THE TRUTH ABOUT CHRISTMAS



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Introduction

The lie about Father Christmas is told to children who accept it for the truth. Once they start growing up, their trust is shaken by the lie. Paul wrote that we should not be misled by the traditions or men. (Col 2:8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.), but rely on the Torah. The Torah teaches us how to govern ourselves and throw off the shackles of manmade religious, political, and economic systems. Jesus warned that traditions promulgated by religious leaders are like leaven, and once mingled with dough, cannot be removed.

The word tradition means, to lay into the hands of another. When given something--you expect the intention to be good. It however, stays each one's own obligation to inspect what is given. Jer 16:19...[Then said Jeremaih] O Lord, my Strength and my Stronghold, and my Refuge in the day of affliction, to You shall the nations come from the ends of the earth and shall say, Surely our fathers have inherited nothing but lies, emptiness, and futility, worthless things in which there is no profit!

Traditions are passed on in innocence and accepted in ignorance. So the blind are following the blind. Just because of the innocence and ignorance with which you believe in the lie, it doesn't make the lie the truth.

Jesus said we are to worship Him in Spirit and in Truth.

There is no Biblical warrant, precedent, nor precept for remembrance of the day of Christ's birth as a day of special religious celebration. This is NOT to say that we shouldn't remember Christ's birth and its significance, but for religious commemorations or celebrations, we must have Biblical command or precedent! The fact of the matter is this—the early church did NOT celebrate Christ's birth, but such celebration only came into the church with the "Christianization" of pagan rites as Catholicism was made the state religion By Constantine in the fourth century A.D. Since the Word of God does NOT support the tradition of Christmas, a Christian's conscience ought NOT and must NOT be bound.

Why are we so adamant about keeping Christmas traditions? Let us inspect them and discern between good and evil.

1. Why do we have to know the history?

Being teachable also asks us to learn from other people, not only directly from God. God also uses the Body of Christ to boost your growth and discernment!

1 John 4:6 (AMP) We are [children] of God. Whoever is learning to know God [progressively to perceive, recognize, and understand God by observation and experience, and to get an ever-clearer knowledge of Him] listens to us; and he who is not of God does not listen or pay attention to us. By this we know (recognize) **the Spirit of Truth and the spirit of error.**

Eph 2:2 (AMP) In which at one time you walked [habitually]. You were following the course and fashion of this world [were under the sway of the tendency of this present age], following the prince of the power of the air. [You were obedient to and under the control of] the [demon] spirit that still constantly works in the sons of disobedience [the careless, the rebellious, and the unbelieving, who go against the purposes of God].

Rev 18:4 (AMP) I then heard another voice from heaven saying, Come out from her, my people, so that you may not share in her sins, neither participate in her plagues.

Isa 48:20 (AMP) Go forth out of Babylon, flee from the Chaldeans! With a voice of singing declare, tell this, cause it to go forth even to the end of the earth; say, The Lord has redeemed His servant Jacob!

2. A Long Evolution

Christmas customs are an evolution from times long before the Christian period—a descent from seasonal, pagan, religious, and national practices, hedged about with legend and tradition. Their seasonal connections with the pagan feasts of the winter solstice relate to the ancient times, when many of the earth's inhabitant's were sun worshipers. As the superstitious pagans observed the sun gradually moving south in the heavens and the days growing shorter, they believed the sun was departing never to return.

To encourage the sun's return north (i.e., to give the winter sun god strength and to bring him back to life again), the sun gods were worshipped with elaborate rituals and ceremonies, including the building of great bonfires, decorating with great evergreen plants such as holly, ivy, and mistletoe, and making representations of summer birds as house decorations. The winter solstice, then, was the shortest day of the year, when the sun seemingly stood still in the southern sky. Observing the slowdown in the sun's southward movement, and its stop, the heathen believed that their petitions to it had been successful. A time of unrestrained rejoicing broke out, with revelry, drinking, and gluttonous feasts. Then, when the pagans observed the sun moving again northward, and a week later were able to determine that the days were growing longer, a new year was proclaimed.

3. Not Among the Earliest Christian Festivals

Christmas was NOT among the earliest festivals of the church. It was not celebrated, commemorated, or observed, neither by the apostles nor in the apostolic church—not for at least the first 300 years of church history.

The day and the time of His birth had no relevance to them, because Jesus was no longer physically on earth. He had returned to heaven, and it was the risen, exalted Christ to whom they looked, and that by faith—not a babe laid in a manger. Jesus Christ is no longer a baby; no longer the 'Christ-child,' but the exalted Lord of all.

4. The Role of Religion in Ancient Rome

By giving official status to Christianity, Emperor Constantine brought internal peace to the Empire. Constantine forced all the pagans of his empire to be baptized into the Roman Church, so there was need for true union between paganism and Christianity.

The corrupt Roman Church was full of pagans now masquerading as Christians, all of which has to be pacified. The Constantine-led Roman Church was more than willing to adapt and adopt pagan practices in order to make Christianity palatable to the heathen.

So the Roman Church simply took Saturnalia, adopted it into Christianity, and the eventually many of the associated pagan symbols, forms, customs, and tradition were reinterpreted. The pagans flocked into the Catholic places of worship, because they were still able to worship their old gods, but merely under different names. 1Thessalonians 5:22 Abstain from all appearance of evil. Paul says to turn from idols, not rename them and Christianize them. Roman Catholicism's Christmas Day is nothing but "baptized" paganism

5. It all started in Babylon

In Babylon, King Nimrod was known for his cruelty. Shem, Noah's son, had him killed and had him cut in pieces, which was scattered over the land. Nimrod's followers collected his bodypieces, but couldn't find one piece. Then in honor of that piece, they erected a statue of his uncircumcised penis! This phallic symbol is found all over the world in cemeteries, churchyards, as monuments to people. Nimrod's wife, Semiramis, did not want to lose the kingdom and had to explain her illegitimate baby. She claimed that Nimrod ascended to heaven and became the sun-god. He then impregnated her with the rays of the sun. Her son Tammuz was born on Dec 25, and she claimed he was the reincarnated Nimrod. Here we can see how they took God's promise of a seed from the woman, coming to deliver the world and twisted it to suit their needs. When God confused the languages at the tower of Babel, the people scattered to the four corners of the earth, taking along their worship of their sun-god, but of course having different names for him.

6. Facts:

All Bible and ancient history scholars will admit that 25 December is the birthday of The sungod, for which various names in different cultures were given. The Messiah could not have been born in mid-winter, 25 December, as the shepherds were out in the fields, watching over their flock by night (Luke 2:8).

We were never commanded to remember the day of His birth, rather, to remember His death, which we should remember as often as possible and not a specific day. The early Christians did this as per **1 Cor 11:26** For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are representing and signifying and proclaiming the fact of the Lord's death until He comes [again].

Quotes:

<u>The Catholic Encyclopedia says</u>: Christmas was not among the earliest festivals of the Church. Irenaeus and Tertullian omit it from their lists of feasts.

<u>Sir James Frazer says about the origin of Christmas:</u> The largest pagan religious cult which fostered the celebration of December 25 as a holiday was the pagan sun-worship, Mithraism... This winter festival was called 'the Nativity of the SUN'. If the Mithraic mystyries were indeed a Satanic copy of a divine original, we are driven to conclude that Christianity took a leaf out of the devil's book when it fixed the birth of the Savior on the 25th December; for there can be no doubt that the day in question was celebrated as the birthday of the Sun by the heathen before the Church transferred the Nativity.

<u>Franz Cumont, perhaps the greatest scholar of Mithraism wrote quoting Minucius Felix:</u> The Mithraist also observed Sun-day and kept sacred the 25th of December as the birthday of the Sun.

<u>SE Titcomb – Aryan Sun myths, the Origin of Religions:</u> The following sun-deities were all born on 25 December, according to their legends: Chrishna (Vishnu), Mithra (Mithras), Osiris, Horus, Hercules, Dionysus (Bacchus), Tammuz, Indra, Buddha.

7. What does God say? Why can we not use Dec 25 to symbolically celebrate His birth?

Deut 12:30-31 (AMP) Be watchful that you are not ensnared into following them after they have been destroyed before you and that you do not inquire after their gods, saying, How did these **nations** serve their gods? We will do likewise. **You shall <u>not</u> do so to the Lord your God**, for every abominable thing which the Lord hates they have done for their gods. For even their sons and their daughters they have burned in the fire to their gods.

God says we may not serve Him, with the same rituals the heathen serve their gods.

8. The Christmas Tree

Evergreen trees have long symbolized immorality, fertility, sexual potency and reproduction, and were often brought into homes and set up as idols. To pagans, nature was always worshipped. Trees were brought into homes during the winter as magic symbols of luck or hope for a fruitful year to come.

The first decorating of evergreen trees was done in honor of their god <u>Adonis</u>, who after being slain was brought to life by the serpent Aesculapius. Around this stump coiled this snake Aesculapius, symbol of life restoring. Then from the roots another and different tree comes forth, an evergreen tree – symbolizing a god that cannot die.

In **Babylon**, the <u>evergreen tree</u> came to represent the rebirth/reincarnation of Nimrod as his new son <u>Tammuz</u>. In **Egypt**, this god was worshipped in a <u>palm tree</u> as <u>Baal-Tamar</u>. The heathen people of **Canaan** also adopted tree worship, calling it the <u>Asherah</u> – a tree with its branches cut off was carved into <u>a phallic symbol</u>.

In **Rome** the <u>fir tree</u> was worshipped as the same new-born god, named <u>Baal-Berith</u>, who was restored to life by the same serpent. A feast was held in honor of him on December 25, observed as the day on which the god reappeared on earth. He had been killed and was 'reborn' on that day, victorious over death. It was the Birthday of the Unconquered Sun.

Whether erected in private homes or in churches, decorated or not, the evergreen tree is a glaring symbol of this false god.

9. Christmas Wreaths

Pagan Origin

The round, evergreen Christmas wreaths symbolized the never dying, or self-renewing sun. The round form symbolizes the female, which stands for the regeneration of life. Because of this, the Christian church was initially hostile to the use of these wreaths and other evergreen derivatives, but these were soon "Christianized" too.

(i.e., the sharp pointed leaves of the "male" holly represented Christ's crown of thorns, the red berries His blood, and the "female" ivy representing immortality. Wreaths not only adorn churches on Christmas, but also appear during the equally pagan Easter.

Biblical Reference

Ephesians 2:2—In which at one time you walked [habitually]. You were following the course and fashion of this world [were under the sway of the tendency of this present age], following the prince of the power of the air. [You were obedient to and under the control of] the [demon] spirit that still constantly works in the sons of disobedience [the careless, the rebellious, and the unbelieving, who go against the purposes of God].

10. Mistletoe

Pagan Origin

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The mistletoe is poisonous and was used by ancient Druids. It represented the false 'messiah', which they believed dropped off from heaven and grew upon a tree. This is an obvious corruption of God's prophetic Word concerning Christ 'the Man the Branch', coming from heaven. It symbolized the reconciliation between man and God.. Thus the mistletoe was

kissed. It was to bring good luck and even protect the house from witchcraft where it hung. When gathering mistletoe for the Celtic Midsummer Eve ceremony, the men would kiss each other and display their homosexuality. Later the custom included women and temple prostitution followed.

Biblical Reference

Eze 8:17 The [the Spirit] said to me, Have you seen this, O son of man? Is it too slight a thing to the house of Judah to commit the abominations which they commit here, that they must fill the land with violence and turn back afresh to provoke **Me to anger**? And behold, they put the **branch to their nose** [actually, before their mouths, in superstitious worship]!



11. Santa Claus | Father Christmas | Sant Nikolaas

Pagan Origin

Saint Nicholas was the 4th century Catholic bishop of Myra in Asia Minor, who gave treats to children. He was canonized by the Roman Catholic Church and regarded as a special friend and protector of children. The red suit comes from the fact that Catholic bishops and cardinals in Italy wear red. Santa Claus was also known as Kriss Kringle, a corruption of the German Christ Kindl – Christ Child. One of Satan's blasphemies.

The Santa Claus concept came from the pagan Egyptian god, Bes, a rotund, gnome-like personage who was the patron of little children. Bes was said to live at the North Pole, working year-round to produce toys for children who had been good and obedient to their parents. In Dutch, he was called 'Sinter Klaas'. Dutch settlers brought the custom to America. In Holland and other European countries, the original Santa Claus was actually a grim personage who traversed the countryside, determined to find out who really had been naughty or nice. Those who had been acting up were summarily switched. The association of Santa Claus with snow, reindeer, and the North Pole suggests Scandinavian or Norse traditions of the Yuletide season. In Babylonia, also, the stag/reindeer was a symbol of the mighty one, Nimrod. The symbolism of antlers worn on the head of a noble leader would demonstrate his prowess as a hunter, and thereby, influence people to follow him.

Santa is the blasphemous substitute for God. He is routinely given supernatural powers and divine attributes which only GOD has. He is made to be omniscient – he knows when every child sleeps, awakes, has been bad or good, and knows exactly what every child wants. He is made out to be omnipresent – on one night of the year he visits all the good children in the world and leaves them gifts. He is also made out to be omnipotent – he has the power to give to each child exactly what each one wants. He is made to be a sovereign judge – he decides who gets what and no one overrules him.

When we blend the truth about Christ's birth and the myth of Santa Claus, we are causing children to focus on a fat man with a red suit with a bag of gifts, having God-like qualities.

12. Christmas Eve and the Yule log

"Yule" is Chaldean meaning 'infant'. Long before Christianity, the heathen Anglo-Saxons called the 25th of December 'Yule' day. The night before 'Yule-day' was called 'Mother night' – Christmas Eve. It wasn't named after Mary, as it was called this centuries before Jesus was born. Semiramis (Nimrod's wife) was the inspiration for 'Mother night' and Child's Day/Yule-day was the birthday of her son Tammuz – the sun-god.

The Yule log was considered sacred by the ancient Celts and used in their religious festivals during the winter solstice. Today's tradition comes from Scandinavia, where the pagan sex-and-fertifily god, Jule, was honored in a twelve-day celebration in December. A large, single log was kept with a fire against it for twelve days, and each day for twelve days a different sacrifice was offered.

13. Giving of gifts

The tradition of exchanging gifts has nothing to do with the wise men giving gifts. The Roman custom of exchanging food, trinkets, candles or statutes of gods during the mid-winter Kalends. This custom transferred to December 25th by the Roman Church in keeping with the Saturnalian festival and celebration of the benevolent St. Nicolas.

14. Christmas Cards

The first British Xmas card dates back to 1843. The first cards featured pictures of dead birds. The popularity of hunting robin and wren on Christmas Day made the dead bird image appropriate for 'holiday' cards. The first actual Xmas cards were really Valentine's Day cards with different messages sent in December. Mass production of Xmas cards was profitable and therefore caught on.

15. What does God say? Why can't I use the known Christmas symbolisms in honor of Him?

Eze 8: 3... and the Spirit lifted me up between the earth and the heavens and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem , to the entrance of the door of the inner [court]which faces toward the north, where was the seat of the **idol (image)of jealousy**, which provokes to jealousy.

9 And He said to me, <u>Go in and see</u> the wicked abominations that they do here.

¹⁰So I went in and saw there pictures of every form of creeping things and loathsome beasts and all the idols of the house of Israel, painted round about on the wall.

¹¹And there stood before these [pictures] seventy men of the elders of the house of Israel, and in the midst of them stood Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan [the scribe], with every man his censer in his hand, and a thick cloud of incense was going up [in prayer to these their gods].

¹²Then said He to me, Son of man, have your seen what the elders of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in his [secret] chambers of [idol] pictures? For they say, The Lord does not see us; the Lord has forsaken the land.

¹³He also said to me, Yet again you shall see greater abominations which they are committing. ¹⁴Then He brought me to the entrance of the north gate of the Lord's house; and behold there sat women **weeping for Tammuz** [a Babylonian god, who was supposed to **die annually and subsequently be resurrected**].

¹⁵Then said [the Spirit] to me, Have you seen this, O son of man? Yet again you shall see greater abominations that they are committing.

¹⁶And He brought me to the inner court of the Lord's house; and behold at the door of the temple of the Lord, between the porch and the bronze altar, were about twenty-five men with **their backs to the temple of the Lord** and their faces toward the east, and they were **bowing themselves toward the east and worshiping the sun.**

¹⁷The [the Spirit] said to me, Have you seen this, O son of man? Is it too slight a thing to the house of Judah to commit the abominations which they commit here, that they must fill the land with violence and turn back afresh to provoke **Me to anger**? And behold, they put the **branch to their nose** [actually, before their mouths, in superstitious worship]!

¹⁸Therefore I will deal in wrath; **My eye will not spare, nor will I have pity**; and though they cry in My ears with a loud voice, yet will I not hear them.



Idol/image of jealousy: Chistmas tree

This is what this idol looked like: It was a pole. As in many pagan cultures, they erect poles or trees to their gods and make sacrifices on it, some bring an evergreen tree into the house. In the spirit realm, this **tree/pole/obelisk** 'fertilizes' the heavenlies with evil.

Sun-god worship:

Nimrod's wife, getting pregnant out of wedlock had to defend her diety status and claimed that Nimrod had risen to become the **sun-god**, and that he had fertilized her with the rays of the sun. Her child Tammuz, was born on 25 December. The star on top of the Christmas tree symbolized the sun.

Weeping for Tammuz – celebrating his resurrection

Tammuz was killed at 40 by a wild boar, and a time of weeping was declared, a day for each year of his life. On December 25, they burn a yule log in the fireplace. When the children are asleep, they clean out the fireplace (**symbolizing his death**) and secretly cut down an evergreen tree, bring it indoors, make it stand upright, and dress it with silver and gold. Claiming that he was **resurrected**.

God says: Eze 8:18 My eye will not spare, nor will I have pity

Amos 5

¹ Hear this word which I take up concerning you in lamentation, O house of Israel:

² The Virgin of Israel has fallen; she shall no more rise; she lies cast down and forsaken on her land; there is no one to raise her up.

³ For thus says the Lord God: The city that went forth a thousand shall have a hundred left, and that which went forth a hundred shall have ten left to the house of Israel.

- ⁴ For thus says the Lord to the house of Israel: Seek Me [inquire for and of Me and require Me as you require food] and you shall live!
- ⁵ But seek not [the golden calf at Bethel nor enter into [idolatrous] Gilgal, and pass not over to [the idols of] Beersheba; for Gilgal shall surely go into captivity and exile, and Bethel [house of God] shall become Bethaven [house of vanity, emptiness, falsity, and futility] and come to nothing.
- ⁶ Seek the Lord [inquire for and of Him and require Him] and you shall live, let He rush down like fire upon ten tribes] and devour it, and there be none to quench it in Bethel [the center of their idol hopes].
- ⁷ You who turn justice into [the bitterness of] wormwood and cast righteousness (uprightness and right standing with God) down to the ground,
- ⁸ <u>Seek Him Who made</u> the [cluster of stars called] Pleiades and [the constellation] Orion, Who turns the shadow of death or deep darkness into the morning and darkens the day into night, Who calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out upon the face of the earth the Lord is His name –
- ⁹ Who causes sudden destruction to flash forth upon the strong so that destruction comes upon the fortress.
- ¹⁰ They hate him who reproves in the [city] gate [holding him as an abomination and rejecting his rebuke], and they abhor him who speaks uprightly.
- Therefore because you tread upon the poor and take from him exactions of wheat, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not dwell in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine.
- ¹² For I know how manifold are your transgressions and how mighty are your sins you who afflict the [uncompromisingly] righteous, who take a bribe, and who turn aside the needy in the [court of the city] gate from their right.
- 13 Therefore he who is prudent will keep silence in such a time, for it is an evil time.
- ¹⁴ Seek (inquire for and require) good and not evil that you may live, and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, as you have said.
- ¹⁵ Hate the evil and love the good and establish justice in the [court of the city's] gate. It may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph [the northern kingdom].
- Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord: There shall be wailing in all the broad ways, and in all the streets they shall say, Alas! And they shall call the farmers to mourning and such as are skilled in lamentation to wailing.
- ¹⁷ And in all vineyards there shall be wailing, for I will pass through the midst of you, says the Lord.
- ¹⁸ Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord! Why would you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness and not light;
- ¹⁹ It is as if a man fled from a lion and a bear met him, or went into the house and leaned with his hand against the wall and a serpent bit him.
- ²⁰ Shall not the day of the Lord be darkness, not light? Even very dark with no brightness in it?
- ²¹ I hate, I despise your feasts, and I will not smell a savor or take delight in your solemn assemblies.
- ²² Though you offer Me your burnt offerings and your cereal offerings, I will not accept them, neither will I look upon the peace or thank offerings of your fatted beasts.
- ²³ Take away from me the noise of your songs, for I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
- ²⁴ But let justice run down like waters and righteousness as a mighty and ever-flowing stream.
- ²⁵ Did you bring to Me sacrifices and cereal offerings during those forty years in the wilderness, O house of Israel?

again].

Therefore I will cause you to go into exile beyond Damascus, says the Lord, whose name is the God of hosts.

²⁶ [No] but [instead of bringing Me the appointed sacrifices] you carried about the tent of your king Sakkuth and Kaiwan [names for the gods of the planet Saturn], you images of your star-god which you made for yourselves [and you will do so again].

Should a Christian celebrate Christmas?

Let us see what the Word of God says. Where in the Word was there any reference to anything we have learnt about Christmas and the practice of a feast of which you find no command in the Word? (King James Version used)

1. 1 Thes 1:8-10, 5:22

⁸ For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing. ⁹ For they themselves show of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye <u>turned to God from idols</u> to serve the living and true God; ¹⁰ And to wait for His Son from heaven, who He raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come...
^{5:22} Abstain from all appearance of evil.

2. Heb 9:12, 24-26

¹² Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood He entered in <u>once</u> into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us... ²⁴ For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us. ²⁵ <u>Nor</u> yet that He should offer Himself <u>often</u>, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; ²⁶ For then must He often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath He <u>appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice</u> of Himself.

3. Heb 10:10,12,14

¹⁰ By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all..... ¹² But this man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God, ... ¹⁴ For by one offering He hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

4. Exo 20:4-5a; 32:1-5a, 9-10a

⁴ Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ^{5a} Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God...

And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we know not what is become of him. ² And Aaron said unto them, Break off the golden earrings, which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring them unto me. ³ And all the people brake off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them unto Aaron. ⁴ And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. ^{5a} And when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it, and Aaron made

proclamation, and said, <u>Tomorrow is a feast to the LORD</u>.....⁹ And <u>the LORD said to Moses</u>, <u>I have seen this people</u>, and, <u>behold</u>, it is a stiffnecked people. ^{10a} <u>Now therefore let Me alone</u>, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that <u>I may consume them</u>.

(NOTE: See how they ascribed God's work to their idol, but still had a feast supposedly to the Lord!)

5. 2 Chron 33:15-17

¹⁵ And he took away the strange gods, and the idol out of the house of the LORD, and all the altars that he had built in the mount of the house of the LORD, and in Jerusalem, and cast them out of the city. ¹⁶ And he repaired the altar of the LORD, and sacrificed thereon peace offerings and thank offerings, and commanded Judah to serve the LORD God of Israel. ¹⁷ Nevertheless the people did sacrifice still in the high places, yet unto the LORD their God only.

(NOTE: The heathen always sacrificed on a high place, and God specifically showed His people in every instance where He wanted them to sacrifice to Him. They however still went to the high places to sacrifice, even though it was to Him. It is still shown throughout the Old Testament, that God was not pleased with that.)

6. Deut 12:29-32

When the LORD thy God shall cut off the nations from before thee, whither thou goest to possess them, and thou succeedest them, and dwellest in their land; Take heed to thyself that thou be not snared by following them, after that they be destroyed from before thee; and that thou inquire not after their gods, saying, How did these nations serve their gods? Even so will I do likewise. Thou shalt not do so unto the LORD thy God: for every abomination to the LORD, which He hateth, have thy done unto their gods; for even their sons and their daughters they have burnt in the fire to their gods. What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.

7. Lev 10:1,2

¹ And Nadab and Abihu, <u>the sons of Aaron</u>, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put insence thereon, and <u>offered strange fire</u> before the LORD, <u>which He commanded them not</u>. ² And there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them, and they died before the LORD.

8. 1 Sam 15:1-3, m7-9, 21-23

¹ Samuel also said unto Saul, The LORD sent me to anoint thee to be king over his people, over Israel: now therefore hearken thou unto the voice of the words of the LORD. ² Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I remember that which Amalek did to Israel, how he laid wait for him in the way, when he came up from Egypt. ³ Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass....

⁷ And Saul smote the Amalekites from Havilah until thou comest to Shur, that is over against Egypt. ⁸ And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword. ⁹ But Saul and the people spared

Agag, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them: but every thing that was vile and refuse, that they destroyed utterly....

²¹ But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God in Gilgal. ²² And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. ²³ For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.

(NOTE: Here there is the **revelation** that stubbornness is as idolatry. Because of the Christmas tree in your home -> an idol, you have become stubborn! In Exo 32:9 God said that the people had become <u>stiffnecked</u>. Is that what happens when you serve an idol? You don't want to stop celebrating Christmas, because **'it'** has control over you!

9. 2 Sam 6:2-7

² And David arose, and went with all the people that were with him from Baale of Judah, to bring up from thence the ark of God, whose name is called by the name of the LORD of hosts that dwelleth between the cherubims. ³ And they set the ark of God upon a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab that was in Gibeah: and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drave the new cart. ⁴ And they brought it out of the house of Abinadab which was at Gibeah, accompanying the ark of God: and Ahio went before the ark. ⁵ And David and all the house of Israel played before the LORD on all manner of instruments made of fir wood, even on harps, and on psalteries, and on timbrels, and on cornets, and on cymbals. ⁶ And when they came to Nachon's threshingfloor, Uzzah put forth his hand to the ark of God, and took hold of it; for the oxen shook it. ⁷ And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah; and God smote him there for his error, and there he died by the ark of God.

(NOTE: God commanded the ark to be transported on the shoulders of the Levites, not on a cart. David gave the orders, not Uzzah, but because Uzzah touched the ark, he was killed. It is each ones own responsibility to know the truth and to obey the truth.)

10. 1 Kings 12:26-33

²⁶ And Jeroboam said in his heart, Now shall the kingdom return to the house of David: ²⁷ If this people go up to do sacrifice in the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, then shall the heart of this people turn again unto their lord, even unt Rehoboam king of Judah, and they shall kill me, and go again to Rehoboam king of Judah. ²⁸ Whereupon the king took cousel, and made two calves of gold, and said to them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. ²⁹ And he set the one in Bethel, and the other put he in Dan. ³⁰ And this thing became a sin: for the people went to worship before the one, even unto Dan. ³¹ And he made a house of high places, and made priests of the lowest of the people, which were not the sons of Levi. ³² And Jeroboam ordained a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like unto the feast that is in Judah, and he offered upon the altar. So did he in Bethel, sacrificing unto the calves that he had made; and he placed in Bethel the priests of the high places which he had made. ³³ So he offered upon the altar which he had made in Bethel the fifteenth day of the eighth month, even

in the <u>month which he had devised of his own heart; and ordained a feast unto the children of Israel; and he offered upon the altar, and burnt incense.</u>

11. 2 Cor 6:14- 7:1

¹⁴ Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness?
¹⁵ And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? ¹⁶ And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them' and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. ¹⁷ Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, ¹⁸ And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

^{7:1} Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, <u>let us cleanse ourselves from all</u> filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

12. Gal 4:9,10

⁹ But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage? ¹⁰ Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years.

13. John 4:24

²⁴ God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.

Rochelle's Revelation About Christmas

I have learned many things about Christmas. I've learned the pagan origin about Christmas, where did everything come from, and why God is against it. Nothing about Christmas is from God, especially the idea about celebrating Christ's birth; even the Scripture does not say anything about it. All of it comes from pagans, and their traditions, cultures, and beliefs.

God has convinced me through everything, that Christmas is not from Him, all that it is, is a bunch of false beliefs, doctrines, culture, traditions, and pagan religion. I will only believe the truth and the truth is that Christmas is an abomination in the Lord's eyes.

Thank you Lord, for showing, convincing and teaching me the truth.

Chanté's Revelation About Christmas

My personal opinion about Christmas is: STAY AWAY! The Holy Spirit convinced me and inspired me about this BEFORE I had this evidence why Christmas is wrong.

At one time I was confused and didn't understand why it would be wrong, but at the end the Holy Spirit started speaking to me.

This document has actual evidence, that, from the history and origin of Christmas, as well as lots of Scriptural evidence, that Christmas is a deceiving, blasphemous pagan feast with nothing but the name of out God given to some dead idol. This whole feast, Christmas, is driven by a perverse spirit. If God already gave us the Jewish feasts to celebrate, which is NOT of pagan origin, why do we want to celebrate this pagan feast, only because it has God's name? Christ's birth is of importance, but what is more important, His birth, or His salvation? The Word of God says we ought not to add or take away from it, as this is an abomination. Why then do we want to add this feast, which God did not require us to have, and even warned us about MANY times in His Word?

These and many other facts came to reality in my life as I read the evidence in this document and more.

Let us inspect the origin, the Word of God, and our hearts thoroughly when it comes to issues like this. May the Holy Spirit convince you.

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