

# Paganism in the Church of Today

The truth behind the practices and traditions of Modern Day Religion



*From the desk of Michael Junker*

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# **Forward**

This is a collection of varies sources that I have gathered together and placed here into one place. The purpose is to inform others and myself of the intrusion of Satan into the lives of modern everyday Christian. These things will not only effect our daily lives and eventual salvation, but also the church that we attend and others around us too.

## Paganism in Modern Christian Life

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Before I start on this I need to start with the definitions that make the rest make sense. What does it mean to be a pagan and what is paganism? With these two points established we can then see how this practice affects us in our christian walk. We need to look at the meanings of both words first.

Pagan: pa gan: *noun*

1. a person who is not a Christian, Jew or Moslem; person who worships false gods; an idolater; heathen.
2. a person who has no religion.
3. believes in superstitions

### [Matthew 18:17](#)

If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the assembly. If he refuses to hear the assembly also, let him be to you as a Gentile or a tax collector.

(See NIV)

### [1 Corinthians 10:7](#)

Neither be idolaters, as some of them were. As it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play."

(See NIV)

### [Leviticus 25:44](#)

"As for your male and your female slaves, whom you may have; of the nations that are around you, from them you may buy male and female slaves.

(See NAS)

### [Isaiah 57:8](#)

And on the back of the doors and on the pillars you have put your sign: for you have been false to me with another; you have made your bed wide, and made an agreement with them; you had a desire for their bed where you saw it

(See NIV)

### [Lamentations 1:10](#)

The adversary has spread out his hand on all her pleasant things: for she has seen that the nations are entered into her sanctuary, concerning whom you commanded that they should not enter into your assembly.

(See NIV)

### [Amos 7:17](#)

Therefore thus says Yahweh: 'Your wife shall be a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be divided by line; and you yourself shall die in a land that is

unclean, and Israel shall surely be led away captive out of his land."

(See NIV)

[Zephaniah 1:4](#)

I will stretch out my hand against Judah, and against all the inhabitants of Jerusalem. I will cut off the remnant of Baal from this place: the name of the idolatrous and pagan priests,

(WEB NIV)

Paganism: pa gan ism: *noun*

1. a pagan attitude toward religion or morality.
2. the beliefs and practices of pagans.
3. the condition of being pagan.
- 4.

Acts 4:12

Deuteronomy 18:9-14

Today as Christians do not realize how much paganism is in our daily life and many of us think that we are above being effected by it. Many things we engage in is wrong according to the Word of God and we do not understand that we are committing a sin in God's eyes. You see we have been so blinded by the enemy over our lives that the things we are involved in that are of the world, do not even bother us or seem wrong. Let's take things like looking at our horoscopes, even the little games / quizzes that are all over social media, they are from the enemy. Finding out what next year might bring or what we might be better suited for as a career is a form of lottery or chance.

We many say that I only do this for fun, but is it just as innocent as that?

What about yoga, Pilates or martial arts, well they are based on Buddhism. Anything that takes the focus of God and centers it on you or your inner you, is wrong. Our focus as children of God, is God, and no one else.

*Hinnom: also he observed times, and used enchantments, and used witchcraft, and dealt with a familiar spirit, and with wizards: he wrought much evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger. (7) And he set a carved image, the idol which he had made, in the house of God, of which God had said to David and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen before all the tribes of Israel, will I put my name for ever:"*

Do you know what constitutes Witchcraft by Biblical definition? Disobedience. By using Idols and symbols that are the names of solar gods and keeping their holidays that honor Solar gods is Witchcraft. The observing of times and seasons (Sabbaths) of the Sun's Wheel of Life in the worship of the Host of Heaven that the God of Israel has given all people over to who will not keep His Commandments. That is Witchcraft.

## **Witchcraft's calendar of Holidays.**

### **All Hollow Eve, West Wind Sabbath.**

Great Sabbath. Begins Sundown, October 31. The Festival of the Last Harvest; Focus on divination and departed Ancestors. The beginning of the Witch Year. The Sun God presides. The end of good weather. "Halloween"

### **Yule Sabbath.**

Lesser Sabbath. Winter Solstice begins Sundown, December 21 (day before Solstice). Day of the Yew, Mistletoe, Palm and Silver Fir. Birth of the Sun God's Christ; the Divine Child of Sun worship. "Christmas"

### **Candlemas Sabbath.**

Greater Sabbath. Babysat begins sundown, February 2; Fire Festival of Cerridwen, We prepare light so that our goddess may find her way out of the darkness and return to us; Cerridwen, the triple goddess of poetry, smithcraft, and medicine, presides. We bid farewell to the horned god. "Groundhog Day"

### **Spring Equinox**

Lesser Sabbath. Begins sundown, (March 20th or 21st or the day before the Equinox) Day of the Gorse. Festival of the Goddess Eostar (*East-star*), to whom the hare and the scarlet egg are sacred. Fertility Rites for the early sowing. The Goddess Arianrhod names and arms the Sun God, Llew. The Sun God, Llew, rides forth in splendor. "Easter"

### **May Eve.**

Greater Sabbath. Begins sundown, April 30. Fertility Rituals for growth and health of crops and animals. The beginning of good weather. The Sun God becomes the Lover of the Goddess. The Goddess Bloduwedd presides. "May pole -Mating time."

### **Mid Summer eve.**

Lesser Sabbath. Begins sundown, (June 20th or 21st or the day before Summer Solstice) Day of the Heather. The Feast of the Summer Goddess who rules Marriage. The Sun God is crucified by his Dark Self and his domains confiscated. "Time for Sun dances."

### **South Wind Sabbath.**

Greater Sabbath. Begins sundown, July 31. Funeral Games of Lugh and Festival of Early harvest. The death of the sacred king, that life might continue; he is symbolically eaten. The new king weds the Goddess. "The wedding of Tammuz to Virgin Mother earth."

## **Autumn Equinox.**

Lesser Sabbath. Begins sundown, September 21 (day before Equinox) Day of the Aspen. Harvest festival. Horned God is mourned by the Goddess.

## **Excerpts from an article by a Celtic Witch on their history.**

At first, the religion was simple Nature worship: worship of the Earth mother and the Sky Father. But it began to grow in complexity as the people rediscovered the old sources of power and obtained new knowledge by experimentation and meditation.

The religion taught of male and female deities which, together, created the Great Spirit. The female deity evolved into the Goddess represented by the earth and moon, ruling over birth, life, love, death and rebirth. The male deity evolved into the God represented by the sun, ruling over the seasons. These precepts are fundamental to our faith and belief today. From this early religion Druidism developed. Thus four Sun and four moon Sabbath.

The doctrines of the Druids were much the same as those of the Brahmins of India, the Magi of Persia, and the priests of Egypt. Like them, the Druids had two sets of religious doctrines, exoteric and esoteric. They practiced their rituals in Britain and Gaul, but their religion was brought to much greater perfection in the former country, where the Isle of Anglesey was the center and heart of their religious practice.

The word Druid is generally considered to be derived from DRU which means Oak Tree, which is sacred, although its etymology may also be found in the Gaelic word Druidh, "a wise man" or "magician."

Their temples, wherein the sacred fire was preserved, were generally situated on the tops of hills and mountains, and in dense groves of oaks. The adytum or cave of the mysteries was called a Cromlech, and was used as the sacred altar of regeneration. It consisted of three upright stones on which a broad, flat stone rested, making a small cell. This construction was used during initiation.

The grand periods of initiation were quarterly, and determined by the course of the sun, and its arrival at the equinoctial and solstitial points. But the two main celebrations were at May-eve and November-eve, Beltane and Samhain. At these times, fires were kindled on all the cairns and cromlechs throughout the land, which burned all night to introduce the Festivals. Round these fires choral dances were performed in honor of the Goddess and the God who were said to be rising from their tomb - the Goddess at Beltane and the God at Samhain. The festivals were also a time of peace and joy and continued from sundown on the eve of the festival and continued to the next evening when the priests and priestesses retired to the forests where lovemaking was the order of the hour.

Initiations were performed at midnight and consisted of three major degrees. The first was the Ovate, the second the Bard, and the third the Druid. The candidate was placed in a tomb, where his symbolic death represented the death of Hu, the sun; and his restoration in the third degree symbolized the resurrection of the sun. He or she had to undergo trials and tests of courage similar to those practiced in the mysteries of Orpheus.

The Druids taught the doctrine of one supreme creative force which was personified as a mother Goddess and father God. They believed in the immortality of the soul through reincarnation. Their authority in many cases exceeded that of the monarch. They were of course the sole interpreters of religion, and consequently supervised all rituals; for no private person was allowed to perform a ritual without their sanction. They possessed the power of excommunication, which was the most horrible punishment that could be inflicted next to death. They determined all disputes by a final and unalterable decision, and had the power of inflicting the punishment of death.



Priestesses clothed in white, wearing a metal girdle, foretold the future from the observation of natural phenomena. Druids were both men and women and were held in the highest esteem prior to the invasions of the Romans. According to Tacitus, in the first century A.D. the object of worship was a Great Goddess whose shrine was a grove of Oaks upon an island in the Sea. It was at Stonehenge that the British Apollo was seen harping and dancing. Although Stonehenge was a Druid religious center, equally revered by and belonging to ALL British tribes, it had been constructed by Pre-Druidic peoples. Pythagoras, whose philosophy was very similar to the Druids, is said to have visited the Hyperboreans in search of Truth, and to have received the Arrow of Abaris, which had been carried around the world. Aristotle affirms that a mystical philosophy did not pass from Greece to Gaul (the Celtic Druids) but was received FROM them.

The native religion of the Britons so closely resembled those in the Mediterranean area that the Romans could identify the native gods and goddesses with their own. However, the Britons placed a stronger emphasis on the Holy Family. Different tribes and different areas of Britain had their own tribal deities, such as Brigantia (Brigid) for the Brigantes, but the manner of worship and overall theology was fairly uniform throughout the southern half of the island."

Witchcraft was the one SIN that Christ could not get His People Israel to give up. They had learned it in Egypt and brought it with them and practiced it in Israel. The Protestant Sunday Churches brought it with them out of the Roman Catholic Church and they too will not give it up. The Roman Catholics brought it with them from their Celtic ancestors in Europe who's religion is Witchcraft.

**(Rev 18:4-5 KJV) "And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, MY PEOPLE, that ye be not partakers OF HER SINS, and that ye receive not of her plagues. (5) For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities."**

We find in the history of the Jewish Bible, that the Israelites were involved in the many forms of Witchcraft that they brought with them from Egypt. All people who worship the Host of Heavens, Sun and moon worship, knowingly or unknowingly, as Egypt did are participants in the religion of Witchcraft. And all people who get involved in the celebration of Solar holidays as Israel did are participants in Egypt's Witchcraft. It was the worship of Solar Gods that the God of Israel could not get His people Israel to come out of (Babylon). The Nation of Israel was destroyed by the God of Israel because they refused to worship Him only as God.

The following scriptures tell the story of the rebellion of God's people, Israel, against Him and the keeping His Holy Commandments. The first four Commandment of His Ten Commandment forbid the participation of all people in the Witchcraft worship of other gods.

*(2Cor 33:6-7 KJV) "And he (Manasseh) caused his children to pass through the fire in the valley of the son of Hinnom: also he observed times, and used enchantments, and used witchcraft, and dealt with a familiar spirit, and with wizards: he wrought much evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger. (7) And he set a carved image, the idol which he had made, in the house of God, of which God had said to David and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen before all the tribes of Israel, will I put my name for ever:"*

As one can see from reading the above scripture, it is talking about the Witchcraft that the people brought with them out of Egypt. Witchcraft is the worship of the Mother Earth Goddess, called the Queen of Heavens, and the male god of the heavens, call "BAAL" the Sun god. The observing of times is the keeping of the four moon high Sabbath and the four lesser Sun Sabbath. Its not talking about the God of Israel 7th Day Sabbath. All Witchcraft involves the making and using of Idols to be used in

worshipping their Solar gods. All religions who make and use Idols in their worship of their gods are worshipping Devils.

*(1Cor 10:19-22 KJV) "What say I then? that the idol is any thing, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is any thing? (20) But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils. (21) Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils. (22) Do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? are we stronger than he?"*

When the God of Israel returns again to Judge mankind, He is going to destroy all people who would not repent of using Idols as He did in 70 AD. Those Jews who would not repent of their sorceries, which is part of the Witchcraft worship of the Sun and Moon Holidays were destroyed by the Roman Armies. Are you going to let this happen to you also?

*(Rev 9:18-21 KJV) "By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths. (19) For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt. (20) And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: (21) Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts."*

**(Rev 18:2-6 KJV) "And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. (3) For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. (4) And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. (5) For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. (6) Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double."**

*(Ezek 44:23 KJV) "And they shall teach my people the difference between the holy and the profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean."*

*(Gal 4:8-11 KJV) Formerly, when you did not know God, you were slaves to those who by nature are not gods. But now that you know God-or rather are known by God-how is it that you are turning back to those weak and miserable principles? Do you wish to be enslaved by them all over again? YOU ARE OBSERVING SPECIAL DAYS AND MONTHS AND SEASONS AND YEARS! I fear for you, that somehow I have wasted my efforts on you.*

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The Sun God BAAL that the Israelites worshipped



People who use IDOLS worship this same Sun God BAAL.

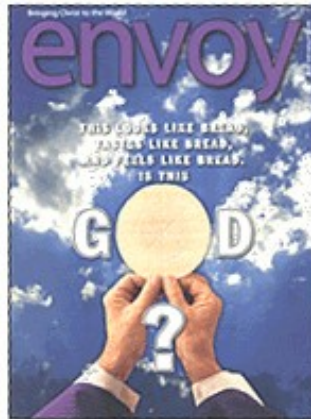
The Pope worshipping their IDOL called "The Queen of Heaven"



The 2nd Commandment that the Catholic's removed forbid it.

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Pope raising the Sun Host to the Sun in Heaven.



The Host is a Sun symbol of the name BAAL.

## **IDOLS in the form of the CROSS**

**that are used in all religions except one.**

This is a study of the symbols, icons and idols used in the worship Pagan Solar gods to identify each god being worshipped. In all Pagan religions, symbols and idols are used as the names of the gods they are worshipping. In the Egyptian Sun worship, the idols and the hieroglyphics are the names of each individual god being worship. When one uses an idol, they are using the symbol "NAME" of a Pagan god that identifies the god behind the idol. Not so in the worship of the Christ of Israel. The Jewish Christ forbids the use of idols as His name is higher than anything created by man. One is only worshipping the God of Israel when they obeying His every WORD. One may say they are worshipping (obeying) the Jewish Christ but if they are using Idols, they have disobeyed the God of Israel.

The following pictures are of symbols and idols that identify each god being worshipped by the people who made them.

Celtic Sun Wheel is the symbol of Celtic CHRIST



You will find this symbol name in St. Peter's Plaza.

The symbol signature of BAAL the SUN GOD



This is the origin of the Egyptian and Celtic CROSS.

The signature picture of BAAL (LORD) in Celtic and Egyptian Witchcraft.

The 5000 year old Signature stone of BAAL (Lord), the Egyptian Sun God found in Israel. Baal means Lord of the sky.

Celtic Witchcraft Cross used before Christ's time.



Some Celtic Crosses are over three thousand years old.

The symbol signature of BAAL the SUN GOD.



This CROSS is used in the worship of Satan.

The Idols on these graves are the symbol names of the gods that are worshipped in the religion of these people. The name of the god in this case is Tammuz, the young Sun god, the Pagan Christ reborn on Dec. 25 each year. The religion of the Celtic people was Witchcraft, and their god as all knows is Satan.

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Celtic Cross found in England



The Celtic Cross was used long before Christianity

Celtic Cross from Wales that was worshipped by the Celtic's thousands of years before Christianity came to Wales.

No use of the Cross idol was found or used in the Jewish Christian Faith in the Roman Empire before the fourth century.

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The Cross of the Egyptian Christ, Tammuz,



The CROSS is a Babylonian SUN SYMBOL.

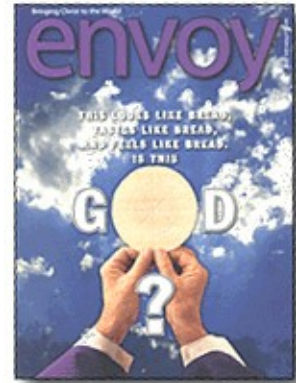
Note Egyptian Cross being carried by the Priest in Egyptian Sun Worship. This was the Egyptian symbol of the Christ Child of their Sun Worship. The child was Tammuz, the son of the virgin Sun Mother God. The pictures here tell the story of the young Sun God, Tammuz, the savior in Sun Worship.

The name Celtic gods still found on graves today



This same idol found on today Churches.

The Pope worshipping his god.



The Host of the Catholic Church is a symbol of the Sun

The SUN HOST of the Roman Catholic Church.



You can see the Sun symbol right on it if you look

The SUN HOST, is the idol used in the worship of the Roman Churches god to represent their Christ. This Sun idol used here was used for thousands of year before the Nation of Roman or the Nation of Israel existed. It was then and it is now still being used in all Host of Heaven religions to identify BAAL. Therefore it cannot be of Christian origin. It originated in Babylonian Sun worship.

**(Deut 30:17-18 KJV)** *"But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them; (18) I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish, and that ye shall not prolong your days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jordan to go to possess it."*

**(Deut 17:2-5 KJV)** *"If there be found among you, within any of thy gates which the LORD thy God giveth thee, man or woman, that hath wrought wickedness in the sight of the LORD thy God, in transgressing his covenant, (3) And hath gone and served other gods, and worshipped them, either the sun, or moon, or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded; (4) And it be told thee, and thou hast heard of it, and inquired diligently, and, behold, it be true, and the thing certain, that such abomination is wrought in Israel: (5) Then shalt thou bring forth that man or that woman, which have committed that wicked thing, unto thy gates, even that man or that woman, and shalt stone them with stones, till they die."*



## What is the WORSHIP of the "Host of HEAVENS"?

### The Worship of the HOST OF HEAVENS that is still in the Churches today.

**(Exod 20:3-6 KJV)** "Thou shalt have no other gods before me (Idols are other gods) . (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: (5) Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; (6) And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments."

The Sun God BAAL that Israel offered their children



All people who use Idols worship this GOD.

This is the God of BAAL - the Sun God, that the Israelites brought with them out of Egypt. Sun worship is the worship of the Host of Heavens, the Sun, Moon and Stars.

Apollo, the Sun God of Constantine 1,



Apollo and ROME were the Gods of the Roman Empire.

Apollo was the Sun God that the Roman's worshipped. This is the God that the Early Christian had to sacrifice to in order to get a certificate to buy, trade and sell.



All Nations worship the Mother Goddess except the FAITH of Jesus Christ.

Egyptians worshipping BAAL their Sun God.



All People who use IDOLS in their worship bow to this god.

An Icon of the Sun being worship in Egypt.

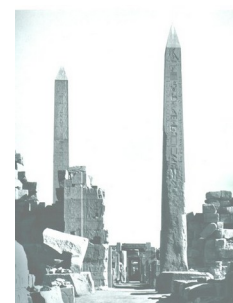
The calf that the Gods of Egypt rode on.



This is the same god the Israelites made three times to worship..

(Exo. 32:8 KJV) "They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them: they have made them a molten calf, and have worshipped it, and have sacrificed thereunto, and said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt."

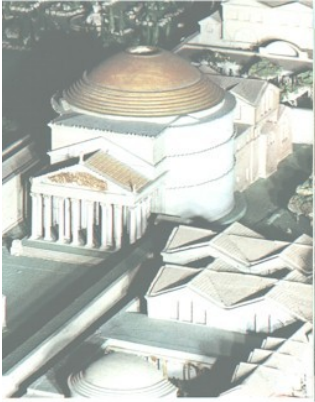
The Sun beam of from BAAL that mates with Mother.



This same Phallic symbol is on the Roman Christian Churches.

This is the same Phallic symbol - Sun Beam, that stands in St. Peter Plaza of the Catholic Church.

The Pantheon is a Sun Idol in the form of a TEMPLE



The God of Israel does not HAVE or LIVE in Temples

The TEMPLE of Apollo, the Sun God of all the Caesar's of the ROMAN Empire is a standing IDOL of and for Sun WORSHIP. This Pantheon is now a Roman Catholic Church.

The SUN DOME that is on top of SUN TEMPLES.



This SUN DOME on the Pantheon is on top of Christian Churches.

The SUN DOME of the Pantheon, an IDOL, now sets on top of Roman Catholic Churches and on top of State Capitals.

St. Peter's Church with a Sun dome and an Obelisk.



The SUN DOME and the OBELISK are IDOLS.

The Sun dome on St. Peter's and the Obelisk in front of St. Peter's are both EGYPTIAN SUN IDOLS. The Obelisk in front of St. Peter's is from Egypt and it stands in the center of the Sun's Wheel symbol of Life from Celtic Witchcraft.

*(2Kgs 17:16-18 KJV) "And they left all the commandments of the LORD their God, and made them molten images, even two calves, and made a grove, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served Baal (the Sun as god). (17) And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divination and enchantments (Witchcraft), and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger. (18) Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight: there was none left but the tribe of Judah only."*

*(Deut 4:19-20 KJV) "And lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and the stars, even all the host of heaven, shouldest be driven to worship them, and serve them, which the LORD thy God hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven. (20) But the LORD hath taken you, and brought you forth out of the iron furnace, even out of Egypt (Sun worship) , to be unto him a people of inheritance, as ye are this day."*

*(Ps 96:5 KJV) "For all the gods of the nations are idols: but the LORD made the heavens."*

*(Deut 17:3-4 KJV) "And hath gone and served other gods, and worshipped them, either the sun, or moon, or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded; (4) And it be told thee, and thou hast heard of it, and inquired diligently, and, behold, it be true, and the thing certain, that such abomination is wrought in Israel:"*

*(2Kgs 21:3-6 KJV) "For he built up again the high places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; and he reared up altars for Baal, and made a grove, as did Ahab king of Israel; and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them. (4) And he built altars in the house of the LORD, of which the LORD said, In Jerusalem will I put my name. (5) And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD. (6) And he made his son pass through the fire, and observed times, and used enchantments, and dealt with familiar spirits and wizards: he wrought much wickedness in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger."*

The Witchcraft that the God of Israel condemned in Israel, is the same Celtic Witchcraft, "the worship of the Host of Heaven", that the Roman Catholic Church incorporated into the Roman Church from Celtic Witchcraft. This same Witchcraft is found in all Protestant Churches also. Christmas, Easter and Halloween are but three of the Celtic Witchcraft Holidays that Worship of their Host of Heaven. Witchcraft is the same Sun worship of Egypt, they are all the worship of the Host of Heavens.

*(2Kgs 23:5 KJV) "And he put down the idolatrous priests, whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah, and in the places round about Jerusalem; them also that burned incense unto Baal (an Idol), to the sun, and to the moon, and to the planets, and to all the host of heaven."*

**(Jer 8:1-3 KJV) "At that time, saith the LORD, they shall bring out the bones of the kings of Judah, and the bones of his princes, and the bones of the priests, and the bones of the prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, out of their graves: (2) And they shall spread them before the sun, and the moon, and all the host of heaven, whom they have loved, and whom they have served, and after whom they have walked, and whom they have sought, and whom they have worshipped: they shall not be gathered, nor be buried; they shall be for dung upon the face of the earth. (3) And death shall be chosen rather than life by all the residue of them that remain of this evil family, which remain in all the places whither I have driven them, saith the LORD of hosts."**

*(Zeph 1:4-5 KJV) "I will also stretch out mine hand upon Judah, and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and I will cut off the remnant of Baal from this place, and the name of the Chemarims with the priests; (5) And them that worship the host of heaven upon the housetops; and them that worship and that swear by the LORD, and that swear by Malcham;"*

Malcam or Milcom, the national idol of the Ammonites:

**(Acts 7:42-43 KJV) "Then God turned, and gave them up to worship the host of heaven; as it is written in the book of the prophets, O ye house of Israel, have ye offered to me slain beasts and sacrifices by the space of forty years in the wilderness? (43) Yea, ye took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and the star of your god Remphan, figures which ye made to worship them: and I will carry you away beyond Babylon."**

The Star of god Remphan,

**(Amos 5:26-27 KJV) "But ye have borne the tabernacle of your Moloch and Chiun your images, the star of your god, which ye made to yourselves. (27) Therefore will I cause you to go into captivity beyond Damascus, saith the LORD, whose name is The God of hosts."**

Idol Worship.

**(Lev 19:4 KJV) "Turn ye not unto idols, nor make to yourselves molten gods: I am the LORD your God."**

**(1Chr 16:26 KJV) "For all the gods of the people are idols: but the LORD made the heavens."**

**(Lev 25:55 KJV) "For unto me the children of Israel are servants; they are my servants whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God."**

**(Lev 26:1 KJV) "Ye shall make you no idols nor graven image, neither rear you up a standing**

**image, neither shall ye set up any image of stone in your land, to bow down unto it: for I am the LORD your God."**

**(Lev 26:28-30 KJV) "Then I will walk contrary unto you also in fury; and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins. (29) And ye shall eat the flesh of your sons, and the flesh of your daughters shall ye eat. (30) And I will destroy your high places, and cut down your images, and cast your carcasses upon the carcasses of your idols, and my soul shall abhor you."**

**(Ps 115:2-8 KJV) "Wherefore should the heathen say, Where is now their God? (3) But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased. (4) Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands. (5) They have mouths, but they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not: (6) They have ears, but they hear not: noses have they, but they smell not: (7) They have hands, but they handle not: feet have they, but they walk not: neither speak they through their throat. (8) They that make (or use them) them are like unto them; so is every one that trusteth in them."**

**(Jer 5:20-25 KJV) "Declare this in the house of Jacob, and publish it in Judah, saying, (21) Hear now this, O foolish people, and without understanding; which have eyes, and see not; which have ears, and hear not: (22) Fear ye not me? saith the LORD: will ye not tremble at my presence, which have placed the sand for the bound of the sea by a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass it: and though the waves thereof toss themselves, yet can they not prevail; though they roar, yet can they not pass over it? (23) But this people hath a revolting and a rebellious heart; they are revolted and gone. (24) Neither say they in their heart, Let us now fear the LORD our God, that giveth rain, both the former and the latter, in his season: he reserveth unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest. (25) Your iniquities have turned away these things, and your sins have withholden good things from you."**

**(Prov 1:7 KJV) "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction."**

**(Ezek 11:25 KJV) "Then I spake unto them of the captivity all the things that the LORD had showed me."**

**(Ezek 12:1-2 KJV) "The word of the LORD also came unto me, saying, (2) Son of man, thou dwellest in the midst of a rebellious house, which have eyes to see, and see not; they have ears to hear, and hear not: for they are a rebellious house."**

**(Matt 13:11-19 KJV) "He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. (12) For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath. (13) Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. (14) And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive: (15) For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them. (16) But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear. (17) For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them. (18)**



*Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower. (19) When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side."*

**(Neh 10:28 KJV) "And the rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the porters, the singers, the Nethinims, and all they that had separated themselves from the people of the lands unto the law of God, their wives, their sons, and their daughters,**

**(Hab 2:18-20 KJV) "What profiteth the graven image that the maker thereof hath graven it; the molten image, and a teacher of lies, that the maker of his work trusteth therein, to make dumb idols? (19) Woe unto him that saith to the wood, Awake; to the dumb stone, Arise, it shall teach! Behold, it is laid over with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in the midst of it. (20) But the LORD is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him."**

**(1Cor 12:2 KJV) "Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led."**

*(2Cor 7:12-15 KJV) "And the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for an house of sacrifice. (13) If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; (14) If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. (15) Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this place."*

**(Exod 15:26 KJV) "And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee."**

**(Deut 7:14-16 KJV) "Thou shalt be blessed above all people: there shall not be male or female barren among you, or among your cattle. (15) And the LORD will take away from thee all sickness, and will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest, upon thee; but will lay them upon all them that hate thee. (16) And thou shalt consume all the people which the LORD thy God shall deliver thee; thine eye shall have no pity upon them: neither shalt thou serve their gods; for that will be a snare unto thee."**

**(Deut 28:58-63 KJV) "If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful name, THE LORD THY GOD; (59) Then the LORD will make thy plagues wonderful, and the plagues of thy seed, even great plagues, and of long continuance, and sore sicknesses, and of long continuance. (60) Moreover he will bring upon thee all the diseases of Egypt, which thou wast afraid of; and they shall cleave unto thee. (61) Also every sickness, and every plague, which is not written in the book of this law, them will the LORD bring upon thee, until thou be destroyed. (62) And ye shall be left few in number, whereas ye were as the stars of heaven for multitude; because thou wouldest not obey the voice of the LORD thy God. (63) And it shall come to pass, that as the LORD rejoiced over you to do you good, and to multiply you; so the LORD will rejoice over you to destroy you, and to bring you to nought; and ye shall be plucked from off the land whither thou goest to possess it."**

**(Ps 103:2-7 KJV) "Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: (3) Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; (4) Who redeemeth thy life from**

**destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; (5) Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's. (6) The LORD executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed. (7) He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel."**

If one wants to be healed from all their diseases, they must stop using Idols in their worship of their God. Not to stop worshipping the Host of Heavens by one keeping the Pagan's Solar Witchcraft Holidays adopted by the Roman Christian is to invite the wrath of God.

***(Deut 28:60 KJV) Moreover he will bring upon thee all the diseases of Egypt, which thou wast afraid of; and they shall cleave unto thee.***

If one does not hear the WORDS spoken by the God of Israel, they will never learn and then understand the plans of Christ for His people and for the people who refuse to obey His every WORD.

***(Mark 4:18-19 KJV) Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower. (19) When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side."***

## Christian Churches with their IDOLS on them.

The pictures that follow are of churches that have used Witchcraft Sun symbols that name their gods that are on their buildings. They identify the names of the Mystery gods being worship there. The meaning of the symbols are unknown to the people who attend these churches as they cannot read the symbol language of the Babylon Mystery Religion from where the sign names originated. With the help of the forgoing information, perhaps you now solve the mystery. The question is: Will you "come out of her my people."?

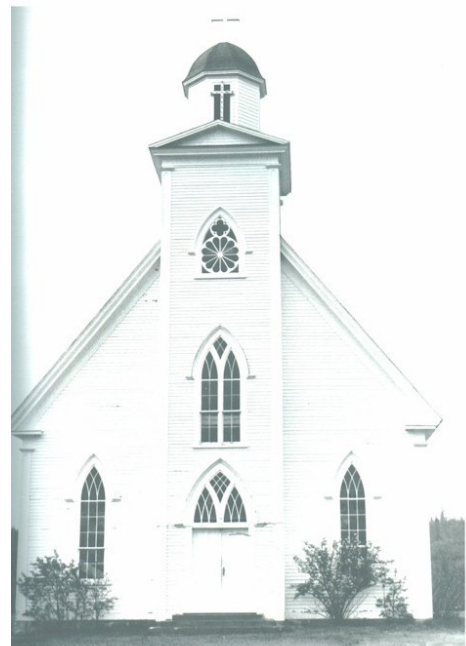
This church carries the Sun gods name on it.



Note also the obelisks and other symbol names.

A Baptist Church.

Roman Catholic Church.



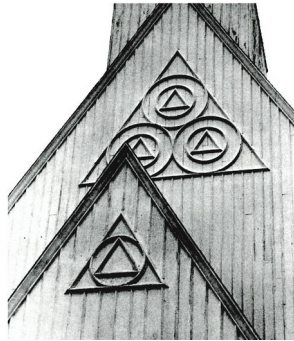
Note the Sun Symbol name on this Church also.

A Roman Catholic Church. It has windows and doors in the form of obelisks. It has the Sun symbol name of BAAL with a star in the center which is an occult sign. It has a Pyramid symbol and than Sun Dome symbol and the Egyptian and Celtic crosses of top of them both.

**(Isa 2:8-9 KJV) "Their land also is full of idols; they worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made: (9) And the mean man boweth down, and the great man humbleth himself: therefore forgive them not."**

The USA and Canada are full of these Temples made with the hands of man, with their Sun Idols gods all over them. The Christ of Israel forbids such worship in the first four Commandment of His Ten Commandment Covenant with Israel, His people. He destroyed the Physical nation of Israel because the land was polluted with Egyptian Idols. Is your church one of these Temples that is polluting the land with idols.

Church of Scotland.



A Church of Scotland. Note the seven pyramids that cover the front of this church. The Pyramid is the Sun Dome symbol of the Egyptian Sun god RA. Inside of each pyramid is the round Sun symbol of Baal with another pyramid in the center of it. This church has broken the first four commandments against having other gods before the God of Israel. They also keep all the Sabbaths of their Scottish Celtic heritage.

Little Sands United.



**(Ezek 23:30 KJV)** *"I will do these things unto thee, because thou hast gone a whoring after the heathen, and because thou art polluted with their idols."*

This is a United Church of Canada. Note the nine pyramids on the front of this church. It has a tower with an obelisk on top of it. On the front it has a Sun circle symbol with the Star of David in the center. If you could read Egyptian hieroglyphs you would know the name of each god named their.

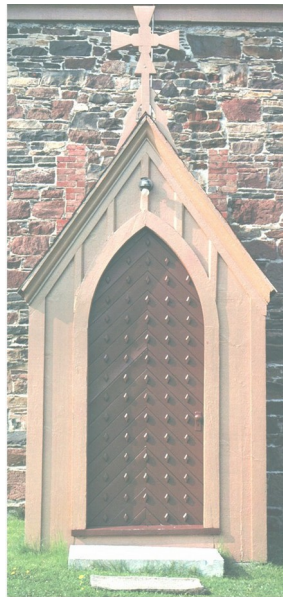


St. Mary Magdalen Roman Catholic.



A Roman Catholic Church. It has five crosses, six towers and one window in the shape of an obelisk that can be seen. The most outstanding idol is the big Sun symbol with the sun rays. This is again the Sun Wheel of Life that is the symbol for all Sun worship religions

St. John the Baptist Anglican.



The Icon or Idol is the name of the god behind the Idol.

**(Ps 135:15-18 KJV) "The idols of the heathen are silver and gold, the work of men's hands. (16) They have mouths, but they speak not; eyes have they, but they see not; (17) They have ears, but they hear not; neither is there any breath in their mouths. (18) THEY THAT MAKE THEM ARE LIKE THEM (DUNB): so is every one (dumb) that trusteth in them."**

**(Matt 13:13 KJV) "Therefore speak I to (the people who use) them in parables: because they (like the Idols) seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand."**

The Bible teaches people who use Idols and Symbols on and in their Churches are like the dumb Idols themselves, they do not hear the words of the Jewish Christ nor do they understand the words of Christ. You are only understanding them if you are doing them.

*(Exod 20:4-6 KJV) "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: (5) Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; (6) And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS." (What part of this Commandment don't you understand?) You don't understand the parts about not using Idols if you still use them on your person or attend a church that uses them on or in their church.*

## The fish symbol is the idol name of Dagon, The Pagan's Fish god.

A fish icon name used to identify the god Dagon.



1Cor. 10:8-10. Now used by Sunday Christian as their  
Icon

*(Lev 25:55 KJV) For unto me the children of Israel are servants; they are my servants whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.*

*(Lev 26:1 KJV) ", neither rear you up a standing image, neither shall ye set up any image of stone in your land, to bow down unto it: for I am the LORD your God."*

For you to make or use any symbol, icon or idol that the Pagans used to worship their Sun Gods (the Host of Heavens), is to worship their god behind the idol. When one uses an idol or attends a Church that uses Idols in their churches, they are worshipping another god than the Christ of Israel.

The God of Israel forbid the use of any Idol or Icon made with the hands of man of anything in heavens above, or on earth below, or in the sea to worship Him. To do so is total disobedience to the Christ you claim to hear do the WILL of. The Bible states that the people who do so will suffer the wrath of the God of Israel. If one does not hear the Words of Christ and do them because of one's disobedience, he is without the understanding of the WAYS Christ demands you worship Him.

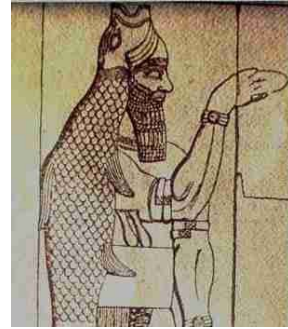
*(Rev 18:3-4 KJV) "For (people of) all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. (4) And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins (the use of Idols and icons is the Pagan's way of worshipping their Gods behind the Idol), and that ye receive not of her plagues."*

*Dagon the Fish Idols of the Philistines.*



A Symbol known as the great Mother

Dagon the Fish god of the Philistines



A Symbol known as the great Mother

Well before Christianity, the fish symbol was known as "the Great Mother," a pointed oval sign, the "vesica piscis" or Vessel of the Fish. "Fish" and "womb" were synonymous terms in ancient Greek, "delphos." Its link to fertility, birth, feminine sexuality and the natural force of women was acknowledged also by the Celts, as well as pagan cultures throughout northern Europe. Eleanor Gaddon traces a "Cult of the Fish Mother" as far back as the hunting and fishing people of the Danube River Basin in the sixth millennium B.C.E. Over fifty shrines have been found throughout the region which depict a fishlike deity, a female creature who "incorporates aspects of an egg, a fish and a woman which could have been a primeval creator or a mythical ancestress..." The "Great Goddess" was portrayed elsewhere with pendulous breasts, accentuated buttocks and a conspicuous vaginal orifice, the upright "vesica piscis" which Christians later adopted and rotated 90-degrees to serve as their symbol.

The Pope with symbol name of Dagon on his head.



Symbol names wore by Priests of Dagon.

*(1Chr 10:8-10 KJV) "And it came to pass on the morrow, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his sons fallen in mount Gilboa. (9) And when they had stripped him, they took his head, and his armour, and sent into the land of the Philistines round about, to carry tidings unto their idols, and to the people. (10) And they put his armour in the house of their gods, and fastened his head in the temple of Dagon."*

## **The History of the Christian Fish Symbol.**

### **The Pre-Christian History of the Fish Symbol.**

The fish symbol has been used for millennia worldwide as a religious symbol associated with the Pagan Great Mother Goddess. It is the outline of her vulva. The fish symbol was often drawn by overlapping two very thin crescent moons. One represented the crescent shortly before the new moon; the other shortly after, when the moon is just visible. The Moon is the heavenly body that has long been associated with the Goddess, just as the sun is a symbol of the God.

The link between the Goddess and fish was found in various areas of the ancient world:

In China, Great Mother Kwan-yin often portrayed in the shape of a fish
In India, the Goddess Kali was called the "fish-eyed one"
In Egypt, Isis was called the Great Fish of the Abyss
In Greece the Greek word "delphos" meant both fish and womb. The word is derived from the location of the ancient Oracle at Delphi who worshipped the original fish goddess, Themis. The later fish Goddess, Aphrodite Salacia, was worshipped by her followers on her sacred day, Friday. They ate fish and engaging in orgies. From her name comes the English word "salacious" which means lustful or obscene. Also from her name comes the name of our fourth month, April. In later centuries, the Christian church adsorbed this tradition by requiring the faithful to eat fish on Friday - a tradition that was only recently abandoned.
In ancient Rome Friday is called "dies veneris" or Day of Venus, the Pagan Goddess of Love.
Throughout the Mediterranean, mystery religions used fish, wine and bread for their sacramental meal.
In Scandinavia, the Great Goddess was named Freya; fish were eaten in her honor. The 6th day of the week was named "Friday" after her.
In the Middle East, the Great Goddess of Ephesus was portrayed as a woman with a fish amulet over her genitals.

The fish symbol "was so revered throughout the Roman empire that Christian authorities insisted on taking it over, with extensive revision of myths to deny its earlier female-genital meanings...Sometimes the Christ child was portrayed inside the vesica, which was superimposed on Mary's belly and obviously represented her womb, just as in the ancient symbolism of the Goddess." (4) Another author writes: "The fish headdress of the priests of Ea [a Sumero-Semitic God] later became the miter of the Christian bishops."

The symbol itself, the eating of fish on Friday and the association of the symbol with deity were all taken over by the early Church from Pagan sources. Only the sexual component was deleted.

The fish is an ancient Christian symbol known from the 1st century catacombs in Rome. The first literary reference to a fish as a Christian symbol is from Clement of Alexandria (born c. 150) in *Paedagogus*, III, xi. During times of persecution, early Christians would scratch a fish symbol on the ground as a means to distinguish friend from foe. The symbol itself may have come from the miraculous

story of the loaves and fishes

**(John 6:1-13) or from the meal of fish Jesus shared with His disciples at the Sea of Galilee after the Resurrection**

**(John 21:1-13). I prefer, however, the interpretation that it came from the story of the coin found by Simon Peter in the mouth of the fish**

**(Matt 17:24-27). The story may be seen as a metaphor for the free gift given to us by Jesus through his atoning death – our salvation.**

The Greek word within the fish is *ICHTHUS* which means "fish" in Greek. It's also an acronym for the phrase *Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior*.

The Goddess Dagon with name as head peace.



The Mother Goddess of the Philistines

Note the mitre on the head of this drawing of the goddess Cybele and the striking similarity to the fish head of Dagon. Cybele was worshipped in Rome and was also called the "Magna Mater", or the great queen mother goddess, which evolved into Catholic Mariology. The priesthood of Cybele was composed of castrated males, which parallels the celibate priesthood of Catholicism. The basilica of Saint Peter's, according to some, stands upon the former site of Cybele's main temple in Rome. The ruins of another temple to Cybele / Magna Mater can still be seen today in Rome on Palatine hill.

By using this fish icon in your worship, one is worshipping the god named by the Icon.

*(Hos 4:6 KJV) "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children."*

*(Exod 20:3 KJV) "Thou shalt have no other gods before me."*

The Pagan worship of the Queen of Heaven.



A practice for bidden by the Christ of Israel.

Above you see John Paul II himself, bowing down and paying homage to crowned statues of Mary, the "Queen of Heaven", in direct violation of the First Two Commandments of the Christ of Israel:

*(Exod 20:4 KJV) 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:*

*(Exod 20:5 KJV) Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, ...*

## **Semiramis Inanna Ishtar Astarte**

According to satanic mythology, Cush, his wife Semiramis, and their son Nimrod, conspire to control the world through occult manipulation at the tower of Babel (Gen.10:8-10, 11:1-9). The plan unfolds when Nimrod marries his mother. Statues of a young Semiramis holding her infant son, Tammuz (the reincarnated Nimrod, her dead husband/son) reflects the image of the queen of heaven. God restrains the acceleration of evil by breaking apart and scattering this unified human-demonic rally. When the demonic concentration eventually shifts to Egypt, Satans twisted view of the cosmic order is simply reworked as it moves to Egyptian soil. There is a change in the names of the gods and goddesses and some added twists to the mythology. Semiramis becomes the Egyptian Isis and Nimrod transforms into Osirus.

# Christian Holidays or Evil Holidays

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Christian Holidays are ancient pagan feasts that were ushered in by the Roman Catholic Church during the rule of emperor Constantine. Constantine was a pagan sun-worshiper who had a “Christian experience” that wanted to unite his empire, both Christian and pagan together. He achieved this by re-writing history and re-naming pagan feasts with Christian names.

## Valentines Day

Pagans in Rome celebrated the evening of February 14th and February 15th and as an idolatrous festival in honor of Lupercus “the hunter of wolves”. It was not until the reign of Pope Gelasius that the holiday became a “Christian” custom. “As far back as 496, Pope Gelasius changed Lupercalia on February 15th to St. Valentine’s Day on February 14th.” The original Saint Valentine was Nimrod, on this day in February, Semiramis, the mother of Tammuz, was said to have been purified and to have appeared for the first time in public with her son as the original “mother and child.”

## Mothers & Fathers Day

Mother’s Day dates back to ancient cultures in Greece and Rome. In both cultures, mother goddesses (*Queen of Heaven*). were worshiped during the springtime with religious festivals. The ancient Greeks paid tribute to the powerful goddess Rhea, the wife of Cronus, known as the Mother of the Gods (*Queen of Heaven*). Similarly, evidence of a three-day Roman festival in Mid-March called Hilaria, to honor the Roman goddess Magna Mater, or Great Mother, dates back to 250 BCE.

As Christianity spread throughout Europe, the celebration of the “Mother Church” replaced the pagan tradition of honoring mythological goddesses. The fourth Sunday in Lent (*Weeping for Tammuz*), a 40-day fasting period before Easter, became known as Mothering Sunday. To show appreciation for their mothers, they often brought gifts or a “mothering cake” (*Jeremiah 7:18*) and over time, it began to coincide with the celebration of the Mother Church. Mother’s Day always falls on the second Sun-day of May, and like so many other holidays rooted in pagan sun-worship including Father’s Day which always falls on the third Sun-day of June, usually fall on the day named in honor of their most powerful god — The Sun!

## Easter Sunday

Easter or Ishtar, also known by her biblical name Semiramis and later called the “Queen of heaven” was the widow of Nimrod and mother of Tammuz. Easter is the bare breasted pagan fertility goddess of the east. Legend has it that she came out of heaven in a giant egg, landing in the Euphrates river at sunrise on the first Sunday after the vernal equinox, busted out, and turned a bird into an egg laying rabbit.

To honor this event, pagan sun-worshipers would go out early in the morning and face to the east to watch their sun-god arise over the horizon before having a mass(*sacrifice*) in which the priest of Easter would sacrifice three month old human infants and take the eggs of Easter and die them in the blood of the sacrificed infants. The blood-red colored Easter eggs would later hatch on December 25th, the same day her son Tammuz the reincarnate sun-god would be born...how convenient!



Easter married her son Tammuz who was by legend the reincarnate sun-god. Tammuz went pig hunting and was gored to death by a wild boar and that is why pagans eat ham on Easter. Because Tammuz was killed when he was forty years old, pagans fast one day for each of the years that he lived leading into Easter. This practice is known as Weeping for Tammuz by pagans but called Lent by Catholics.

## Halloween

All Saints' Day was followed by All-Souls' Day, November 2, unless that was a Sunday then it was November 3, this was another Catholic adaptation of pagan festivals for the dead. Prayers for the dead are an integral part of the traditional All Saint's Day services, which are scheduled in Catholic churches on November 1, and on the next Sunday. Halloween gets its name from the Catholic holiday, it is a Hallowed evening, because it precedes All Hallows' Day, thus: Halloween. Halloween is a pagan holiday to honor the dead and evil spirits. We are warned not to take part in customs and traditions like this in the Scripture.

*(Deut 12:30-31 HRB) take heed to yourself that you not be snared to follow them after they have been destroyed before you; and that you not inquire after their gods, saying, How did these nations serve their Elohim? And I shall do so, even I. You shall not do so to YAHWEH your Elohim; for everything hateful to YAHWEH, which He detests, they have done to their gods. For they have even burned their sons and their daughters in the fire to their gods.*

Halloween is a perfect example of what this passage is referring about. Pagans served their gods by honoring the evil spirits on Halloween. They did this by dressing up like the evil spirits and giving offerings to the evil spirits. This is why candy is given out on Halloween, as offerings for the evil spirits. The phrase trick or treat was attributed to this practice because pagans believed the evil spirits would do something bad (*trick*) to them if they did not leave an offering (*treat*) for them. I would rather honor the Most High.

## Thanksgiving

The pagans in Rome celebrated their thanksgiving in early October. The holiday was dedicated to the goddess of the harvest, Ceres, and the holiday was called Cerelia. The Catholic church took over the pagan holiday and it became well established in England, where some of the pagan customs and rituals for this day were observed long after the Roman Empire had disappeared. In England the "Harvest Home" has been observed continuously for centuries.

In our own hemisphere, among the Aztecs of Mexico, the harvest took on a grimmer aspect. Each year a young girl, a representation of Xilonen, The goddess of the new corn, was beheaded. The Pawnees also sacrificed a girl. In a more temperate mood, the Cherokees of the American Southeast danced the Green Corn Dance and began the new year at harvest's end.

No wonder Chief Massasoit and his ninety braves felt right at home with the Pilgrim Fathers on that day in 1621!! Obviously, the idea for this "first Thanksgiving" did not just "pop" into the mind of Governor Bradford as most people believe! On the contrary Thanksgiving, in the guise of the pagan harvest festivals, can be traced right back to ancient Babylon and the worship of Semiramis!

## Christmas

Christmas was celebrated by pagan sun-worshippers for thousands of years before the Messiah was even born. It all started during the building of the tower of Babel. Nimrod supervised the operation and was called the sun-god and worshiped as such. To end this worship, Nimrod's uncle Shem, Noah's eldest son, killed Nimrod and cut his body into small pieces then scattered his body parts across the land.

Ishtar or Easter, also known by her biblical name Semiramis was the widow of Nimrod. She was called the "Queen of heaven" and claimed to have been impregnated by Nimrod through the rays of the sun and later had a son by the name of Tammuz who had a miraculous birth on December 25th. Pagans believed that Nimrod was reincarnated as Tammuz and so Easter married her son Tammuz. Pagan sun-worshippers celebrated the birthday of the reincarnate sun-god on December 25th. Scripture is very clear that we are not to celebrate this particular holiday.

*(Jer 7:18 HRB) The sons gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings to other gods, that they may provoke Me.*

The passage above is obviously referring to making Christmas cookies and leaving those cookies and a glass of milk for Nimrod's widow Easter who was called the queen of heaven. The only difference is now those offerings are left for Santa (*Satan*) himself. Let's move on and read another passage from Scripture.

*(Jer 10:2-4 HRB) So says YAHWEH, Do not learn the way of the nations; and do not be terrified at the signs of the heavens; for the nations were terrified at them. For the customs of the people are vanity. For one cuts a tree out of the forest with the axe, the work of the hands of the craftsman. They adorn it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and hammers, so that it will not wobble.*

This passage is obviously referring to cutting down the Christmas tree, putting it on some sort of tree stand, and decorating it. Once you learn why it had become customary to use an erect evergreen tree that has a pointed end decorate it with big red balls you will realize the extent of the perversion in this holiday. The erect tree symbolizes Nimrod's erect masculinity. The tree was evergreen because evergreen trees are full of life year round, like Nimrod's penis. The tree was pointed at the end just like Nimrod's pecker. The big red balls that dangle off the tree, well you get the picture. This holiday is perversion at its best.

Every sun-god was born on December 25th. Amun-Ra, Horus, Mithra, Tammuz, and Zeus were born on December 25th. If there was one day that the Messiah was not born, it was December 25th. In fact the Scripture is quite clear that Messiah was born late September or early October on the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles.

## **Sunday Service**

Early believers kept Saturday as the Sabbath until March 7, 321 CE when Pope Constantine passed a law requiring believers to worship on Sunday, the day the pagans worshiped the sun-god. Believers still kept Saturday as the Sabbath until another law was passed eleven years later. This law signed into decree by Pope Constantine forbid believers to worship on the Sabbath (*Saturday*) and it was punishable by death by the Catholic Church. Many believers were burned to death by the Catholic Church for keeping the Sabbath.

## Exposing the Idolatry of Mary Worship

### What the Bible Says

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We have been looking at the subject of the idolatry of Mary worship in what is really a study of false religion, Roman Catholicism, and its worship of Mary. Interestingly enough I, this past week, had the opportunity to be on the Larry King Show, some of you probably saw it, with a whole group of Roman Catholics and several priests. And in the green room there were some Catholic apologists, and Catholic media people, and Roman Catholic publicity people, and there were some young men from the Vatican Seminary and the usual Father Manning. I was checking on my facts, as I had the opportunity to do that in talking to them about things, and it was affirmed to me that the very things that we are talking about in this study of Mary are the things to which they are truly and genuinely devoted. We've spent three weeks discussing what the Catholic Church essentially says about Mary. We've talked about their devotion to Mary. We've talked about their doctrine regarding Mary. In the end, when all is said and done, the very obvious dominant perception is that they worship Mary. In fact, on a pragmatic basis they worship Mary far more than they worship even the Lord Jesus Christ, and far more than they worship the true and living God.

It is idolatry in the clearest form. And to deal with this we need only really to do two things, biblically. One is to see what the Bible says about idolatry, and the other is to see what the Bible actually says about Mary. And then, we will clearly understand that they have invented a goddess to worship who has no relationship to the true Mary, the mother of Jesus revealed in Scripture, the historical Mary.

I want to begin, however, with Psalm 115, and I want you to turn to Psalm 115 because I want what the Psalm says to be fixed in your mind. Psalm 115, and I think it will be helpful for us just to listen to this Psalm or to follow it along in the Bible as I read it.

*(Ps 115:1-18 HRB)* Not to us, O YAHWEH, not to us, but to Your name give glory; on account of Your mercy, on account of Your truth. (2) Why do the nations say, Where is their Elohim now? (3) But our Elohim is in Heaven; He has done all that He has pleased. (4) Their idols are silver and gold, the work of man's hands; (5) they have mouths, but they do not speak; they have eyes, but they do not see; (6) they have ears, but they do not hear; they have a nose, but they do not smell; (7) their hands do not feel; their feet do not walk; they do not mutter through their throat. (8) The ones who make them are like them, and everyone trusting in them. (9) O Israel, trust in YAHWEH; He is their help and their shield. (10) O house of Aaron, trust in YAHWEH; He is their help and their shield. 11 Ones fearing YAHWEH, trust in YAHWEH; He is their help and their shield. (12) YAHWEH remembers us; He will bless; He will bless the house of Israel; He will bless the house of Aaron; (13) He will bless those who fear YAHWEH, the small and the great. 14 YAHWEH will add on to you; on you and on your sons. (15) You are blessed to YAHWEH, He who makes heavens and earth. (16) The heavens; the heavens belong to YAHWEH, but He has given the earth to the sons of men. (Isa. 66:1, Gen. 1:26-27) (17) The dying do not praise YAHWEH, nor all those who go down into silence;<sup>1</sup> (Ecc. 9:5, Ps. 88:10-12) (18) but we will bless YAHWEH, from now on and forever. HalleluYah!<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> In scripture the dead are equated as sleeping in the earth (1Thes 4:15, Heb 7:60). No where in scripture is it ever stated that the reward of the dead is heaven; heaven is Yahweh's throne, Is 66:1.

<sup>2</sup> Indicating hope in a resurrection.

Now, I want you to know the singularity of that call to praise. The Lord alone is to be glorified. The Lord

is the source of loving-kindness. The Lord is the source of truth. The Lord is to be trusted. He is our help and our shield. The Lord alone is to be feared. He again is our help and our shield. The Lord does not need to be reminded about us, He is mindful of us, He will bless us. He is to receive all our praise.

*(Ps 116:1-4 HRB) I love YAHWEH because He hears my voice, my earnest prayers. (2) Because He has bowed His ear to me, I will also call in my days. (3) The cords of death encompassed me; and the pains of Sheol found me; I find distress and sorrow; (Ps. 18:4-5) (4) then I call on the name of YAHWEH: O YAHWEH, I beseech You, deliver my soul! (Ps. 18:6)*

And why call upon the Lord?

*(Ps 116:5 HRB) YAHWEH is gracious and righteous; yea, our Elohim is merciful.*

Yes, our God is compassionate.

*(Ps. 116:6-11 HRB) YAHWEH watches over the simple; I was low, but He saved me. (7) Return to your rest, O soul; for YAHWEH has dealt bountifully with you. (8) For You have delivered my soul from death, my eye from tears, my feet from stumbling. (9) I will walk before the face of YAHWEH in the lands of the living. (Ps. 27:13) (10) I believed; so I speak; I was greatly afflicted; (11) I said in my alarm, Every man is a liar. (Ro 3:4, Num. 23:19) (12) What shall I return to YAHWEH for His benefits to me? (13) I will lift up the cup of (Y'shua\*) salvation, and I will call on the name of YAHWEH.<sup>3</sup> (14) I will pay my vows to YAHWEH now in the presence of all His people. (Ps 22:25) (15) Precious in the eyes of YAHWEH is the death of His saints. (Ps. 72:14) (16) O YAHWEH, truly I am Your servant now; I am Your servant, the son of Your handmaid; You have loosed my bonds. (Is 42:1-4) (17) I will sacrifice to You the sacrifice of thanks and will call on the name of YAHWEH. (18) I will pay my vows to YAHWEH now in the presence of all His people, (19) in the courts of the house of YAHWEH; in your midst, O Jerusalem. HalleluYah! (Luke. 13:33)*

<sup>3</sup> Ps. 113-118 is called the "great hallel " or praise and is sung each Passover by Jews for more than 2,000 yrs. Much of these verses are also messianic as here in Psalm 116. There were 4 wine cups that were drunk on Passover. The first was the cup of blessing when the meal started (Luke. 22:17), then was the 2nd cup with the meal, then the third cup was called the cup of Grace, this is the cup that represented Messiah's blood (Luke. 22:20) and then the fourth cup was called the cup of salvation (Yahshua) that only the Messiah could drink because it was the cup of His martyrdom, which is mentioned here. Also see Matt. 20:22, John. 19:28:30.

*(Ps 117 HRB) Praise (Aleph/Tav) YAHWEH, all nations; praise Him, all peoples;*

*(Ps 118:1-4 HRB) Give thanks to YAHWEH, for He is good; because His mercy endures forever. (2) Let Israel say now that His mercy endures forever. (3) Let the house of Aaron say now that His mercy endures forever. (4) Let those who fear YAHWEH say now that His mercy endures forever.*

The Roman Catholic view of Mary calls into question the compassion, the sympathy, the lovingkindness of God. It places in the people's minds doubt about God's care, concern, sympathy, compassion, and interest in their plight. Nothing could be further from the truth. The Bible ends in the 22nd chapter of Revelation with John having heard the amazing revelations, and in this particular case from an angel, when he heard,

*(Rev 22:8-9 HRB) And I, John, was the one seeing and hearing these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the cherub showing me these things. (9) And he said to me, Behold! Stop!; For I am your fellow-slave, and of your brothers the prophets, and of the ones keeping the Words of this Book.*

Worship YAHWEH. In another scene in the book of Revelation there is an angel, an everlasting, flying through heaven with an everlasting message, “Worship God. Worship God,” who is to be worshiped as our Redeemer, our Benefactor, our Comforter, our Sympathizer, our Deliverer.

The Lord is the object of all our worship. The Lord is the object of all our thanksgiving. The Lord, the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, He alone is to be worshiped, He alone is to be venerated, He alone is to be adored, He alone is to be supplicated, He alone is to be petitioned. There is no need for any other person to intercede. You can go directly to God. The Old Testament makes it abundantly clear, and in the New Testament, we go directly to God the Son, and by God the Son directly to God the Father. We are drawn to God the Son by the Spirit, and we are given access to God the Father by the Son.

*(1Tim 2:5 HRB) says, “There is one God, and one Mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.” There is one Mediator and it is the man, Christ Jesus. Not angels, not saints, and not Mary. All our burdens, all our prayers, all our requests go directly to God through our relationship with Jesus Christ.*

*(John 14:13 HRB) And whatever you may ask in My name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.*

If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it. God is not reluctant to hear our prayers; nor is Jesus reluctant to hear our prayers, so that we need to go to the mother of Jesus who supposedly can soften up Jesus who then can soften up God to show some interest in our dilemmas. And John again writing in

*(1John 5:14 HRB) And this is the confidence we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.*

We go directly to God, directly by the prompting of the Spirit to God the Son, and through God the Son to God the Father.

We ended our discussion of the Catholic view of Mary last time by talking about the fact that they teach that Mary is the Co-Mediatrix. That is, along with Jesus she is the mediator of all graces. She is the channel of all graces. You remember statements made like this, “Mary is the mother of all graces. Mary is the source of all mercies. No grace is conferred on anyone without her mediation, and intercession, and cooperation. All graces come to us through Mary’s hands. Mary is the direct intercessor with Christ who receives from Christ all graces and dispenses them to us, and therefore our prayers should be directed at Mary.” All of that, of course, is lies and deception, and again strikes a blow at the nature of God as one who is loving, kind, compassionate, sympathetic, and caring. It strikes a blow against the mediator ship of the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only one we need to go to to be taken directly to the Father.

Neither is Mary Co-Redemptrix, as the Roman Catholic Church says, and this was one of John Paul II’s big issues. I quote from him, “Mary participates in our redemption.” And, of course, he is borrowing language from Pius XI who said, “Mary participates in the redemption achieved by her Son and all graces are granted only through her intercession. She participated with Jesus Christ in the very painful act of redemption.” They have Mary in her pain giving up her Son, participating in some form in our redemption so that Christ is not the one mediator, nor is He the one and only Redeemer.

We closed our session last time talking about the fact that the Roman Catholic Church teaches that Mary had more righteousness than she needed to get into heaven. She had more merit than was required and so her excess merit was deposited in what is called The Treasury of Merit, and you can take

the merit that Mary gained and deposit it there and have it applied to your life as a Roman Catholic so that it can shorten or eliminate earthly discipline. Or more importantly, it can shorten your time in Purgatory. This is the doctrine of The Treasury of Merit, the doctrine of Indulgences, or Absolution. You receive a certain amount of forgiveness by the merit or the righteousness of Mary being imputed to you in life and in Purgatory. Her good works, the good works of the Blessed Virgin, are in the Treasury of Merit. Roman Catholic theology, you'll remember, says that Treasury of Merit includes the good works of the Virgin, immense and unfathomable, and pristine in their value before God.

Inventing this goddess who has nothing to do with the true Mary of actual history, the mother of Jesus, inventing this goddess and giving her powers of mediation of all graces, giving her powers of redemption, and giving her powers of imputed righteousness to the accounts of those who appeal to her is a fabrication. It is, as I said, the inventing of a goddess by the mingling of paganism and Gnosticism with Christianity. It really all is paganism, and all is Gnosticism; only the name Mary is borrowed from Christianity.

## **The origin of Feminism**

This is pretty consistent with a lot of other Gnostic belief, even the "Da Vinci Code" pulls up one of the old Gnostic heresies regarding Mary Magdalene. The idea in the "Da Vinci Code," borrowing that old Gnostic heresy, is that Mary Magdalene was supposed to be the queen of the church. She was supposed to be head of the church and the apostles were upset at that, and they got rid of her, and Peter usurped the place of Mary Magdalene in an act of overt male chauvinism, a kind of male coup, and took over the church. Of course, the roots of that kind of teaching and belief are found in ancient feminism, which has its roots in goddess worship which goes way back into Babylon. It was a satanic ploy from the very beginning as Satan endeavors to counterfeit and upset the divine order and male headship. So, what you have with Mary is just another form of paganism that swept into the church, mixed itself with Christianity. It is nothing but goddess worship.

Now, in conclusion, and we have just some time to conclude, I just want to talk about three things to kind of pull it together in three conclusions. One, I want to talk about the blaspheming. This entire concoction is blasphemous. That is to say, it is an assault on God. It is a full-blown assault on God. It is an assault on God the Father, it is an assault on God the Holy Spirit, and it is an assault on God the Son. And we've already indicated that in the introductory words, but let me just kind of unfold it for you.

## **Worship of Mary is an attack on God Himself**

First of all, the worship of Mary is an attack on God Himself. Mary becomes the mother of the Son of God. Mary becomes the mother of God, in their language. She is called the Queen of heaven, and therefore she is the rival of the King of heaven, the sovereign God Himself. As we have learned, she is granted sovereignty. She is worthy of worship, worthy of praise. She demands if you want salvation, that you adore her, that you love her, that you enthrone her because she is loving, gracious, merciful. She is all-knowing, all seeing, and all powerful. De Liguori in "The Glories of Mary," page 566, quote: "At the command of Mary all obey, even God." Blasphemy against God.

This goddess worship is also blasphemy against the Holy Spirit. Mary is the comforter. Mary is the sympathizer. Mary is the helper. Mary is the empowerer. Mary is the advocate. Mary is the encourager. Mary is even the sanctifier who works to make her children pure.



This goddess worship is also an attack against the Son. She becomes a counterfeit savior: born sinless, without the stain of original sin, living a sinless life. She is called the all-holy child. She becomes redeemer, provider of salvation, dispenser of forgiveness, source of all blessing, from salvation to glorification. She is called the all-holy one, clearly a title belonging only to God. And if you've been with us for the last three weeks, you have felt the heat of the blasphemy. So, the blaspheming is the first thing to understand in conclusion. Secondly, let's call it the comparing. We need to do a little comparing here. What does Scripture say about Mary? What is the real story of Mary?

All right, get your Bible. I've been waiting a long time for this. And I just want to give you a real quick rundown, a little bit of a Bible study here. Here just a quick one. Turn to Matthew 1. This is going to go quickly, so you need to move with us. Verse 16, we're introduced to her in the lineage from David, down to Mary and Joseph. Mary is introduced in Matthew 1:16 simply by these words,

*(Matt 1:16 HRB) "To Jacob was born Joseph, the husband of Mary, by whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ."*

The Bible discreetly never calls her the mother of God which is a very misleading title, always the mother of Jesus. And so we meet Mary, she is the wife in the genealogy of a man named Joseph. Both of them are in the Messianic line coming down through David; two different families, but all ancestors go back to David so that He is royal in blood from the mother, and royal in right from the father where the right to rule is paid. We see her again in verse 18. She is betrothed.

*(Matt 1:18 HRB) And the birth of Yahshua Messiah was this way (for His mother Mariam (Mary) had been betrothed to Joseph) before the coming together of them, she was found having babe in womb by the Holy Spirit.*

This is a formal engagement to Joseph, and she is found to be with child before they have had any physical relationship at all. Joseph is a righteous man, doesn't want to disgrace her, and so he decides to divorce her secretly because divorce is a righteous thing to do if your wife has been unfaithful, even in the period prior to the consummation of the wedding. And then, of course, an angel comes and says, "Don't be afraid," verse 20,

*(Matt 1:20 HRB) And as he was thinking about these things, behold, a Cherub of YAHWEH was seen by him in a dream, saying, Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mariam as your wife. For that in her is generated by the Holy Spirit.*

And so, he keeps her, verse 25, as a virgin until she gave birth to a Son and he called His name Jesus.

This is a young girl, 13, 14 years old, in that environment. She is told by an angel she is going to have a child without a man. This child will be God with us, Emmanuel, and God tells her husband and the child is born, and that's the story. There it is. Chapter 2, they come into the house, they see the child with Mary, His mother. She appears again briefly in chapter 2. She is mentioned in verse 14. "He arose," being Joseph, "took the child and His mother." She's not named, but referred to there. And in verse 21, "After having taken the child into Egypt," verse 21, "he arose and took the child and his mother, came into the land of Israel." Already, her name is disappearing from the narrative.

That's all we have until we get to the first chapter of Luke. Luke, chapter 1. And down in verse 26,

*(Luke 1:26 HRB) And in the sixth month, the cherub Gabriel was sent from the presence of Elohim to Galilee to the city whose name is Nazareth,*



Same basic information. The virgin's name is Mary. And coming in the angel says, "Hail, favored one, the Lord is with you." It must have been an interesting response if an angel showed up and greeted her in that way. She was consequently greatly troubled, kept wondering what was going on. The angel said, "Don't be afraid, Mary, you found favor. You'll conceive in your womb, bear a son, it will be Jesus," and he goes on to say he'll be the Son of the Most High, the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. He'll be the Messiah. He'll be the Son of God.

How's it going to happen?

*(Luke 1:35 HRB) And the cherub answered and said to her, The Holy Spirit will come and the power of the Highest will rest upon you. Because of this, He who is to be born of you is holy and will be called the Son of YAHWEH.*

Mary responds to this incredible announcement in verse 38 by saying,

*(Luke 1:39 HRB) Mariam said, Behold I am the handmaid of YAHWEH. Let it be to me according to your word! And the cherub departed from her presence.*

She acknowledges herself as the what of the Lord? The bond slave. I just want to make sure you understand that. She sees herself as the servant of the Lord, not God as her servant, and she accepts this announcement and says, "Be it done unto me according to Your Word." She's mentioned in verse 39, she goes to see a relative by the name of Elizabeth who is also miraculously pregnant because she was a very old lady when the Lord came upon her, and allowed her with her husband, Zacharias, to conceive a child would be John the Baptist, born a few months before Jesus, and would be the forerunner of the Lord Jesus Himself.

The first time we hear Mary speak and the only time is in verse 46 and Mary said,

*(Luke 1:46 HRB) And Mariam said, My soul magnifies YAHWEH,*

"My soul exalts the Lord." Now, we could stop there and build a whole lot of theology on that. "My soul exalts the Lord." I mean, let's get it right. Mary submits to God, God doesn't submit to Mary, and Mary exalts the Lord; the Lord doesn't exalt Mary. And furthermore in verse 47,

*(Luke 1:47 HRB) and my spirit exulted in Elohim My Savior.*

That may be the most definitive thing that ever comes out of the lips of Mary. To acknowledge that God is her Savior is to acknowledge that she is a sinner. And not only that, she is a lowly bond slave, in verse 48,

*(Luke 1:48 HRB) Because He has looked at the meekness of His handmaid for behold from now on He will give me blessings to all generations. (1 Sam. 1:11)*

"He has regard for the humble state of His bond slave."

*(Luke 1:49 HRB) Because He has done great things for me, He who is mighty and Holy is His Name.*

And then this, "And His mercy is upon generation after generation." She identifies God not as harsh, not as indifferent, not as distant, but as what? Merciful. "He's done mighty deeds with His arms," she's reciting history, "scattered those who were proud in the thoughts of their hearts, brought down rulers from their thrones, exalted those who were humble." Mary worships God. "He's filled the hungry

with good things, sent away the rich empty-handed, given help to Israel, His servant, in remembrance of His mercy, spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and his offspring forever.” As a young girl, a young Jewish girl, 13, 14 years old, very devout, miraculously, she is to be the mother of the Son of God, and all she can do is acknowledge that she is a humble, lowly servant, and she is rejoicing in a God who is her Savior.

Now, the actual event, chapter 2, she is mentioned in verse 5, because Joseph goes to register, along with Mary who was engaged to him and is already pregnant. They get down there in Bethlehem and the days are completed for her to give birth. In verse 7, she gave birth to her firstborn son. Obviously, the use of firstborn indicates that she had others. The indication that he kept her a virgin until Christ was born is also an indication that he did not keep her a virgin after Christ was born, but then was the marriage and then was the consummation. The language of Scripture is so very clear about all of this.

She gives birth there in verse 7, wraps Him in cloth, lying in a manger, and that’s because there’s no room in the inn. Verse 34, she goes to the temple to go through a purification ceremony. Again, she would do this. This is symbolic of her sinfulness. She goes there to engage in a purification ceremony which was required of all those Jewish women who gave birth under that old covenant. And she goes there, she meets this old saintly man, Simeon, who blesses the little family and said to Mary, His mother, “This child is appointed for the fall and the rise of many in Israel, a sign to be opposed and a sword will pierce even your own soul to the end, the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.” And there she is mentioned again in that encounter with Simeon.

That’s basically it until a little bit later in chapter 2 but 12 years later in time. She shows up in verse 48. They’re trying to find Jesus. They’ve gone to the Passover, Jesus in His 12th year. They can’t find Him. They leave town in a big entourage heading back to Nazareth in the north when they wake up to the fact that He’s not there. They go back and they look for Him. They find Him, and His mother said to Him, it doesn’t give her name but His mother in verse 48 said to Him,

*(Luke 2:48 HRB) And seeing Him, they were astounded. And His mother said to Him, Child, why did You do so to us? Behold, Your father and I were looking for You, greatly distressed.*

Now, you would think in a Catholic context He would say, “O sweet mother, I bow before you.” He doesn’t say that. He says, “Why were you looking for Me? Did you not know that I had to be in My Father’s house?” What is He saying? He’s saying you have no claim on Me. He has come to the point at this age, He’s really a young adult, and He now knows fully who He is. He’s grown in wisdom and stature and favor with God and man. He’s fully developed in His understanding of who He is. Who He is, is the one who does His Father’s business in His Father’s house. And His Father, the Father of whom He speaks, is God.

Of course they didn’t get it, verse 50, didn’t understand the statements He made to them, ‘cause His father was a carpenter, His earthly father.

*(Luke 2:50 HRB) And they did not understand the word which He spoke to them.*

And when He went down with them and came to Nazareth, He continued in subjection to them dutifully, even though they had been put on notice that this was temporary and His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And He kept on increasing and growing. That’s it basically during the childhood of Jesus.

Turn for a moment to John chapter 2. All we know about Mary up to there is what I told you. In John 2 and verse 1, Jesus does His first miracle, and His first miracle is at a wedding in Cana. Cana is

suburb of Nazareth, if those kind of places had suburbs. It's a little town next door; I've been there a few times. It's a little walk from Nazareth. And a wedding was going on there. Weddings were big events, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus was invited and His disciples to the wedding because it was in the town nearby, right next to it and they would have known, it would have been extended family, friends, probably people who had attended the same synagogue. They knew everybody. And they were there along with Mary, Jesus, the disciples. They all were invited to the wedding. And when the wine gave out, Jesus, of course, being known by everyone and brought the disciples along with Him, even though they were from other places. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, and this was typical mother, typical Jewish mother, who might say, "Son, they have no wine. They have no wine."

Now, to this point He had not done a miracle. He had not done a miracle. And what that tells me about Jesus was that as children go and young men go, He certainly would have been the most attentive, the most sensitive, and the most resourceful human being who ever lived on the planet. And one can imagine that God, perfect God in human flesh, even though He didn't do anything miraculous, did everything well, and everything right, that never any opportunity for sensitivity, any opportunity for assistance, any opportunity for help, any opportunity to solve a problem, He was there and did it in perfection. This is what she knew Him to be. And so what she is doing is what she probably did her whole life. I mean, I can imagine her saying many times, Son, there's a leak in the roof. Son, I don't have enough food. Son, whatever. My neighbor has a problem. And whatever the problem was, He would have been within the framework of His own perfection, the solver of all problems. And not expecting that she thought He would do a miracle, but that He was so resourceful.

And the response is really amazing. "Jesus said to her, 'Woman.'" "Wow. Not exactly impolite, but really not what you would expect Him to say to His mother if He held her in some awe. And if they were sustaining some kind of relationship where He bowed to her and did everything she asked. "Woman," this has the effect of distancing her, "what do I have to do with you?"

Now, that is harsh. "What do I have to do with you?" In other words, this is a common, in my study Bible I put a note that this is a common Semitic idiom. And there's a couple of places in the Old Testament where you see it, and it is intended as a comment to distance two parties. It even conveys a degree of reproach. Jesus is not rude, but He is very abrupt. And the phrase is simply a way to say, "What do you and I and what we do have in common?" That's all in the past. I don't live there anymore. That's over. You told Me what to do for 30 years; you don't tell Me anymore. What have I to do with you? My hour is not yet come. I operate on a completely different timetable under completely different authority. And so, He distances her at the age of 12. He distances her at the beginning of His ministry. While you're in the gospel of John, chapter 2, drop down to verse 12.

*(John 2:12 HRB) After this He went down to Capernaum, He and His mother and His brothers and His disciples. And He remained there a few days.*

I'm just putting that in because that's what Scripture says. They took a short trip to Capernaum. You can walk there in a day. They took a short trip to Capernaum. That is all it says. But what it does also say is that He went there with His mother and His what? Brothers. His half-brothers, in reality: the children of Mary and Joseph.

In Matthew, chapter 12, turn to Matthew chapter 12, another very interesting account. Now, we're pass the first miracle; Jesus is out in His ministry. And in Matthew 12:46, by the way, this is also in

Mark 3 and also in Luke 8. Three of the gospels give this account. Verse 46, Matthew 12. He was speaking to the multitudes. His mother and brothers were standing outside seeking to speak to Him. I don't know what the issue was, I don't know what the problem was, I don't know what the dilemma was, I don't know what His mother wanted. You remember, of course, right, that His brothers did not believe in Him. They did not believe in Him until after the resurrection. But anyway, they all showed up. His mother and His brothers are standing outside while He's in some location speaking. Verse 47, "Someone comes through the mob scene," and Mark makes it particularly a dense crowd. Mark 3,

*(Mark 3:32 HRB) And a crowd sat around Him. And they said to Him, Behold, Your mother and Your brothers seek You outside.*

That would be like me preaching and somebody coming in and saying, "Hey, John, your mother wants you." Really? This is probably not a good time to go, whatever it is she wants. But that's essentially what happened. And He responded by this same kind of language that we saw at the age of 12, and at the beginning of His miracle ministry. He answered the one who was telling Him and said, "Who is My mother and My brothers?" Now, He is not just saying, look, you have to understand, I have a heavenly Father and I have to be doing His business. He's not just saying: I am no longer going to do what you tell Me; He is now saying: you don't have a singular claim to even being My mother.

Those relationships are really gone. And He stretched out His hand to the disciples and He said, "Behold, My mother and My brothers." What does He mean by that? He means all those earthly family relationships are over. They're over. And He goes on to say that. "Whoever," verse 50, "does the will of My Father who is in heaven, he is My brother and sister and mother." The people who have a relationship to Me are the people who do the will of My Father. And, of course, the will of the Father is that you believe in the Son, right? "This is My beloved Son, hear Him." Wow.

Mary has gone from the heights of angelic revelation, the heights of virgin birth, to the realization of her own sin in need of a savior, to a ceremony of purification which symbolized her sinfulness and need for cleansing, to being told by Jesus at age 12 that no longer was His family going to have the priority claim on His life; He had a different Father that He was going to serve; to being told you and I really have nothing in common anymore, to being told you do not have a unique relationship with Me at all. That's all in the past.

In the 13th chapter of Matthew and verse 55, we get another glimpse into the life of Mary. When Jesus was teaching, people were saying all kinds of things,

*(Matt 13:55 HRB) Is this not the son of the carpenter, his mother is called Mariam, and his brothers Jacob and Joseph and Simon and Judah?"*

What we get out of that is, I mean, how can He be very special when He has such common family members? Nobody was exalting Mary. In fact, the whole idea here was, "Where," verse 54, "did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers when He came from such common people?" He has brothers named James, Joseph, Simon, Judas, and had sisters. And we know them all; they all live around here. Where did this man get all these things? They understood the very common ordinary family.

By the way, the Roman Catholics say that these aren't brothers; these are cousins. They're not sisters; they're cousins, even though the word for cousin isn't used. The word for brother is, adelphos, but it doesn't matter what word is used in the Bible because the Church says that, and the Church trumps the Bible in that system. And by the way, you have other indications of Jesu's family in Mark. 6 and in John. 6: Mark. 6:3 and 4, John. 6:42.

Now, let's go to the end of the life of Jesus. That's really all we know until we come to the 19<sup>th</sup> chapter of John. The 19th chapter of John, we are at the crucifixion. And verse 25: they were standing by the cross of Jesus, His mother and His mother's sister, Mary, the wife of Clopas and Mary Magdalene. Mary is a very common name, obviously. "Jesus, therefore, saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby," that's John always referring to Himself like that. He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son," again woman, but maintaining that distance. It's as if Jesus anticipated the bizarre fabrications that would come around this name and this historic girl, Mary, and did everything He consciously do in His ministry to deter that. "Woman, behold your son," He's not pointing to Himself, He's pointing to John, probably nodding with His head since His hands were nailed to the cross. "And He said to the disciple, 'Behold your mother.' From that hour, the disciple took her into his own household." His father, his earthly father, Joseph, was, her husband was probably dead. He disappears from the story at the very beginning, never shows up again. She had nobody to care for her. The care of widows was important. So, He turns her over to John to care for her. From now on, you're her son, she's your mother. Again, the obvious distancing of Himself.

She appears one more time, Acts 1. The disciples, verse 12, returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet near Jerusalem, Sabbath day's journey away. Sabbath day's journey would be a very short one 'cause you couldn't walk very far on the Sabbath. When they had entered, they went up to an upper room where they were staying. That is, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Phillip, and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James, son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, Judas the son of James. Judas Iscariot, of course, is missing now. "These all, with one mind, were continually devoting themselves to prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus and with His brothers." That's good news. His brothers came to believe after the resurrection, and they show up in the upper room on the day of Pentecost in a prayer meeting, along with their mom, Mary. Please notice, they were there devoting themselves to prayer, along with Mary. They were not there to pray to Mary. Her name never appears again anywhere in the New Testament, never ever again.

But there is one other reference that we looked at in the gospel of Luke that's helpful to continue to understand the role that she played. Luke 11, verse 27. Jesus here is teaching, some of you remember this passage in Luke 11, and verse 27,

*(Luke 11:27 HRB) And it happened in His saying these things, lifting up her voice out of the crowd a certain woman said to Him, Blessed is the womb having borne You and the breasts which nursed you.*

Sounds like a pre-Catholic Catholic. The Blessed Virgin. "Blessed is the womb that bore You and the breasts at which You nursed." But He said, "No, just the opposite. Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and," what? "Observe it."

This was a perfect opportunity for Him to launch Mary worship. This was a perfect opportunity for Him to set Mary in the priority place in the church. All He had to say was, "You are absolutely right. Don't forget it, and make sure you give her the praise and the worship and the adoration that she deserves." He says nothing of the kind. On the contrary, just the opposite. "Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and observe it." There is clearly, in the life and words of Jesus, a consistent, strong rejection of any special honor to this woman. It is not that He didn't care for her. He showed that He cared for her when He put her in the loving care of His beloved apostle, John. He cared for her, but He would not allow her or anyone else to think that she had some claim on Him, that she had some access that no one else has, that she had some authority that no one else has, some power that no one else has, some entrance that no one else has, some knowledge that no one else has, even blessing that no one else

has, even adoration that no one else has. He rejected all of that. And with that, she is gone from the pages of the Bible.

The apostle Paul in the epistles makes reference to the mother of Jesus twice, but never names her. In Romans he says, referring to God's Son, that He was born of a descendent of David, according to the flesh. Again, the distancing is so clear. Paul will not pick her up and elevate her because the Spirit of God would not allow that. Paul would know that. In Galatians, the second time he refers to her, he says, "When the fullness of the time came God sent forth His Son, born of a woman." As far as any explanation of the gospel goes, as far as any explanation of spiritual life goes, Mary plays no role. Paul writes the magnificent treatise on the doctrine of salvation called the book of Romans, and all he can say about the mother of Jesus is "A descendant of David." He writes the great treatise, Galatians, on the pure and true and only gospel, and all he can say is, "He was born of a woman."

Scripture says nothing about her life. It says nothing about her later years. It says nothing about her death. It says nothing about her burial. Although there are reams of Catholic volumes that talk about the life of Mary, the experiences of Mary, the miracles of Mary, the death of Mary, et cetera, et cetera, et cetera. All fabrications, all lies, all either the invention of men or the invention of demons. The Bible gives no description of her character at all, no description of her physical appearance at all. There is no biblical example of anybody praying to her, honoring her, venerating her. When she appears with believers, she's just one among many. And I think it's got to be shocking to Roman Catholics who read the Bible for the first time. And most don't ever read it, but for those who do, how surprising it is that so little is said about Mary, when in the system so much is said about her. So much. There are, and I went through one list today, hundreds and hundreds, if not thousands of websites on Mary, taking you down every imaginable trail into the fantasy of Mary worship.

One other footnote along this line of comparing the Catholic view of Mary with the Bible: Mary is mentioned more times in the Quran than in the Bible. That's an oddity, isn't it? But then, of course, we would understand that Satan, who authored the Quran, would want to make more of Mary than ought to be made of her. That's consistent. Interestingly enough, the Muslims revere Mary.

Some of you will remember, and probably don't want to admit it, Bishop Fulton Sheen. Anybody remember him? Long time ago, it was on television. He was a very polished, refined, articulate Catholic priest who would speak on television in the early years. I remember seeing him as a very young child. Well, this is 50 years ago Sheen was on television. And Bishop Sheen predicted, he predicted that Islam would be converted to Roman Catholicism. He said, quote, "Because of a summoning of the Muslims to a veneration of the mother of God." Rome is making a lot of overtures to the Muslims. The Pope has made them; Pope John Paul was forever trying to bring together the Muslims, and the common element is their reverence for Mary. Mary for the Muslims is actually called the true Sayyida, the true lady. And maybe in the end, when there is one great massive world religion, it will be goddess worship that pulls it all together.

Well, we've talked about the blaspheming; we've talked about the comparing. A final third point, the warning. And I can take a few minutes or all night on this one. But, because you're so kind, I'll keep it very brief. Scripture has very much to say about worshiping a false god, right? This is the warning, the condemnation of all who worship a false god, of all who advocate the worship of a false god is all over the Scripture. And it actually starts back, as you know, in the Old Testament. And probably the best place to start is at the clearest articulation of the Law of God in the Ten Commandments, Exodus 20, "Then God spoke all these words saying, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself an



idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth, beneath or in the water under the earth. You shall not worship them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God.”

I just the other day went to visit somebody at St. Joseph's Hospital. I parked my car in Burbank, I walk up toward the hospital and there is a huge idol greeting me. And who is it? Well, it's supposed to be the image of Mary. I walk in the building, and there's another idol. I get in the elevator, I get off the floor, there is another idol. Once in a while, I see an image of Jesus, but He's always limp and dead on a cross. In Deuteronomy and chapter 5, “I am the Lord your God.” It's a reiteration, Deuteronomy, the second law, the repetition of the original law of Exodus. “I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself an idol or any likeness of what is in heaven above, or on the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth, you shall not worship them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God.” Chapter 6 verse 13,

*(Deut 6:13 HRB) And the rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, the kingdom of Og, I gave to the half tribe of Manasseh; all the region of Argob, to all Bashan that is called the land of the giants.*

“You shall fear only the Lord your God. You shall worship Him and swear by His name. You shall not follow other gods, any of the gods of the peoples who surround you, for the Lord your God in the midst of you is a jealous God, otherwise the anger of the Lord your God will be kindled against you and He will wipe you off the face of the earth. You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.” Don't test God's patience with idol worship.

*(Deut 18:9-11 HRB) When you come to the land which YAHWEH your Elohim is giving to you, you shall not learn to do according to the hateful acts of those nations. There shall not be found in you one who passes his son or his daughter through the fire, one that uses divination, an observer of clouds, or one fortune-telling, or a spell caster, 11 or a magic charmer, or one consulting spirits, or a wizard, or one communicating with the dead. (Deut. 12:29-32, Ex 22:18)*

The worship of Mary is an ill-conceived effort to call up a dead woman. It's also a partner with mediums, spiritists, spell casters, sorcerers, witches, diviners and all the rest. Verse 12, “For whoever does these things is detestable to the Lord, and because of these detestable things the Lord your God will drive them out before you. You shall be blameless before the Lord your God.” It strikes you. It should strike you so obvious: there is not one single place in the Bible where it ever suggests we are to worship Mary, and everywhere it is clearly stated we worship God and Him alone. So very obvious.

Look at Psalm 106, and this is very much the same, but I want to give you some Scriptures you can use if you talk to folks about this. Psalm 106 verse 28, “They joined themselves also to Baal-Peor,” this is the Baal of a place called Peor. “They worshiped Baal, and they ate sacrifices offered to the dead.” Again, this idea that somehow dead people can be worshiped, and can be petitioned. Isaiah, chapter 45, and if you want more of this, just look up idolatry in the topical index in the back of the Study Bible and you'll find many passages. But in Isaiah 45, I want you to get this, verse 20; this really describes the idolatry of Mary: “Gather yourselves,” Isaiah 45:20. “Gather yourselves and come, draw near together, you fugitives of the nations, they have no knowledge who carry about their wooden idol,” sometimes you see Roman Catholics in parades with a wooden Mary, “who carry about their wooden idol and pray to a god who cannot save. Declare and set forth your case. Indeed, let them consult together. Who has announced this from of old, who has long since declared it? Is it not I the Lord and there is no other God besides Me, a righteous God and a Savior. He is not a reluctant savior. He is a righteous God and Savior. There is none except Me.” And here's the call, verse 22, “Turn to Me and be saved all the ends of the earth for I am God and there is no other.” And one would ask the question, how in the world was

somebody supposed to get saved before Mary if she is the Mediatrix of all graces? “I am God and there is no other.”

Jeremiah chapter 2, verse 9, and this will be the last one we'll use in the Old Testament.

*(Jer 2:9 HRB) “Therefore I will yet contend with you, declares the Lord. I have an argument with you, He says.”*

Down in verse 11, “Has a nation changed gods?” Have you changed gods? That's what Roman Catholicism has done, changed gods. “Have you changed gods when they were not gods?” Have you substituted a non-god for God? “But My people have changed their glory,” God being their glory, “for that which doesn't profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, and shudder, be very desolate, declares the Lord, for My people have committed two evils. They have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, to hew for themselves cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.” You abandoned God who alone is the fountain of living waters for goddess, a broken cistern that offers absolutely nothing. Nothing. This is consistent with the New Testament. The New Testament calls for the same complete and total devotion to God. Matthew 4:9, Satan tempting Jesus says,

“I'll give You everything You can see if You fall down and worship Me.” Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan, for it is written. You shall worship the Lord your God and serve Him only.”

That, from the lips of the Lord Jesus Himself.

Romans 1. Just a few more and we'll be finished. Romans 1, verse 22. Here's a description of humanity.

*(Rom 1:22-23 HRB) Professing to be wise, they became foolish (23) and changed the glory of the incorruptible Elohim into a likeness of an image of a corruptible man, and of birds, and four-footed animals, and creeping things.<sup>1</sup>*

<sup>1</sup> This describes the false evolutionists precisely.

That's exactly what Romanism has done. And so, God gave them over. And this is a divine judgment that falls on that. “God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, that their bodies might be dishonored among them, for they exchanged the truth of God for a lie and worshiped and served the,” what? “The creature, a woman, rather than the Creator who is blessed forever. Amen. And for this reason, God gave them over to degrading passions for their women, exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, in the same way the men also abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.” Could pedophilia, and homosexuality, and immorality that runs rampant in the Catholic system be part of the judgment of God on those who have abandoned the true God for the worship of a human being?

*(1Cor 5:11 HRB) But now I wrote to you not to associate intimately; if anyone is called a brother and is either immoral, or a covetous one, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a extortionist, with such a one do not even break bread<sup>6</sup> to eat with.*

<sup>6</sup> An ancient Middle Eastern term used simply for eating together with.

Now, this gets real personal, folks. “Not to associate with any so-called brother if he should be an immoral person or covetous, or,” what? “An idolater.” People going around today saying, “O our Catholic brothers and our Catholic sisters.” I wish that were true. You can't associate with them in an

affirming, accepting fellowship if they worship idols. Chapter 10 tells us why,

*(1Cor 10:14 HRB) On account of this, keep away from idolatry, my beloved.*

Idolatry is seductive, poisonous; it's toxic. You can't stay around it.

*(1Cor 10:16 HRB) The cup of blessing<sup>3</sup> that we bless, is it not a partaking of the blood of Messiah? The bread which we break, is it not a partaking of the body of Messiah?*

He's saying, you know, we come together around Christ, we come together to celebrate Christ in His sacrifice and in His death. You can't do that, and then go worship idols. You can't do that. Verse 20, "The things the Gentile sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons and not to God. And I don't want you to become a sharer in demons." Idolatry is demon-designed demon worship. "You can't drink the cup of the Lord," verse 21, "and the cup of demons." You can't partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. You can't worship Mary and worship God, or you will, verse 22, certainly provoke the Lord to jealousy.

*(2Cor 6:15 HRB) And what agreement does the Messiah have with Satan? Or what part does a believer have with an unbeliever?*

Second Corinthians 6 verse 15, "What harmony has Christ with Satan," Belial is a term for Satan. "What harmony has Christ with Satan? What has a believer in common with an unbeliever? What agreement has the temple of God with idols? We are the temple of the living God." You have nothing to do with that. Roman Catholicism has nothing to do with true Christianity, the true church. It is something completely different; it belongs to the kingdom of darkness.

*(Eph 5:5 HRB) For you should know this, that any one guilty of fornication, or unclean person, or a covetous one, who is an idolater, has no inheritance in the kingdom of Messiah and of Elohim.*

If you worship a false God, you have no part in the Kingdom of Christ and the Kingdom of God. No part. And you see, beloved, that is why the Bible says,

*(1John 5:21 HRB) Little children, guard yourselves from idols<sup>1</sup>. Amen.*

<sup>1</sup> The last thing John reminds the believers is to stay away from idolatry.

as we just read. You can't worship a false god and the true God at the same time.

But we worship the true and living God. I want to close with a glimpse of heaven. Revelation 4, you remember this,

Revelation 4:8, "Every being in heaven is saying, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty who was and who is and is to come.'"

And they're all in verse 11 saying, "Worthy art Thou, our Lord, and our God, to receive glory and honor and power for Thou didst create all things and because of Thy will they existed and were created." In chapter 5 verse 9, "And they sang a new song, 'Worthy art Thou,'" speaking of Christ, "To take the book and break its seals, for Thou was slain and did purchase for God with Thy blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and Thou hast made them to be a Kingdom and priest to our God and they will reign upon the earth." In verse 12, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing." And verse 13, "To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever, and all

the beings of heaven said Amen. And they all fell down and worshiped.” Do you see Mary in there anywhere? What a bizarre deception.

Okay, we will stop at that point, and I do want to do one more thing, not tonight. I hope, next Sunday night, there's one more element of Roman Catholicism that you need to know about, and that's the Mass. So, if the Lord wills, and I can get all the work done while I'm back in Louisville at The Together for the Gospel Conference with Al Mohler, next Sunday night we'll talk about the Mass, 'cause it's a critical area. You've been so patient tonight, like you had a choice. Lord, bless these precious people and encourage them, because they've been given the knowledge of the truth by Your grace. And help us, Lord, to lead many out of this horrible darkness.

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