate

greedy desire for wealth ... They will be lovers of sensual pleasures and vain amusements, more than and rather than, lovers of God." (2 Timothy 4:1, 2, 4; Parallel Bible, KJV/Amplified Commentary).

Doesn't this prophecy perfectly describe our society today? Children are being taught, at a very early age, to love material possessions, to try to get as many presents as possible, and to love themselves greatly, all as a result in believing this pagan myth of Santa Claus.

We encourage you to take this information with the love in which it was given. You certainly should not teach your children of the myth of Santa Claus. And, you should definitely teach them that Jesus gave the greatest gift of all history, the Gift of Eternal Life!

Once you understand the deliberate way in which the myth of Santa Claus was created to be a direct counterfeit of Jesus Christ, you can see that children can be easily led spiritually astray by believing in, and participating in, this story. Keep them focused on Jesus Christ.

**Source : The Cutting Edge Ministries**

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<b>Conspiracy</b> <b>(Mary Ann Thornton)</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>God</b>
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The revival of the occult, hedonism and the satanic are not new. The direction in which the world as a global unit is heading was known long before the Age of Aquarius hit the top of the radio airplay lists or Aquarians acquired their own gospel! The direction of this age and every age for that matter, has been clearly foretold by Jesus Christ, the Son of God. In this day of the New Age unredeemed mankind is proving again that without God they are only capable rebellion against their Creator.

The New Age Movement, the coined phrase for this unparalleled resurgence of today's occult spiritual activity and global doctrine, is the embodiment of all that is old from the beginning of mankind, traceable from the Garden of Eden where rebellion against God was birthed! Paradise was lost because woman listened to the subtle taunts of a serpent then shared her forbidden fruit with the man for whom she was created.

Out of Eden, the written history in God's Word documented no further than Genesis 11 as Noah's grandson, Nimrod, leads the unified post-flood inhabitants of earth in their determination to build a tower that would reach unto the heavens. His plan caused such a stir that God came down to see this sight!

In 1876, a Babylonian description of the infamous tower of Babel was discovered that sheds valuable light on its real purpose. The lower inner court contained shrines dedicated to various gods while on the seventh and highest level a sanctuary for the god Bel Merodach sat surrounded by signs of the zodiac. Nimrod was busy erecting a tower of idolatry to reach the heavens.

Today, Shinar is again rebuilding literal Babylon while spiritual Babylon, with her gods and goddesses, is being embraced again in a modern world. Babel, meaning chaos, was prophesied to rise again in the last days to encompass the whole earth. Paul clarified this last day delusion as "doctrines of demons" that would envelope the world. ( 1 Tim.4:1 ).

In Nimrod's day, mankind was able to accomplish whatever their evil hearts imagined. Mercifully, God put an end to their devious plans, saving them from destruction by confusing their language and scattering man across the land.

Goddess worship came into prominence during the time of the tower in the person of Nimrod's wife. History tells us that Semiramus was elevated to the status of "Mother Goddess" because of her spiritual powers and unusual physical beauty.

Goddess worship has remained a part of virtually every heathen society. In Egypt, the goddess Isis was an important part of their deities. In Rome there was Venus who was worshipped because of her beauty, in Ephesus the goddess Diana ruled, Greece has long paid homage to Aphrodite while India's cults embrace Mother Kali. Man had the first of the Bible's record of time developed a religion of unification accompanied by goddess worship reminiscent of today's New Age rituals. Even stretching into the very roots of the modern day Catholic church that found it's beginnings deep in ancient Babylon. Goddess worshipping black-robed priests were relocated from Babylon to Rome in an attempt by Caesar to provide a state approved religion to soothe the masses. The female they worshipped underwent a name change to secure more widespread acceptance. She would now be Mary, Mother of Jesus.

New Age embodies all of the facets of Babel and goddess worship. The wickedness of this New Age religion revolves around all that God has "forbidden" from the tree in the midst of the garden to feminism and cult religious flourishing today. Clear warnings from God echo throughout His Word denouncing such rituals and beliefs. To quote Solomon, there is nothing new under the sun.

Literally, if every concept and deviation in the complexity of the New Age were explained and categorized, a set of encyclopedia the size of Britannica could be printed. The vastness of the 'isms' and 'ologies' alone provide unending areas of study for anyone warning the redeemed and or bringing liberty to the deceived. The weaponry in Satan's army is indeed a tangled web of deception with a uniform aimed at destroying humanity and dethroning God.

The New Age Movement elevates the works of the flesh listed in Galatians 5:19-21, adultery, fornication, hatred, wrath, heresies, reveling, drunkenness, as freedoms! Warnings were posted long ago in Deuteronomy 18 forbidding pagan practices that New Age openly embraces as communication a higher power. The abominations to God listed in the Word include divinations (ways to make known and foretell the future), observing time (astrology), enchantments (magic spells or charms), witchcraft (witches and wizards), consulting familiar spirits (or going to seek advice from fortune tellers), practicing necromancy (consulting the dead), and the making of graven images (gods to worship).

The new twist on these old practices is to convince us that hidden knowledge and power is what we have always needed! Isn't that the same thing the serpent said to Eve? Wasn't it to tempt her to believe and act on the notion that God wasn't enough? Didn't she and Adam have the right to know and be as gods? To taunt that He was not good at all but was instead withholding some deep

hidden truths in order to keep them in subjection to Himself? The implication is that Satan may not be so evil after all but can provide what God is withholding.

Thousand of years later is man being told and buying the exact rhetoric dressed up with twenty-first century phrases? By appealing to the Adamic nature man embraced at Eden and challenging God's unique gift of free will bring Satan can bring us to the point of challenging God's word.

God desires to have a people who would choose to obey and love Him for His goodness. Withholding the fruit of the tree from Adam and Eve wasn't manipulation. It was protection. In an unrestricted paradise prepared for their enjoyment He only asked that one tree be left undisturbed. God knew the curse that would come to the Garden if they chose to "become as gods" embracing the tree of good and evil. Still, He let them choose, as He has lets everyone choose, then lovingly acted to redeem them from their sin.

The serpent's deception has survived, spanning from the time of the taking of a piece of fruit in Eden to the incomprehensible undermining found today in government, healthcare, technology, and religion. The New Age has indeed resurrected before our eyes the Babylonian age of cults and goddess worship.

Government is rapidly becoming committed to a oneness with roots well-established in the United Nations. A world court is in place handle the lack of global justice and a world police force is planned to enforce it's mandates! A world bank contemplates how to share the wealth of the world uniformly through trade and favoritism. World trade organizations shift the balances to suit world needs! Deceptively, soldiers bearing arms are called peace keepers! These peacekeepers while overseeing localized global confrontations have been found to enable the continuance of ethnic cleansings.

The treasures in our unique and picturesque National Parks and Historical locations have been ceremoniously handed over to the global ownership of the U.N.'s " World Heritage" foundations for care and control. Globalization of every nation is outlined while sovereignty is slipping away. A slow steady movement is underway to join us as one.

Secretive rooms in the U.N. headquarters under high level security house supernatural activities that help chart the future courses of history! Heads of state openly consult with witches and mediums for direction.

Shades of Nazi Germany peer at us from the halls of Congress as laws similar to those during Hitler's reign are offered up for debate and discussion touted as new freedom's for a Western government that is fast approaching godlessness!

The New Age agenda is disguised by words carrying strategically altered meanings geared to bring allegiance from the masses. Words like globalism are tossed about that sound futuristic and noble, yet in reality, yield a harvest of bondage as individual countries of all sizes and influences are slowly losing their independence as nations and come under the control of the prophesied world leader. This man called Antichrist so named in scripture will be the embodiment of all that is against Christ!

Global warming has created a movement of it's own, and although it that can't be proven, is touted through their propaganda as a major player that will usher in massive planetary weather changes. One such report involved the demise of rain forests. As coincidence has the habit of being divine, I was present at a meeting of a public relations firm where I watched video tape editing geared to alert globalists of the equatorial rain forest destruction.

New age participants blatantly altered the clear context of video clips and approved erroneous text in an openly discussed effort to separate their future sympathetic new age conference attendees from their money. The source of the forest's destruction, people clearing the rain forests to gain new farm lands, were not scheduled to receive any monetary assistance, relocation or education. The funds were to be deposited into accounts aimed at "educating the public about the New Age agenda". The emperor's new clothes are displayed once more!

The noble sounding " human rights movement" shares responsibility for mass sterilization's in third world countries and defends murderous abortions by explaining how population control is stopping poverty, food shortages from affecting an ever-expanding populace! Hideous crimes against humanity and the Creator are hidden in the core of New Age delegated authority.

Medicine once geared to serving mankind now suggests every cult related activity conceivable including yoga, visualization, hypnosis, bio feedback, Quantum Health, transcendental meditation, to healing via laying on of hands based on psychic telepathy as legitimate ways to peace and health!

Deepak Chopra M.D. uses Eastern cult doctrines in an endeavor to prove our illnesses are simply an imbalance in our individual "oneness with nature". All of these things would have been called by their rightful names only a generation ago. All these things are no longer sins against God but are referred to as ancient wisdom or higher knowledge.

Doctrines of Godless Eastern religions boldly denying the deity of Jesus Christ have invaded our clinics and hospitals under the guise of progress!

At this happens turmoil and death breaks out in our schools where honoring God has been eradicated from the halls, classrooms and activities! Evolution is being preached as an alternative truth to the eternal truth of God's purest Word. But Godlessness has always equaled chaos now and in the past! The morality and conscience of Western society with it's roots steeped deep within Christianity is being broken down all around us.

Major businesses that quietly denounce Christianity forbidding it to be a visible part in their employee routines are readily embracing the New Age teachings as far better! Instead of God's counsel being honored, highly acclaimed seminars are held with New Age consultants scheduled to show workers a better way!

In this emerging religion based society everything is customized to fit together, whether it be Hinduism, Buddhism, Muslim, Mormonism, T.M., Reincarnation, Unitarianism, Jehovah's Witness, witchcraft, Scientology, goddess worship, or Islam, spirit/nature worship of Mother Earth or astrology.

No one has to repent or accept Jesus as the Son of God as Lord and Savior to participate. The message is one of acceptance, unity, love, peace on earth. It's we're all one and we're all right! Even family values and morality are part of this new poisonous brew.

We are already gods, they say, once we have embraced this new age. Now it's just evolving. Enough reincarnations to work out the bad karma and we will be enlightened ones...masters ready to ascend and become like Jesus, Buddha, to be gods. The lie continues to be recycled!

Satan seems to have noticed his base offerings have not appealed to everyone and what the Church and moral people have tagged as sin wasn't embraced by everyone. Certainly he has been able to influence the majority of the populace with lust, drunkenness and riotous living. Even the Bible says there is pleasure in sin for a season. However, the season is short and the wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23).

To deceive the moral segment and perhaps even the very elect would take strategies not utilized until now. If he could incorporate the things that are religiously held as important to these humans. If things that appear to be "good" and "moral" were added he could reach those who didn't embrace the evangelism of debauchery.

Thus, a New Age was conceived with its promise of a better tomorrow free of pollution, from wars, disagreements, hatred, poverty, sickness where all are one in a new world order everyone would be free to live and love as they chose unencumbered by the mandates of the antiquated scriptural ideologies. He could promise them paradise in this life and when this one ended another life after that...until eternal life was earned by good works and gaining knowledge while he destroyed their souls. The thief as he is called comes only to kill, steal and destroy.

In this New Age, you need not be a sorcerer or a drunk or a drug addict! You could be a political or religious leader, even a teacher or a nurse and partake. You would have everything except redemption and eternal life with Christ.

Once he gained the allegiance of the masses Satan could be the ruler of their world. He could ascend to that earthly throne as "Antichrist" doing away with Christ's return by defeating Him at Armageddon while the whole world watches. Then, as he had originally planned, reign from the throne in Jerusalem where Christ was to establish His 1,000 year reign on earth. And all he had to do was sell the original lie again!

Even shopping malls have become partakers of the rise of occult worship playing host to a number of occult based retail outlets! In bright pink neon the words "Isis Rising" read a banner over door of an elegant shop where armed security guards were positioned to protect the New Age trappings that included magic wands, the jewel encrusted occult paraphernalia, visualization pictures, mystical books and imagery paintings. Price tags read in the thousands of dollars. They were unique, one of a kind crafted by well-known artists devoted to this new faith.

By request I was given a guided tour. I asked this New Age personality who claims to channel an ancient spirit being about his reasons for being involved in goddess religion and other religions represented in his shop. He explained what he was looking for and it was universal in man. He wanted love, peace, joy, harmony, unity. To hear him and look around the parallel was obvious but he was looking for all of this in the wrong places. What he was pursuing was a mirage.

When the tour ended, he offered literature explaining retreats and seminars held to present ancient wisdom and guidance from a 35,000 yr. old spirit being named "Lazaris". Any name sounding religious and scriptural appeals to these new age cults.

When he paused, I affirmed that I understood what he wanted. He smiled, probably thinking he had gained a convert. Moments later, as I left, I turned explaining, "You know you might have a little peace, some joy, contentment here and there as you search with all your energy and spend all your gain. But I can tell you that you will never know the peace you are seeking until you know the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ, and find forgiveness of sin in the blood He shed on Calvary for you." He shook involuntarily from head to toe at the words of truth about the Son of God. Of a truth, even the devils believe and tremble (James 2:19).

Isn't it a built-in God-inspired goal within every person to have the abundant life that Jesus has promised to us? Satan is counterfeiting all of these things wrapped up with a pretty package but inside the package is death.

**Source : Koenig's International News**

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**Ouroboros**



**Birth of the New Age of Aquarius**

**What IS the Ouroboros?**

**Pronunciation Or-O-bOr-Os,**

**Note: Using the pronunciation guide used by the Merriam-Webster's Dictionary.**

**Origins of the Ouroboros**

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The Serpent biting its own tail is first seen as early as 1600 years BC in Egypt. From there it moved to the Phoenicians and then to the Greeks, who called it the Ouroboros, which means *devouring its tail*. The serpent biting its tail is found in other myths as well, including Norse myth, where the serpent's name is Jörmungandr, and in Hindu, where the dragon circles the tortoise which supports the four elephants that carry the world. Alternate spellings include: *oroborus*, *uroboros*, and *oureboros*.

### Symbology behind the Ouroboros

(Right) from the *Chrysopoeia* ('Gold Making') of Cleopatra during the Alexandrian Period in Egypt. The enclosed words mean 'The All is One.'

(Left) a twentieth century representation (seen in the "Millennium" television series )



The ouroboros has several meanings interwoven into it. Foremost is the symbolism of the serpent biting, devouring, eating its own tail. This symbolises the cyclic Nature of the Universe: creation out of destruction, Life out of Death. The ouroboros eats its own tail to sustain its life, in an eternal cycle of renewal.

In the above drawing, from a book by an early Alchemist, Cleopatra, the black half symbolises the Night, Earth, and the destructive force of nature, yin. the light half represents Day, Heaven, the generative, creative force, yang.

Alchemically, the Ouroboros is also used as a purifying glyph.

### Christian Point of View :

**Are we rapidly nearing the stage of total human slavery in the Technetronics Age? As I have exposed in *Circle of intrigue* and other books the men who comprise the inner circle of the Illuminati have a global plan. In implementing this plan, they appear to have the full cooperation of the planet's largest and most powerful high tech corporations. The world's premier telecommunications combine, of course, is that giant of giant AT&T. AT&T will certainly play a significant part in the Informations superhighway now being created to support *Project L.U.C.I.D.***

Recently, it was announced that AT&T is splitting into three separate companies. One of the three - the company formerly known as Bell Laboratories - has been freshly renamed *Lucent Technologies*.

But, does AT&T'S new baby have horns? Does the name *Lucent* have any link to the name *Lucifer*? Could it be that, as one writer has suggested *Lucent* stands for *Lucifer Enterprise*?

In the Bible, Lucifer is bequeathed the title, the "son of the morning." He is said to often come disguised as an "angel of light." He was anciently worshipped by pagans as "the Sun God, the Illumined One, the God of Light."

Modern-day New Age and Freemasonry groups continue this ancient glorification of Lucifer. One prominent New Age organization is the *Lucis Trust*. Its late founder, Alice Bailey, hailed the horned one as "bringer of light" the "shining one." He is, she trumpeted, the "Illuminator of mankind."

Since Bailey's globalist occult group, the *Lucis Trust*, reveres Lucifer as the illuminator of mankind and also promotes Freemasonry, with its Egyptian religion, I believe the true meaning of the name *Lucis* is *Lucifer plus Isis* (Isis was the Egyptian Mother Goddess). Thus, Luc + is = Lucis.

That *Lucis* is a combination word meaning Lucifer plus Isis is borne out by the fact that the *Lucis Trust* was first incorporated in 1922 as *Lucifer Publishing!*

*Lucent Means "Glowing With Light"*

Now, read carefully the article (on the right) published in *USA Today*, February 6, 1996, entitled, "AT&T Names the Baby: Lucent." Note especially AT&T's possibly revealing statement that the name for its spin-off corporation, *Lucent*, means "glowing with fight."

The logo for the powerful new corporation is a rough-edged, red-colored circle. My latest book exposing the *Circle of Intrigue*, sheds light on the true and concealed meaning of the fiery, serpentine circle. Among the sources quoted in my book is Hislop's classic treatise, *The Two Babylons*. Hislop wrote: "In ancient Babylon, the King...a type of Antichrist...was acclaimed to be the Sun-god.. .the *Illuminator* of the material world...the *enlightener* of the souls of men."

To occultists, the circle represents their satanic deity, the great and fearsome Solar Serpent. The fiery, red sun, or circle, is his image. Scriptures reveal him as the "great red dragon" and his global system as the scarlet (red-colored) beast (Revelation 12:3 and 17:3-5). How interesting that the logo for *Lucent Technologies* is a red circle.

Just as intriguing, in the *USA Today* article we read: "AT&T hopes the name and logo simple red circle will *illuminate* awareness."

### *A Coincidence?*

Perhaps AT&T's unfortunate choice of name (*Lucent = Lucifer?*) for its new, baby Bell spin-off, is a coincidence. Without definitive proof we cannot, with certainty, attribute evil intent. It could be that the eyebrow-raising and occult-infused language and terminology used by AT&T and quoted in the *USA Today* article - phrases like "illuminate awareness" and "glowing with light" - are incidental. But combined with AT&T's choice for a logo of the fiery-red circle so prevalent and prominent in pagan and other dark cultures, these things do, indeed, arouse inquiry and suspicion.

As if to emphasize this point, just days before I received the *USA Today* announcement, Living Truth Ministries received a phone call from an AT&T manager who is a Christian. He expressed horror that his company had done such a thing. Rejecting AT&T's assertion otherwise, this man flatly stated: "Many company employees suspect a Luciferian meaning to the chosen name, Lucent."

The caller also emphasized his belief in a connection between the curious circle logo adopted for Lucent Technologies and the occultic goals of the Illuminati as revealed in my book, *Circle of Intrigue*.

Writing in his excellent publication, *Midnight Messenger*, Christian researcher Des Griffin, author of *Fourth Reich of the Rich, Descent Into Slavery*, and other books, recently expressed his profound concern about AT&T's telling choice of name and logo for what was once the corporation's proud, Bell Labs division. He especially noted the veiled meaning of the symbology:

Those familiar with the occult and New Age symbology understand what underlines all this. The leaders conceal here up their intentions in a multi-tiered code, and the one is in degree and study, the more understanding they have of the actual message being conveyed by the symbols.

One meaning of the red ring is the invincible sun (which, for years, has been exposed in the red "O" in Mobil). The sun is believed to be the giver and sustainer of all life. By those in the know, the light from that sun is understood - in its deep meaning - to represent Lucifer. The name Lucifer signifies light in Latin, as does the word "Lucent."

A further refining of this doctrine, which has been concealed from the public until now, is that the light means knowledge. As believed by the Ancients, those who possess knowledge are superior to others, and therefore worthy and duty-bound to use it to dominate and control those who do not possess it. These poor, unenlightened slobbs would, of course, be grateful to have such benevolent characters (forcibly) guide them and tax them into poverty.

Lying deeper in this doctrine is the idea that people are their own gods, and that human knowledge and intellect alone are our savior and king. That so much should be exposed to the public demonstrates that we are at a Critical turning point. Those who ascribe to this doctrine, and learn the symbols and conventions, are rewarded while others will, despite greater talent and aptitude, Sometimes be passed over for promotion and recognition..

### ***An Empty Vessel to be Filled***

"The greatest reality in the tangible world," says Des Griffin, is what happens to our lives, families, and careers." Our families lives, he continues, are deeply affected by our culture, and it is apparent that Lucent intends to impact culture. Griffin explains:

According to *Bell Labs News*, Lucent is "categorized by many as an *empty vessel*." *Bell Labs News Says*, "We have decided on Lucent because we have a chance to fill this empty vessel with values, products, and the way we treat each other."

Those familiar with how AT&T has treated Christian employees in the past can see the foreboding future in these words of the CEO. To mention just one example, they have made it very difficult by firing or taking disciplinary action against any who do not openly approve of homosexuality.

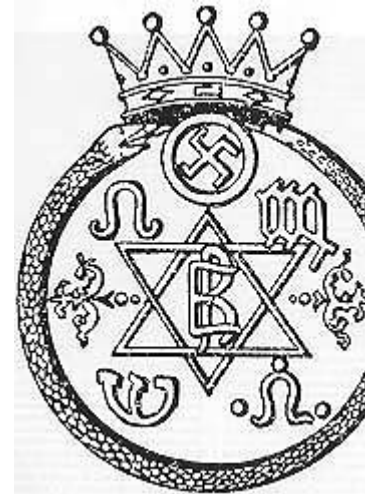
The *empty vessel* -symbolic of the lives of most Americans in the 1990s—cannot be filled by more products, yet that is precisely what most people are being enticed to seek after; and Lucent stands only to profit from this. Clearly, the values with which AT&T's Mr. Schacht wishes to fill this "empty vessel" are not the values followed by the followers of the Cod of the Bible and the Lord Jesus Christ.

- from the book "Project L.U.C.I.D" by Texe Marrs (pg 141-146)

### ***Circle of the Serpent King***

As explained in my book, *Circle of Intrigue*, the hardened occultists who guide the activities of the Illuminati honor their lord, Lucifer, as the fiery-red, phoenix Serpent who, symbolically, is represented as the . Shown here is the supreme logo of Helena Blavatsky's *Theosophy*, a 19th century Luciferian organization which, in turn, spawned the modern conspiratorial group known today as Lucis Trust (*Lucifer + Isis = Lucis*). Look carefully at this Luciferian logo. Observe its crowned Serpent's circle. Inside this circle is a secondary, almost hidden, inner circle, with an enclosed, swastika emblem. This inner circle and its swastika represent the exclusive, ten man *inner circle* of the illuminati. These are the Wise Men. They are unmasked in *Circle of Intrigue* as Lucifer's depraved masterminds - super rich elitists driven mad by their greedy, insatiable appetites for money, control, and power.

These men are prophetically described as the "ten horns" (see Rev



13 and 17) who oversee today's massive, global conspiracy. Their goal: cataclysmically cleanse the earth and "illuminate the awareness" of the remaining, thinned-out population by the year A.D. 2000, the bright dawning of their New Millennium.

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### ***Secular Point of View :***

***Ouroboros* was the ancient Greek mythical serpent that survived by devouring itself.**

***"It had no need of eyes, for there was nothing outside it to be seen; nor of ears, for there was nothing outside to be heard. There was no surrounding air to be breathed, nor was it in need of any organ by which to supply itself with food or to get rid of it when digested. Nothing went out from or came into it anywhere, for there was nothing. Of design it was made thus, its own waste providing its own food, acting and being acted upon entirely with and by itself, because its designer considered that a being which was sufficient unto itself would be far more excellent than one which depended upon anything."***  
from *Timaeus*, (33-The construction of the world), Plato

Showing itself primarily in ancient Gnostic texts, the *Ouroboros* is any image of a snake, worm, serpent, or dragon biting its own tail. Generally taking on a circular form, the symbol is representative of many broad concepts. Time, life continuity, completion, the repetition of history, the self-sufficiency of nature and the rebirth of the earth can all be seen within the circular boundaries of the *Ouroboros*. Societies from throughout history have shaped the *Ouroboros* to fit their own beliefs and purposes. The image has been seen in ancient Egypt, Japan, India, utilized in Greek alchemic texts, European woodcuts, Native American Indian tribes and even by the Aztecs. It has, at times, been directly associated to such varying symbols as the Roman god Janus, the Chinese Ying Yang, and the Biblical serpent of the garden of Eden. Even The X-Files' Dana Scully chose the *Ouroboros* to be tattooed on her back because she felt it connected with the progression of her life. It seems that the *Ouroboros* is an archetypal symbol, a solid piece of our *Spiritus Mundi*, the collective unconscious which thrives within each and every human being regardless of race or culture.

Here, the [Abyss](#) presents to you a collection of some of the most striking artistic representations of the Ouroboros, many taken from the Millennium television series itself. If you're looking for a complete catalogue of the Ouroboros' appearances throughout world history be sure to visit [Abacus' Ouroboros](#), a site devoted to giving researchers a thorough look at the symbol's countless appearances throughout numerous societies. Enjoy.



"Ouroboros was and is the name for the Great World Serpent, encircling the earth. The word 'Ouroboros' is really a term that describes a similar symbol which has been cross-pollinated from many different cultures. From "Ouroboros," there is the serpent or dragon gnawing at its own tail. The symbolic connotation from this owes to the returning cyclical nature of the seasons; the oscillations of the night sky; self-fecundation; disintegration and re-integration; truth and cognition complete; the Androgyne (see below); the primaeva waters; the potential before the spark of creation; the undifferentiated; the Totality; primordial unity; self-sufficiency, and the idea of the beginning and the end as being a continuous unending principle. It represents the conflict of life as well in that life comes out of life and death. 'My end is my beginning.' In a sense life feeds off itself, thus there are good and bad connotations which can be drawn. It is a single image with the entire actions of a life cycle - it begets, weds, impregnates, and slays itself, but in a cyclical sense, rather than linear. Thus, it fashions our lives to a totality more towards what it may REALLY be - a series of movements which repeat. "As Above, So Below" - we are born from nature, and we mirror it, because it is what man wholly is a part of.

Born from this symbolic notion, there are many different cultures which share this great dragon-serpent symbol (the serpent Jormungandr, from the myth of Yggdrasil, is just one). There are some cultures that see the image as not being beneficial, but evil - like Satan. These more specific re-interpretations will be spoken of later.

It is of interest to mention that a symbol such as that of the Ouroboros is something which Carl Jung refers to as an archetype; it seems to make its way into our conscious mind time and time again in varying forms. The 19th century German chemist named Kekule dreamed of a snake with its tail in its mouth one day after dosing off. He had been researching the molecular structure of benzene, and was at a stop point in his work until after waking up he interpreted the dream to mean that the structure was a closed carbon ring. This was the breakthrough he needed.

There is another mention of the Ouroboros laying at the edge of "the sea which surrounds the world," called Pontus. The Ouroboros encircles the Universe; everything known and unknown is encompassed in its embracing coils, supporting and maintaining the earthly balance. It injects life into death and death into budding life. Its form suggests immobility with its locked jaws upon itself, yet at the same time it pushes the insistent message of perpetual movement through its twined coils. The first clues to this symbol go back as far as 1600-1700 BC in Egypt. Through the years the serpent moved on to the Phoenicians and the Greeks-who were what gave it the name "Ouroboros." The Greek translation means, "tail eater."

It has a strong relation to what is known as the Androgyne. The androgyne is the united male and female principles together. This is the prime primordial end to human endeavor, the reunion which births totality and creation. It is not unlike the idea of androgyny, which is a duality complete. "A return to wholeness."

Source : Chris Aynesworth, [The World Tree](#) "Of The Androgyne: The Serpent Ouroboros."



