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Christmas is celebrated throughout most parts of the world. Where did the celebration of this winter festival originate? Even though many people believe that the origins of Christmas are found in the Bible, this simply is not true. If the God of the Bible is not the One Who told us to celebrate Christmas, how did we come up with the celebration?

There is absolutely no record in the Bible of anyone observing Christmas. There is not even a hint of a Christmas celebration or anything remotely like it. When we consider the customs associated with Christmas we have to ask ourselves just what do decorated evergreen trees, holly, mistletoe, Yule logs, a jolly plump man in a red suit, sleighs, and flying reindeer have to do with the birth of Jesus Christ? The answer is nothing - absolutely nothing. However, these things do have a lot to do with ancient pagan festivals. How did the date of December 25 come to be assigned as the date of the birth of Jesus?

The word "Christmas" came into use through the medieval custom of the Roman Church celebrating Mass at midnight on the eve of December 25 - the only time in the year when this was permitted. Because of the opposition to the traces of paganism surviving in the Christmas customs, the Church of Rome created special masses to be performed at midnight, daybreak, and morning - and hence the word "Christmas."

And what about Santa Claus? Where did Santa come from? Is Santa based on myth or reality? Is Santa based on a character from the Bible? How did Santa come to be such an important part - for many, the most important aspect - of the Christmas tradition / holiday?

The legends and myths of Santa Claus are steeped in the beliefs of pagan witchcraft. The elf is one of the traditions associated with Ole Nick that can be traced back to Celtic roots. Santa and his elves are the modern version of the "nature folk" of pagan religions. Nature folk were the sprites that lived in the forest and possessed magical powers. To the Druids, elves were tree spirits or demons.

The nearer aspects of the Christmas tradition have their roots in Roman custom and religion. The earliest reference to Christmas as being observed on December 25 comes from the second century after Jesus' birth. It is likely that the first Christmas celebrations were in reaction to the Saturnalia - a Roman harvest festival that marked the winter solstice - the return of the sun - and in honor of Saturn.

December 25 was the very day and season on which the pagans for centuries had celebrated the birth of the Sun-gods. Because the various sun gods which were worshipped in different countries were all believed to have been born at the same season would seem to indicate that they were but different forms under different names of the original son of the Sun-god: Tammuz of Babylon. In Babylon, the birthday of Tammuz was celebrated at the time of the winter solstice with great feasts, revelry, and drunkenness.

The wreath is part of the traditional Christmas celebration. Following in the footsteps of ancient Rome, this emblem is hung on doors, walls and even on radiator grills of semi trucks. The wreath is alleged to be a reference to - and a symbol of - the birth of Christ. However, the wreaths we use today are tied to and have their origins in worship of the sun god. Hence, the round Christmas wreaths stand for an eternal sun, a never-dying or self-renewing sun.

There are volumes of information which detail the origins of the holiday as well as the origins of the traditions associated with Christmas. The author of this text uncovers the ancient origins of Christmas which have been purposely hidden and obscured. Who - or rather what - are we honoring and worshipping in the traditional celebration of Christmas?

This book is a must-read for those who want to learn the real origins of this holiday.

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