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Truth & Tradition





Ecclesiastes 1:9

What has been is what will
be, and what has been
done is what will be done,
and there is nothing new
under the sun.

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We have been duped, and our Creator appeals for us to come back to only the Word of God, and leave the sun god ways behind. Constantine took all that was formerly sun-god worship and he called it all "Christian."





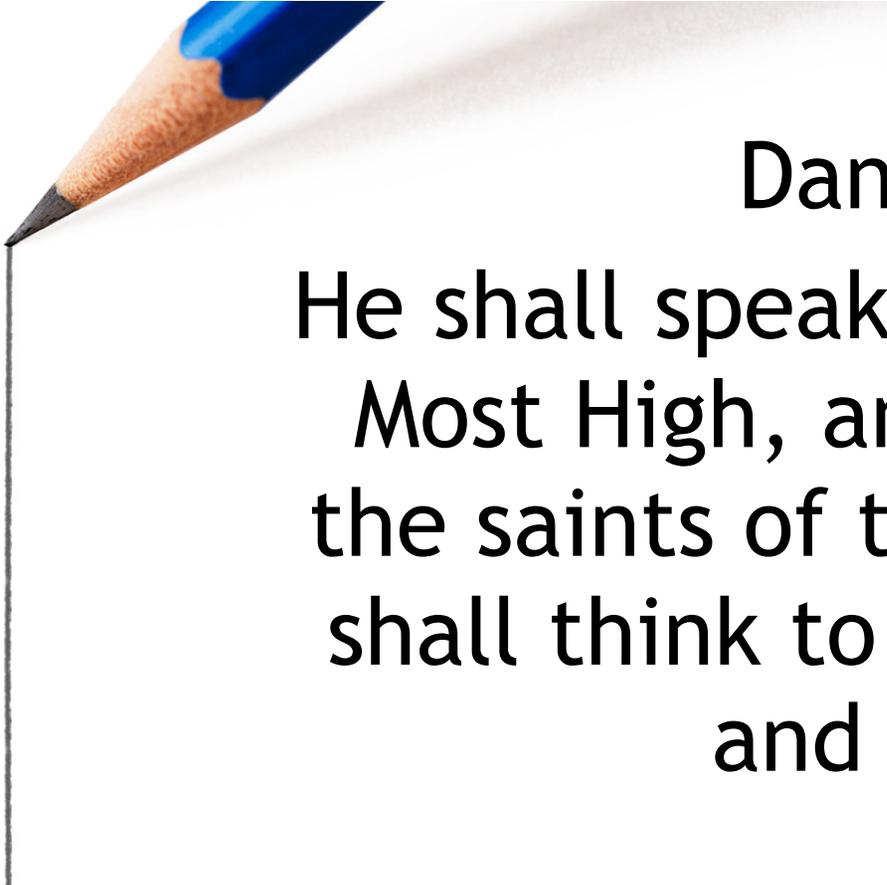
At the Council of Nicea, he forced all believers in the Messiah to abandon all the Scriptural worship practices, including the Sabbath observance, Pesach (Passover), Succot (Tabernacles) and each of the other Appointed Times. He made it illegal to only eat clean, and forced the eating of unclean things, such as pig. He changed all the customs and observed holy days to those times, which the pagans had been observing for thousands of years to honor the sun gods.





This is the same thing that every anti-christ in history has also done. For example, we can read about the Maccabean period in which Antiochus Epiphanies did the exact same thing. Even Daniel mentions the changing of the appointed times and laws.





Daniel 7:25

He shall speak words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and shall think to change the times and the law;

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That is what all antichrists do...time and time again, Constantine accomplished something that no other person before him accomplished... after merging everything together like some strange religious sun god soup, he proceeded to continue to call himself and everyone else "Christian."





Many believers in the Messiah who were obeying the commandments and worshipping on Sabbath and keeping the Appointed Times, who refused to give up their walk of obedience to the Scriptures, were killed.





In the fifth century, the Western Church ordered Messiah's birth to be celebrated forever on the day of the old Roman feast of the birth of the sun. In the interest of preserving their sun god ways and traditions, they simply just changed the name, and switched out the sun god with our Messiah.



Does that sound like something God would do, or Satan would do? *Seriously*. Would God want His son to be celebrated on a sun god's birthday? Or would Satan love to watch God's people celebrate on a that day that he made? *Who do we want to follow?*





It was the celebration of the birth of the sun god in ancient Rome that was accompanied by profusion of lights and torches on the decoration of trees. To facilitate the acceptance of the Christian faith by the pagan masses, the Church of Rome found it expedient to make not only the Day of the Sun the weekly celebration of Christ's resurrection, but also the Birth Day of the Invincible Sun-God on December 25, the annual celebration of Christ's birth. (Samuele Bacchiocchi, The Date and Meaning of Christmas)





When the so called “fathers of the church,” in AD 440 decided upon a date to celebrate the event, they chose the day of the winter solstice which was firmly fixed in the minds of the people and was already their most important festival. It was certainly quite convenient for Constantine to adopt this common custom as the birthday of the messiah, at the time he was trying to merge the world religions of Mithraism and Christianity.



Why did the Roman Church fix upon December 25 as the day to honor the Messiah's birthday when it was clearly a pagan festival day? There is many opinions on this. The prevailing reason was that they justified the switch by insisting that the birthday of the sun was appropriate because they would still be celebrating the "birthday" of the son of righteousness (see Malachi 4:2). However, this flavor of thinking began happening well before it was all solidified into law:





"Others, with greater regard to good manners, it must be confessed, suppose that the sun is the God of the Christians, because it is a well-known fact that we pray toward the east, or because we make Sunday a day of festivity." (Tertullian [155-225 AD.], Ad Nationes, i 13, in The Ante-Nicene Fathers, vol. III, p. 123)



Believe it or not Tertullian has been called "the father of Latin Christianity" and "the founder of Western theology." It should be a little disturbing that a supposed "Church Father" believed himself to basically be a sun god worshipper. Now you understand the type of thinking that caused us to be in such a theological mess. The end result, as it stands today, is a perverse adoption of the pagan practices of sun god worship into the Christian faith.



Let's go back to
Saturnilia...

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The pagan festival at Rome lasted several days, and loose reins were given to drunkenness and revelry. This was precisely the way in which the Babylonian midwinter festival was celebrated. But the Christian church not only adopted the 25th of the month to celebrate the Messiah's birthday, they also adopted the prevailing customs which the pagans had long been accustomed to during their festival. So they did not just adopt the day, but many of the traditions as well.





Some attempt to defend Constantine's "If you can't beat them, then join them" approach to merging Christianity and Mithraism, citing that Constantine was truly converted and that he was a believer. Unfortunately, the prevailing evidence proves that Constantine was a cultic Mithra sun god worshiper till the end while still also claiming Christianity. He played both sides of the fence.



For example, Constantine continued to mint coins in honor of “*sol invictus*” (meaning the unconquerable sun) till at least 335 CE. (084) We will admit though, he was most certainly a good politician, and had many fooled...and sadly, many are still fooled today. But Biblically, we should not be fooled...





2 Corinthians 6:14

Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers.
For what partnership has righteousness with
lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light
with darkness?





1 Corinthians 10:21

You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons.





We cannot mix things of God and things of the adversary, and just pretend it is ok.

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