

Christmas--- The Ultimate Deception

Christmas is one of the most profound of holidays celebrated throughout the civilized world but what is it all about? Does the meaning of Christmas have anything to do with religion or Christianity? Should we even care of its purpose, or just consider it a fun holiday? It's customs and teachings are much aligned to known and contrived imaginations of the best of men and women.

Christians have a love for God but in many cases unknowingly deceived. The traditions of the holiday have been unsuspectingly handed down to us through generations of ignorance, not deliberate ignorance but the ignorance of believing a comforting lie. This article will point out the real purpose of December 25th and that Jesus Christ wasn't born on that date. To get the proof, we need to go to the word of God, the Bible and examine the evidence.

The book of Luke tells us in the first chapter verse 3, "It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee most excellent Theophilus" Verse 4. "that thou mightest know the certainty of those things, herein thou hast been instructed".

The Honor Bestowed Upon Kings

Evidently Luke understood Proverbs 25: 2, which reads, "It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: But the honor of kings is to search out a matter". And he also took into account Ecc. 3: 1, "To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven". Luke was a scribe to the Apostle Paul so he would undoubtedly know what Paul tells us in 1st Thess. 5:1, "But of the times and seasons brethren, you have no need that I write unto you". Why did the Apostle Paul say he didn't have to write about

the seasons? He expected Christians to know and understand Gods calendar written in the heavens pertaining to certain events that would happen here on earth. Man made calendars have changed over the centuries within nations and can't compete with the accuracies the heavens possess that man can't disturb. After the salutation to his friend Theophilus, he immediately tells us about the priest Zacharias and the course of Abia. We can't know for certain the birth date of Jesus without the information that is found in the first chapter of Luke's Gospel.

During the time of the nation of Israel, King David set up 24 courses of Priest that would minister in the Temple. They would commence their service starting after the Feasts of Tabernacles mentioned in Leviticus chapter 23 and serve twice in a year. . Luke points out in the fifth verse that the course of Abia as found in 1st Chronicles 24:18, corresponds to our June 15th- 21st. It was at this time that the Angel Gabriel appeared to Zacharias in the Temple and announced to him that his prayers would be answered and that his wife would bear a son. After finishing his duties he arrived home on the 23rd of June and the conception of John occurred precisely thereafter as described by Gabriel. This would be just after the summer solstice. This Angel Gabriel was also sent to a virgin whose name was Mary (Luke 1: 25-26). And verse 36 reads, " And behold, thy cousin Elizabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age; and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren". The time of Mary's conception would be six months later and just after the winter solstice.

The Companion bible makes a comparison of the Jewish months with our Roman calendar according to the course of Abia.

The conception of John the Baptist-	23 rd of Sivan-	June 24 th
The conception of our Lord-	1 st Tebeth-----	Dec. 25 th
The birth of John the Baptist -	4 th -7 th Abib-----	Mar. 25 th -28 th
The birth of our Lord -	15 th of Tisri-----	Sept. 29 th

We can read in the first chapter in the book of Luke the joy that Mary had at her conception. Listen to what Mary say's concerning

the Christ child early in the day of her conception. Luke 1: 47, “And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my savior. He hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for henceforth all generations shall call me blessed”. Verse 49, “ for He that is mighty hath done to me great things; and Holy is His name”. Vs. 50, “ And His mercy is on them that fear(have respect) Him from generation to generation”.

What is being talked about in these verses is the planting of the seed as in any conception. There is only one seed that the Bible stresses importance in and that is the seed of promise.

Isaiah 7:14, “ Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel” The word Immanuel means God with us.

What we read in Isaiah the seventh chapter is what is referred to as the Miraculous Conception.

But what of this sign? Genesis 1;14, informs us what is meant by the word sign. “ And God said ,Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and for years”. The sun is the only light of the two that brings about the seasons of the year.

The word season is mo’ed in the Hebrew and means an appointment or fixed time. God doesn’t change the way He works out his purpose otherwise we would always be in confusion.

John the Baptist was conceived approximately at the summer solstice and Jesus was conceived six months latter just after the winter solstice. (see Luke 1: 36) Nine months after the conception would bring us to the Autumn feasts days, after the harvest, whereas Jesus would become a type of first fruit.(1st Corinthians 15: 23).

December 25th is wonderful time of the year, and it’s celebration should be in that it was the first time that God would ever dwell with man. It’s importance is what the Bible tells us what had happened on that date rather than what traditions lead us to believe. Mary gave birth to her son in a manger nine months later

with not as much fanfare as in the day of her conception. Father would have us understand His appointed times and understand His purpose rather than have us dwell on vain ideas.

The book of Ecclesiastes is written to the man that walks under the sun, man in the flesh. And reads in Ecc. 3: 1, “To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven.

The real joy we should feel on December 25th is that it was the first time in man’s history and a fulfillment of prophesy that God, through the conception of Mary and the planting of the promised seed, was willing to dwell with man.

We need to follow Luke’s example and consider the “honor bestowed upon kings”.