

THE ROOTS OF MODERN CHRISTIANITY

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This astonishing information will open the eyes of many to the confusion and lack of harmony there seems to be in the Bible. When we do not know the truth, and stand in a position of deception, we are constantly trying to make sense out of the Bible when stories and verses do not seem to fit together. This book will reveal deception, lies and conspiracy against Yahweh's creation and people.

Truth sanctifies Yahweh's Holy People. And, only by knowing the truth, can we come out of Babylon Mystery Religion. (Revelation 18:4) This book will reveal what is the mystery of iniquity (II Thes. 2:7) and why so few will answer the call to repentance (Acts 2:38 & Revelation 22:11), truth and salvation. For those who are led by the Spirit of Truth, "come out and follow the lamb where ever He goes". May Yahweh bless you for your desire to truly follow His Word and Spirit.

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IS CHRISTIANITY PAGAN?

The Origin of Christianity

It is generally believed and taught that Christianity was founded by the Savior of the world, when He was on earth. A question immediately arises. Which particular sect was the one He originated? This is very important, for any thinking person knows that, of the hundreds of sects making up Christendom, no two agree one with the other entirely. So, naturally, the Savior did not inaugurate so many conflicting divisions. The Roman Catholic Church claims to be the one and only church of God, the true bride of Christ, and that all Protestant sects are heretics. On the other hand, the Protestants deride the Catholic Church as the Harlot Mother of Revelation 17:5, not knowing that the same text condemns them likewise.

Those who are acquainted with the facts know that Christendom is made up of Christian nations, whose faith was founded, not by the Savior of Nazareth, but by pagan philosophers, a generation after the death of the last of the Messiah's immediate followers. Christianity is an apostate, as we can readily prove. The denominations, sects, churches, or factions, which make up Christianity are not followers of the Savior of the world. The doctrine He taught, the life He lived, the worship He practiced, are not those of modern Christianity. Christianity is Hellenic paganism, nationalized by Roman emperors for national solidarity. It was molded from the doctrines of Plato, Socrates, and the Gnostic Grecian philosophers. It is modeled after them in doctrine, in practice, in worship, and in name!

"The Encyclopedia Britannica" has this to say relative to this appeasement policy of the (apostate) Church, "Nothing, perhaps has tended more thoroughly to corrupt Christianity than the introduction into it of superstitions which are really pagan themselves, or have been suggested by pagan practices. Paganism, unable to oppose Christianity successfully, has done much to corrupt it, and in numberless ways has made inroads upon its purity."

Christianity, as such, was not firmly established as a religion until the time of Constantine the Great, who needed a national religion to solidify his empire. He, therefore, adopted the new religion, which was then going into apostasy, and made it into a national sect. He not only caused its acceptance as the one and only religion of the empire, but he formulated its policies and caused its doctrines to be accepted, and stigmatized as heretics those who would not accept the new religion, banishing them from his kingdom, or putting them to death. Any one may verify the above by referring to any religious encyclopedia on the topic of the Council of Nicaea, or the Life of Constantine. Thus began the Roman Catholic Church, from whence sprang the church daughters which make up the sects of Christianity.

All ancient nations had religious systems and were ruled by the influence of their priesthood. From Julius Caesar to Constantine the Roman emperors had allowed the conquered countries to continue their own religions. This went on until the discordant waves of the religious systems of the east and the west impacted at Rome in rioting.

The two chief Gods of the day were the Hindu Krishna of the east and the Druidic God Hesus of the west. The deceived people knew not that both had originated as Sun Gods and were worshipped as such for centuries before the cunning priesthood had slyly transformed them into persons.

The bishops of Krishna grew worried by the waves of increasing doubt and skepticism regarding Krishna that filtered into the rank and file of their followers from the supporters of Hesus.

Each fraction proclaimed that its God was the oldest and the only true God. By 324 A. D. the strife had grown so serious that vigorous action was necessary to establish a more peaceful religious state.

This was the religious condition of the Roman Empire in the 4th Century A. D., some 300 years after the alleged death of the gospel Yahshua, who is quoted by the biblical scribe as saying:

"And I Yahshua say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I'll build my church: and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18).

But the facts show that "the gates of hell" were giving "my church" great trouble; and that's another reason why all the history of the ancient world was destroyed by decree of the Church, and new history was written that omits the facts which the Church wanted to hide from the people.

These damaging historical conditions were known to and presented by one Eunomius, the great Arius leader, 200 years after the Nicean Council; and they shocked the Christian World.

The church could not allow the damaging revelations of Eunomius to be even remotely known. So by "holy decree" the powerful priesthood of Rome took steps to destroy forever all traces of the proceedings of the Nicean Council contained in his writings, and also the writings of all Christians who attempted to refute his charges.

The facts presented by Eunomius explained the manner in which the Roman State Church was founded in the 4th century, and how its God, Jesus Christ, was invented.

Truth cannot forever be concealed. Despite the efforts of the Church to hide its fraudulent foundation, the facts of its mystical Jesus, and stifle the opposition, the day came when archeologists dug from ancient ruins the glaring evidence which exposed the black fraud that amazed the world.

Justice may slumber long, but it always awakens and retribution follows. Truth may be buried ever so deeply, but the time comes then its glorious rays burst forth with resistless power, striking terror to the hearts of the fraudulent.

The burning question which the Nicean Council was called to settle, was whether the Hindu Krishna should prevail over the Druidic Hesus, or whether both should be worshipped accordingly, or whether they should be united and molded into one God.

Constantine first tried to settle the argument by proposing the adoption of both gods. This policy failed, and the arguments of the bishops finally became so hostile between the two factions, that Constantine summoned the leading bishops of the sects to meet in council at Nicaea and consider the matter.

Constantine was wise enough to have the council convene at Nicaea, in the Roman province of Bithynia, in Asia Minor, so the people of Rome would have no knowledge of its real purpose. It is said that the council convened in May and ended in August, 325. But others say the struggle was so fierce in that Christian Council, that it extended into September.

The fragments of history on the subject, and letters written by those who attended the council, indicate that some 1800 bishops were present.

Sabinus, bishop of Heraclea, in his letter to a friend, stated that with the exception of Constantine and Eusebius of Caesarea, the 300 bishops who finally voted in favor of Constantine's scheme to unite the names of the two chief Gods were "a set of illiterate, simple men who understood nothing much," to quote his words.

And it was these ignorant prelates, subject to all kinds of motives, to fear of being branded heretics, their desire to agree with the Emperor and win his favor, anxiety to close the angry proceedings, that finally, by their votes, decided under duress that the world should accept and receive the name of the New God who would lead the new Religious System known as Christianity (Rhys, p.67).

And that is the way the gospel Jesus was born.

Of the 1800 bishops present, only 300 supported Constantine's scheme on the first vote. This made Constantine furious. The leader of the opposition was one Arius. His faction prepared a declaration of their objection and presented it to the council. Constantine's

supporters tore it to shreds. And so great was the uproar raised in this Holy Christian Council, that Constantine had to call on his Roman Guards to restore order.

Then with the support of the Emperor and his armed guards, his faction rose up and excommunicated Arius and all of his followers. They were taken from the chamber by the Roman Guards; and by edict of Constantine, Arius was sent in exile.

After Arius and his 1500 supporters had been driven from the Council, Constantine's scheme was presented to the 300 bishops who had originally supported it, and it received unanimous approval.

That's how Christendom got it Christ Jesus, savior of the world who "*washed us from our sins in his own blood*" (Revelation 1:5) [*Prof. Hilton Hotema, 1965*].

When the Messiah was born into the world, His mother was a maid of Israel, of the tribe of Judah. He was born into a holy household, one which worshipped the Almighty according to the doctrine and ritual given by the Most High through the Holy Spirit to the prophets. There is not one iota of evidence in the New Testament records that the Savior ever departed from the religion of His people, which was the Scriptural worship of the prophets. His every act and word emphasized the fact that He came not to destroy the law or the prophets (that is, the Holy Scriptures), but, rather, to obey them, fulfilling them in every yod and tittle. "*Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.*" Matthew 5:17

He taught the same precepts of holiness, practiced the same life of righteousness, observed the same sacred feasts, hallowed the same weekly Sabbath day, as did the patriarchs and prophets before Him. But, for the apostate church of His day, He emphasized the power of a life of holiness, so lived that its influence would change the vilest sinner, making him whole in body and spirit again. It was the message of the prophets placed into practice in His life, and in the lives of His immediate band of followers. This life of holiness not only influenced individuals, but, through them, affected the course of nations and remodeled the world, in a fashion. But the Savior died, then ascended, and His disciples carried on after Him, until they, too, died. As long as the immediate followers of the Messiah lived they patterned their doctrine and manner of life after that of their Savior, for they were mainly of the Jewish nation, and from the Jewish faith. They continued to live, to teach, and to worship, as true Israelites, following the example of their Master.

Concerning Philo, Eusebius says, "Moreover, from his very accurate description of the life of our ascetics it will be plain that he not only knew but welcomed, revered, and recognized the divine mission of the apostolic men of his day, who were, it appears, of Hebrew origin, and thus still preserved most of the ancient customs in a strictly Jewish manner." Eusebius is speaking of Philo's treatise, "On the Contemplative Life or Suppliants." Book II, Chapter xvii.--Eusebius, "Ecclesiastical History."

After the destruction of Jerusalem in the year 70 A.D., the Jews were dispersed into all parts of the Roman empire and the disciples of the Messiah, being mainly of the Jewish nation, were scattered with the others. With them, these disciples took the pristine faith which they had received from the Savior. They formed assemblies wherever they went, and so the true faith was sowed throughout the world.

Hegesippus says, "Until then (106 or 107 A.D. at the martyrdom of Symeon) the church remained a pure and uncorrupted virgin, for those who attempted to corrupt the healthful rule of the Savior's preaching, if they existed at all, lurked in obscure darkness. But when the sacred band of the Apostles and the generation of those to whom it had been vouchsafed to hear with their own ears the divine wisdom, had reached the several ends of their lives, then the federation of godless error took its beginning through the deceit of false teachers, who, seeing that none of the Apostles still remained, barefacedly tried against the preaching of the truth the counter-proclamation of knowledge, falsely so-called. --Eusebius, "Ecclesiastical History." Book

III, Chapter xxxii.

From among the nations where they were scattered, the true believers fathered proselytes to the true faith, and so the assemblies grew in numbers, made up from the various nationalities, mixed with believers from the nation of Judah. These new members, however, had been connected with other religions. The world was full of religions then, just as it is now. And then, as now, there was no salvation in them! When these converts came into the fold from

the pagan religions, they neglected to leave all of their former beliefs behind, but often brought these paganistic doctrines and practices into the true fold.

"The propensity of the rude and uneducated converts from paganism to cling to the festival rites of their forefathers proved to be invincible, so that it was seen to be necessary to seek to adopt the old usage's to the new worship rather than to abolish them altogether, moreover, although the empire had become Christian, it was manifestly expedient that the old (Pagan) holidays should be recognized as much as possible in the new arrangement of the calendar." --Encyclopedia Britannica.

In time, as the true believers from Judea died off the ones who held to the true faith decreased in numbers, the other element which had been proselyte from the pagan religious became the dominant force in the new faith, and soon, except for isolated instances, the new religion became a mongrel, a half-breed, part pagan and part true faith. It was not the pure faith of Messiah, nor was it the old-time paganism, nor was it known by any of the former names, but became known, in time, as Christianity. This change was gradual, beginning even in the time of St. Paul, and culminating in the State Church in the reign of Constantine.

Of this change of the true faith into that of the mongrel religion, Dr. Lesse Lyman Hurlbut, the noted church historian, says, "For fifty years after St. Paul's life a curtain hangs over the church, through which we vainly strive to look; and when it at last rises, about 120 years A.D. with the writings of the earliest church-fathers we find a church in many aspects very different from that in the days of St. Peter and St. Paul."--*Story of the Christian Church*, page 41.

"Up to this time (the fall of Jerusalem, A.D. 70) the church had been regarded by the Roman government and by the people at large as a branch of the Jewish religion; but henceforth Jews and Christians were apart. A small section of Jewish Christians endured for two centuries, but with ever-decreasing numbers, the Ebionites, a people by themselves, scarcely recognized by the general church and despised as apostate by their own race."--Hurlbut's *Story of the Christian Church*, p. 43.

"There is a strong support of the theory that the earliest Christianity was Judaistic in every way; that it was, in essence, a Judaistic Reformation with the addition of Messianic principles which had been already current among the Jews for about two centuries. Judaistic Christianity, however, practically disappeared after the fall of Jerusalem in A.D. 70"--Funk & Wagnall's *New Std. Encl.*--Article, Bible.

In the wars with the Jews, the Romans considered them as enemies, as indeed they were. This feeling influenced the people of the Roman Empire in their attitude toward the true disciples who were mainly from Judea. Many of the citizens of the empire refused to have anything to do with the new sect, because they considered it Jewish. Even the members of the assemblies from the nations were influenced by this spirit, and said, "Let us have nothing in common with this rabble of the Jews," and so everything, in the new faith, which had a taint of Judaism was discarded and a new religion formed which had nothing Jewish about it. The new creation was Christianity, but not the faith of the Messiah.

Christianity is not the faith of the Savior, but an amalgamation of paganism and Judaism, sprinkled with a tincture of the true faith, as taught by the Messiah. Hurlbut, says, "As long as the church was mainly Jewish, the Hebrew Sabbath was kept; but as it became increasingly Gentile, the first day (Sunday) gradually took the place of the seventh." *Idem*, p.45.

Not only was the Sabbath dropped from the new religion, and Sunday (a holy day of the pagans) adopted; but they likewise rejected the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and adopted Lent and Easter Sunday (Astarte's Sunday). The Feast of Tabernacles and the Day of Atonement were forgotten, and the birthday of the Sun-god took their place as Christmas. Sprinkling took the place of immersion; immortality of the soul, adopted from paganism, replaced the doctrine of conditional eternal life; the resurrection and day of judgment were forgotten, and a continuous judgment was taught, through which the dead entered heaven or hell

for eternity, no resurrection being necessary in this program. The kingdom of heaven, as an actual earth-wide government under the whole heavens was ignored, as the members of the new religion sought to please the "powers that be." Truly, as Hurlbut said, "We find a church in many aspects different" from that of St. Paul, St. Peter, and the Messiah. The new church which was so different, was Christianity, and for its deities it adopted various ones from the heathen, discarding the Most High of the Jewish Scriptures, and His blessed son Yahshua.

Once again we find the churchmen giving way to these heathen in order to win them to Christianity. Quoting from Frazer's "Golden Bough," we find: Quote: "Taken altogether, the coincidences of the Christian and the heathen festivals are too close and too numerous to be accidental. They mark the compromise which the church in the hour of its triumph was compelled to make with its vanquished, yet still dangerous rivals. The inflexible Protestantism of the primitive missionaries, with fiery denunciations of heathendom, had been exchanged for the supple policy, the easy tolerance, the comprehensive charity of shrewd ecclesiastics, who clearly perceived that if Christianity was to conquer the world it could do so only by relaxing the too rigid principles of its Founder, by widening a little the narrow gate which leads to salvation."

The new religion was not the old paganism, but really a new creation. It was a general amalgamation, made up of various beliefs of the new members of the old cults. They took something else from another, and another, and another, and formed the whole into Christianity. Sunday from the pagan Romans, Easter from the pagan Egyptians, Christmas from the pagan Babylonians, the triune-god from the Gnostics, immortality from the pagan Greeks, and some of the Jewish faith, with some of the teachings of the Messiah, and many other doctrines were combined, and the religion of Christianity was formed, which eventually became the state religion of the Roman Empire.

In many places the temples were turned into Christian churches. The services of worship increased in splendor, but were less spiritual and hearty than those of former times. "The forms and ceremonies of paganism gradually crept into the worship. Some of the old heathen feasts became church festivals with change of name and worship." (Hurlbut, *Idem*, p.79)

Brothingham says, speaking of St. Peter's Cathedral in Rome: "Into what depth of antiquity the ceremonies carried me back! To the mysteries of Eleusis; to the sacrificial rites of Phoenicia. The boys swung the censors as censors had been swung in the adoration of Bacchus. The girdle and cassock of the priests came from Persia; the veil and tonsure were from Egypt; the alb and chasube were prescribed by Numa Pompilius; the stole was borrowed from the official who used to throw it on the back of the victim that was to be sacrificed; the white surplice was the same as described by Juvenal and Ovid."--*Atlantis* pp. 201, 211.

The pagan temples not only became churches, the heathen festivals became church feasts, the Sabbath was replaced by Sunday, but even the heathen worship was transferred, as they substituted the adoration of the Virgin Mary for the worship of Venus and Diana. What did a pagan care about the name of the idol or the name of the religion, just so he could understand that it was the same? So the new religion adopted the statues of Venus and Diana, Jupiter or Zeus, Apollon, etc., and chiseled off the pagan names and engraved thereon the new names, adopted for the new religion known as Christianity.

The heathen had been worshipping Diana or Venus, so they were now adoring the

Virgin Mary. They had worshipped Zeus, or Jupiter, as the supreme deity, so now they were told the new name was Theos, or Dios. Their savior was Zeus, so now they were to accept Jesus (Is-seus, or le-Zeus). Pagan temples became Christian churches, pagan idols became Christian statues; pagan deities became Christian gods, pagan feast became Christian festivals, pagan rites and ceremonies became Christianized--and so was born Christianity.

The Hebrew prophets worshipped the Creator of the world, and to them He had revealed that His name was Yahweh (Isa. 42:8). The prophet declares that this was the only name (Psa. 83:18) of the Almighty. Just as the Scriptures reveal that there is only one supreme Almighty, so it also declares that He has but one name, and that name is Yahweh. Over 7,000 times the sacred Scriptures reveal that sacred name to man. The patriarchs, the prophets, and the Savior and His disciples worshipped the only true Creator and called upon Him by His only revealed name of Yahweh, or the shorter form Yah. When the Savior was with man, He worshipped the Mighty One of Israel, and knew and taught the sacred name. He prayed, "*I have manifested thy name unto the men Thou gavest me out of the world. I have declared unto them Thy name...I have kept them in Thy Name.*"--John 17:6, 26. 12.

After the death of the disciples, Yahweh was no longer the one worshipped in the Assemblies, but the gods of the nations took His place in the Sacred Scriptures, and the new religion. The prophet said, "*All nations walk, every man in the name of his god, but we will walk in the name of Yahweh, our Mighty One, to times age-abiding and beyond.*" (Michah 4:5) When the Sacred Writings were translated into the tongues of the nations, the translators ignored the sacred name revealed in the Scriptures, and inserted the names of the national deities in the place of Yahweh. In every case the national deity, in opposition to Yahweh, was placed in the honored positions. Each of the nations worshipped a supreme deity, and it had a national name. Where such a name could be used, it was placed in the translations. And thus, foreign gods received the praise, the honor, the worship; that was justly Yahweh's. No wonder the Almighty declares, "*I am Yahweh, that is my name, and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.*"--Isa. 42:8

"The God of the nineteen-twentieth of the Christian world is only Bel, Moloch, Zeus, or at the best Osiris, Mithras or Adonai, under another name worshipped with the old pagan ceremonies and ritualistic formulas. It is the statue of Olympian Jove, worshipped as the Father, in the Christian Church that was a Pagan Temple; it is the Statue of Venus, become the Virgin Mary."--Pike, *Morals and Dogma*, p. 296.

Yahweh is not the supreme deity of Christianity, but the songs, the prayers, the praise and the honor, ascend to the name of a foreign god, in every language under heaven. Even the Jews are not excepted, but sing and pray to Adonai, the Jewish form of the pagan god Adonis. The Greeks pray unto Kurios and Theos; the Germans unto Herr and Gott; the Poles unto Bog and Pan; the English unto Lord and God. And so it is throughout Christendom. The name of Yahweh is ignored by the apostate religion.

When the Savior was born into the world, His mother was a Hebrew maid of the tribe of Judah; but His Father was the Almighty, whose name alone is Yahweh, or Yah. As He was the Son of Yahweh, it was evident that He would carry His Father's name, and this He plainly states saying, "*I am come in my Father's name.*"--John 5:43.

Our translated Scriptures say that Yahweh's son's name is Jesus, a compound word of le and Zeus. But remember the heavenly Messenger spake unto a Hebrew, and declared His name in the Hebrew, which the writer explained to mean, "Yah is Salvation." This name, Yahshua, being Jewish, was objectionable to the Greeks and Romans, who hated the Jews, and so it was deleted from the records and a new name inserted. Yahshua was thus replaced by le-seus, now known as Jesus.

The new religion was known as Christianity, because the supreme deity of it was Christos, and so, we ask, "When came Christos?" The Hebrews called their coming Savior the

Messiah. The disciples of the Savior accepted Him as such, and to them He was known as Yahshua the Messiah. The Greeks, however, rejected the Hebrew title, and called Him Christos, after the deity savior of the East. Among the people of the East a sun-god savior was worshipped by the name of Krisna, and so, among the Greeks of the new religion, the Savior was known as Kristos, or Christos. Thus the Sanskrit messiah became the messiah of the new religion, and it was now known as the Christian (Kristna) faith.

The religion revealed in the Scriptures is the worship of the Creator, whose name along is Yahweh. Baal is not the Creator, Adonis is not the Almighty; Pan is not the Holy One; neither is Lord, Kurios, nor God. Yahweh is the supreme one: worship Him. (Isa. 42:)

The only Savior in the Scriptures is Yahshua, the Son of Yahweh. He is the Messiah, the anointed of Yahweh. He came in His Father's name, and by that we adore Him. Away with the pagan Christ, the heathen Jesus and exalt the Savior of the world, Yahshua the Son of Yahweh.

Let's forget Christianity, with its pagan worship, its pagan deities, its pagan festivals, its pagan doctrine, and turn back to the old pathway, the highway of holiness, the way of Salvation.

Our entreaty today to the reader is to consider well his ways. Compare your religion, dear one, with the Word, your deity with the Scriptures, your Savior with the revealed texts, and accept the old pathway today as your highway of holiness. Worship Yahweh, the Mighty One of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; follow Yahshua and be sure He is your Savior, and reject all tradition and commandments of man, and worship Yahweh in Spirit and in Truth. May Yahweh bless!

Considering all these facts, we should now turn our attention to the beginnings of this false religion. this knowledge is important to the true believer sanctified by truth. (*Faith Bible & Tract Society*)

WHO ESTABLISHED CHRISTIANITY?

Who? And when was Christianity established? This is a question every one should review! This writer was cradled and taught to believe the Messiah established Christianity, and so were most of you who read this article. Did He? Now, consider Acts 11:26 which states: "*The disciples were first called Christians at Antioch.*" This was about forty-five years after the birth of the Messiah. The Scriptures declaring He was made high priest after the order of Melchizedek forever is evidence that He did not establish Christianity; neither was He high priest of such, as you should consider and take another look. (See Psalms 110:4) Who established Christianity? Constantine, the pagan emperor of Rome, did, about 325 A.D., by performing the unlawful marriage with the pagan and Melchizedek priesthood compromising, and becoming one universal religious body, and they were named Christian. The traditions of men say the merger was between the pagan and Christian priest; but there is one thing wrong with their story; they are forgetting the Messiah was made high priest after the order of Melchizedek, and, as we have seen, the name Christian was never mentioned until long after He had ascended into heaven: These are facts of evidence!

Paul saw those he had brought out of paganism returning and he called the merger and cover up "*The Mystery of Iniquity.*" (II Thes. 2:7) Peter called their return a true proverb: "*The dog has returned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed, to her wallowing in the mire.*" (II Peter 2:22) John called the unlawful union Fornication, saying she is "the mother of Harlots," (many daughters) known as divided Christianity. (Rev. 17:1-6, I Tim. 4:1-3, II Tim. 3:1-9, 4:1-4). Elohim is not the author of such confusion. We use Elohim because the word

GOD is a substitution for the Father's name, and is of a pagan origin.

The Pope became the ruler over state and Christianity for about twelve hundred and sixty years, during which time the Empire was called the Holy Roman Empire, because the people were forced to accept Christianity, with the pagan temples being used for public worship.

Many religious leaders rebelled against the corruption of the universal church, and established many Christian groups in the empire, and were known by many names, (Waldenses, Albigenses, Valois, Vaudois, Huguenots, Cathari and many other scattered true believers, See *J.N. Andrews, History of the Sabbath 1887*), but they were destroyed by the armies of the state, amounting to about fifty million souls-Jews and Sabbath keepers.

Martin Luther was successful in rebelling and he established what is now known as the Lutheran Christian Church. From Luther until now, there have been hundreds successful in establishing Christian priesthoods, identifying themselves as the many daughters of the one, who says it is the mother of Christianity.

Though the Melchizedek priestly order, the faith once delivered to the saints has been forsaken; this has not destroyed the "oil and wine." (Personal Salvation) Many are experiencing the blessings of the Spirit, that are being tossed about by every wind and doctrine, not knowing there is a special place and work for them in the Melchizedek priestly order, being made ready to meet the Messiah in the air. The call has gone forth for His people to come out of Spiritual Babylon and not be partakers of her plagues that are soon to fall upon all those who walk by carnal feeling. It is one thing to say, "I feel led," but it is better to be led of the Spirit and Truth, than to just feel led. As a parable of the Christian and Melchizedek priesthoods, He said, "*Two will be in the field, one will be received and the other will be refused.*" (*Geneva Bible 1599*, kicks the rapture theory out!!!) The eagles are taken. (See Luke 17:34-47).

The two trees in the garden are symbols of two priesthoods. The tree of life is the narrow way that few find, and the tree of good and evil is the broad way that many travel: Prophetically the broad way is the false prophet, to be cast into the fire with the Beast. The tree of life will remain, healing the nations with its leaves and its fruit, bringing forth fruit in its season. (Rev. 22:2-3, Psalms 1:16)

ROMAN CATHOLIC ASPIRATIONS

The following is quoted from a letter written by Father Patrick Henry O'Brien to Rev. A. D. Domenica, former Catholic of Philadelphia, Pa., now 37 Campbell Ave., Havertown, Pa., originally printed in *L'Aurora*, published by the Italian Baptist Association of America.

"We the hierarchy of the Holy Roman Catholic Church, expect all loyal children of the church to assist the president with all our strength to see the individuals comprising the U. S. Supreme

Court shall obey the President's injunctions. And, if necessary, we shall change, mend, or blot out the present Constitution so that the president with all our strength may see the individual program and all phases of human rights as laid down by our saintly Popes and the Holy Mother Church.

"Our entire social structure must be rebuilt on that basis, Our educational laws must be constructed to the end that: atheism, the Red peril of totalitarianism, PROTESTANTISM, communism, socialism and ALL OTHER, OR LIKE, ILK and STAMP, be driven from this fair land.

"The cross was planted on our shores by a staunch Roman Catholic. This land belongs to us by every right. Long enough have we compromised on every important question. Now we will support our President in every way to obtain it, peacefully, honestly, if we may. If necessary we are ready to fight and die for it.

"We want as Cabinet Members children of the Holy Mother Church holding important positions in the entire structure of our government.

"We control America and we do not propose to stop until America or Americans are genuinely Roman Catholic and remain so. God help us." (*News clipping submitted by Mrs. Agnes Noel--West Indies.*)

A CANDID ADMISSION

(Extracts from a lecture delivered by Father Enright at Harlan, Iowa, December 15, 1889. Reported by the Harlan American.)

The attendance at the Catholic church on Sunday evening was unusually large, many being unable to gain admittance. The subject treated on that evening was "The Power and Authority of the Catholic Church." Father Enright claimed that the authority and existence of his Church antedated that of the Bible. His remarks upon Sunday observance created something of a sensation. He said:

"My brethren, look about you upon the various wrangling sects and denominations. Show me one that claims or possesses the power to make laws binding on the conscience. There is but one on the face of the earth--the Catholic Church--that has the power to make laws binding upon the conscience, binding before God, binding under pain of hell fire. Take, for instance, the day we celebrate--Sunday. What right have the Protestant churches to observe that day? None whatever. You say it is to obey the commandments, 'Remember the Sabbath to keep it holy! But Sunday is not the Sabbath according to the Bible and the record of time. Everyone knows that Sunday is the first day of the week, while Saturday is the seventh day and the Sabbath, the day consecrated as a day of rest. It is so recognized in all civilized nations. I have repeatedly offered \$1,000 to anyone who will furnish any proof from the Bible that Sunday is the day we are bound to keep and no one has called for the money. If any person in this city will show me any scripture for it, I will, tomorrow evening, publicly acknowledge it and thank him for it. It was the Holy Catholic Church that changed the day of rest from Saturday to Sunday, the first day of the week. And it not only compelled all to keep Sunday, but at the Council of Laodicea, A.D. 364, anathematized those who kept the Sabbath, and urged all persons to labor on the seventh day under the penalty of anathema.

"Which church does the whole civilized world obey? Protestants call us every horrible name they can think of--Anti-Christ, the Scarlet Colored Beast, Babylon, etc., and at the same time profess great reverence for the Bible, and yet by their solemn act of keeping Sunday, they acknowledge the power of the Catholic Church. The Bible says, 'Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy,' but the Catholic Church says, 'No, keep the first day of the week,' and the whole world bows in obedience.

The Scriptures enforce the Religious Observance of Saturday, a day which we never sanctify." (*The Faith of Our Fathers*, 89th page, by Cardinal James Gibbons.)

Now that we understand the dark origins of the amassed paganism, let us see what Daniel was told about the later days.

Daniel 7:25, "And he shall speak *great* words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time."

The is the Man of sin who, with the one who speaks like a dragon (the religious leader of the tribulation, Rev. 13:11), seeks to subdue the Holy People of the end time that overcome him (Satan) with the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony. We will see that the laws that are changed are not just the constitution or banking regulations, but the Holy Word of

Yahweh in His Covenant. This Covenant was always found in Exodus, Chapters 2-24, inclusive. Now let us see what they have done already.

Please keep in mind that it is written:

John 4:23-24, "But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him. Yahweh *is* a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship *Him* in spirit and in truth." (His true people are led by the Spirit of Truth.)

WHAT LAW ABOLISHED?

"Let's not make a decision until we study." "The law of Yahweh is perfect..." PSALMS 19:7-9

Laws of our country, and others, are based upon the Ten Commandments. These were taught, first of all to Adam, and then to the patriarchs, until Moses was called up to Mt. Sinai and given the two tablets of stone on which the Mighty One had written them. (Exodus 31-18)

Yahweh set one day apart from the other six days as holy and sanctified. "And Elohim (Mighty One) blessed the seventh day and sanctified it..." (Genesis 2:3)

The Commandments were broken by Eve when she was deceived by Satan in the garden. Eve listened to another voice after Yahweh had given His instructions. When Eve took of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, she coveted that which was Yahweh's (10th Commandment). As she tasted the fruit and gave it unto her husband, she took that which was Yahweh's without His permission. (8th Commandment)

The Sixth Commandment, "Thou shalt not commit murder," was known to Cain. "Cain rose up against Abel, his brother, and slew him. And Yahweh said unto Cain, Where is Abel, thy brother? And he said, I know not; and am I my brother's keeper? And He said, What has thou done? The voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground. And now are Thou cursed from the earth..." (Genesis 4:8-11)

Again, we find the First Commandment was broken by those who sought to set up the tower of Babel to exalt themselves "...let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name..." (Genes 11:4)

Ham, son of Noah, was cursed for breaking Yahweh's law to honor thy father and mother. (Deuteronomy 27:16, Leviticus 18:7) The Seventh Commandment was broken by the daughters of Lot (Genesis 19:32). Even Joseph knew adultery was sin or he would not have refused to lie with his master's wife. (Genesis 35:2)

These are just a few scriptural proofs which teach us the law of Yahweh was from creation, and men knew it and obeyed unto righteousness and blessing, or disobeyed it not unto sin and chastisement. They would not have known sin had the law not been taught to them. Sin is the transgression of the law. (1 John 3:4) Also "...I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust except the law had said thou shalt not covet (Romans 7:7). A great number believe that "The Moral Law" or the "Ten Commandments" were to be abided by from Moses' time through the impalement of our Savior. However, many believe they were nailed to the tree which our Savior hung upon. Could this be true? Let's not make a decision until we study a few more scriptural texts.

At the time of Moses there was another law given to the people. This was the ceremonial law which was spoken by Moses to the people. It contained burnt offerings,

trespass offerings, consecration and sacrifices, and peace offerings. (Lev. 7:37-38) Moses wrote of the words of this law in a book and commanded the Levites to put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of Yahweh, your El, that it may be there for a witness against thee (Deut. 31:24-26). This law was added to the moral law, because of sin and was only for the time then present. This was a law of ordinances and ceremonies, pointing to Yahshua, the Messiah. When a lamb was killed for sin offering, it meant that Yahshua was to come to shed His blood for us that we might be forgiven of our sins.

We read in Hebrews 9:9-10, "Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience; which stood only in meats and drinks and diverse washings and carnal ordinances imposed on them until the time of reformation." Colossians 2:14, tells us "...blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to His tree." (See also Ezekiel 18:4 & 20)

Here we see that only the law of ordinances, that was written in the Book of Moses, was nailed to the tree; the TEN COMMANDMENTS, which were written by Yahweh, our Eternal, still remain and will remain forever.

In Hebrews 8:10, we read that He made a covenant with Israel (all twelve tribes, not just Judah) and said, I will put my laws into their mind and write them in their hearts in its fullness, we will keep them all and not break any.

We find in Acts 18:4 and 11, where Paul reasoned with them in the synagogue every Sabbath and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks, and he continued there a year and six months teaching the word of Yahweh among them. This was more than twenty years after the resurrection of Yahshua. If the Sabbath was nailed to the tree, why did Paul still preach on the Sabbath (7th Day-4th Commandment)?

"The law of Yahweh is perfect..." (Psalms 19:7-8) and "...holy and the commandment holy, just and good." (Romans 7:12) "His Commandments are sure, they stand fast forever and ever." (Psalms 111:7-8) "Not the hearers of the law are just before Yahweh but the doers of the law shall be justified." (Romans 2:13)

If we are not to keep the Commandments of Yahweh, why does the scripture say they are pure and perfect? If something is perfect can we make it more so?

Many say we were given just two commandments after the resurrection. They quote Matthew 22:37-39. However, if we analyze these texts, we will understand that if we love Yahweh with all our heart, strength and mind, we will keep the first four Commandments; and if we love our neighbor as ourselves, we will keep the last six Commandments. This is merely a summary of the entire Ten Commandments. If the law is there, hanging on those two Commandments, it has not disappeared (verse 40).

I John 2:3-4 tells us we do know Him, if we keep His Commandments. If we do not keep His Commandments and claim to know Him, we are liars and there is no truth in us. John wrote this many years after our Savior's death and resurrection.

When a person repents and is baptized into the name of Yahshua the Messiah for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38), he does not want to sin any more; therefore, since sin is the transgression of the law (I John 3:4), he desires to abide by the law--the ROYAL LAW--the law of LIBERTY. (James 1:25, 2:8, 12)

It is a law of liberty because, abiding by it in repentance, one is freed of the death penalty. The promise of eternal life is to those keeping the Commandments; see Matthew 19:16-19, where Yahshua said, if you will enter into life, keep the Commandments. He also said, Think not that I am come to destroy the law...(Math. 5:17)

Yahshua died for us, and we are saved by His life (Romans 5:8, 10); but we keep the Commandments because we repent of sin and come into covenant with Yahweh to receive the promises of the obedient. (Romans 6:16)

More than sixty years after Yahshua's death and resurrection John wrote the following

scriptures:

Revelation 12:7--"And the dragon was wroth with the woman and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep THE COMMANDMENTS of Elohim and have the testimony of Yahshua Messiah."

Revelation 14:12--"Here is the patience of the saints; here are they that keep THE COMMANDMENTS of Elohim, and the faith of Yahshua."

Revelation 22:14--"Blessed are they that do HIS COMMANDMENTS that they have right to the tree of life; and may enter in through the gates into the city."

It appears, does it not, that the apostles keep the law, the same law which was given to Adam by the Creator, our Mighty One.

To what purpose would the Bible serve humanity if there were no Ten Commandments, no moral laws, no Exodus 20:1-17? this chapter alone is the starlight that shines above any other part of this book. It transcends all other subjects; it is a sacred academy, the highest school of thought and learning, and perpetuates true love, devotion and obedience to Yahweh. It is the sole copyright of Yahweh alone, written with His own hand. (Exodus 31:18) It is our salvation through Yahshua the Messiah for a better life in a better world, comparable to the Garden of Eden. All that was lost through disobedience of our first parent Adam, is restored through the Messiah, the spiritual Adam. All Yahweh's promises are yours if you fear Elohim and keep His Commandments for, this is the WHOLE duty of man. (Ecclesiastes 12:13) As our Savior said, "If ye love me, keep my Commandments." (John 14:15)
(From a tract of Agnes Kwiatkowski--revised by George Kinney.)

LEARNING TRUTH AND UNLEARNING ERROR

We find a text (Phil. 3:13) which applies unto our search for Scriptural knowledge, although Apostle Saul's meaning is more inclusive. He says, "This one thing I do, *forgetting those things which are behind*, and reaching forth unto those things which are before. I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of Yahweh in Messiah Yahshua."

Most of us have had religious experiences in our past lives. Most have had religious parents and were trained in the religions of our fathers and mothers. We revere them, we honor their endeavors to train us for life eternal, and so many of us are loath to relinquish some of the teachings we received in our former years.

The fact that we cling to the "church teachings" of our former life, bringing them with us into the "true way," thus "muddying" the clear waters of truth, causes the divisions that are manifest among the true children of Yahweh.

We must forget those things behind--whether we are Catholic, Methodist, Baptist, Pentecostal, Adventist, or Sabbatarian. We must forget every teaching and start over again. Yes, I mean just that. If you had a truth in the former church of your experience, it will not hurt to examine that subject anew, under the searchlight of Yahweh's Scriptures. If it is truth, it will not be harmed. If it is error you have thought truth, then you are the wiser.

My experience in striving to work with brethren, equally honest and sincere and consecrated as am I, is one of bitter trial, when such forget to leave doctrines of their church days behind, but bring them in and mix them with their new found truth.

Back in 1929, when Yahweh awakened me to the knowledge that there were truths in His blessed old Book that the churches did not know, I rejoiced greatly and began to study diligently; but I soon came to the conclusion that I could not make the Scriptures harmonize with the creeds and doctrines of the Churches. There remained only one thing to do and that was to forget "*those things behind*."

I had been born and reared in the Methodist Church, I knew its doctrines well, for was I not the teacher of a "Men's Bible Class" in a large city church, whose membership consisted of learned and successful businessmen? I had to know, and I did know, Methodist doctrines; but these I delegated to the scrap heap when I went to digging for truth. And, praise Yahweh, when I learned a truth from the Scriptures, if it harmonized with the Methodist, the Baptists, the Adventists, the Pentecostals, the Sabbatarians, or other sectarians, I rejoiced with them; but if the Scriptures taught another fact, and it disagreed with all of them, then I rejoiced the greater, for Yahweh was leading me on. HalleluYah.

Now, beloved brother or sister, if you are desirous of learning the truth, let the Holy Spirit lead, but do not hinder its work in your life. Forget your former teachings - learn everything anew - start over - try your former doctrines by Yahweh's Word, and "*hold fast to that which is good*" I Thes. 5:21.

You will find, beloved, it is much harder to unlearn error than it is to learn truth. Try and see! (*Faith Bible & Tract Society*).

COME OUT OF HER MY PEOPLE

Originally by Robert W. Young

Thus saith Yahweh; "learn not the way of the heathen." (Jer. 20:2)

REPENT--for the King who will tear down the kingdoms of this world and set up HIS kingdom will soon return to rule and reign with HIS saints. (Daniel 2:44 & Revelation 2:26-27)

This King is no stranger. HE is the babe of Bethlehem and the Saviour of Calvary. (Matthew 2:1 & Luke 23:33)

HE is now at the right hand of YaHWeH--HIS Father, interceding for all who call on HIM. (Romans 8:34)

YaHWeH is the name of the Almighty as transliterated from the original language of the Bible. Most translations of the Bible have substituted "LORD" or "GOD" in all capitals for this name in the Old Testament, without capitalization in the New Testament.

Is HE your Saviour? If not, turn from sin today and believe that HIS shed blood will save you from sin and unto life eternal. (Romans 5:21 & Ephesians 1:7) Then be baptized in HIS name for the remission of sins, and HE will give you HIS Holy Spirit and power to become a son of the Almighty, (Acts 2:38, 22:16 & John 1:12) HE will give you a new life and teach you HIS ways. (2 Cor. 5:17 & Hebrews 10:16)

This King wants to reign in your life. HE wants you to live by HIS laws and not by the religious systems and traditions of this world. (I John 3:24 & I John 5:2-3)

Perhaps you are already a believer in the Saviour and have come out of "Egypt," that is, have separated yourself from worldliness--"the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life." (I John 2:15-17) But have you come out of "Babylon" and her bondage? (Revelations 17:5 & 18:4)

THE TWO BABYLON'S

Ancient Babylon was the center of man-made paganistic religion. Through her influence an entire system of idolatrous paganism came into existence and was spread throughout the world. this city has since been destroyed and ceased to exist except as a tourist attraction.

But the Bible tells us of another city called "MYSTERY BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH." (Revelation 17:1 & 5) It speaks of this "Mystery Babylon" as sitting upon seven mountains (or hills) and as being "that great city which rules over the kings of the earth." (Revelation 17:9 & 18) This clearly identifies

here as the city of Rome. Chapter eighteen shows that she will continue to be "Mystery Babylon...the Mother of Harlots" until she is destroyed completely and forever.

In what way, then, is Rome "MYSTERY BABYLON..."? (See also *Two Babylon's* by Alexander Hislop)

PAGANISM DISGUISED

In the days of the pagan Roman Empire, Rome became the center of the same pagan religious system of which the ancient city of Babylon had been the center before its destruction. Also, it was through Rome that the elements of that Babylonian religious system became cloaked in the pretense of being the true faith of the Saviour and called "Christianity". Then, from Rome this same paganism, now in hidden or "mystery" form, spread throughout the world deceiving multiplied millions of people. This was Satan's attempt, as the father of lies, to get his system of religion to replace the truth and worship taught by the Saviour.

Men who claimed to be the true ministers of the Saviour adopted the pagan holidays, customs, and symbols, and hid them by relating them to things of the true faith and to traditions which they had developed.

What are those elements of paganism now hidden under the cloak of "Christianity"? In a short article like this only a few of the more common ones can be mentioned and only a little said about each one.

THE SATURNALIA

The pagan feast of the Saturnalia was kept on what was the 25th of December under the Julian calendar. "Mystery Babylon" hid this pagan holiday in which the birth of the sun god was celebrated by making it a time to celebrate the birth of the Saviour and calling it Christ Mass or Christmas. Most of the customs still practiced during Christmas today are of pagan origin: the evergreen tree decorated with lights and trinkets, kissing under mistletoe, the Yule log, the holly wreath, the wassail, etc., are all of pagan origin. They are all part of the worship of Saturn from the Saturnalia. (See Jer. 10:1-5)

WEEPING FOR TAMMUZ

(Lent)

When Israel had turned to idolatry the prophet Ezekiel said "...and, behold there sat women weeping for Tammuz". (Ezekiel 8:14) That 40 day period of mourning for the god Tammuz was adopted by Rome and called Lent.

ISHTAR

The celebration of the feast of the goddess Ishtar retained an anglicized form of her name, Easter, and was used as a time to celebrate the resurrection of the Saviour. Yet the Bible says absolutely nothing about celebrating HIS resurrection and the correct word PASSOVER has been replaced by Easter in some Bibles. (Acts 12:4) Rather we are told by scripture to remember HIS death until HE comes and TO WALK in the power of HIS resurrection daily.

The fact is that the Saviour did not rise on the first day of the week as is taught in the religious circles that celebrate Easter. The tomb was found ALREADY EMPTY early in the morning of the first day and even "when it was yet dark", for HE had risen before then "In the end of the Sabbath," that is, just prior to sunset Saturday. (John 20:1 & Matthew 28:1)

The Master foretold that He would be there three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. (Matthew 12:40) There is no way to get three days and three nights from Friday near sunset until Sunday morning! The truth is that HE was put to death on the day before the annual Passover Sabbath (High Day), not the day before the weekly Sabbath (sunset Friday to sunset Saturday) as is commonly supposed. John calls it "an high day". (John 19:31) In that year the Passover Sabbath called the day of unleavened bread was on a Thursday. Thus HE died on a Wednesday and was buried just before sunset. From Wednesday near sunset until Saturday at the same time is three days and three nights. Write for our tract "THE RESURRECTION OF MESSIAH." (See Daniel 9:26)

Easter celebration with sunrise services is really not authorized by the Bible at all, but is a carryover of the pagan spring festival of rejoicing with Ishtar at the resurrection from the underworld of her son/husband Adnois, or Tammuz.

THE FEAST OF SAMHAIN

Another pagan feast adopted by Rome and clothed in the pretense of being part of the true faith was the feast of Samhain the god of the dead. Rome renamed this All Saints Day. It was preceded by All Saints or All Hallows Eve (Halloween). The customs observed yet today at Halloween have their origin and meaning in the idolatrous feast of Samhain.

THE LUPERCALIA OR BAALENTINE DAY

The Roman Lupercalia in honor of Juno, the Roman goddess of women and marriage, and Pan the god of nature, was given the name Valentine's Day and related to so called "Saint" Valentine.

THE BRUMALIA

Even New Years Day celebration is from a pagan feast in which it was customary to parade a babe cradled in a winnowing basket symbolizing the rebirth of the wine god Bacchus, or Dionysius, "Father Time" represents the Greek god, Chronos. (Chronos is the Greek word meaning time.) The Roman Braniaia which was at the end of the Satumalia was the time when the golden age supposedly returned to the earth - a time of new beginnings. Chronos (also called Saturn) was symbolized as a bent old man with a scythe in one hand just as "Father Time", (chronograph watch), is represented today at New Year's time. Many Christians and churches make a great-to-do about New Year's Eve by having watch night services, etc. Thus, though not in heart, yet by custom and form they are worshipping the wine god Bacchus and Chronos.

The Bible New Year is in the spring time when new life is sprouting (the first Hebrew month of Abib) not in the dead of winter. (Exodus 12:2) What society today calls New Year's Day, and holds religious services in relationship to, is just another day of Satan's pagan Babylonian religion.

THE VENERABLE DAY OF THE SUN SUNDAY

The first day of the week was dedicated by the pagans to their chief god, the Sun. This day had no special honor given to it in the faith as taught by the Saviour and His apostles. But

Rome adopted it in order to keep favor with the pagans. They made it a 28 weekly holy day in place of the ancient seventh day Sabbath. It was the seventh day of the week, not the first, which YaHWeH made Holy at creation. It was this day which HE commanded HIS people to "Remember.. .to keep it Holy" in the Ten Commandments. But Rome, under Constantine, soon forbade under threat of excommunication the keeping of the true seventh day Sabbath. She boldly changed YaHWeH's law and put a day more pleasing to the pagans in its' place--the day of the Sun, called Sunday.

Now "Christian" ministers try to justify regularly meeting on this day of the Sun, instead of on the Sabbath day, by a misuse of a few Bible verses. They try to prove that the Saviour HIMSELF, and the apostles, made the change from the seventh to the first day. They even appeal to the writings of so called church fathers to support them. Many even zealously use the many Old Testament Sabbath day scriptures to enforce first day Sunday keeping. In Europe they have even changed some calendars so that Sunday falls as the seventh day and not the first. BUT the true facts of history and the Bible fully examined show differently. (John 14:21)

We are "NOT UNDER LAW BUT UNDER GRACE," (write for this tract by name) the fact that we are still to keep the ancient Sabbath day holy can be clearly shown by the scriptures No verse in the Bible, correctly read and applied in harmony with the context, supports the ideas that the early church either REGULARLY met on the 1st day of the week or disregarded the true (7th day) Sabbath.

THE CROSS

The sign of the pagan god Baal-Tammuz was the T or the cross in all forms--with the cross member on top, part way down, centered, as a swastika, etc. This sign was claimed by Rome as the instrument on which the Saviour was put to death. This symbol, the cross, was then given extraordinary honor in worship. But the evidence is abundantly clear that our Saviour actually died on a single piece upright stake--a torture stake--with both hands nailed together above HIS head and HIS feet nailed together beneath HIM, and not on a cross. In fact, the Greek word translated "cross" in most English Bibles does not even mean cross at all, but impaling or torture "stake". (See The Companion Bible, App. 162, and Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words, by W. E. Vine, under the word "CROSS, CRUCIFY".) So the use of the cross as a religious object in any way is just another carry-over from the Babylonian mystery religion of paganism.

BAAL

In Babylon their chief god was called "Baal". He was considered to be the source of all gods. So by using this one term, "Baal", they could refer to any one of their gods and, at the same time, to all their gods at once.

Today in "Christianity" instead of using the actual name of the One True Almighty One, YaHWeH, the people in general are ignorant of HIS name, or of the importance which HE HIMSELF attaches to the using of it in worship. So in place of HIS name they use almost exclusively the general term "Lord" (or else the term "God" which, incidentally, was also the actual Female (Semeramis, Queen of Heaven) name of the Babylonian deity of fortune and fortification). They say, "Praise the Lord", "Praise God", or "Isn't the Lord wonderful", etc., but completely ignore HIS actual name. When HIS name is forgotten about or ignored, the scriptures which tell us to use HIS name in our worship are thereby disobeyed. The original language of the scriptures clearly tell us to use HIS name. The translators substituted the terms

“LORD”, or “GOD” (usually in all capitals) in place of HIS name over 6,800 times in the scriptures. We wouldn't accept that kind of accuracy on our pay-check would we?

So, in place of YaHWeH's name in “Christianity” today they substitute “Lord” in their worship. The ministers lead the people astray and try to justify this tradition of men. (Isaiah 52:5 & 6) Yet the word “LORD” is not a translation of HIS name, but a substitution for it. The English equivalent of the word “Lord” is “Baal”. The false prophets have sought to make HIS people to forget HIS name “...for Baal...” just as the true prophet Jeremiah said. (Jeremiah 23 :26-27)

And thus the Babylonian worship is complete. In their hearts many true believers (unknowingly in bondage to the “Mystery Babylon” religious system) are worshipping the true Saviour and Creator. Yet the custom and forms they use are to varying degrees from pagan and demonic in origin. Also the very term, “Lord”, which they use to replace the name of the Almighty, being equivalent to the name of pagan god, Baal, is fully suited to the Babylonian system which they are following. Even the Saviour's name (YaHshua) as pronounced in modern Hebrew (Yeshua) in Christendom (Jesus) has lost the Father's name which was originally in it as (YaHWeshua). (Psa. 68:4 & John 5:43)

WHAT TO DO?

The call of YaHWeH today to all HIS true people is not to renew Babylon nor any of her daughters, but to “COME OUT OF HER MY PEOPLE, THAT YOU BE NOT PARTAKERS OF HER SINS, THAT YOU RECEIVE NOT OF HER PLAGUES”. (Revelation 18:4) Those plagues mentioned in the book of Revelation will soon be poured out upon all the world which remains under the influence of “Mystery Babylon”.

No true believer should remain part of any system which permits unregenerate men to join them or which practices any of the hidden paganism of “Mystery Babylon”.

We are told that we must be a holy people, separated from union with any element of paganism and from those who profess to be believers but still live sinful lives. (2 Corinthians 6:14-18 & I Corinthians 5:11)

Today is an hour when true worship is being restored. It is a time when true believers, including ministers, are leaving men's doctrines and commandments of men to learn to walk in pure Bible order. The fences of manmade creeds and denominational names are being forsaken. Throughout the earth the true body of YaHshua, the Saviour, is putting off the garments of Babylon which have hidden her for many centuries and putting on the beautiful garments of Zion. She is coming out of Babylon back to Jerusalem--out of bondage and confusion back to liberty and order. Soon the bride will be ready, without spot or wrinkle, as a bride adorned for her bridegroom. (Ephesians 5:27)

To come out of “MYSTERY BABYLON...THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS” and her system of daughters, may cost you friends, influence, and material things, but the rewards will far surpass losses. To fail to come out of this system of falsehood will cost you far more in the end--possibly even your own soul. (See Jude 24-25)

Indeed, if you really love YaHWeH and HIS Son, you will obey HIM and keep HIS commandments, not the contrary traditions of men. (I John 5:3) We urge you to check into the things mentioned in this article by searching the Bible and by investigating encyclopedias and other writings. If you are a true believer, you must obey this call to COME OUT OF HER MY PEOPLE.

WHAT MUST YOU DO?

You must now decide to **come out of Babylon!** Come over to the real Yahshua and become ready to be with Him in His Kingdom when He comes soon in power. **ALL**, repeat **ALL**, of the false system, including the New World Order, will be destroyed? Satan will be bound for 1000 years. You can have part in the world ruling Kingdom of Yahshua!

You need to be RE-BAPTIZED into the Family of Almighty Yahweh, by His Son's Name. Be baptized by water immersion into the death of the King, the real Yahshua Messiah. You need a true minister of the real Yahshua to baptize you and then lay hands on you, praying for the promise of the Holy Spirit. The receiving of the Holy Spirit baptizes you into the Family of Yahweh, into the very character and honor of the ruling Family. Nothing less will be accepted. The choice is yours. Will you choose life? There is no other name under heaven, given among men, whereby we must be saved. (Acts 4:12)

THE ASSEMBLY OF YAH

The Assembly of Yah was organized as an outreach ministry that has touched twelve nations. It has eight affiliate Congregations also. The outreach started with audio tapes and progressed to a twenty page Newsletter that is instructional, Spiritual, prophetic and informative. The ministry is directed primarily to the elect who are off the milk of the word and want the spiritual meat. In eight years the outreach has gone through many changes, and is now called the Spirit of Truth.

Our primary doctrine is love, love for Yahweh and Yahshua, love for the brethren, and primarily, love for the truth. There have been three major transformations in emphasis since we began, but we have never wavered from the truth. The changes in eight years have been growth into the Sacred Names in 1993.

In 1994 the Spirit lead us into the spiritual warfare and deliverance truth, which had been largely kept from the Sacred Name people. The ministry now is one of traveling, speaking, and writing, to proclaim His Name and that Yahweh is a spirit. And we must worship Him in spirit and truth, live, work, and wage war in the spirit. We live in a physical world that is influenced and led by spirits; good ones and bad ones. This is a truth set down in Ephesians, chapter 6.

In 1996, we added a successful video film outreach program.

The Assembly of Yah's outreach is to a unique body of believers, including some who have been given the great opportunity to travel anytime, throughout the earth, as the call arises. They have been given the evangelistic call to spread the good news of The Word that states that Yahshua did come to set the captives free, in the time of Acts and now. We go where doors are open to teach all that the Good News offers, that we may have freedom, and that He said life would be more abundant, The Assembly offers a live eight hour weekend seminar that includes prayer and personal counseling.

We can come to any group that requests our eight hour spiritual warfare seminar, and would be more than happy to schedule a visit to your assembly or group.

We have a fellowship in Spring Valley each Sabbath and keep the whole law, commandments, statutes, and judgments, while walking in the spirit.

That means that we keep Yah's Kodesh Days, according to His Sacred Calendar, as well as keeping track of His calendar, by watching for and observing the visible new moon each month.

The time is short; put on the whole armor of Yahweh, that you may be able to stand.

Please send for the following literature

1. The Loving Call to Repentance
2. The Origin of Western Christianity
3. The Day of Yahweh
4. What the Catholics say about Sabbath
- 5 The History of the Sabbath
6. Are the Holy Days done away with?
7. The Covenants of Yahweh
8. Laws and Grace
9. The Savior's Name
10. How the Name was Changed
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