




We must Draw a Line Between


**Truth & Tradition**



## **Deuteronomy 12:4**

**You must not worship the LORD (Yahweh)  
your God in their way.**






Is Christmas and Easter rooted in  
cultic pagan sun god worship  
and traditions? Clearly the  
answer is a disappointing yes!

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## John 4:23-24


But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.

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Is Christmas and Easter  
rooted in what is truth,  
or rooted in what is false?  
Clearly, they are both  
rooted in what is false.

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This means that anyone teaching from the pulpit likely knows all of this...there are not many that even attempt to suggest that Christmas and Easter are derived from Godly origins....nearly everyone who has entertained an ounce of study on these matters knows that Christmas and Easter are purely the result of sun god ways and traditions.



The only thing that changed was the name of who was being worshipped and the supposed symbolic meaning behind the traditions. Meaning this, the sun god days and traditions of what became Christmas and Easter were clearly changed in the sense of what they mean to us.


But does that mean that we can change what it all means to God? Is it alarming to realize that Yahweh, who says He does not change, said He hates being worshipped with sun god traditions, yet, that is exactly that nature of Christmas and Easter?



How is it that all of this is so well known,  
but Christmas and Easter still continue  
amongst those in the faith? Y'shua even had  
words for those who continue to promote  
and practice such tradition despite what is  
written in the Word ...


## Mark 7:9 &13

And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! ... 13 thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”




How is all of this rationalized? Why is all of this not a big deal? The answer lies within the same deceit that the adversary has presented to God's people from the beginning.

“God didn't really mean you would die if you eat the fruit” (Genesis 3:4-5)



In this article from Bible.org, “*Should Christians Celebrate Christmas*” the author spends several paragraphs agreeing that Christmas came from pagan cultic sun god ways, days and traditions. Then, after all of that, here is his quote:


“The pagan associations were lost long ago”



Long ago!?! As if since we forgot where those days came from and those ways came from, then *God* did as well? Do we really think that God forgot? Do we really think He no longer cares? Did He violate His Word and change?

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The author then concludes that section of man made opinion and speculative reasoning, ignores God's thoughts on the matter, and makes this, hate to say it, but rather arrogant statement:

“We can make something evil out of it or something good.”

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That is literally saying that we can take what is evil in the mind of God, turn it around like we are some magical Christian fairies, and “*poof*” ... make it good! That we ourselves, as man, not God, somehow have the choice to define it as evil or good! How in the world can we make good out of what God defined as evil! Right now your brain should be screaming the following verse:



## Isaiah 5:20

Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!







Nearly every popular Christian defense of Christmas and Easter uses similar statements. Why? Because there is no other defense... they already admit that the traditions are of pagan cultic sun god origin. What else can they say? It's all they can say.

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You will find nearly the exact same argument from *equip.org*, *gotquestions.org*, *Grace to You Ministries*, and many other popular Christian resources and ministries. The only defense they have is to pretend that God is suddenly ok with sun god days and traditions, and that we have the power to turn what is evil in the sight of God into something good.



Can we now make something unholy  
now holy? Can we make the profane  
now pleasing in the sight of our  
Creator? Even though God is a God  
who does not change, can we change  
what He hates into something He  
likes, just because we put His name  
on it and say it is for Him and His son?

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This way of thinking is nothing new. It is literally, the way of Cain. In the account of Cain, Cain decided to do things His own way...what was right in His own mind... or He followed what was right in His own heart.

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## 1 John 3:12

We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous.

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Surely defending Christmas and Easter cannot be just like Cain... how is that the same at all? Well, let's find out. According to John, Cain murdered his own brother because Cain's ways were evil, and his brother's were righteous.

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## Genesis 4:1-7


Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten\* a man with the help of the LORD. (Yahweh)” 2 And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground.




3 In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD (Yahweh) an offering of the fruit of the ground, 4 and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD (Yahweh) had regard for Abel and his offering,



5 but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. 6 The LORD (Yahweh) said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? 7 If you do well, will you not be accepted?\* And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it.”



Cain most certainly knew the Law of God, or the Torah in Hebrew, meaning instructions, it demanded that at an appointed time, or “*moed*” in Hebrew, God instructed a certain sacrifice. Sometimes the Law of God demands a grain offering, sometimes a sacrifice. In this instance, God requiring a sacrifice, like Able offered, Cain decided to do and offer what He wanted to offer. Able heard and obeyed the Father.




Cain decided to do what he thought was right or what he thought was best, to worship in his own way, to follow his own heart. Thus, the Cain attitude is to do things our own way, despite what Yahweh wants or desires.




## Jude 11


Woe to them! For they walked in the way of Cain and abandoned themselves for the sake of gain to Balaam's error and perished in Korah's rebellion.




It is easy to get caught up in the trap thinking we can worship God in any way we choose. God's people have been known to make that mistake over and over again. The most classic example of the way of Cain mentality is in the event of the golden calf.



Believe it or not, Christmas and Easter can be compared to the event of the golden calf. How many realize that the intent of the Israelites was not to worship a false god with the golden calf, but Yahweh our God?



In the story of the golden calf, once again, God's people start doing things and worshipping God their own way. God does not appreciate His people worshipping Him in any way that they choose. There is a protocol that He has defined for us...a way to worship Him...and the ways not to worship Him. He is the one being worshipped, not us.

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We need to understand how we are to worship and not worship Him. We should not want to mess that up. But that is what God's people do all too often, and the golden calf is perhaps the most classic example of us trying to worship God in our own way, not His way.

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## Exodus 32:1

1 When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered themselves together to Aaron and said to him, “Up, make us gods who shall go before us. As for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.”



Moses was much more than simply a leader to them. Moses was their only mediator between God and man. Moses spoke to God on their behalf, and God spoke to the Israelites through Moses. Moses was the mediator between God and man...this head role is now reserved for Y'shua alone, and only Y'shua now functions as Moses. (1 Timothy 2:5)(1 Corinthians 11:3)



## 1 Timothy 2:5

5 For there is one God, and  
there is one mediator between  
God and men, the man Christ  
Jesus,

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## 1 Corinthians 11:3

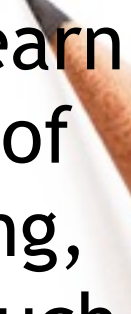
3 But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife[a] is her husband,[b] and the head of Christ is God.

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During the time of the exodus, Moses was the mediator. Here is their perceived problem...they feared that they lost Moses...they believed they needed to replace their mediator. They were afraid that they were not going to be able to communicate with Yahweh any longer, because their mediator, Moses, is missing, or perhaps even dead.




Since they were in Egypt they happened to learn a thing or two about the Egyptian tradition of interacting with gods....in their understanding, you require a physical medium to facilitate such divine interaction. They needed a mediator between them and God... We know that this is what they are thinking, because they instructed to Aaron:




**“make us gods who shall go before us.”**

**And then what do we see at their reason for saying this?**

**“As for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.”**




So, in their mind, Yahweh, through Moses, brought them out of Egypt. Yet, Moses is now missing, and in their mind - that's a big problem...and big problems require urgent solutions. So, their solution was to make us "gods".




But how would “gods” replace Moses and how would “gods” be a good thing in their mind? Have they already forgotten who brought them out of Egypt and have they forgotten who just spoke to them down at the mountain, before they became afraid and asked Moses to go up to get the commandments for them?

In the English, this certainly sounds bad.


However, the word here, for “gods” in Hebrew, is *Elohim*. Elohim is the Hebrew word also translated as the one true God or it could also be translated as gods. So nearly any time you see the word “God” in your English translations, the Hebrew word is in fact *Elohim*, despite the fact that Elohim is plural.



Elohim can refer to false gods, or the one true God. The context determines the correct understanding. So, we need to figure out if the Israelites were attempting to make a physical image “God” as a mediator to reach God...or were they trying to make “gods” as in false gods?



The Israelites, as a solution to replace the perhaps dead Moses, to replace their mediator with God, decided that they need to “make God” ...or really, create that interface they believed they needed to have so they could talk with God...to replace Moses, who they feared was dead. So often, we have been taught that the Israelites were making a false god.



But in the English, it says they wanted to make *gods*, not God. Clearly, they only made one God, despite the fact that they used the plural form of El, which is Elohim. That suggests that they meant they wanted to make the one True God, Elohim, not false gods, otherwise they would have made multiple gods, just like the English translation suggests.

## Exodus 32:2-4

So Aaron said to them, “Take off the rings of gold that are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.” 3 So all the people took off the rings of gold that were in their ears and brought them to Aaron. 4 And he received the gold from their hand and fashioned it with a graving tool and made a golden calf.