Holiday Madness (A Short History Lesson)

Who claims to be omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent, issuing judgment to all mankind and wears Mithra’s cap with a ball on the end of it, symbolizing rulership of the world?

Most adults consider Saint Nicholas, popularly known as Santa Claus, to be a fictional character, a children’s story invented to introduce young children to the concept of an all-powerful, all-knowing, ever-present deity, to be replaced later in life by a belief in “God.” Little do people realize that Saint Nicholas portrays Mithra, a Zoroastrian/Roman god who was worshipped as the Most High, and has now been “resurrected” to accomplish the same purpose among Christians. Paul addresses the Gentiles in:

Ephesians 2:1-3, *And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.*

The fourth day after the winter solstice (December 25th) was anciently dedicated as a holy day for pantheists to worship the birth of Zeus, Mithra, Nimrod, Tammuz and other sun gods. Catholicism anointed this day as Christ-Mass, a holy night and day that isn’t a Holy Convocation at all, and thus syncretized pagan worship with a belief in the Messiah of Israel.

Nicholas, a powerful man in a red suit, a friend to wild horned animals that magically fly through the air and who wears Mithra’s cap, has replaced the god, Mithra.

Maybe Saint Nicholas IS the ruler of this world, or at least the “prince of the power of the air,” with his sleigh and flying reindeer. He carries the name of the Nicolaitans.

The Greek word for Nicholas is *Nico-laos*, meaning the laity of Nike, or worshippers of the Greek goddess of Victory. She proclaimed Zeus as “Lord of Lords.” The Nicolaitans (see Rev. 2:15) brought false doctrines to the people of Yahweh. Eventually, Nicholas was made a “saint” by the Roman Church – and is celebrated today at the time of Christ-Mass.

This day has been received by all Christian denominations as Christmas, which even the governing bodies of the United States of America have set apart (the very definition of making something “holy”) as a national holiday.
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This is sheer madness! And, I suggest to you for your consideration that this “madness” has been prophesied in the Word of Yahweh.

Deuteronomy 28:28, *Yahweh will strike you with madness and blindness and confusion of heart.*

And, why would He do that? What happens if we turn aside from any of the words which He commands us, to the right or the left, or go after other gods to serve them?

**Curses**

Deuteronomy 28:15, *But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of Yahweh your Elohim, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you ...*

Then Yahweh lists the numerous curses, among which are these:

Deuteronomy 28:25-28, *Yahweh will cause you to be defeated before your enemies; you shall go out one way against them and flee seven ways before them; and you shall become troublesome to all the kingdoms of the earth. Your carcasses shall be food for all the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and no one shall frighten them away. Yahweh will strike you with the boils of Egypt, with tumors, with the scab, and with the itch, from which you cannot be healed. Yahweh will strike you with madness and blindness and confusion of heart.*

Disobedience is easily seen when comparing His Law with the doctrines that have been established within the most predominant religion in the world.

Consider the Sunday Sabbath, All Hallow’s Eve (and its accompanying All Saints Day), Easter Sunday Sunrise services, the 40 days of Lent (AKA 40 days of weeping for Tammuz), birthdays (reminiscent of offering cakes to Ishtar (Easter), the Queen of Heaven, complete with candles representing light (remember, Satan, Lucifer, transforms himself into an angel of light, 1 Cor. 11:14), Valentine’s Day, the man-made New Year’s Day (it’s not Scriptural to have the New Year in the winter) and last but not least, Palm Sunday (related to sun worship).

Have you noticed that from Christmas Day to New Years, and from Palm Sunday to Easter is 8 days, a deliberate attempt to imitate Yahweh’s Appointed Times? Passover to the last day of Unleavened Bread and the first day of Tabernacles to the Last Great Day are 8 days each.

Do we see any madness, any blindness or any confusion of heart today? Examples of this are too numerous to mention.

**Blessings**

What if we, as a nation, were to give heed to Yahweh’s commandments? What would He do then?

Deuteronomy 28:1-3, *Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of Yahweh your Elohim, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that Yahweh your Elohim will set you high above all nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of Yahweh your Elohim: Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the country ...*

Will we as a nation learn, and repent, before it is too late? Yahweh enumerates many, many blessings, for obedience to His commandments:

Deuteronomy 28:9-14, *Yahweh will establish you as a holy people to Himself, just as He has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of Yahweh your Elohim and walk in His ways. Then all peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of Yahweh, and they shall be afraid of you. And Yahweh will grant you plenty of goods, in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your ground, in the land of which Yahweh swore to your fathers to give you. Yahweh will open to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow. And Yahweh will make you the head and not the tail; you shall be above only, and not be beneath, if you heed the commandments of Yahweh your Elohim, which I command you today, and*
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are careful to observe them. So you shall not turn aside from any of the words which I command you this day, to the right or the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

Ecclesiastes 12:13, Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear Elohim and keep His commandments, for this is man’s all.

We have the ability to end this holiday madness for ourselves, once we start obeying our heavenly Father.

Elder John Fisher - deceased

In Loving Memory of Elder John Fisher

John Michael Fisher, 68, of Fulton, Missouri, succumbed to strokes on the Sabbath, November 19, 2016. He was preceded in death by his parents, John Louis Fisher and Jennie Constance Fisher; and survived by his wife Elizabeth Fisher; his siblings Norma McLean, James Fisher, and Constance Fisher; his children Jennifer Gilson (Dane), Marshall Chambers (Megan), Phoebe Montgomery (Justin), Panda Lehr (Mischa), and Virginia Lehr; and five grandchildren.

John served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam conflict.

He dedicated his life to teaching the word of Yahweh through ministry and music; he was an accomplished violin and guitar player. John loved his work as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, most recently at Fulton State Hospital.

John’s gentle personality, enormous heart, and moving music will be greatly missed by all who have had the great pleasure of knowing him. Our admiration of Elder John, in following the ways of Yahweh and producing the fruit thereof, will not be forgotten.

John’s memorial service was held at YAIY after Sabbath on December 3rd. More than 50 came out in attendance. He was loved by many more who were unable to attend. We’ve recorded the event and a DVD is available upon request.

New Improved Outreach Cards

A new and updated outreach card is now available upon request. It’s good to have on hand to give to others! Order yours today!

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These are the Hebrew letters that spell out the revealed, personnel and only Name of the Heavenly Father —Yahweh. The Bible says you must call on this Name for Salvation! (Joel 2:32; Acts 4:12).

Bible scholars know it and so should you!

_O maintain YAHWEH with me, and let us exalt His Name together, Psalm 34:3._

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New Ministudy: Thanksgiving Today

A new ministudy called *Thanksgiving Today* is available online. Often times we get asked whether or not such a secular day is allowed to be honored. After all, we get invited by family to eat a traditional holiday meal, while Yahweh’s Holy Days are ignored. But, since we don’t ignore Yahweh’s times of worship, what do we do with a national holiday like Thanksgiving.

Any question of “dos or don’ts” should be able to be answered from Scripture. And indeed, this one is no exception. The study helps to answer the question from a perspective you may not have considered before.

Feel free to contact us if you’d like us to print you a free copy.

Removal of Old Items

Elder David Brett along with David Choate are caught removing items no longer used at the assembly building. Old tires, printer, dehumidifiers and even a water softener system, were among the items destined for the garbage dump. Good job guys, somebody needed to do it!

Prayer List