## The Pagan Origin of the Name Christmas (Tradition vs. Truth)

What is in the word Christ-mass? Did you ever stop to consider the meaning of this name to perceive its pagan origin? David J. Meyer in his zeal and love for God has done some research and has discovered the true meaning of the name, Christ-mass: "Here let it be noted that most people think that the word, "Christmas" means "the birth of Christ." By definition, it means "death of Christ", and I will prove it by using the World Book Encyclopedia, the Catholic Encyclopedia, and a book entitled, The Mass In Slow Motion.

If you are an honest, sincere and discerning Christian, please read on; if not, you might as well stop right here. The World Book Encyclopedia defines "Christmas" as follows: "The word Christmas comes from "Cristes Maesse", an early English phrase that means "Mass of Christ." (1) It is interesting to note that the word "Mass", as used by the Roman Catholics, has traditionally been rejected by the so-called Protestants, such as Lutherans, Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, Pentecostals and so on. The word "Mass" is strictly a Catholic word and thus, so is "Christ-Mass."

It would stand to reason, that since all of these denominations love and embrace "Christ-Mass", that December 25th is the great homecoming day, when all of the Protestants become Catholic for a day. It would seem that all of the so-called "wayward daughters" of the Romish church return to their mother, the scarlet harlot. Thus, all of the so-called Protestant churches could sing to the Pope that popular song "I'll be home for Christmas."

As previously stated, the word "Mass" in religious usage means a "death sacrifice." The impact of this fact is horrifying and shocking; for when the millions of people are saying, "Merry Christmas", they are literally saying "Merry death of Christ!" Furthermore, when the fat man in the red suit laughs boisterously and says, "Ho ho ho, Merry Christmas", he is mocking and laughing at the suffering and bleeding Saviour, who died for our sins. He does this while parents place their little children into his waiting arms to hear his false promises of gifts that he says he will give them. Consider what you are saying when you say "Merry Christmas."

What is so amusing about our Saviour's painful death? What is so funny? Why is Santa laughing? Why are you going along with it? Your words do count and Satan knows it. Yes, the word "Mass" does mean "death sacrifice", and to cement that fact, we will consider the definition of the inventors of the religious application of the word "Mass." I am looking at page 537 of the Catholic Encyclopedia, which says, "In the Christian law, the supreme sacrifice is that of the Mass." It goes on to say, "The supreme act of worship consists essentially in an offering of a worthy victim to God, the offering made by a proper person, as a priest, the destruction of the victim." Please note carefully the word, "victim" of the Mass. The Latin word for victim is "Hostia" from which the word "host" is derived. The Mass, by definition of those who coined the word, is a sacrifice involving a victim. There is no other meaning for the word "Mass" or "Christ-Mass." On page 110 of a book entitled "The Mass In Slow Motion", we find the following words: "It is only with the consecration that the sacrifice of the Mass is achieved. I have represented the Mass to you, more than once, as a kind of ritual dance."

In essence, the Mass is the ceremonial slaying of Jesus Christ over and over again, followed by the eating of his flesh and the drinking of his blood. The Mass is the death sacrifice, and the "Host" is the victim. This is official Roman Catholic doctrine, and "Christmas" is a word that they invented. Again, I ask, what is so merry about the pain, bleeding, suffering and death of Jesus Christ? Satan has done quite a job of getting millions of so-called "Christians" to blaspheme. What a deceiver he is. Now you know the true meaning of the word "Christmas" or Mass of Christ; it is actually a witches' Sabbath called "Yule" in clever disguise. For the sake of your soul, flee from idolatry!"

As shocking as it is to some and anger provoking to others, the truth has come out for those of us who are so-allied Christians to act upon. Traditions have always been stumbling blocks to the truth. It is easier to embrace, as if it were a formula, than truth, for that requires faith. YAHSHUA vehemently condemned traditions of His days. When the Pharisees came to Him with the question: why do Your disciples transgress and violate the rules handed down by the elders of the past? For they do not practice washing their hands before they eat. YAHSHUA replied to them, and why also do you transgress and violate the commandment of God for the sake of the rules handed down to you by your forefathers...So for the sake of your tradition, you have set aside the Word of God. You pretenders (hypocrites)! Admirably and truly did Isaiah prophesy of you when he said: These people draw near Me with their lips, but their hearts hold off and are far away from Me.

Uselessly do they worship Me, for they teach as doctrines the commands of men (Matt. 15:2-3,6-9). The sacrifice YAHSHUA offered with His own body was once and for all and not to be repeated every time we remember His death as the Catholic Church teaches. The word of God tells us that after YAHSHUA offered a single sacrifice for our sins [that shall avail] for all time, sat down at the right hand of God; for by a single offering He has forever completely cleansed and perfected those who are consecrated and made holy (Heb. 10: 12,14). Paul warns us against tradition in Colossians 2:8, 9 he says: See to it that no one carries you off as spoil or makes you yourselves captive by his so-called philosophy and intellectualism and vain deceit following human tradition just crude notions following the rudimentary and elemental teachings of the universe and disregarding Christ, for in Him the whole fullness of Deity continues to dwell in bodily form [giving complete expression of the divine nature]. Tradition is God's enemy, for it is men's ideas of the material, rather than the spiritual. It twists the truth and burdens us with rules and regulations hard to follow. YAHSHUA said, Come to Me all who is heavy laden and I will give you rest. In His rest there are peace, joy and love compelling us to obedience and faith in Him, and not in men's tradition.

Tradition, on the other hand, enslaves and forces us to do things we do not understand. It brings guilt and shame; the pointing of a finger and condemnation. Peter said, You must know that you were redeemed from the useless way of living inherited by tradition from [your] forefathers, not with corruptible things [such as] silver and gold, but [you were purchased] with the precious blood of Christ like that of a [sacrificial] lamb without blemish or spot. You have been regenerated not from a mortal origin, but from one that is immortal by the ever living and lasting Word of God (I Peter 1: 18-19, 23). We were redeemed from the useless way of tradition, why in this world do we want to live enslaved to it? Christ-mass is nothing more than a beautiful lie, decorated with trees and lights, and music, filling the air of the season to be jolly, with Santa Claus in the center. And Christians outside crying their hearts out, "Let's keep Christ in mass"! What darkness that is!

I pray you leave this idolatrous practice, if you are a child of God!