

SHOCKING TRUTH ABOUT CHRISTMAS Pt. 19: SANTA CLAUS, IDOLATRY, JESUS' BIRTHDAY, SUN GODS



I've seen many variations of Santa kneeling by baby Jesus as if to reverence Him. Retail and those that make these images don't give a hoot about Jesus but they do like making money. They are selling this on canvas for the wall, decorations for the tree and around the house. This portrayal gives the idea that Santa is eternal and existed before the time of Christ on this earth. Santa never ages or dies just like God. Santa – has always been, everywhere all the time, knows everything about everyone, who's good and who's bad – That's God – not santa.

If you are truly honoring God, deep down in your heart what do you really think God thinks of someone who takes the focus off of His Son? Do you really think He's just cool with it because it's just good clean fun? This kind of stuff needs to get out of your life and home and you should teach your children the truth about all of it. When kids grow up they do what they have been taught. Break the cycle of lies, and idols and close the doors that are open to satan.



Children write letters to Santa asking for what they want. Or they go sit on his lap and ask in person for what they want. This also takes the focus off of Jesus because they certainly aren't praying to Him or asking Him for anything. Instead children are taught to go to Santa with their wants at this time of year.

Some people do not understand how Santa is receiving worship. Well, we have to understand what worship is first of all. We have to get the idea out of our minds that worship only consists of bowing to a person, idol or false god.

Worship means to show reverence, adoration and honor to a deity. So how does that apply to Santa?

Remember when I taught children's church and asked the children what Christmas was all about, one of the main things they told me was Santa and of course presents. Children are taught that Santa can see them all year long so they better be good. They are taught that Santa can bring them presents so they seek him out by writing letters and going to see him so they can let him know what they want. Parents leave presents under the tree and say it is from Santa and so this solidifies the child's belief that Santa really is all the things they were told.

We have continued to pass the stories and traditions down from generation to generation. Retail is cashing in on all the Santa merchandise that is sold: Santa Claus decorations, yard figurines, wrapping paper, Santa themed dishes, clothes, toys etc. Parents continue to take their children to see Santa at malls and stores to have pictures made with him. They get their children all excited about his

coming and even help them to put out reindeer food and leave milk and cookies for Santa. That's a lot of money, time and energy put toward this false god, I'd say that is worship. We reverence The Lord with our tithes and offerings, we spend time in His Word and in prayer, spending time with Him, singing praise to Him, these things are worship. In the same way, money is spent on Santa, stories are told about him and songs are sung about him. Children are taught that Santa is someone special and magical. All of this is a type of worship.

I grew up believing the Santa lie. My mom had a huge plastic Santa that stood on the porch and was electric so he swiveled around at the waist. Scott and I were doing the same stuff with Kennedy, teaching her about Santa. We were having her picture made with him each year, and wrapping presents from him to her and he was eating cookies she left out, she was feeding his reindeer and the whole shebang.



This is from The Simpsons. Milk and cookies for Santa. Santa is an anagram for satan. The milk is a drink offering and the cookies is a food offering. Jeremiah 7:18 talks about the whole family working together to worship false gods. They were baking cakes for the queen of heaven who is Asherah / Semiramis – Nimrod's wife and mother. And they were pouring out drink offerings to other gods and all of this angered God Who is jealous with a righteous jealousy over His children.

If you taught your children to believe in Santa, this may look familiar to you. Many people leave milk and cookies out for Santa. This is all done to make the children believe in him.

satan loves to deceive through the guise that something is just innocent fun. Just like the idea that it's ok to lie to your children about Santa Claus because it's not hurting them and it's all in fun.

Most people don't think it's a big deal to tell their children all the lies about Santa Claus. For Christians there's nothing cute about lying.

Matt.8:6 - But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in Me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and *that* he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

This verse is talking about leading children into sin. This is what we've been doing with Christmas.

Jeremiah 16:19 – O LORD, my strength, and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of affliction, the Gentiles shall come unto thee from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Surely our fathers have inherited lies, vanity, and *things* wherein *there is* no profit.

This confession by the nations acknowledges the futility of their ancestral beliefs. It reflects a turning point where the truth of God is recognized over the falsehoods of idolatry. This theme of inherited falsehoods is also seen in Ezekiel 20:18, where God warns against following the sinful practices of previous generations.

Many of us inherited these pagan traditions from our parents. As we grew up they taught these pagan traditions to us. Not knowing the truth for ourselves has caused most of us to grow up and teach all of it to our own children. This keeps the cycle going and all of it is sin against God. We need to come to the turning point where we realize the truth and come back wholeheartedly to God and forsake this wickedness.

God brought me along in stages learning the truth about Christmas. The first year, we got rid of Santa and I thought that was all there was to it. So that first year, we

were still giving presents to Kennedy but we were being honest and saying they came from us. Even giving her presents, for a while, we still felt we were depriving her. Santa was in the stores when we went out at Christmastime but we didn't stop to see him. People asked what she wanted from Santa and she just looked at them. We no longer responded to those questions. You feel like your kid is missing out on what all the other kids are doing. Children are impressionable; they believe what we tell them. Jesus tells us to have child like faith...

God didn't mix His words when He told us not to lie. He hates a lying tongue. **(Prov.6:16-19)** Causing little children to believe in Santa is a sin and we need to take it seriously.

Jesus said "let the little children come unto Me". **(Matt.19:14, Mark 10:14)** They are precious to God and it matters greatly what we teach them and the example we set for them. Little children naturally believe what they are told. Fill them up on God's Word and His truth.

When God spoke to me He caused me to see that no one has His power. We are portraying Santa to our children as a god. He keeps track of their behavior all year long even though they don't see him – he is there watching them. He's invisible, just like God. He knows when they have been good or bad, just like God. He can bless them – give them things, just like God. He has elves who help make the toys who are never seen, like God's angels who help do His bidding. He has magical reindeer who fly. Santa has special power, he's fat but he can just wiggle his nose and up the chimney he goes. You can write to him and ask for things, like prayers. Satan wanted to exalt himself above God's throne and take God's worship. **(Isaiah 14:13-14)** Santa Claus is one way that satan is exalting his throne and taking God's worship.

When you lie and teach all this to your children, the spirit realm is paying attention, and satan can come in through the elf on the shelf doll or through any part of the lie of Christmas, and talk to them if he chooses and they will believe it is just part of the lie that you started because you are introducing the concept of magic to them. The elves are magic, Santa is magic, the reindeer are magical etc.



The elf on the shelf could be a huge open door for satan. You have taught your child that it speaks and moves. satan can cause the toy to actually speak and move around and really scare your child or your child can embrace it and believe that's part of the "magic." After all, you told your child it watches them, moves around and flies to the North Pole to report to Santa. So if satan caused it to do any of that, they'd just believe it was supposed to do that because you told them it would.

The same with all the santa figures, they could do scary things in your home and child's life because of all the lies being told and Christmas being celebrated in your home. Children are impressionable and you, after all, are part of the lie and they believe what you tell them.

If you believe this type of thing can't happen then you do not understand how the spirit realm works. Tim Thompson testified about a spirit coming and befriending him when he was very young after his brother fell into an iced over lake and died. It was a lonely and dark time in Tim's life. His parents were ignoring him in trying to deal with their grief and an evil spirit came into his life pretending to be a friend. When a child idolizes a toy, an evil spirit can come into that toy and begin to talk and interact with them. I remember Pastor Philip sharing a story about a child in Liberia that, that happened to. All the lies you are telling your children and grandchildren at Christmastime opens doors for satan to work in your life, your child's life and your home. What a shame the spirit realm is not understood better and especially by Christians.

WHEN WAS JESUS BORN

The Bible does not say when Jesus was born. God did not tell us the day of Jesus' birth. He did not command us to celebrate His birthday nor did Jesus tell us to do so and there is no example of the early church doing it either.

It is cold and wet in December in Israel. Ceasar would not have issued a decree for everyone to go and pay their taxes which would have caused many to have to travel during the coldest time of the year.



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So once again, this is yet another confirmation of how the Roman Catholic Church welcomed pagan festivals into the church. Here we learn that they even took over pagan temples and kept everything the same but called it Christmas. The Christian martyr they came up with for December 25th was Jesus. However, Jesus was not a martyr because He willingly laid His life down for all of mankind. **(John 10:17-18)**

Adam Clarke Commentary, volume 5, page 370, New York edition: “It was custom among Jews to send out their sheep to the deserts about the Passover [early

spring], and bring them home at the commencement of the first rain.” The first rains began in early-to-mid fall. Continuing with this same quote: “During the time they were out, the shepherds watched them night and day. As...the first rain began early in the month of March-esvan, which answers to part of our October and November [begins sometime in October], we find that the sheep were kept out in the open country during the whole summer. And as these shepherds had not yet brought home their flocks, it is a presumptive argument that October had not yet commenced, and that consequently, our Lord was not born on the 25th of December, when no flocks were out in the fields; nor could he have been born later than September, as the flocks were still in the fields by night. The feeding of the flocks by night in the fields is a chronological fact, which casts considerable light upon this disputed point. See the quotations from the Talmudists in Lightfoot. Biblehub

Luke 2:8 explains that when Christ was born, “there were in the same country shepherds *abiding in the field*, keeping watch over their flock *by night*.” Note that they were “abiding” in the field. This never happened in December.

Ezra 10:9-13 - Then all the men of Judah and Benjamin gathered themselves together unto Jerusalem within three days. It *was* the ninth month, on the twentieth *day* of the month; and all the people sat in the street of the house of God, trembling because of *this* matter, and for the great rain. And Ezra the priest stood up, and said unto them, Ye have transgressed, and have taken strange wives, to increase the trespass of Israel. Now therefore make confession unto the LORD God of your fathers, and do his pleasure: and separate yourselves from the people of the land, and from the strange wives. Then all the congregation answered and said with a loud voice, As thou hast said, so must we do. But the people *are* many, and *it is* a time of much rain, and we are not able to stand without, neither *is this* a work of one day or two: for we are many that have transgressed in this thing.

When God gave Moses the months, the first month began in our March – April timeframe. So if you count from late March - April forward to the 9th month you come to about the middle of December. So we know then that it was raining heavily at that time of year.

Song of Solomon 2:11 – For lo winter is past, the rain is over and gone;

These verses in Ezra and Song of Solomon show that winter was the rainy season and shepherds could not stay out on cold, open fields at night.

Birthday's of the Savior God's worshiped on December 25th					
Hermes Greece December 25th 200 BC	Buddha Nepal December 25th 563 BC	Krishna India December 25th 900 BC	Horus Egypt December 25th 3000 BC	Hercules Greece December 25th 800 BC	Adonis Phoenician December 25th 200 BC
Dionysus Greece December 25th 500 BC	Zarathustra Greece December 25th 1000 BC	Jesus Rome December 25th 3 BC	Mithras Persia December 25th 600 BC	Tammuz Babylon December 25th 400 BC	

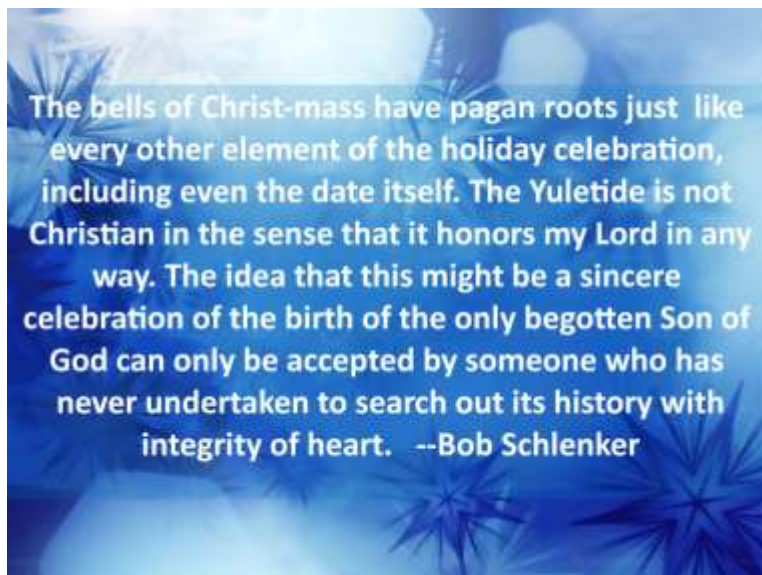
Birthday's of the "savior god's" worshiped on December 25th. Top L-R: Hermes, Greece 200 BC, Buddha, Nepal 563 BC, Krishna, India 900 BC, Horus, Egypt 3000 BC, Hercules, Greece 800 BC, Adonis, Phoenician 200 BC Bottom L-R: Dionysus, Greece 500 BC, Zarathustra, Greece 1000 BC, Jesus, Rome 3 BC, Mithras, Persia 600 BC, Tammuz, Babylon 400 BC. Seems these were in no particular order and Jesus should have been listed under Jerusalem or Israel and not Rome. I think some of the dates are not correct but certainly we can see that there were and are numerous "gods" worshiped on December 25th.

One day Scott and I were talking about this and he said, do you really think God would put His Son's birthday on the same day as the sun gods? Directed to me, of course this was a rhetorical question. NO, God would never do such a thing. He will not have His worship blended or mixed with pagan worship. He would not allow pagan worship to overshadow His Son coming to this earth.

Why didn't Puritans like Christmas?

They had several reasons, including the fact that it did not originate as a Christian holiday. The upper classes in ancient Rome celebrated Dec. 25 as the birthday of the sun god Mithra. The date fell right in the middle of Saturnalia, a monthlong holiday dedicated to food, drink, and revelry, and Pope Julius I is said to have chosen that day to celebrate Christ's birth as a way of co-opting the pagan rituals. Beyond that, the Puritans considered it historically inaccurate to place the Messiah's arrival on Dec. 25. They thought Jesus had been born sometime in September.

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The bells of Christ-mass have pagan roots just like every other element of the holiday celebration, including even the date itself. The Yuletide is not Christian in

the sense that it honors my Lord in any way. The idea that this might be a sincere celebration of the birth of the only begotten Son of God can only be accepted by someone who has never undertaken to search out its history with integrity of heart. –Bob Schlenker

Let's look at what we do know about Jesus' age and ministry:

Luke 3:21-23 - Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art My beloved Son; in Thee I am well pleased. And Jesus Himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, which was *the son* of Heli,

So we see that Jesus began His ministry at about 30 years of age. The book of John records 3 passovers after Jesus' ministry began (John 2:13-25, John 6:4 and John 11:55). Passover only happened once a year so we know that Jesus possibly ministered 3 years but we don't have exact dates. Nor do we know exactly when He was baptized.

CLOSING

There are theologians that look to the prophecy in Daniel chapter 9 and try to make it apply to Jesus.

Daniel 9:27 - And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make *it* desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

If you go back and read Daniel 9:25 and 26 you can see that the part of the prophecy pertaining to Jesus had already been stated and moved on to Rome coming and destroying the Temple and finally ends with the verse we just read which I believe has a future fulfillment in the antichrist. He will make a 7 year covenant and it will be broken 3 ½ years into it.

Jesus died in the spring during the Passover. There is a reason God did not tell us the date of Jesus' birth in Scripture and never commanded us to "celebrate" it.

We are to worship Jesus every day of our lives and with our lives. God did not want the focus to be on one day a year.

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