Merry *Anti*christ-mas...?

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[Note: This pamphlet will challenge you, if you are actually a Christian. If you are not truly a Christian, but one in name only, it will offend and disinterest you and you probably won't even finish reading it. That would be sad. But a few moments in all of Eternity, is all that is required to read this short warning. I hope you will. Christ said, "My sheep hear My Voice... and they follow Me" (John 10:27). However, Scripture also tells us: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Galatians 6:7) and "the curse causeless shall not come" (Proverbs 26:2). Thus, when one actually stops and considers—the ultimate implications—he will realize this issue is far, far greater than one of a mere "holiday": It is a matter of supreme importance. It is just one of many of our offenses against a Holy God. It then is no surprise that our civilization—all Christendom is crumbling to pieces and about to become extinct while "Christians" sing and dance happily in self-delusion, not wanting to know when the totalitarian tsunami will hit.

For more information on this, see my books: What's Keeping God ...? and The Post Christian Era... (listed at the end of this pamphlet).

This tract (and the two above-mentioned books), will make me unpopular with some. However, I am not trying to win a popularity contest—but hopefully be used of God to help save our people from destruction. The Israelites in the Old Testament probably thought they would never be conquered by Assyria or Babylon... —but not only were they conquered, but they were deported *en masse*, families broken up, and even given new names by their captors (losing all sense of identity, family, nationality). What right do we have to think that our nation is impregnable...? —when we have allowed God, Christ, and the Bible to be defecated upon and banished, while all foreign gods, religions, customs, sins, vices, corruptions, perversions, and immoralities are exalted high on a pedestal...! -while most Christians turn a blind eye to, "tolerate," and even befriend such enemies of Christ! "Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?" (Galatians 4:16) "We ought to obey God rather than men." (Acts 5:29) "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." (James 4:4).]

Christmas. The name alone is magical to many people. It con-

jures up memories of happy times, good food, music, entertainment, gifts, family, and... oh, yeah... Jesus is *sometimes* squeezed in there *somewhere* (briefly). For a day or so, it turns brats into choir boys,* smiling and holding doors open for strangers and saying, "Merry Christmas"—not because they are happy about *going to church on Christmas day* (if anyone even does that), but because they are excited and know they are going to get *presents*.

[* This is not to suggest that all children are brats. But I see how children act in public—where they should be on their "best" behaviour. Only once a year do I see children "transformed." It happens every year. It happened yesterday. I went to the post office (the day before Christmas). There was a cute little rosy-cheeked boy (maybe 8 years old?). He held the post office door open for me (one of the double doors between the counter and the lobby where the post office boxes are) 4 times as I came in with packages to mail, and went back to my vehicle with packages that had arrived. Each time he held the door open he was beaming with delight, smiling, exuberant (like he knew some great secret). His eyes sparkled and his rosy cheeks glowed and he looked me straight in the eye and said, "Merry Christmas." I of course did not reply to the Christmas well-wish, but cordially and sincerely thanked him for holding the door each time. This happened last year also. It was more comical. There were two little rosy-cheeked darlings, maybe 6 years old, siblings. They opened the doors for me about 4 times, and for every other person who came in or out, each of them holding one of the double, glass doors, and they both would musically blurt out "Merry Christmas" as the giggled uncontrollably each and every time... beaming with joy and happiness—if one did not know better, one would have thought they were drunk, having sneaked a few glasses of the "special adult" egg nog before coming to town with their mother the day before Christmas. It is not *Christ* who transforms these children into saints. I wish it were so. They are not so heavenly drunk with spiritual joy because they couldn't wait to get up in the morning and *go to church*. They are so excited they could almost lose control of their bladders, because they know they will be opening a slew-full of gifts the next day (and maybe even one or two that very night, on Christmas Eve). They have been tantalized and seduced all week long by the lights and the tinsel, the glamor and glitter, the tree laden with gifts, the smell of pine or spruce or fir inside the house, special candles, decorations (mom and dad possibly even acting happier than usual) visiting grandparents and uncles and cousins—and especially, they have been mesmerized for a week with all those shining, colorful gifts under the tree. It is almost more than they can bear. Those very same children who have to be dragged out of bed each day for school or Sunday school and church (if they ever go), are up at the crack of dawn, having hardly slept, being so excited, and they are the ones dragging their parents out of bed. Now, don't get me wrong. There is nothing wrong with gifts. There is nothing wrong with excited, happy children. Would that every day they

were like that! What is wrong is the motivation and that Christians mindlessly brush aside the *real* moral implications of Christmas (that it is utterly pagan—regardless if Jesus is stuck in there some place, lost somewhere in the greater distracting, colorful collage called "Christmas"; like trying to pick out your own face in a college photo of the entire student body of 1,000 people). It is also wrong in that children show how polite and obedient they can be (for one day or two, knowing there is a huge payload of gifts coming up). Why is it they do not show that same obedience, love, respect, joy, and happiness all year round...?—and not merely one day a year when they know they are going to get what they want the next day (it is bribery and lip-service). That is not really love and obedience and respect. It is a learned behavior and its motivation is selfishness and greed. Now, certainly there are some who are also excited because they love their parents and siblings and other relatives, and want to see the look of joy on their faces when they open the gifts they picked out or made for them. And there is nothing wrong with gifts. But let us not delude ourselves that this is about Jesus. As you read on, I hope you will understand. Hopefully, you will be shocked. Furthermore, a true Christian, whether he likes the content of this pamphlet or not) should stop and pray—that's right, pray—about the information contained in this pamphlet and what should be done with that information, and not be like the natural (unregenerate) man:

"22But be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. 23For if any be a hearer of the Word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: 24For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man [i.e. *sinful*] he was." (James 1)]

Contrary to what most Christians believe, Christmas is <u>not</u> a "Christian" holiday. It is a pagan holy day. While most Christians, in their minds, offer Christ Himself *a small footnote of credit* in their celebration, that does not change the nature of the holiday (and Christ's inclusion is truthfully minimal, even in the most Christian of families).

The use of something in a manner altogether different from its very design, nature, and intended use, does not change the nature or appropriateness of that object in that situation. I could use a crowbar or a hockey stick as a baseball bat; but that would not make those things baseball bats. With a lot of practice, I might even become proficient in their *misuse*. But that would not make it appropriate or lawful in a baseball game.

While that silly mundane example offers a vivid picture for the reader's mind, this simple rule of logic and truth can be applied to thousands of areas which the reader, I am sure, can imagine on his own.

However, the issue becomes much more serious when it is a matter of life and death and when it involves that which is *HOLY* (a concept of which the average modern Christian is *utterly* ignorant). Those things that are HOLY, if violated, may lead to spiritual death or

a separation from the blessings of God: for Scripture tells us Psalm 66:18, "If I regard iniquity in my heart the Lord will not hear me" and Proverbs 28:9 tells us: "He that turneth away his ear from hearing the Law, even his prayer shall be abomination."

The fact is, Christmas is a pagan holiday. Most Christians will be shocked at that declaration—but only because they have remained in ignorance for so long (due to the "traditions of their elders") and also because it is a matter near and dear to their heart: —because they *like* Christmas.

[If the light hurts your eyes it means you have been in the darkness too long. Scripture tells us, "And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil" (John 3:19). If someone wallows in the mud, if he remains outside in the dark, he is not reminded of how filthy he is. But if he comes into the house with all the lights on, surrounded by people who are clean and well-dressed, his state or nature becomes painfully obvious. Modern sinful man's solution for this...? —outlaw cleanliness, outlaw bright lights, encourage everyone to wallow in the mud. God's Word commands otherwise: "Be ye holy; for I [the LORD thy God] am Holy" (I Peter 1:16) and "to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." (James 4:17).]

However, most people do not live by principle or by the moral code established in the Scriptures, but by hedonism, situation ethics, and that which they happen to like (regardless of inconvenient trappings of morality). The evolutionist and biologist Julian Huxley (grandson of the more famous evolutionist, the renowned biologist Thomas Huxley) brazenly, though truthfully revealed that in his opinion, people readily embraced the notion of Evolution and Darwin's Origin of the Species (in essence declaring God to be nonexistent), because the notion of God interfered with our sexual mores.* Julian's younger brother, another secular evolutionist, the famous author, humanist, philosopher, Aldous Huxley had nothing better to confess: "It is a bit embarrassing to have been concerned with the human problem all one's life and find at the end that one has no more to offer by way of advice than 'Try to be a little kinder.'" However, Scripture says, "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Proverbs 14:12); and "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the Law of thy God, I will also forget thy children." (Hosea 4:6)

[* A *more*, (pronounced *moray*, like the eel) is the accepted cultural moral value or practice of society on a given issue.]

Sadly, most Christians base their "religion" on *personal experience* (what they "like" or "custom"), not the precepts and commandments and principles in the Word of God. The average Christian is all-to-

eager to believe God's Law has been abolished and that He requires little to nothing of us—and any area in which God clearly does require something of us, the average Christian will quickly "explain away" or justify it in his own mind, to continue doing what he likes. In such cases, Christ is not "LORD" in such Christians' lives. They may delude themselves into thinking that He is, but He is not. A Lord is a Sovereign, a King, an Emperor—the Ultimate Boss. Yet very few Christians actually do what God says. Christ is their nominal "Lord" even as they are nominal "Christians." Christ Himself declared, "And why call ye Me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46) Such "Christians" who do what they want, rather than what God wants, do not love Christ. They may think they do, they may have a fickle affection or transitory fondness for Him (if He doesn't encroach too far into their personal space), but they don't really love Him. True love is manifested in actions. Christ also Himself declared: "If ye love Me, keep My commandments." (John 14:15) It really cannot get any clearer than those two verses.

Christmas is set on the exact day of a pagan holiday (Christ was born about 3 months earlier). Christmas has its origin in pagan Babylonian religion (the birthdays of Nimrod* and Tammuz were celebrated on Dec. 25th). It was later celebrated as *Saturnalia* (Saturn's Day) by the pagan Romans, to which the Roman Catholic Church gave a candy-coating of Christianity; and it later received further elements from pagan Saxon and Celtic traditions (including witchcraft). Christmas is utterly pagan—from Santa Claus, to reindeer, stockings filled with gifts, gift giving, carroling, yule-log, mistle-toe, ginger-bread man cookies, Christmas tree, and about everything else.

[* But don't worry, *Ishtar* has her day too. Ishtar (another name for Semiramis: the Babylonian goddess of fertility, war, love, and sex). She was the *wife* of Nimrod (a human worshipped as a god)—and she was his very mother: the origin of Catholicism's perversion of Mary as the mother of god or the Queen of Heaven). *Ishtar's holiday* is celebrated with her very name: *Easter:* another pagan holiday through and through, with a thin veneer of Christianity stuck in as *an insult to Christ*; not in worship of Him—regardless of what any Christian deludes himself into believing (the hot cross buns, ham, sunrise service, bunny and eggs all directly from Babylonian pagan religion). God gave specific, precise, exact ways in which He is to be *purely* worshipped. Anything offered in its place is sin. Cain was the first one, who in essence brazenly asserted, " *This* is what I am willing to offer in way of worship: Take it or leave it!" (God left it.) Read the book of Jude to see what God says about those who have "gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward."]

Saturnalia, a week long period of lawlessness, was celebrated from December 17th to 25th: Roman courts were closed—Roman law dictated no one could be punished for damaging property or injuring people during the festival. Every Roman community chose "a victim" who was forced to indulge in food, drink, and sex and on the last day of the feast the victim was sacrificed. Typical Saturnalia behavior: mass intoxication; going from house to house while singing naked in the streets; rape, all forms of sexual perversion; consuming human-shaped biscuits (which became ginger bread man cookies), and more.

In the 4th Century A.D. the Roman Catholic Church *seduced* pagans to convert, promising them they could still observe Saturnalia; albeit, with some new features added to it by the Catholic Church: but not demanding that they give up any of the usual customs practiced during Saturnalia!—thus, creating a hybrid religion (an abomination). The Catholic Church then by decree declared Christ's birth to have been on December 25th (which they well knew it was not).

The Colonial Puritan minister Increase Mather (1639-1723) of Boston, in 1687 noted:

"the early Christians who first observed the Nativity on December 25 did not do so thinking that Christ was born in that Month, but because the Heathens' Saturnalia was at that time kept in Rome, and they were willing to have those Pagan Holidays metamorphosed into Christian ones."

Because of its known-pagan origin, Christmas was *banned* by the Pilgrims and the Puritans in the early U.S. In Massachusetts alone was *illegal* to celebrate Christmas from 1659 to 1681. God commands us in His Word:

"²Thus saith the LORD, **Learn not the way of the heathen**.... ³For the customs of the people are vain: for one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe. ⁴They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not. ⁵They are upright as the palm tree, but speak not..." (Jeremiah 10)

Scripture says of the wicked king Ahaz

"And he sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree." (II Kings 16:4)

II Kings 21:3 records that the terribly wicked king Manasseh, undid the work of his righteous father Hezekiah, and rebuilt the pagan worship of his wicked grandfather Ahaz. Manasseh led the people to sin terribly and even had the prophet Isaiah sawn in half inside a hollow log—the very prophet responsible for Manasseh's birth (Manasseh was born during the extra 15 years of life granted to Hezekiah and Isaiah delivered God's message of healing to Hezekiah). However, God had Manasseh conquered and deported to Assyria (led by a fish hook through his lips or jaw). Torture was so severe in bondage he truly repented, God restored him to the throne, and he ruled longer than any other king of Israel (55 years). Yet try as he did, he himself

could not completely undo the paganism that he had introduced.

"Nevertheless the people did sacrifice still in the high places, yet unto the LORD [YAHWEH] their God only." (II Chronicles 33:17)

God had given clear, *rigid* instructions concerning *how* He was to be worshiped. This worship was an insult to God.

The godly young king Josiah (grandson of Manasseh), when he learned that they had departed from the ways of God, after an older copy of the Law was found hidden in the walls (probably hidden there to keep Manasseh from burning it, after which, in time, it was forgotten about)—Josiah *rent his garment* (II Kings 22:11). Sadly, modernly, Christians, when they realize they have been sinning against God, rend neither their garments, *nor their hearts* as Scripture says they should (Joel 2:13)—but instead they attack God's messenger (as they persecuted and killed the prophets of old).

Would you say, "I hope you have a nice Ramadan" to a Muslim...? If you would, Christ has something to say to you:

"...I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of My Mouth." (Revelation 3:15,16)

What part of "Thou shalt have no other gods before Me" (Exodus 20:3) ... don't Christians understand...?

"No other gods before Me" does not mean that as long as you recognize God *first* that you can then recognize other gods in 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place. It means thou shalt recognize no other gods or thou shalt have <u>no</u> other gods before you in My Presence. God is intolerant (—because He is Holy) and demands exclusive recognition and worship; not merely "top billing." While most Christians do not realize it (and most will not even accept it after reading it in this tract), when they even wish someone a "Merry Christmas"—they are attempting to get the other person to give lip-service recognition to false religion. Now, this I know is not their intention; but intentions are meaningless in the face of reality. Someone may be sincere, but sincerely wrong. If you offer someone a piece of candy, when that candy is actually cyanide, your intentions are overruled by reality. It matters not what any individual Christian thinks about Christmas-but what God thinks about it. Christmas is a "three-ring circus" of religious observance and Christ is only in the *smallest* ring; yet He is supposed to smile and ignore all the other gods and self-worship of pleasure.

While most Christians will deny it, they <u>don't</u> celebrate Christmas for Christ Jesus. They celebrate it *for themselves*: for the *good feeling* it gives them; because *they like it*; because it is *tradition*; because they *like* to give and receive gifts—for *selfish* reasons; <u>not</u> spiritual. The wise men did <u>not</u> give gifts *to each other*. They gave them to Christ. It is a perversion of reality to delude oneself into thinking it is a

celebration of Christ's birthday. On *your* birthday, does everyone give gifts to *everyone but* you...? —to *anyone* but you...? If everyone who came to "your party" gave gifts to everyone but you (whether they included you somehow or not), would you *really believe* they were there to celebrate *your* birthday...? Or even more atrocious, how would a woman feel if her husband celebrated her birthday—on the *birthday of his old girl-friend or former wife...*? I mean, he gives his wife the gifts and to no one else... so what difference does the "tiny little matter of the *exact* day" make...? Well, in human relationships it would be an insult. However, in matters of worship and holiness, it is a far greater reproach! God gave *specific* instructions about *everything* concerning His worship—and Christmas is <u>nowhere</u> to be found among them!

Around 2 decades ago I saw this advertisement in a mail order catalog that came free in the mail (and I saved the page). The subliminal is not really even subliminal, but blatant: Children pray to Santa.



While those more spiritually in-tune Christians may maintain, "but we don't have Santa anywhere in our celebration of Christmas," (even if this is true, no Rudof the Red Nosed Reindeer or such holiday songs or cartoons) reality is—if you celebrate it on December 25th, hang stockings, give gifts, sing carrols, visit others for all their "Christmas parties," have a Christmas tree, decorate it, hang mistletoe, etc., yes, you do celebrate it with Santa, he is merely invisible (the Omniscient, Omnipresent, Omnipotent replacement for or addition to God) and by following all those customs (even if you don't intend to practice all those pagan rituals), Christ is blasphemed.

"¹⁴Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? ¹⁵And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? ¹⁶And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ¹⁷Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you. ¹⁸And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." (II Corinthians 6)

While this passage is most commonly used to refer to "marrying" a *nonbeliever*, the *actual* scope of the passage is intended to apply *universally to all relationships and practices*.

Well-meaning Christians have asserted for decades that we need to "keep Christ in Christmas"—when the truth is: He never was in it in the first place and He never should be in it now and no Christian should practice it. While this last comparison I will offer may shock and offend some people, I truthfully rhetorically suggest: Would it be okay for a man to commit adultery, but then rationalize it to his wife: "But honey, while I was making love to her I was thinking of *you...*—I even had your picture out on the bedside table." Those that take offense at this suggestion should instead look in their own hearts and consider whether or not *God* is offended—God equates idolatry with whoredom. Paganism is idolatry (regardless of the very thin candycoating of Christianity and "honorable mention" inclusion of Christ). Christians today have entirely lost the concept of *honoring* God and they are completely devoid of the concept of *fearing* God (as they are oblivious to the very notion and nature of *holiness*).

This tract has been just a short smattering of information, with my own additional insight. For more shocking details, simply do a google search on the internet, using the words: pagan origin Christmas Saturnalia Babylon. (You can do a similar search with the words: pagan origins Easter Babylon.) Or see (at the end of this tract) the

short list of books and booklets, which I offer on the subject.

Final note: This pamphlet has not been written to "rain on anyone's parade" or to be a "party pooper." Our nation—all the nations of Christendom are on the brink of destruction and extinction. The enemy is closing in. It is not about *you* and it is not about *me*. It is about God and what He requires and about His people repenting of their sins (whether they recognize them as sin or not) so that He can deliver us. And until we repent *nationally*, He will <u>not</u> deliver us. Further, may I gently dispel another myth that you may have been counting on to avert God's Judgment. Maybe you believe in another Roman Catholic heresy called the Rapture: Jesuit, false doctrine and Counter-Reformation propaganda that none of the Reformers or great Bible leaders of the modern era believed (since I already destroyed one of your idols, I thought to free you from another false doctrine: "ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free"). Christ is Returning—and not soon enough! But He will not snatch His people away, but preserve the faithful through tribulation. See my book below, The Futurist and Rapture Conspiracy. You need to read this book so you are not delusioned and irresponsible—and so you prepare now for the wrath to come which will soon shake heaven and earth. Of course, you are free to disbelieve the information (though firmly documented), but to not even consider it would be foolish (Proverbs 18:13).

"When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things." (I Corinthians 13:11) "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong." (I Corinthians 16:13) "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." (Galatians 5:1) "Occupy till I come!" (Luke 19:13)

For more important information, order my: $(P\&H = 10\% 4^{00} \text{ min.})$

- The Futurist and Rapture Conspiracy, 164pp., pb., 13⁵⁰ + P&H.
- The Post-Christian Era and the New Dark Ages; 112pp., pb., 10⁵⁰ + P&H.
- What's Keeping God from Delivering America, Britain and Europe from Destruction...?, 112pp., pb., 10⁵⁰ + P&H.

For more information on the pagan origin of the holidays, order:

- <u>Holidays or Holy Days: Christian or Pagan</u> (6 pamphlets) [Thanksgiving, Puritans outlaw Christmas, Halloween exposed, etc.] 2⁰⁰ + P&H.
- <u>Is Christmas Christian?</u>, Emry, 32pp., 3⁵⁰ + P&H.
- $\frac{Pagan Traditions: The Origins of Easter, Christmas, and Halloween}{800}$ + P&H.
- Too Long In The Sun (1996), Rives, 256pp., pb., (traces sun worship from the Tower of Babel through history to present & its influences upon present day "Christianity")
 Sunday, Christmas, Easter, Romanism, Paganism in modern church, 16⁰⁰ + P&H.
- Two Babylons (c.1880), Alex. Hislop, 327pp., pb., 1600 + P&H.
- Time is the Ally of Deceit, Rives, 260pp., pb. 1800 + P&H; traces abandonment of true Biblical Christianity resulting in a paganized form of Christianity.

"He that hath ears to hear... let him hear..."