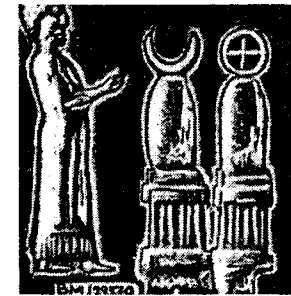
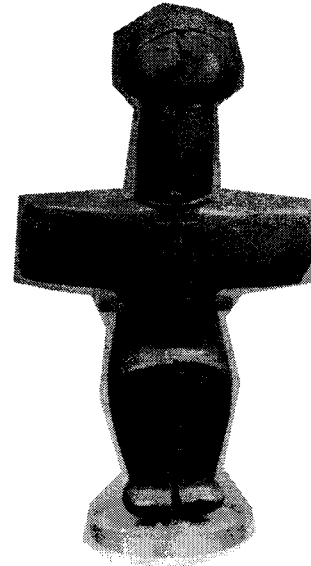


CHRISTIANITY CORRUPTED BY ADOPTING PAGAN SYMBOLS



Sun worship in Egypt. (i) The sun's rays handing life to worshippers via the 'ankh', the symbol of the sun.
(ii) Inscription: "Amenhetop, son of the Sun, given life for eternity." Sun goddess Hathor, offering the ankh for him to kiss, in a gesture of adoration.



(I) Stele of Assyrian ruler Ashurasirpal II (883-859 BC) prominently situated in reception area of British Museum, stating "the cross on his chest is the symbol of the Sun god", of which he was 'Pont Max'.
(ii) Assyrian priest before the altars to the Sun and Moon. Many like sun (cross) seals from this period, shown in Dr. Collon's book: 'First Impressions, cylinder seals in the ancient near east'. B. M. Pub.



Detail from 'Black Obelisk' or 'Jehu Stele' in the British Museum, showing sun worshippers with the sun emblem on the bread, being offered to their pagan gods.

Coin of Domitian (81-96 AD) showing himself as priest of the Sun, with radiated head of sun god



Photograph in British Museum.
Picrolite figure from Cyprus made in 3500-2500 BC.
Sun worshipper with arms outstretched, wearing a necklace with replica sun symbol on pendant.



Sun crown of princess Khnemit, from Dashur (1800BC).

Labarum on coin of Roman Emperor Trajan DECIUS (249-251AD), 50 years **BEFORE** Constantine! Bacchus the god of wine, uses symbol PX. From Roman coins the 'P' = Pater or Father, 'X' is the recognised sun sign. Letters or Symbol therefore means, 'Father of Sun worshippers'.



Ashurbanipal (645 BC) starts tradition of wearing cross earrings showing devotion to sun worship. Greeks and Romans did the same.

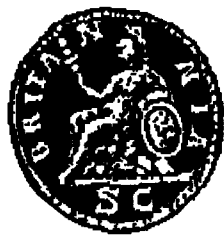


CONSTANTINE (306-337 AD). Shown on his coin as 'Sol Invicto' (Sun personified).

*** Symbol used by CONSTANTINE in his appeal to soldiers of opposing army of Maxentius, before battle of Malvan Bridge. 'I have been told to Conquer under this sign' was his slogan, as it signified that he had been appointed by the Sun god, whom they all worshipped. LATER, adopted by the 'Church' as a 'Christian' symbol, saying it was the 'CH' of Christ. (*copied Chrysagoras). Roman 'Church' claims he was the 1st Christian Roman Emperor!!!**



Coin showing Eudoxia, wife of Emperor Valentinian (425-455 AD). Undisputable evidence of how both sun signs now become accepted as 'Christian' symbols. Other symbols associated with the sun, the 'halo', the 'circlet', etc. have all come into Christendom.



Most people do not know that the CROSS has NOTHING to do with Jesus Christ, and it is just the sign or symbol of Sun worship. Refer to ** below. ALL words translated as 'cross' in the Bible, are from the Greek word 'stauros'. Bible concordance translates 'stauros' as 'stake or post', which Christ himself refers to, when one compares his words in John 3:14 with Numbers 21:8.

If you find all this hard to believe, CONSIDER where the original design on the old penny and new 50p came from!

For nearly 2000 years, this symbol of Rome's pagan worship has been in this country. Millions have handled these coins, yet have not realised its connection with paganism, and of its association with false beliefs entering into Christianity. WHY? Because most are quite happy to rely on 'Church' traditions, and ignore the Bible, which condemns them.

The Roman Emperor, Antoninus PIUS (138-161 AD), dedicated his life to serving the Sun and other pagan gods. He issued coins dedicated to the pagan goddess of Rome in Rome and Britannia (because Britain was the outpost of his empire). Antoninus PIUS believed worshipping all gods was acceptable, and had a peaceful reign. The bishop of Rome was so impressed with this all embracing approach that he accepted many pagan ideas into his church. He acknowledged this idea came from his Emperor, taking his name, and he is now known as **POPE PIUS 1st!** One can appreciate that the Roman Church later takes the pagan goddess 'Roma Aeterna' (Roma eternal) as the basis for 'Rome the Eternal City', and 'Worship of Mary'.



As Nebuchadnezzar's Image in Daniel chapter 2, is shown to be standing on its feet when it is destroyed, it signifies that the beliefs of the original 'PONT MAX.' of Babylon and other pagan empires, will be evident when Christ returns to bring about the establishment of God's kingdom on the earth. ("Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth...")

The signs are so clear today! People are gradually turning against Israel, as is prophesied. When the nations are gathered to fight against Israel, it will take SEVEN months to bury their dead. Ezekiel 39:12. Zechariah 14:12 shows how horrendous the outcome will be. It should CONCERN you!

Jesus said, "As it was in the days of Noah (when millions perished) so shall it be when he returns."

Sun Worship - is 'The greatest abomination' in Ezekiel 8:16. The incorporation of many of its signs, symbols, beliefs, and doctrines into Christendom has taken the population away from what the Bible actually teaches, and the TRUE hope it contains. **The sign or mark in Revelation 20:4, is closely connected with the Sun sign.

It can only refer to a system that claims to be Christian, as these are the only people who would even read about it!

Does all this, cause you concern? Then be not like sheep, continuing to be brainwashed by those who oppose God's word. Do something about it! You have nothing to lose, but LIFE to gain.

Sun worshippers believed that their 'life' returned to the Sun, its source. The 'Churches have changed this to 'going to heaven when one dies' misapplying verses to try to 'prove' this. This IS NOT what The Bible actually teaches!!! The Bible specifically states: "This honour have all God's saints (true believers)" in Psalm 149. Probably neither YOU, nor your church, would have a clue what it is, without looking it up. **Challenge yourself!** It denies 'Church' teachings about The Kingdom, death and rewards, BUT endorses the consistent teachings of Psalm 2, Daniel 2, Revelation 2:26,27, Luke 13:28,29, Zechariah 14:9, Luke 1:32,33/Ezekiel 37:21,22, etc. etc. etc.

You do not have to contact anyone! 'Christendom Astray from the Bible' by R. Roberts, available on loan, free from most Public Libraries, will explain how their doctrines oppose what the Bible teaches. It also shows the result of the churches of Christendom teaching a different gospel to the one the apostles preached (Galatians 1:8), and how to respond correctly.

Further information on any of the items mentioned above can be obtained, without cost or any obligation, from: Ivor Thomas 18 Meadway Close, Kettering Northants. NN15 6QG.

THE SUN'S RAYS and their ADAPTATION (especially in relation to 'Christendom', and its after effects.)

Because the Sun appeared 'new' each day, it was considered it had been reborn, and was therefore eternal. It was considered to be the supreme ruler of the gods.

The serpent, because it shed its skin each year, and appeared to be reborn, was also considered to be immortal. It was thought that the serpent was related to the Sun god, and therefore divine.

In Egypt, the Pharaoh's considered that they were related to the Sun. They received their life from it, and therefore were appointed as its earthly rulers. They wore the serpent image on their foreheads, to signify their god given power, and their own divinity.



I am indebted to 'The Two Babylons' by A. Hislop, for the illustration of the radiated serpent, and the accompanying comment.

"In the primitive world, the serpent is universally used as the symbol of the Sun." Here, we have the serpent with its head surrounded by the Sun's rays, which as we will see, becomes the symbol of Sun worship.

The relationship between the serpent and the Sun, is very important.

In The Bible (Genesis 3:4), we read that the serpent challenged God's word, saying to Eve, "Ye shall not surely die, but shall be as gods." The consequence of believing the serpent's lie, was death!

Untold millions of people who, because of 'vanity' continued to believe the serpent's lie, have consequently perished; without hope.

The Sun symbols in all religions (including Christendom), **and the associated belief** that they will never die, shows why Jesus Christ knew of the situation that would exist when he returns to establish The Kingdom of God on the earth.

(Luke 17:26) *"And as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man."*

In 'The Flood', only 8 out of 800,000,000 approximately, survived! **What a warning!**

Hopefully, this article will demonstrate how the Sun emblems in Christendom, have led people astray, and the need to re-examine what they believe.



SARGONIC seal. (2112-2000 BC).

Shamash the Sun god, the most popular deity in Mesopotamia, shown with rays, symbolically showing him cutting through mountains of the east.

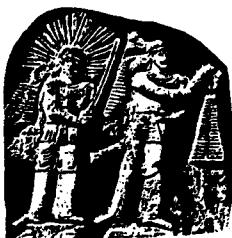
The horns showing he can also 'push' his way through.



Part of Persian cylinder around 500 BC.

Radiated figure of a man representing the Sun, standing on a lion, showing that he is superior to the strongest of beasts.

(Above illustrations copied from 'FIRST IMPRESSION' Cylinder seals in the Ancient Near East, by D. Collon. Pub. Br. Museum).



Tomb relief from Taq-I-Burstan, in Iran, (old Persia). (379-383 BC).
Mithras representing the Sun god, with head radiated.



Relief from Nimrud Dag.
King Antiochus is shown with spiked Sun head dress.
Mithra/Apollo the Sun god, is shown with radiated lines.

Two variations of the way the Sun's rays are used to show divinity.



Taken from 5th Century Vase in British Museum.

Helios the god of the Sun, in a chariot, being driven across the sky.
Helios is later identified with Apollo and Sol.
"Homer describes Helios as giving light to both gods and men."



CYBELE. She has a radiated crown on her head.
A Greek divinity, portrayed as mother of Sun god.



Coin in British Museum, from Rhodes.
Stated to be the head of Helios (the Sun), with his head radiated, showing clearly how the sun is represented.
The island of Thrinacia (Sicily), was sacred to Helios, as was also the island of Rhodes, where the famous colossus was a representation of the god.



PHILIP II OF Macedon. (359-366 BC).
Biga with driver and four horses.
Radiated head of Helios, shown under his horses legs.



ABYDOS (Eastern Greece). 2nd Century BC.
Coin enclosed in laurel wreath, with eagle having spread wings.
Head of Helios, radiated, as usual.



TIGRANES. King of Armenia. (96-56 BC).
Shown on this coin wearing the Armenian tiara, or Sun Crown.



Coin in the British Museum.
The 'Tiara' common to the Parthians, and Persians.
Also a variation of the Armenian crown.
The Sun's rays are shown around the high crown.
Often look like flames.



PTOLEMAEUS V EPIPHANES, King of Egypt. (BC 205-181).

Radiated head. Cornucopia also radiated to show that its contents were blessed by the Sun's power.

It was the coronation of this king, which is referred to in the Rosetta Stone in the British Museum, that helped provide the key to the discovery of its hieroglyphics.



ANTIOCHUS VI (THEOS) King of Syria. (BC 144-142).

Both Egypt and Syria worshipped the Sun.

As can be seen, their radiated heads have slightly different crowns.



Coin from Melita (Malta), where the apostle Paul was shipwrecked.

It was famous for pagan Temples of Juno and Hercules.

Juno shown with radiated head in a different style.



MAN. AQUILLIUS. (BC 109).

Coin of Roma.

Radiated head of Sol Invicta.

Now the Roman Sun god is called Sol, rather than the Greek 'Helios'.



Coin of **TIBERIUS. (14-37 AD).**

Tiberius shows himself on this coin as 'Sol Invicta', with radiated head, comparing himself with the Sun deity.

Note the use of the term 'Pater' (meaning 'Father', - later used in labarum).

He also used the term Pontifex Maximus, which Augustus Caesar first used on his coins in 12 BC.

(It was during the reign of Tiberius, that Jesus referred to the 'tribute penny').



Coin of **NERO. (54-68 AD).**

Again the radiated head, with Nero also comparing himself to the Sun deity.

He was anxious to rival Apollo, the representative of the Sun god, and had

his 5000 praetorian soldiers shouting, whenever he was present;

'O beautiful Caesar - O Apollo - O thou Pythius, etc.'



VESPASIAN. (69-79 AD).

A new style Sun crown.

This same style is used by MANY of the following Emperors.



Two coins of **DOMITIAN. (81-96 AD).**

In the first, he is represented as IOVIS AXVR or Jupiter Axur.

Seth Stephenson says in 'Dictionary of Roman Coins', *"The denarius most probably presents to us a precise copy of the image of Auxurian Jove, who from his radiated head and beardless face, seems to be identified with Apollo, or the Sun."*



'AETERNITAS'. Emperors considered themselves to be eternal.

On this coin DOMITIAN uses the 'Sol' and 'Luna' (which was believed by the Romans, in common with the rest of the heathen world, to be eternal), to signify his belief in his own immortality.



Two coins of ANTONINUS PIUS. (138-161 AD).
On the left hand coin he represents himself with BOTH the nimbus (or circlet/halo), and the radiated head, to reinforce his claim to be identified with Apollo, (figure of the Sun god). The right hand one, shows the established Sun crown used by previous emperors.



I personally believe that Antoninus Pius was to Constantine, as John the Baptist was to Christ.
He prepared the way, by allowing Pope Pius I to use his name, and copy his approach to religion, thus bringing pagan signs and their associated beliefs into Christianity.



PERTINAX. (193 AD).
Shown worshipping the Sun, which is clearly radiated.
Symbolising that the government is entrusted to the prince, by the providence of the Sun god.



ELAGABALUS. (219-222 AD).
He took the name of the Syrian Sun god, (also called Heliogabalus), of which he was at one time its priest. He was the first emperor to dedicate coins to the Sun under the name of INVICTUS. He also called himself SOLIS SACERDOS. He was said to be, *"One of the most cruel, debauched, and shameless wretches that ever disgraced humanity, or polluted a throne."*



VOLUSIANUS. (251-254 AD).
"The radiated head and the elevated right hand, are no less distinctive symbols of the Sun, as they are so often represented on coins of the lower empire."



POSTUMUS. (258 AD).
One of the thirty tyrants who assumed the title of Augustus in 258 AD.
His head encircled with radiated crown, but shorter spikes.



AURELIAN. (270-275 AD).
SOL DOMINO IMPERII ROMANI. The Sun, Supreme Lord of the Roman world.
The radiated head of the Sun before whom are his four horses.
A slightly different crown of rays, shown full face.
His mother was a priestess of the Sun, in his home village.



Coins of PROBUS. (276-282 AD).

Probus is shown as the companion of the Sun God, and then with the Sun's rays on his helmet.
These were believed to give protection.

(The forerunner of the crucifix, worn for the same reason?)

Note how the rays of the Sun although shown slightly differently, are always round the head. It indicated that they wanted the 'thinking' part of them, to be recognised as acknowledging their god. Religious worship was generally indicated by either: the gods recognised signs being put around the head, or their association with what were accepted as figures of the gods.

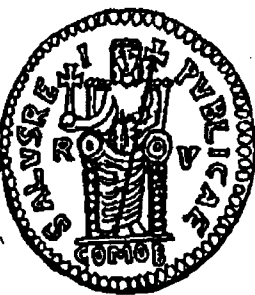


CONSTANTINE. (306-337 AD).

Constantine represented himself as 'Sol Invicta'. Both coins show that his head is radiated, and that his true belief was not in Christianity, but in the power of the Sun.



* The Sun is variously represented on his coins, as his Guide, Protector, and Colleague.



VALENTINIAN III. (425-455 AD).

Coin showing LICINIA EUDOXIA, whom he married in 437 AD.

We have here, one of the greatest pieces of evidence that the Sun is firmly entrenched in 'Christendom'.

The Sun's rays are on the crown along with the cross! (As the cross, a pagan sign, is also the Sun's symbol, there is no actual conflict here!).

BUT:

Which ever way 'Christendom' wants to argue, they cannot deny that it is the sun's rays (which have been used for centuries in this way), that are on the crown.

As such, if they suggest that the cross is a Christian sign, then it is a **dual crown**.

What, **they have to explain**, has the cross to do with Sun worship? What beliefs came with the rays? How, and why are they used? Why are Sun signs, still so prevalent in the Roman Church?



Pope BENEDICT XI. (1303-1304 AD).

Part of the fresco in Florence. Sun emblems on papal tiara, showing that the Sun's rays are still thought important enough to be incorporated in it.

To reinforce this belief, his head is shown to be radiated just like all the previous pagan emperors! A couple of crosses are on his garment.



Pope CLEMENT V. (1305-1314 AD).

Crowned Pope in the presence of Philip IV of France.

In this painting we have the Papal tiara, still continuing with the Sun's emblems!

France, as the most important supporter of the Papacy, has no objections.



RUDOLF OF HASBURG. (1365 AD).

50 Schilling coin of 1965 commemorating founding of Vienna University.

Here we find that the Sun's rays are arranged against a background of the nimbus, to form a crown. Both are used, as we have already seen, to represent the Sun.



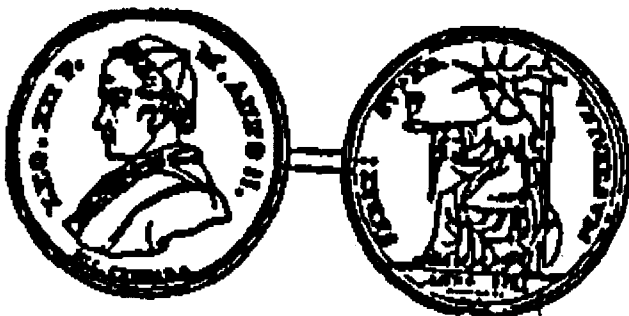
ARCHDUKE SIGISMUND. (1439-1489 AD).

The Sun's rays and nimbus continue, BUT, it now has the **cross added** to the crown at the top.



GEORGE I. Being proclaimed King in 1714. He is shown as Apollo, sitting on throne with radiated head.

Papal States coin of 1814-1815. Showing radiated head still continues!



Pope LEO XII (1823-1829 AD).

The Pope wears the Sun hat, as can be seen with the rays emanating from its centre. The 'Church' is symbolised by a woman with a radiated head, offering her followers her intoxicating adultery, of paganism under the guise of Christianity.



The Apostle Peter is represented in St. Peter's in Rome, as being surrounded by the Sun's rays, to the left, and with the Sun hat on the statue to the right.

Examine the 'halo' over the image, and you will be able to appreciate that the Papal hat used on coin of LEO XII above, is exactly the same!



Coin of USA, showing the Statue of Liberty, a present from France. The pagan Sun coin of L. MUSSIDIUS LOGUS (BC 42) could well have been used as a model!



Pope PIUS VI (1775-1799 AD).

The Mitre. Much confusion exists about its origin.

Some say it represents the open mouth of the fish god Dagon, but the British Museum informed me that they had nothing to substantiate this belief.

I believe the answer. Can be understood if one realises that religious belief influences the adornment that is worn on the head, as I have already shown.

The indication of the Sun's rays in the Catholic Church are quite clear.

However, as they believe in the Trinity, it can be the key to explaining the shape of the Mitre. From the front there is a simple single Sun triangle. The side view shows two more. Thus we have the 'MYSTERY' explained: 3 gods in 1, which represents their Trinity.



Interestingly, we also find that the common crown, which is immediately recognisable, is but another variation of the Sun crown!

The use of the Sun's rays is not restricted to Christendom.



SIKHISM. The Times 2/12/2001 announcing birth of new imperial baby, says that Japanese monarchs trace their ancestry through 125 rulers to the Sun goddess Amaterasu, and the first emperor Jimmu, who is supposed to have ruled 2500 years ago.

HINDUISM. A cowgirl is so moved by the flute playing of Krishna, that she has both a nimbus and Sun's rays round her head.





On the left, the goddess Hathor offers the Ankh to the lips of Pharaoh Amenhetep II, for him to acknowledge his life is from the Sun. But, in reality, we can understand that believing this amounts to the KISS of DEATH!

On the right, we have *"the goddess of Truth with her eyes closed."* showing that she cannot see or recognise that the belief based on the Ankh, or Cross, is a true religion.

(Picture and comment from 'Egyptian Motifs' by M. Kate. Pub. By Dover).



We started with where the serpent had led Adam and Eve away from God, by telling them that they could ignore what God said, and said that they would not die. This was shown to be false.

We now finish with the Egyptian goddess of Truth **recognising** that one cannot accept that the Ankh has any benefit, and that the SUN, cannot be the source of life, or eternity.

Worshipping the Sun, denies The CREATOR, which is why incorporating its signs into any religion, let alone Christianity, is counted as an abomination..

Belief in the Sun, as the source of life, is evidently wrong, because the Sun cannot **create** anything. Whilst it is a beneficial source of essential light and heat, and encourages the development of life in THE CREATOR'S purpose, it has NO POWER to create life itself.

The wrong understanding of this fact, is **what underpins** the teaching of evolution!

Evolutionists deny a Creator, and rely on the influence of the Sun, for things to evolve.

Darwin the evolutionist, appears on our banknotes today, which should make people think of why evolutionists want to deny GOD, and take any Glory away from Him!

The 'survival of the fittest' belief applied to mankind, lowers man to the level of an animal. What benefit does this have? Ultimately, as the reaction to this teaching permeates society, it will generate violence on an unprecedented scale. We are just witnessing the tip of the iceberg, at present!

Coins provide a wonderful record of history. As the 'love of money' is evident in most civilisations, it is never just thrown away, and provides evidence of how ungodly were their beliefs.

Thus people in all ages, and especially today, are without excuse.

Despite what you have read,

Are you one of those which Jesus refers to in Mark 8:18,

"Having eyes, see ye not? And having ears, hear ye not?"

DO YOU WISH TO RESPOND?

A summary of what The Bible reveals, and how believers should respond, is given in a separate section at the end of this booklet.

These leaflets have been given free of charge, on the condition they are not to be sold. The information contained therein, is purely for a teaching aid, to encourage a proper understanding of how people have distanced themselves from GOD, the CREATOR.

They should be used to illustrate how Christianity has become corrupted, and to encourage those unaware of this fact, to look into what 'The Bible' ACTUALLY teaches.

THE + CROSS

The aim of this leaflet is to encourage awareness that the cross has been used throughout history, as the symbol of the Sun, and its relevance today.

Throughout the ages the Cross has taken various forms, but each variation is still related to being associated with the Sun, as will become evident.

The ANKH (cross with handle), appears in the earliest records of Egyptian civilisation. The hieroglyphic shows quite clearly the Sun's rays providing provision for food, and 'handing life' to the nostrils of the two figures, who are seen worshipping the Sun as the source of all life.



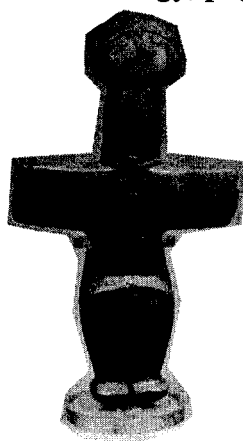
The connection between the Sun, the Ankh and worship, is evident and undeniable.



The Bible, in Ezekiel 8:15, says that Sun Worship was considered 'the greatest abomination'.

Those who read the Bible, will be aware that the punishment in the form of the plagues, that came upon Egypt, was because they did not recognise or worship the True GOD.

The Egyptians were known as worshippers of many gods, and according to modern terminology, **pagans**.



Reproduced from a photograph in the British Museum, with the following notation:

"Picrolite figure shaped like a cross, wearing a necklace with a similar cruciform figurine as a pendant.

Made in Cyprus. 3500 - 2500 BC."

(Note: Thousands of years before Christ!)

The cruciform figure has arms outstretched, welcoming the Sun's blessings. The similar pendant undoubtedly worn as a 'badge' or 'symbol', indicating that they belonged to a group, which all acknowledged their devotion to the Sun.

Assyrian ruler, Ashurasirpal II (883-859 BC) on stella (monument) in the British Museum, with cross as pendant.

Prominently situated in the main reception area.

The Museum's comment. "The cross on the chest is stated to be the symbol of the Sun god."



Irrefutable evidence that the Sun was worshipped during the Assyrian/Babylonian periods of the 7th and 8th centuries B.C. can be seen from the seal in the British Museum showing the emblems for the sun and moon, on altars before the priest.

Ref: BM 129530



In the reign of Ashurbanipal (645 B.C.), we find that 'the cross' is now also used as ear-rings. It shows that the beliefs continued, when we see on their coinage that the Greeks and Romans followed suit.



M. OPEIMUS
125-120 BC



C. MARIUS C.
82-79 BC



MAN ACILIUS
GLABRIO 55 BC



ALBINUS BRUTI
49-48 BC



A. LICINIUS
NERVA 47 BC



CLAUDIA QUINTA
39 BC

Look at the following, and you can appreciate how much the Church has been influenced by the symbols of the sun.

The following detail is taken from the 'Jehu Stele' or 'Black Obelisk', in the Assyrian Transept of the British Museum, which shows the cross on bread being offered to the pagan gods.



Mithraic worshippers in ancient Iran, with crosses on the 'sun bread' laid on bull skin table. This religious idea came to Rome in 60BC.

In 1st Century it spread throughout the empire. (refer to 'Illustrated History of World's religions').



This was also adopted by the Catholic Church, and was termed 'The Host'

The consecrated 'Host' is usually held in a 'monstrance' for adoration.

The Catholic Encyclopaedia of 1913, states: "The most appropriate form (for the monstrance) is that of the sun emitting its rays to all sides. *INSTRECTIO clement., 5)*



Vatican city Stamp, issued in 1989, showing 'Host or Bread' suitably marked with a cross.

Figure of 2nd Cent. B.C. Priestess. Headdress indicates priestess of the sun, as do all other symbols. (British Museum ref. GR18568153)



Coin of Roman Emperor Gallienus 253-268 AD. Pagan goddess 'Astarte' was the chief tutelary goddess of Berytus. "Her right hand hold a staff terminating in a cross, **her particular symbol.**" (Dictionary of Roman Coins by S. W. Stevenson - Seaby's Publications).



This idol appears on coins of Trajan, Hadrian, Commodus, S. Severus, Julia Domna, Caracalla, Macrinus, etc. and shows that the cross was recognised as **her sign**, and worshipped in the Roman Empire. Astarte, called in the Bible, 'Ashtaroht'.

As Sun worship was considered to be 'the greatest abomination', obviously **any system** that incorporates any aspect of this, **cannot be considered to be acceptable by God.** Yet, the cross has been accepted, and is used throughout 'Christendom'!

WHY ARE THESE DETAILS SO IMPORTANT?

Because it shows that the true beliefs have been discarded, and others which are not related to what the Bible teaches, have been added and made to **appear reasonable by wresting scripture**.

In fact, we have an apostate religion masquerading under the guise of 'Christendom'.

The apostle Paul warns in 2 Timothy 2:18 of people bringing in false doctrines.

"...Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some."

As resurrection is **a fundamental teaching** connected with the reward of the faithful, its rejection obviously leaves open the alternative of the pagan teaching of the immortality of the soul. This, with belief in its associated idea of a 'heaven in the skies', is the result.

HOW HAVE THESE BELIEFS DEVELOPED?

The CROSS.

The Bible indicates that Jesus Christ was NOT crucified on a cross, but on a 'stauros' or stake.

This can be understood by reading what Jesus said in John 3:14,

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up."

and referring to the occasion in Numbers 21:8,

"And the LORD said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live."

(Up to the middle of the last century, there was a pole with a serpent on it outside many chemist shops, to show it was a place that provided healing items. This undoubtedly came from their understanding of Numbers 21:8, and the role of Jesus Christ).

If we examine what distinguished writers have said, we find:

"The Crux Simplex, or mere stake of one single piece without transom. Another form of punishment consisted of tying the criminal to the stake from which he was hung by his arms.

It was not till the **6th century** that the emblem of the cross became the image of the crucifix.

It was not till the **2nd century** that any particular efficacy was attached to it."

Concise Dictionary of The Bible by Dr W. Smith LLD. Pub: J. Murray

"The word CRUX, was applied by the Romans, to every species of punishment whether it was a tree, or simply a stake, to which the criminal was bound or nailed."

"TROPÆUM—Trophy. In the earlier ages they consisted simply of a trunk of a tree, to which a little below the top another piece of wood was fastened crosswise, and set up immediately after a victory, with relevant details thereon."

Dictionary of Roman Coins by Seth .W. Stevenson. Pub: Seaby's Numismatic Publications

HOW did the cross become established in Christendom?

As the Jews falsely accused Jesus before Pilate, saying, *"We found this fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Caesar, saying that he himself is Christ a King"*, it does not seem unreasonable for Pilate to mark the 'victory' over Jesus by following this tradition. Putting over his head 'THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS' (Luke 23:38) in Greek, Latin and Hebrew, would give the impression of a cross and accounts for why believers initially accepted the *shape* of a cross, but did NOT believe that he was crucified on a cross. Original Bible word says 'stauros' meaning stake. (see also reference to 'crux').

Because the 'church' was in the habit of lifting pagan beliefs, and incorporating them into their teachings, it would have been easy enough to satisfy believers at the time, saying the cross bar signified the titles put over Christ by Herod. Sun worshippers' and 'Christians' would have continued to have their own understanding, until its real meaning became lost on those without understanding of all the scriptures.

Today, for example, we have the classical example of 'Christmas', a pagan sun festival incorporated into 'Christendom' purely for convenience, and most people have **long since forgotten this!!**

The Roman Emperors were military, political **and religious** (PONTifex MAXimus) rulers. Consolidation of these and other pagan ideas came into being in the Church, at the time of the Roman Emperor, Antoninus PIUS (138-161 AD).

Antoninus PIUS dedicated his life to honouring all the Greek/Roman pagan gods, including the Sun and the Queen of Heaven. By making all beliefs acceptable, he was able to have a 'peaceful' reign. This approach so impressed the bishop of Rome, that he adopted it, and in his desire to flatter the Emperor, he took the title **Pope Pius**, in AD142.

The attributes of the pagan gods were transferred to what are now termed '**saints**', in the Church. The cross and **many other** sun emblems were now fully integrated into the fabric of the Church.

As the events happened so long ago, have they really had any effect on us in Britain?
The answer is emphatically **YES!**

How many actually realise that the emblem on our old penny that was in circulation right up to decimalisation in 1970, was **originally** issued in honour of the 'eternal goddess of Rome'? This is why Rome was called, 'The Eternal City', **and** the 'churches' **still uses** this title!!

Antoninus PIUS issued a prolific number of coins to various pagan gods.

On the left is the coin issued in Rome to the eternal goddess of Rome. Compare with the one on the right, issued in Britain.



It is stated that he was still honouring the goddess, when he issued one of these coins in Britain, the extremity of his empire.

The beliefs of Babylon, Greece, and Rome have been adopted by 'Christendom', as indicated in Daniel 2 - Nebuchadnezzar's image, and have influenced its teachings. One wrong belief affects all others, as these series of articles will demonstrate.

Do not forget, Catholicism was the official religion in England until Henry VIII (Defender of the **Catholic** Faith), who only rejected the *authority* of the Papacy, and not all the other pagan beliefs.

Nothing has changed! "In October 1986 at Assisi, the present Pope initiated acts of worship involving not only Muslims, but Hindus, the Dali Lama and assorted Sharmans."
(Saints & Sinners: A history of the Popes by E. Duffy. Published by Yale University Press).

'The Revelation' the last book of The Bible, reveals that there would be an apostate system that would '*deceive the nations*'. It states that its distinctive **sign** would be made on the foreheads and in the hands of its members. It would be located on seven hills, and its members would worship an image. It further states that it would be counted as 'The Mother' of all, within this family system. I can find no other religious system, associating itself with the name of Jesus Christ, that fits this description, other than the Roman Catholic Church. 'Christendom' being her 'daughters'.

The warning given is, "*Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues*".

In such a limited space, I cannot cover all the various aspects of how sun worship and its associated teaching have affected 'Christendom', but can supply further details on request.

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As some people have asked what I actually believe, the enclosed statement explains in simple terms. **I believe** in the **true** Christian teaching that Jesus is the **Son of God**, and that He is the promised Redeemer, and **King of the Jews**, who will save the natural nation of Israel from their enemies (Luke 1:32,33). He will **return** to resurrect those responsible for Judgement, destroy all apostasy and any that oppose his purpose. He will establish a kingdom on this earth, and ensure that His Father's will, IS DONE!

"Christendom Astray from the Bible" by R. Roberts, giving specific doctrinal details and information on what the Bible **ACTUALLY** teaches, is also available from the local library.

ANTONINUS PIUS Roman Emperor (AD 138-161)

Antoninus PIUS dedicated his life to rebuilding and rededicating the temples to pagan gods of Greece and Rome. He issued over 2000 coins during his reign. (see Coins of the Roman Empire Vol. 4 Pub. By British Museum, London 1940). Gibbon states that A. PIUS "was content with the present, not moved about the future but attached with a rather sentimental devotion to the past. He was inclined by his kindness of temperance so show **indulgence towards innovation in religion.**" (My emphasis).

"A. PIUS built the great temple of Jupiter (ie, Baal) in Heliopolis -the city of the Sun.
'Helios' called 'Sol' by the Romans.

Coin of Jupiter, issued in his honour.

Some of the names considered to be the same deity as the Sun. Baal ; Mithras ; Sol ; Helios ; Osiris ; Serapis ; Apollo ; Hercules ; Jupiter ; Bacchus ; Aesculapius.

Almost all the principal divinities resolve themselves into an identity with the Sun.

In this coin, A. PIUS stands with the circlet or 'nimbus' surrounding his head, which is also 'radiated'. The radiated head, the emblem of Apollo, used to signify his standing **as both** a worshipper and representative of the Sun god.



A large number of his coins have his head radiated, as per example, showing his devotion as the chief priest or 'Pont. Max.' of the Sun, on earth.



The representations of Apollo **with rays around his head**, to characterise him as identical with the Sun, **belong to the time of the Roman Empire.**" (Dr. Smith in 'Classical Dictionary of Mythology')

"The circlet later appears on the head of deities and 'divine' emperors. Later used by Christendom to adorn the Saviour, the Virgin Mary, the Angels, Apostles, and at length all the Saints in their calendar."*

A. PIUS in attention to the sacred ceremonies and religious institutions, his inclination seems to have assimilated with the policy of 'Numa'.

Numa Pompilius, 2nd king of Rome, was the author of the whole Roman religious worship. He **instituted the Vestals** as a body of virgins. He showed particular attachment **to the ceremonies** of religion.

The worship of **Vesta** is connected with the 'Penates', which was the title given to all deities who were worshipped privately and at home.

It was permitted by the religion of the Romans for each individual to chose his own Penates.

Even living Emperors, and a man's own ancestors were allowed to be amongst the number of the Penates.

A. PIUS issued a coin declaring himself to be the '**Genius** of the Roman people'. This is why his statue was used by many people in their home. "Genius - a protecting spirit, analogous to the guardian angels invoked by the Church of Rome" (Dr Smith's Dictionary of Mythology).

"Such was the vanity of the Romans, that they ascribed the origin of their great men to their deities."

In the extensive collection of coins that A. PIUS issued, gods of every description are honoured..

The 'virtues' were given divine status and represented by human figures.

His deceased wife was successively compared to almost all the pagan goddesses.



On the death of his wife Faustina Snr. (his daughter was Faustina Jnr.), he issued this coin honouring her with the title of DIVA (a Divinity or goddess) and the symbols of AETERNITAS (eternity). This is usually represented by images of the Sun or Moon.

The fabled sun-bird of Egypt called the 'Phoenix', was emblematical of the daily rebirth of the Sun and its eternity. This is commonly indicated by using the Sun's radiating rays.

"Many Christian ecclesiastics of the early ages have (strange to say) followed the traditions of paganism respecting the Phoenix, and adopted it as a symbol of the resurrection."*

As a symbol of rebirth, or 'rising from the ashes', it is even in common usage today!

Coin showing **Isis** suckling **Horus**. With **Serapis**, replacing Osiris, (the later name the Egyptians used for the Egyptian Sun god, which the Roman adopted), the **trinity** became known by their initials **IHS!** ('Hislop' suggests Isis, Horus, Seb, as Mother, Child, Father).



Other coins struck in honour of Faustina Snr., after her death and consecration are: Venus : Vesta : Isis : Diana : Ceres & Hercules : Vulcan & Minerva : Cybele & Atys : Mars & Vestal Rhea.



"Coin showing Faustina Snr. As DIVA AVGVSTA compared to Cybele the 'Magna Mater Deum' meaning 'Great Mother of the gods', and no longer subject to the accident of mortality."*

Here we have evidence of belief in the 'immortality of the soul' continuing from Egypt, Babylon and Greece.

Coin shows Cybele with her priest Atys.

The **priest of Cybele** was entrusted with the care of her temple.

Interestingly, he promised to live in **complete celibacy**, and self mutilation was a condition attached to his sacerdotal successors.



"This coin with its legend of CONSECRATIO. S.C., has a cowering eagle standing on a globe, emblematical of the *anima* (the soul or spirit) soaring to take its seat in the celestial region. The eagle, flying into the air was supposed to bear to heaven the soul of the deified person.

During her life she was styled on her coins as CERES AVGVSTA, and after her death she was worshipped under the personification of that goddess".*

The idea of 'going to heaven' on death, is firmly established.



"On this coin the veiled figure, the priestess of Ceres, with her right hand lighting a torch at the sacred fire on the altar. Her left hand carries one already lighted, in preparation of the rites of the goddess. On this account a day of torches was held as sacred to Ceres. The biga (or chariot) is drawn by serpents." *

As the serpent was said to renew its youth by the annual shedding of its skin, it was taken as the symbol of the eternal Sun god - represented by Apollo (Roman), and Osiris (Egyptian); who was later called **Serapis**, first by the Egyptians, then by the Romans.

(This is the reason why the Pharaoh's of Egypt, considering themselves immortal, had the serpent on their foreheads as a headdress. Their subjects were thus constantly reminded of their god-like status).

A. PIUS also issued a coin dedicated to DIANA LUCIFERA -Diana the bringer of light (borrowed from the sun). Diana was considered to be the sister of Apollo the sun god, and generally represented by a crescent moon. A **crescent moon** is generally worn on the head, **or shown close to her**.

She was also worshipped under the name LUNA (goddess of the moon).

Throughout the Roman empire she was considered the patroness of virginity; the presiding deity over child-birth, and was invoked by women at this time; worshipped in the cross-ways where her images were erected; and also called the Protectress of the slaves.



Original coin shown on left, issued in Rome in honour of the 'Eternal goddess of Rome'.

This is the reason why Rome is **still called 'THE ETERNAL CITY'** by the 'Church of Rome'.

He also issued 8 coins in Britain, one of which is shown on right. It is stated* that he was still honouring the 'goddess of Rome' by issuing one of these coins in Britain, the extremity of his empire. This 'reminder' has been in constant use on coins (pennies until 1970), and now 50 pences in Britain.

I have tried to show **some** of the beliefs of Antoninus PIUS, and how these beliefs affected the thinking of **Pope PIUS** (now Pope Pius 1st.) who brought many of the beliefs/ceremonies into 'Christendom'.

In fairness, he acknowledged his debt to the Emperor, by adopting his name as his '**Church title**' in AD 142, not long after the death of Faustina Snr., the Emperor's wife.

Can **you** recognise some of the beliefs, and symbolisms, that are now incorporated into 'Christendom'?

* I am indebted to 'Dictionary of Roman Coins' by Seth W Stevenson, Seaby's Pub., for the details quoted.

ANTONINUS PIUS (87-161 AD) brings his pagan beliefs to BRITAIN!



The Roman Emperor Antoninus Pius issued these coins.

The one on the left was issued in Rome and the right hand one issued in Britain, which was the extremity of his empire.

Both coins were issued to honour the goddess of Rome, which was called 'Roma Aeterna'. Antoninus Pius spent all his time as Emperor, rebuilding and dedicating temples to the pagan gods, all of which were associated with the Sun. The attitude that prevailed throughout his reign was, 'all beliefs are valid'. Because of this, no religious wars or problems arose, and history shows that he had a fairly peaceful reign.

The bishop of Rome was impressed by his religious tolerance, and thought that if he adopted the theme that 'all roads lead to heaven', it would bring the same results. He therefore allowed pagan beliefs to come into Christianity, which hastened the change in it becoming what is now termed 'Christendom'. The title of 'Rome Eternal' has been adopted and changed by the Church of Rome, to 'Rome the Eternal City'.

In acknowledgement that his approach followed the example set by his Emperor, he took the title Pope Pius, and is now called Pope Pius 1st.

The Catholic Church now has TWELVE Popes that have used the title 'Pius', and they have also added other beliefs/doctrines that do not come from The Bible!

Pope Pius IV (1555-9 AD) confirmed the decrees of the Council of Trent in 1564. These included: (i) Tradition has **equal footing** with Scriptures. (ii) Doctrine of Justification. (iii) Validity of seven Sacraments. (iv) Sacrifice of the Mass. (v) Adoration of Images. He also introduced 'Scriptures to be interpreted only in accordance with the unanimous consent of the Fathers', the 'Supremacy of the Pope', and 'Indulgences'.

Pope Pius VII (1800-23 AD). Endorsed by default, statement by Dr. Troy, their highly respected Archbishop of Dublin made in 1816; **"Either we must root out the Bible or the Bible will root out us. The translators of the English Bible are to be abhorred to the depths of Hell. It would be better to be without God's law than the Pope's."**

Pope Pius IX (1846-78 AD). (i) Doctrine of 'Immaculate Conception' made an article of faith. (ii) Proclaimed the 'Infallibility of the Pope'.

Pope Pius X (1903-14). Prescribed 'Larger Catechism, for Higher Classes' which gave the answer to the question **"What ought a Christian do if a Bible should be offered him by a Protestant?"** as **"He ought indignantly to spurn it, because it is forbidden by the Church; and if he should have accepted it without adverting to what it was, he should at once pitch it into the fire, or fetch it to his pastor."**

Pope Pius XII (1939-58 AD). Proclaimed 'The bodily ascension of Virgin Mary to heaven shortly after her death'. His 'reign' covered the period of the 'holocaust' during World War II and despite his opposition, the establishment of the 'State of Israel'.

THE TRIBUTE PENNY OF TIBERIUS CAESAR

Matthew 22:20,21 "And Jesus said unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? They say unto him, Caesar's. Then said he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's."



The image is that of Tiberius Caesar, on the reverse, Livia, the fourth wife of Augustus Caesar and mother of Tiberius Caesar. She is shown as 'Pax' with olive branch and long vertical sceptre. (Pax, regarded by the ancients as a goddess, was worshipped not only at Rome but also at Athens).

The superscription TI CAESAR DIVI AVGVSTVS, and on reverse PONTIF MAXIMVS, and on reverse; Chief Pontif or High Priest of the Gods, - amongst the (heathen) people of Rome.

What Jesus was saying therefore, was, Render unto the Emperor what is due under the laws for the governing of the Empire, but reject his pagan religion and worshipping of false gods/goddesses. This is confirmed later, by reference to Titus 3:1, 1 Peter 2:13-17, Romans 13:6, Acts 4:19, which are summarised, as '*be subject to rulers: obey magistrates: submit to every law and ordinance of man, except where they come into conflict with the law of Christ*'.

Tiberius was not a Levite, so he could not even have been a priest, let alone a High Priest, under the Mosaic Law. The title of Pontifex Maximus was therefore a challenge to God's Word.

The apostle Peter never claimed the title of Pontifex Maximus. It was used by **pagan** Rulers from Babylon onwards, until it finally ceased in the reign of the Roman Emperor Gratianus in 379AD.

The Pontifex Maximus title was **subsequently** adopted by the Papacy **alongside** the Church's worshipping of many of the pagan gods now termed 'Saints'. (Refer to section on 'Comparisons' later). In St. Peter's, **today**, there are **altars** to 'The Boat' and 'The Lie' and a '**Chapel** of the Column'. Outside, the pride of place and honour is given to the Egyptian obelisk of red granite from the circus of Caligula and Nero, both persecutors of the Christians. All they have done is put a cross on top, unwittingly perhaps, acknowledging the importance of their belief in sun worship!

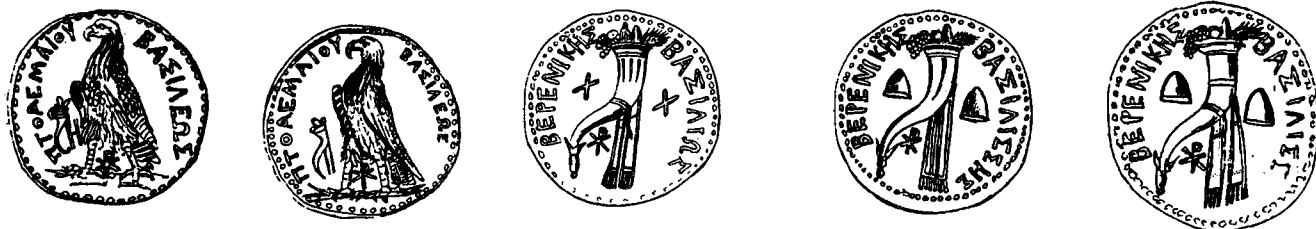
The First Council of Nicaea in 324 AD produced the 'Nicene Creed'. For the Roman Catholic Church this formed, and still forms the basis of much of their beliefs and authority. It was instituted by Constantine who was the pagan Roman Emperor, using the weight of the pagan title 'Pont. Max.' to **impose his own belief and interpretation** of what 'Christians' would have to believe in future. This is now termed 'Christendom'.

The bishop of Rome did not attend, for he believed that the title 'Pont Max' was counted as superior in the Roman Empire, to that of his own; which ended in 304 AD, and had only **restarted** in 308 AD. He wouldn't go against someone on whom he depended, and was going to confer praise. Constantine rewarded the 'Church' with favours and riches for their co-operation. The importance of the title 'Pont Max', undoubtedly led to its later adoption and use, by the 'Bishops of Rome'.

The LABARUM ✠ and Constantine.

The Labarum predates Constantine!

The ✠ monogram appears on coins of Egypt, from Ptolemy III (BC 246) to Euergetes (BC 220), as shown:



(The monogram is the mint mark of the issuing magistrate, Chrisagoras.)

It also appears on the coins of Alexander Bala, King of Syria (BC 146):

the Bactrian Kings; Hippostratus the Great (BC 140-135), and Hermaeus (BC 138-120):

the Indo-Scythian King Azes (BC 100): and

The Roman Emperor Trajan DECIUS (AD 249-251) - only 55 years BEFORE Constantine!

(coin from Dictionary of Christian Antiquities by Dr Smith. 1880)



Examining the coin of Decius, we find the pagan figure of Baachus, the Greek fabled divinity, seated in a chair on a car drawn by two panthers which were consecrated to him. Referred to as the God of Wine, the companion of Apollo the Sun God, and the lover of Ariande, who is shown holding a large vine-branch covered with grapes.

As the Roman Emperor worshipped pagan divinities, it is clear that the ✠ at the top of the coin had NO CONNECTION with Jesus Christ!!

There must therefore, be **ANOTHER** meaning. (Eg. The Sun, the 'Father' of the gods.)

Before considering the use of the X and P in the labarum, we must examine what the word 'Christ' means.

In Strong's Bible concordance, Christ (5547) says 'from 5548 anointed, ie, the Messiah.' (meaning Saviour).

In AD 305 there were five Augusti in addition to Maximianus Herculeus, being Galerius (the great persecutor of the Christians), Maximianus, Maximinus, Licinius, Maxentius as well as Constantine.

By AD 311 the number had been reduced to three, Licinius, Maxentius and Constantine.

Constantine temporarily removes one opponent, Licinius, by betrothing his half sister Constantia to him.

His main rival at this time, AD312, was Maxentius.

Constantine realised that by antagonising the Christians, as Galerius had done, he could not hope to have a unified empire. He thus set about examining how to gain their confidence and respect, whilst at the same time being able to appeal to the Roman army under Maxentius.

In order to appeal to all the Roman soldiers, whose main religion was connected to Sun Worship, Constantine declares that he had seen a sign in the sky with the P intersected by the X. This monogram or 'Labarum' was Consider then the **previous uses** of the X and P on Roman coins, as this gives **the probable answer**.

The 'X' has always been used as the symbol of the Sun, whilst 'P' the abbreviation for Pater (or Father) has already been established. For example, we find 'PP' 'Pater Patriae' on coins of Augustus. = Father of his Country. 'P.S.' as 'Father of the Senate'. Almost **every Pagan God** was called Pater or 'Father' of whatever aspect or attribute they represented. eg. *Baachus Pater* would mean 'Father' or 'God' of wine. Thus, XP would represent 'Father' or 'God' of Sun worshippers. Emperors were considered to be 'Gods', and used 'Diva' (Divine) in their titles!

In AD 312, when he is supposed to have seen the sign in the sky, Constantine was **not** fighting against the Christians, **but** against Maxentius **and his army**. Thus to the Roman soldiers, Constantine (as the son of an *Augusti*), could state that as he was the **rightful** heir, and the appointed 'Father' of the Sun Worshippers, he was the true 'anointed' or 'Messiah' who would save Rome from her enemies, and Maxentius.

To the Christians, he was able to say that the sign represented Christ, who thus endorsed his claim to the Emperorship of the Roman Empire, and that he was also the 'anointed' friend, or 'Messiah' of the Christians, at this time. He certainly subsequently gained the title of the 'First Christian Roman Emperor', and was treated as such!!!

To ensure that the Christians accepted him, he adapted the Roman cavalry standard (seen below) so that **it was capable of** a Christian interpretation. Notice how the 'labarum' shape already exists!



Coin of N. Fabius PICTOR (BC 266)

Showing the affinity of his beliefs with Greek mythology, and Sun worship. The labarum shape behind his head, and the moon pendant on his neck.

* (As the 'X', and 'star' shape sometimes refers to denote a 'denarius' or 'penny' coin, it makes Matthew 22:20 of even greater significance!)



Coin of M. Arrius SECUNDUS (BC 43-42).

The markings at the top of the labarum shape also have some significance, and appears as part of labarum type shape on coins of the later Emperors, Licinius I and II. eg. ✠

Much has been written about the sign that Constantine is supposed to have seen.

It is **NORMAL** for a 'convert' to be zealous for his new found faith, but the subsequent actions of Constantine reveal that he was totally **UNMOVED** by the 'experience' he said he had! **This alone gives cause for concern.**

Look carefully at how Constantine responded to the vision he said he saw. He produced a new standard!

*"A long spear, overlaid with gold, formed the figure of a cross by means of a transverse bar laid over it. On the top was fixed a wreath of gold and precious stones: and within this the symbol of the Saviours name, two letters indicating the name of Christ by means of its initial characters the letter P being intersected by the X at its centre. The banner was of a square form, and the upright staff, whose lower section was a great length, bore a golden half-length **portrait of the pious emperor and his children** on its upper part, beneath the trophy of the cross, and immediately above the embroidered banner."* The Labarum or Monogram, is NOT the MAIN symbol!

(Refer to 'Constantine versus Christ' by Alexander Kee SCM Press Ltd 1982)

Famous historical writers; 'Eckhel' recommended caution against relying wholly on the testimony of Christian writers, otherwise we would be led to regard Constantine less in the light as a mortal man, more of a god. 'Neibur' makes the following just remarks on Constantine's beliefs:- "The religion which he had in his head must have been a strange compound indeed. The man who had on his coins the inscription Sol Invictus, who worshipped pagan divinities, consulted haruspices, indulged in a number of pagan superstitions: and on the other hand, built churches, shut up pagan temples, and interfered with the council of Nicaea, must have been a repulsive phenomenon, and was certainly not a Christian. He did not allow himself to be baptised till the last moment of his life; and those who praise him for this, do not know what they are doing. To speak of him as a saint (which some oriental writers do), is a profanation of the word." - History of Rome, Vol V.

As a supposed Christian, look at his non-Christian actions:

He murdered Licinius I in AD 324.

He murdered his son Crispus, and the young Licinius - a boy of 11 years of age, in AD 326.

He murdered his wife Fausta in AD 327.

The actual beliefs of Constantine are indicated on the coins he issued!



This coin showing the fabled she wolf suckling the twins Romulus and Remus, in AD 330, reveals that in using the coin he considered himself to be the 'Saviour' of the Roman Empire.

Constantine would not permit the issuing of a coin without the Sun emblems being evident, (the twins being by the Sun's 'divine' appointment), as can be seen on either side of the 'labarum'. The 'stars' are used to show they have been elevated to the ranks of the gods.

Ultimately, **all pagan divinities** resolve themselves into an identity with the Sun.

*Rome was worshipped as a female deity from Greek times, and later called 'Roma Aeterna' by the Romans. Because it was associated therefore with the Sun, it was natural for Sun emblems to abound in the city. Rome is **still called** the 'Eternal City' **by the Roman Church**, and the Sun signs remain!



This coin further endorses his pagan belief in the worship of the Sun. The fabled 'phoenix' representing the 're-birth' of the Sun, is clearly 'radiated'. His belief in his 'immortality', by being related to the Sun, (and NOT Jesus Christ) is clearly indicated.



To make the position ABSOLUTELY CLEAR, Constantine appears as the 'Sol Invicta'. Wearing the Sun crown, in a pose of adoration, he has the Sun emblem clearly indicated. To incorporate the +, the sun symbol, he shows that his belief in the 'labarum' as an emblem of Christ, is false.



We now have a DIFFERENT sign introduced, not the 'labarum', but a variation of the Egyptian 'Ankh', which was used as the symbol of the Sun and its life giving power.



Again, we find that Constantine issues a coin without reference to the actual labarum. Note how the signs on the helmet are those used previously by pagan rulers, which refer to the Sun.

Even on the reverse, the Sun symbol is clear, whilst the 'cross' has been deformed, to be nearer the shape of the Sun's rays as used by his predecessors.

To suggest the ☩ is really a ✚ (as a cross) is stretching imagination, when 'X' and '+', was, and still ARE at this time, the Sun's symbols.

Each one of these coins demonstrate that Constantine did not believe in the teachings of Christianity as proclaimed by the apostles.

What Constantine actually did, was to use his position as the Political and Religious ruler (pagan PONTifex MAXimus), and call the first council of Nicaea in AD 324-325.

No bishop of Rome attended.

What Constantine decreed, and was agreed at the meeting, resulted in what is called the NICENE CREED. This became what is now termed 'Christianity'.

Thus, 'Christianity' became the official religion of the whole Roman Empire.

What is fairly obvious, is that the symbols connected with Sun Worship, came to be used in 'Christianity', showing that although 'Christianity' **did not** actually worship the Sun any more, the **associated beliefs** found their way into the new religion which is **NOW** referred to under the general term, '**Christendom**'.

Further evidence shows that the vision of the 'labarum' is suspect, one finds that its shape **CHANGES** when it is represented in different parts of the Empire! Constantine now uses the 'P' crossed with a line, (for 'T') ie but it has nothing to do with Jesus Christ. Look at the coin shown overleaf, and you will see that at the top of the standard, the circles are radiated, as signs of the Sun!

P

It is only to be expected, that this sign can also be shown to be pagan in origin, and existed before Constantine.

This symbol occurs on the coins of Tigranes, King of Armenia (BC 96-64),

on coins of Arsaces X, XII, and XIV (BC 92-38),

and on the coins of Chios at the time of Augustus.

and on coins of Herod I who reigned from BC 38, and was ruling in Jerusalem when Jesus Christ was born.



Coins of Constantine, showing the **X** and the **P** and **R**



He has now used **6 signs**, said to be 'Christian'!

The mixture of signs, indicate that they probably represent **differing symbols of the Sun**, from various parts of the Roman Empire!



Coin of Herod, who ruled in Jerusalem, at the time of birth of Jesus Christ. We can see above the left hand building, the 'labarum' basic shape.

What is also clear, is the crossed 'P', on the reverse of the coin.

It is possible that as P refers to 'Pater' or 'Father', it alludes to a sharing as

Co - Emperor (Constantine and Licinius), or half-rulership, (ie. Herod, as a Regent of Judea, under Roman rule). BUT, on coins of the east, the P was placed on the Egyptian T or 'Tau' (a variation of the 'ankh'), it will **also indicate** the 'Father of Sun worshippers'. **Different symbol, but the same meaning!**

With such a profusion of conflicting signs, it is not surprising that the Emperors who follow, mix the signs.



This is seen in the coin issued by Constantius II and Constans AD337-340.

The radiated sun bird, the phoenix, held in the **right hand** as being more important while the 'labarum' is held in the left! Later Emperors also 'amalgamate' various signs.

What one should really think about, when considering Constantine, is:-

- (i) Why, **if the † cross was so important**, does it not feature on any of the coins issued by him?
- (ii) Why was the name 'JESUS' not used, even as 'J.CH', to ensure that there could be no confusion?
- (iii) In view of its importance, why was reference to the **sign OVER** Jesus when he was crucified, not used?

As has been revealed earlier, pagan symbols were brought into 'Christianity' by Pope Pius 1 (AD 142), who took the name of his Emperor, ANTONINUS PIUS (AD 138-161), a worshipper of pagan gods. It was therefore quite easy for Constantine to build upon these symbols, **endorsing the dual meaning** that they now had.

Perhaps one of the most interesting things, is that Constantine later left Rome to establish his new base in what is now called Turkey. He called the city which he built, **Constantinople**.

Thus, as the PONT. MAX. the **Political and Religious** ruler of the Roman Empire, shows that the TWO 'facets' and Two 'bases', are representative of the two legs and feet of the Roman Empire.

Why are all these facts so important? Because they demonstrate that The Bible is TRUE.

The apostle Paul warned in 2 Thessalonians "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there be a falling away first." and the warning given by Jesus Christ in Luke 18:8,

"Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find (the) faith on the earth?" must all come to pass before **Jesus Christ returns**, to establish The Kingdom where God's will **WILL** be done, on this earth.

Acts 3:20 "And God shall **SEND** Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive **UNTIL** the times of restitution of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of his holy prophets since the world began."

We now have the 'two legs' of the image that King Neb-u-chad-nezzar saw in a dream, which appears in the book of Daniel chapter 2. One foot standing on **Rome** whilst the other on **Constantinople**, demonstrate the two 'legs' or branches of the Greek/Roman 'Church'.

It reveals that in the latter days, the image will stand upon its feet, thus its '**head**' (thoughts), will be filled with the pagan beliefs that oppose God's teaching in the Bible. It also shows that the incorporated beliefs of the nations depicted in the image, will subsequently be defeated by the 'stone power', or Jesus Christ.

To ensure that one can **understand the meaning** of 'part iron and part clay' all that is necessary, is to realise that the PONT. MAX. of pagan **Rome** (and the other nations in the image), is now proudly displayed as the title of the leader of the Roman Catholic Church. Claiming to be religious, they have political aspirations specifically in Europe (the 'toe kingdoms'), and the world in general.

They **follow the example of** Constantine, whom they claim to be their first Christian Emperor, **being un-Christ like** in their behaviour!

Researching the writings of early historians does not really endorse the belief that Constantine embraces the true teachings of Christ.

“Constantine erected a statue of himself in the most frequented part of Rome, and ordered a long spear in *the form of a cross* to be placed in the hands of the statue, and the following inscription to be engraved on it in the Latin language;- BY THIS SALUTARY SIGN, THE TRUE SYMBOL OF VALOUR, I HAVE SAVED YOUR CITY, LIBERATED FROM THE YOKE OF THE TYRANT. I HAVE ALSO RESTORED THE SENATE AND ROMAN PEOPLE TO THEIR ANCIENT DIGNITY AND SPLENDOUR. (Euseb. Vit Const. i.c.40; H.E.ix. c.9.)”
(from ‘Dictionary of Christian Antiquities’ by Dr. Smith. Pub J. Murray 1875)

Later in the same publication:


According to Zonaras (Ann xiii. 3) Constantine placed in the forum of Constantinople the circular porphyry column brought from Rome, and on it he put the brazen statue of Apollo which *he set up in his own name* substituting some of the nails of the passion for the rays of the Sun, thus assuming with “singular shamelessness” (cf. Von Hammer, Const und Basp. Vol I.p.162), the attributes of Apollo and Christ, from which circumstance Garrucci has found no difficulty in supposing that Constantine “changed the head of the statue”, and finally intended to represent himself as Sol upon his coins.”

Nothing appears in either of the above accounts about the LABARUM!

Perhaps one of the greatest proofs of the fact that Constantine did not embrace the TRUE Christian teaching is seen in the events connected with his mother Helena.

She is said ‘To have embraced the Christian faith and on her pilgrimage to Jerusalem, and is said to have discovered the sepulchre of Jesus, together with wood from the true cross’. “Her Zealous patronage of the faithful, have afforded a copious theme to Eusebius, Sozomenus, Theodoretus, and ecclesiastical historians, and, at a later period, procured for her the glory of canonisation.”

(Dictionary of Greek and Roman Biography and Mythology Vol. 2 by Dr Smith. Pub Taylor Walton & Maberly 1853)

If, such an account was correct, and Constantine had accepted ‘Christianity’, then SURELY he would have honoured his mother, and issued a coin to commemorate such a momentous event, and ALSO issue coins with what was proclaimed to be the shape of the cross she found. ie, .

Maybe, Constantine had read in the Greek, that ‘STAUROS’ (translated as ‘Cross’ in scripture), meant ‘STAKE’ and NOT a cross! (Greater detail on the shape of the ‘cross’, appears in another leaflet on ‘Sun Worship’).

What we have to be grateful for, however, is that in making ‘Christianity’ the religion of the Empire, he allowed the true teachings of Christ to continue, and spread throughout the world.

The belief of the Roman Emperors, and previous rulers of the nations depicted in Neb-chad-nezzar’s image, was that on death, they returned to the Sun, by whose power they had been created.

Naturally then, we see this belief depicted in his coins.



It is said that the coin was based on scripture, where Elijah was taken up to heaven in a chariot. Look, however, at the background.

We have a hand coming down from the sky, next to the symbol of the Sun, (although some say it is a star). They are there for a purpose. The work necessary in producing these items on coins, is indicative that they have a real meaning.

Where is the cross, or labarum, if they are so important?

“Had the labarum been believed to be a new revelation of a divine sign of the Son of Man, it would everywhere have taken the place of the cross, on the authority of Constantine, as the man privileged to see it; and might have prevented the use or worship of the crucifix. The change to the upright cross in the labarum may have proceeded naturally from the cruciform vexillum of the Roman cavalry.” (from ‘Dictionary of Christian Antiquities’ by Dr. Smith. Pub J. Murray 1880)

The true Christian teachings were spreading. Believers taught that going to war was against the teachings of Christ, and living in an exemplary manner, were an influence for good. As their numbers grew, they came to be a 'force' which could not be ignored. Several of the Roman Emperors persecuted them in an attempt to remove their influence, but the more they were persecuted, the more they remained firm to their faith. Constantine realised that if he could get the Christians on his side, then he would indeed gain a great victory and unify the Empire.

Thus it was in his own interest to build upon the signs and symbols that Pope Pius 1st brought into what was now termed 'the Christian church'.

If he was truly interested, and believed what his mother had said she discovered, then he could have said that the sign he saw, was a cross with the sign 'King of the Jews' over it.

He would have reinforced the true belief in 'the hope of Israel', as preached by the apostle Paul, and gained some credibility.

The fact that he did nothing, surely indicates that he USED 'Christianity', rather than accepted its true teachings.

King of the Jews



Having however, professed belief in 'Christianity', he had no alternative but to remove the blatant pagan customs that was evident in the empire. Worshipping of pagan 'gods' and their sacrificial customs were discouraged and their temples were removed, but many of their symbols - having become established in the 'church', remained.

The professed Christians teachers who acknowledged Constantine as being a 'Christian', were rewarded with positions of authority, and given land and all the trappings of wealth.

Many TRUE believers, recognising that the teachings of Christ were being 'leavened' or defiled, refused to accept the teachings now being put forward as 'Christianity', and fled from Rome.

If you are able to appreciate the facts as shown, and that Constantine was NOT a true believer, then it should follow that the sign he said that he saw in the sky has no connection with Christ.

Likewise, the fact that the sign has become part of 'Christian' belief, must raise the question, "How many other pagan beliefs have influenced or been incorporated into Christendom?"

"In this matter, as in every other which concerns the monuments of Christian Rome, we have to lament the effects of relic-removing, collecting, and devout interpolation. Inscriptions are collected in Museums, arranged and re-arranged according to tastes or theories, and crosses and monograms of secondary date are everywhere found inscribed on more ancient tablets after the peace of the church, and thus the monuments will vitiate each other's evidence to the end of time."

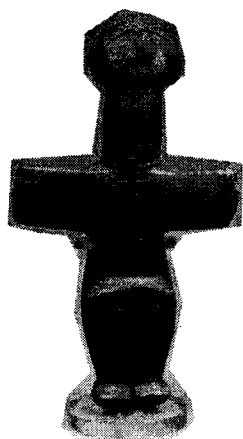
"Neither the CRUX Immissa nor the Greek cross appear by actual examples till the 5th Century."

Both quotes from ('Dictionary of Christian Antiquities' by Dr. Smith. Pub J. Murray 1875)

Like so many beliefs in 'Christendom', people rarely question the logic of what they are told, and fail to check the facts themselves. They seem happy to passively accept indoctrination of wrested (twisted) Biblical teachings, because 'the majority of people' do the same.

Did not THE FLOOD, demonstrate the folly of following the same reasoning?

Why not read what The Bible ACTUALLY says, rather than relying on what those who follow Constantine's beliefs, teach?



In the British Museum.
Picrolite figure made in
Cyprus 3500-2500BC.

Sun worship
already established!



In the British Museum.
Stella of Assyrian ruler
Ashurasirpal II (883-859 BC),
with comment "The cross on
the chest is stated to be the
symbol of the SUN GOD."

Development of The SUN DISK or FEROTHER and its implications

The original Sun disk originated in Egypt, where the Sun was worshipped as the prime deity.

The rulers associated themselves with the Sun, and thus we find that it is referred to under various names.



Here we have RA, shown as the Sun-god. In his right hand he carries the ANKH, (cross with handle) which was the religious emblem of the life given by the Sun.

The serpent on the forehead symbolises continual rebirth, or eternity. (Modern immortality of the soul).



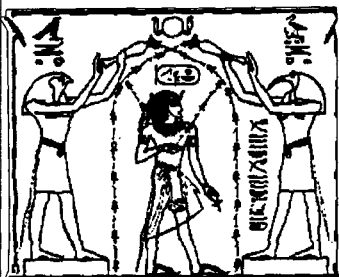
According to Egyptian myth Hathor raised her sun up to the heavens by her horns, and she became equated with the Sun itself.

She offers the Ankh symbol of life, to mouth of Amenhetop II.

Above his head, are his names and titles. Amenhetop, Son of the Sun, given life for eternity.



The Ankh holds aloft the Sun disk! Evidence that the Ankh can also be used as representing 'human worship' of the Sun.



The Sun disk now becomes the 'Feroher'. The serpents either side refers to belief that it was reborn every morning, having travelled through the underworld during the night.

Notice the importance attached to the Ankh. The priest-gods Horus and Thoth are performing the equivalent of sprinkling 'Holy water', to purify Amenophis II.



The Feroher is now given wings.

This was initially used to proclaim victories over the enemies. It then became a symbol of approbation by the Sun God, and of Divinity.

This fact becomes clearer, when we consider the Babylonian/Assyrian developments.

One can now see the use of the cross, which becomes **interchangeable** with the ankh!

Seal details copied from 'First Impressions Cylinder Seals in the ancient and near East' by D.Collon. Pub: Brit. Museum in 1987



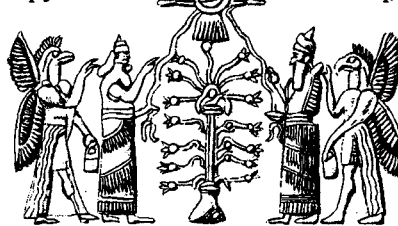
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BM ref 89357

These sacred tree seals, reveal that the 'disk or circle', the 'cross', and the figure within the 'Feroher', are all related

Copy of seal from Iraq, about 883 B.C.



Birdmen behind the priests, show how they signified heavenly acceptance.

BM ref 341



During the Assyrian period the Feroher becomes 'personalised'.

(The Disk and wings often fade into the background).

The rulers are shown in the Sun disk, and become the **visual** 'representation' of the Sun.



The Feroher is now shown as a simple winged disk. But, another figure now appears underneath, in the Sun's circle.

To the left, we have another figure, this time riding on wings.

BM ref. 124015

This demonstrates that the ruler considered himself to be acting under the 'guidance' of the Sun God, and then continuing the work himself, as his appointed representative.



This Feroher was taken from seal in the palace of Sennacherib, in Iraq. Period 1000-500 BC.

It clearly shows the emergence of the 'Trinitarian' idea.

BM ref 89502



BM ref 126064
Seal from Syria, the centre of Sun worship. Three variations of the Feroher within this seal, each has a figure within them.

The Sun's rays, as two lines ending in hands, emanating from the central Feroher. Interestingly, the other Ferohers indicate the development of the two later variations to come. (a) The multiple rays. (b) The triangular star shapes.

We can see that the Ankh still figures prominently, and to the left of the Ankh, the crucifix shape.



The star shaped radiation round the Feroher figure can clearly be seen on part of this Persian/Greek seal, as can the start of the radiated head on the worshipper.



Ref 432.
Part of seal that is in the Ashmolean Museum. The Feroher is now clearly encircled with the Sun's rays.



Ref 554
Radiated Feroher, around 900 BC, from Syria/Palestine region. Figures obviously worshipping this Sun emblem!



BM 102964
Part of 15th Cent. BC. Seal showing male figure with wings, alongside the Feroher. Signifying mankind's eternity.



A couple of the many variations of the Feroher, on the cylinder seals.



Coin showing seated figure in full Persian dress, from around 378 BC.

The winged disk (the Feroher), is a common artistic Persian symbol, taken from Babylon/Assyrian belief.

BMC 32



Greek coin from Carthage, dated around 260-240 BC. Above the horse is the radiated Feroher, showing that the belief still continues. Found in Sardinia, now in the British Museum.

**** THE Feroher development continues, by joining together with 'awards' that become the 'halo' of today, as will be demonstrated.**

In the Bible we read in Daniel chapter 2 that Nebuchadnezzar had a dream. He saw an image, which Daniel under Divine guidance, interpreted.



IRON & CLAY : ROME

"Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon its feet that were of iron and clay, and break them to pieces. Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold broken together....and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain that filled the whole earth."

The Image, shown as standing on its feet in the latter days when it was destroyed, must therefore incorporate the beliefs and attributes of its several parts, that is, of Babylon, Medo Persian, Greece, Roman, and a Roman system with a religious/political mixture.

This is reinforced in Revelation 17:5, where it says, *"and upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH."*

In Ezekiel 8 we read that the great abominations in the sight of God, was the worship of idols, Tammuz, and the Sun.

It should be evident that the religion of what is represented by the 'feet power' today, should incorporate the beliefs and ideas of these powers.

One should therefore expect to find evidence of pagan practices, and other abominable worship.

Examining Rome, we find it is the centre of a worldwide religious/political system called the Roman Catholic Church.

The first thing we notice is that its head, the Pope, uses the pagan title of PONT. MAX. Which is short for Pontifex Maximus, or Chief Priest of the gods.

Secondly, we find that everywhere there are images. Images to the 'Queen of Heaven', and to 'saints', which have the **same attributes** as the gods of Egypt, Babylon, Greece, and the Pagan Roman Empire.

Thirdly, everywhere one looks there are symbols of the Sun, in its various forms, and also the use of the moon.

This series of articles, are produced to demonstrate the accuracy of these prophecies.

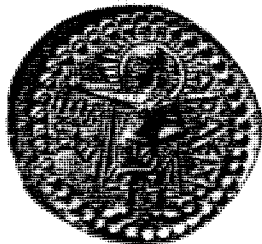
Most of the research will be concentrated on the greatest abomination, - Sun Worship!.

Development of the CIRCLET (or nimbus), and its implications

One of the methods used to signify that a person had the 'backing' of the Sun god, was to have a circle surrounding the persons head.

The examples used are fairly self evident. However, it is interesting to note that if one continues investigating its development in conjunction with the 'Feroher', it becomes apparent that it is later transformed in a 'halo'.

Ancient Persian coin, showing one of the Righteous Immortals of the 'Amensha Spentas' with the radiated head within the circlet.



Ref. British Museum



Circe the 'daughter of the Sun', has her head encircled with the circlet to show that she is a deity.

From Pompeii,



Greek figurine from 3rd Century B.C. shows 'Aphrodite' symbolised as a celestial goddess.

Here we have the circlet surrounding her head, so that she will be immediately recognised as a deity.



A Greek coin of the Temple at Ephesus, shows Diana with the circlet, at its entrance.

Domitian (81-96 AD)

Coin issued which shows the circlet around Diana continues.

Antoninus PIUS (138-161 AD)

To prove his dedication to the Sun god, and that he is the Sun's priest on earth (Pont. Max.), he incorporates both the circlet and Sun's rays round his head.

(Roman bishop adopts his beliefs, and calls himself Pope PIUS, in acknowledgement, in 142 AD).



Licinius (312-324 AD)

Shown with his son, also with circlet.

He was, for a time, the fellow Emperor of Constantine, but was in reality his enemy.



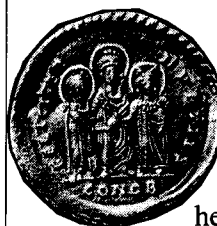
Valens (375-378 AD)

Depicted on this coin with the circlet, or 'backing of the Sun', as having defeated his enemies.



Valentinian II (375-392 AD)

This coin shows the head in a Circlet, whilst on another gold coin, he has the 'labarum', or XP intertwined, and the mixing of emblems continues to gather pace.



Coin of Theodosius II (402-450 AD)

In 437 Theodosius married his daughter Eudoxia to Valentinian III the Western emperor.

All are shown with circlets round their heads signifying their 'divinity'.



Leo I (457-474 AD)

Of Thracian origin, and raised in the east.

Circlet behind the head, with hands holding both the sun star and the cross. All the Sun signs are here.



Leo II (473-474 AD)

His father created him a Caesar in his youth.

Coin with Leo and his father Zeno, enthroned.

The threefold manifestation of the Circlet, the Sun star, and the Cross, shows that the Sun continues to be the true object of their worship.



Austrian Archduke SIGISMUND
(1439-1489 AD)

Shown here with the circlet having been developed, to stand behind the Sun's rays, forming a crown, to which has been added the cross on top.



Pope Leo X
(1513-1521 AD)

This medal struck in Rome, clearly states that the Pope has taken the pagan title of **PONTifex MAXimus**.

The circlets behind the heads, are now moving towards the 'halo', as is also evident with the winged figure crowning the lion with the same.



Part of the picture hung on the coronation route of Pope Leo X, showing 'his face as it were the Sun'. One can see how they associated themselves with the Sun.



(by C. Tsane in Church of San Giorgio dei Greci, Venice).

Part of 17th Cent painting, shows Christ surrounded with Sun's rays and within circlets.

The 'followers' below are now called 'saints', despite the Sun circlets round their heads.

Various days have long been dedicated to the Sun god, and here we have the 'saints' **allocated** to January 22nd.



Vatican City stamp issued in 1954 to celebrate the Canonization of Pope PIUS X.

The Sun's rays within the Circlet are irrefutable evidence that the Sun's emblems have been brought in from paganism.



Part of VATICAN CITY stamp issued in 1955, the 5th Cent. Anniversary of the death of Pope Nicholas V.

The original use of the Circlet of the Sun behind the head demonstrates that the pagan sun worshipping ideas have been incorporated into the symbols they use.

To prove the incorporation of the Sun, in the Roman Catholic religious ceremonies, we find that when, on 4th November 1958, Pope John XXIII (1958-63 AD) went to 'bless' his followers, after his election as Pope, he wore the following glove, which demonstrates that he blessed them with the Sun symbol - **PLUS** the sign of the cross, which is **also** a Sun symbol!



Part of the illustration in Henry II's Gospel Lectionary.



In the top part the central figure has the Circlet behind the head. This incorporates parts of **the cross** which is recognised as the eternal **Sun emblem**.

The two figures on either side have circlets round their heads, rather than halo's, although **BOTH** are still related to Sun worship.

The lower central figure represents deified Rome, with her Sun worshippers, indicated by the Sun's rays being radiated from their heads.

They offer the 'Host', while **she** offers the Sun. The figure on the left appears to indicate that all is a 'mystery'. ('MYSTERY' leads one to Revelation 17). The Roman Catholic Church, which is called 'The Mother Church', and therefore embraces all 'Christianism', marks on their members forehead - and in the hand - the 'Cross Sun sign' to signify adoption into their Church.

According to Ezekiel 8:15,16 Sun worship was counted as one of the greatest abominations.

And so we find the warning in The Bible, which they tried to ban, - "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues."

DEVELOPMENT OF THE HALO

The change from the 'circlet' (the round sun disk behind the head), and the Victory wreath, given to those gaining the victory over their enemies, progresses in overlapping stages. Obviously with empires being so large and dispersed, there will be variations developing at different times and places.

The greatest victory possible was that of light over darkness. A daily reminder was given each day by the Sun, which gained victory over darkness, allowing life to continue.

Thus, the pagans believed that ANY victory over an enemy was considered to have the approbation of the Sun, the supreme god.



The Sun Crown of princess Khnemit, from Dashur (B.C. 1800).

NIKE, as the Greek goddess of Victory, naturally bestowed the honour of the Sun on its worshippers.

So many coins endorse this fact, that I have only included a couple for verification.



Coin of Arsaces XIV (Orodes I.)
King of Parthia BC 53.
being offered crown of victory by Nike.



Coin of Seleucis I BC 321 King of Syria. Father of Antiochus.
'Winged figure' probably 'Nike', placing victory wreath on
two faced head.



Coin from Syracuse, Sicily. (2/3rd Cent. B.C.)
Spoils of war and Nike presenting victors crown.

The ROMANS changed the name of Nike to VICTORIA, their goddess of Victory.

As her purpose was exactly the same, again I have only chosen to illustrate coins worthy of some comment. Interestingly, the Romans later changed both the name, and the sex, to VICTORY, and now virtually all publications use this name for both periods, which can be confusing!



C. METELLVS BC 148
Showing male figure, probably Jupiter, crowned by a flying Victory,
in a biga of elephants.



This coin of Martinianus (one of the five augusti at the time of Constantine in AD 322) is quite important, for it shows that the Sun's messenger (Victoria) endorsing his victory over darkness (the enemy).

The Earth cannot crown the Sun,

Constantine the Great. His ideology, and his coins.



SOLI INVICTO COMITI

Coin showing the Sun placing a garland on the head of the Emperor.

It is worth noting that, in 'A dictionary of Roman Coins' by Seth Stevenson, it says that *"all the epigraphs and types of the artful, cautious, and anything but pious or humane Constantine are drawn from heathen mythology, and not from Christian theology."* and *"His medals show the Sun represented as the Guide, Protector, and even his Colleague."*

This endorses that fact that Constantine never really accepted Christ's teachings, but used Christianity to his own ends, namely that of unifying his empire.

Whilst he stands condemned for such actions, we cannot overlook the fact that he also removed the most blatant pagan ceremonies connected with the worshipping of many gods.

He instituted the worship of just **one God**, throughout his empire.

Constantine, as the representative of the Sun god, believed that the very existence of his empire owed its existence to the direct relationship of **THE SOVEREIGN** (the Sun god, and much later, the God of the Christians) to **the sovereign** (the Emperor). He would not accept Christ had **any** role, even as a mediator or intercessor.

NOWHERE on coins, or in the 19 chapters of his 'Law of Constantine respecting Piety towards God and the Christian Religion' is there any reference to Christ.

Read all the accounts of 'the sign in the sky', and you will find that Christ himself is excluded!

"Conquer under this sign", is what is said, NEVER, "In the name of Christ."

Constantine believed that 'God' had chosen him, without having confessed any faith or belief in Christ, and had given him a unique sign of salvation, the 'Labarum'. This sign should **be used** to unify the empire.

I have already shown, in the section on the Labarum, how the X and P would be used.

An example of how this 'unification' was gradually being achieved, can be seen from the edict issued by Constantine regarding the day called Sunday. He wrote, *"Just as it appears to Us most unseemly that the Day of the Sun, which is celebrated on account of its own veneration, should be occupied with legal altercations..."* was 'Christianised' by Eusebius, who interpreted it as, *"in memory I suppose, of what the Saviour of mankind is recorded to have achieved on that day."*

It was claimed that just as God had given a sign to Noah in Genesis 9:12, and to Moses in Exodus 13:21, so Constantine had likewise received a sign, to be the 'Saviour' in uniting the empire.

Thus a new sign of reward, slightly different from the pagan symbols, will also follow.



Coin proclaiming Constantine as 'The Conqueror of all Nations'.

Victory offering him the approbation of the Sun.

Remember, "What originally was called hero worship, later becomes elevated to the position of a pagan 'god', or Christian 'sainthood'.

Here we have the first indication of the new sign, which because it couldn't be accepted in its present form as relevant for a 'Christian' emperor, becomes the 'halo', which was to follow as the 'Christian' symbol of victory.

"The coins of Constantine is full of novel and extravagant titles, too proud and presumptuous, even if they are true." (Eckhel).

In their eagerness to promote the acceptance of Christianity, the bishops gave him all the honours at their disposal. In his presence, Bishop Eusebius said, "Constantine is the new Messiah, and upon him the hopes of the world rest." With such endorsement ringing in his ears, it is easy to see why he did not seek to be baptised until near the end of his life. He saw baptism as the conferring of immortality at the end of his earthly rule, rather than a sign that sins should be forgiven. His own words were recorded as, *"Now I know that I am truly blessed: now I feel assured that I am accounted worthy of immortality, and am made a partaker of Divine light."* (Life: iv. 63).

GAVDIVM ROMANORVM



Coin issued between AD 330-337 by Constantius II, son of Constantine, in Constantinople.

Probably struck a very short time before the death of Constantine. Maybe, soon after his 'baptism', (bearing in mind his belief, and quote after baptism), for Constantine is shown as an old man being crowned by a hand from heaven.

This could not relate to the Sun god, as he already had ownership of the Sun crown.

This now sets the scene for what follows.

During the reign of Constantine V. Copronymus, and his son Leo IV (751-775), the hand 'descending from heaven' occurs on the gold coinage.

The hand also occurs on the coins of John I, Zimisces, Michael IV., Michael VI, Alexius I. Comnenus, John II Comnenus, Manuel I Comnenus, Isaac II Angelus, John VIII Palaeologus, and those of the emperors of Trebizond.

Examples:



Eudoxia,
Wife of Valentinian III
(AD 437-455)
Being crowned with
hand from heaven



Varina (Aelia)
Wife of Leo I (457-474).

Verina also being crowned
by hand from heaven

The 'heavenly' endorsement, is now established in the shape of a circle, which becomes the halo.

Painters now use this new sign to differentiate between the degrees of holiness.

Some continue with the 'circlet', whilst others 'mix and match'.



GAIENUS (AD 253-268). Coin showing **Astarte** (Biblical 'Astaroth'), called by the Phoenicians the '**Queen of Heaven**', who is holding her own symbol of the staff terminating in a cross.

It is quite easy to recognise that whilst she is being depicted being crowned by 'Victory', as a pagan divinity, she could just as easily pass today as a 'Christian' figure ready to receive the halo, as a sign of sainthood!

As throughout Christendom there are so many pictures, statues,, and other artefacts that show the halo, there seems little point in enclosing further illustrations of these.

Many may question the fact that it has pagan origins, even though the evidence is quite clear, so I will finish with one of the most famous 'idols' in the Catholic Church.



To prove that the halo is connected directly with Sun worship, we can do no better, than to go to St. Peter's in Rome.

Here we have the figure (said to originally have been of a Pagan god), but now called St. Peter, crowned with the halo, with the Sun's rays radiating from its centre, outwards. (Remarkably, if the same pattern was dropped onto fabric, you get the Papal cap!)

This image is situated in probably the most prominent part of the Church, and even the 'Popes' visit it, to kiss his toe!

Because so many Sun's emblems have been incorporated into Christendom, people have not given these things a second's thought.



PERHAPS YOU MAY NOW be encouraged to QUESTION MORE, and not accept the absurd answer, that everything they cannot explain, is just a 'Mystery'!

THE PRAYING TO SAINTS HAS NO BIBLICAL FOUNDATION AT ALL.

The Roman Catholic practice of worshipping and praying to saints, is a pagan practice.

The following, is actually what The Bible teaches!

Ecclesiastes 9:4-10 *"For to him that is joined to all the living there is hope: for a living dog is better than a dead lion. For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not anything, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten. Also **their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished;** neither have they any more a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the sun."*

Ecclesiastes 3:19,20 *"For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; as one dieth so dieth the other; yea, they all have one breath."*

Psalms 89:48 *"What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death? Shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave?"*

Psalms 146:4 *"His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish."*

Ezekiel 18:4 *"The soul that sinneth, it shall die."*

Joshua 11:11 *"And they smote all the souls that were therein with the edge of the sword, utterly destroying them: there was not any left to breathe."*

This illustrates that 'breath' is what keeps people alive. Stop breathing, and you become simply, **'a dead soul'**.

The original Hebrew word (in Old Testament) translated as 'soul', is **Nephesh**.

Check in a Bible concordance which explains the meanings of words, and you will find it says; *"comes from Naphash—to breathe, a breathing creature"*.

The original Greek word (in New Testament) translated as 'soul' is **Psuche**.

Concordance says; *"from 'psucho' - 'to breathe'."*

As you read through all the various sections connected with Sun worship, you will have realised that the Sun symbols are an integral part of Christendom.

It naturally follows that the signs must have brought into Christianity, some of the beliefs associated with them. The main beliefs being connected with man's 'immortality'.

Look at what The Bible teaches in 1 Corinthians 15:12-16:

"Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?"

But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen:

And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.

Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not..

For if the dead rise not, then is Christ not raised up."

'Going to heaven on death' and 'the immortality of the soul' all deny the resurrection, for what is the sense of going to a place called 'paradise', if you have to be resurrected????

Unfortunately, the clergy, HAVE to follow the teachings of their church, OR they wouldn't get a job! If they told people the TRUTH of what The Bible teaches, then the vast majority would not like to hear what it said, and would not go!

They prefer to believe in a God of their own making. Even though it provides No Real Future!

Surely, if you have learnt anything in life, it is that, 'if its not worth working for, its not worth having'. Is not Eternal Life, worth having? Then find out what God requires from you.

Development of THE MOON in religious worship, and its implications

It was a common practise amongst the pagan nations to worship all the 'host of heaven'.

The Moon God has often been represented by both male and female figures, depending on the role assigned to them.



The Egyptian god Thoth wearing a crescent shaped moon on his head, signifying the Luna deity which took the place of the Sun god, when he made his nightly journey through the underworld.

This is part of the seal found in Babylon, and dated around 900 BC, showing the moon being held aloft, with what is meant to signify the deity, within it. The moon was worshipped as a god. B.M. ref. 134759



This seal from the time of Nebuchadnezzar II and Nabonides, is in the British Museum.

It is quite evident that the representations of the Sun and Moon, on altars before the priest, are objects of worship.



The moon deity is actually seen clearer, in this seal. The moon god Sin, appears On thousands of seals from Akkadian times onwards, in Assyrian/Babylonian periods. Part of BM 89780



Many Rulers have associated themselves with the Sun God. This has led to the Sun God being known under various names and titles.

Likewise, the Rulers wife, often became called the 'Queen of Heaven' and used the Moon as their symbol.

The Greeks, who worshipped the Sun God as the 'King of Heaven' under the figure of Apollo, thought it was quite natural to assume that if the Sun was male, then the moon could be represented by his sister, Artemis, as the 'Queen of Heaven'.

In this example, we find that the Greeks depicted Artemis, with the moon emblem on her head. In this picture she is also depicted in one of her other roles, as the huntress. (Museum Capitolinum).



Part of Sassaman silver dish showing goddess Anahita, who was associated with Mithras (the Sun god) in the inscriptions of Ataxerxes. The Iranians adopted the Assyrian-Babylonian goddess Anahita, which means 'Immaculate'. The goddess is shown in human form within the crescent moon.

Lucius Cornelius SULLA (Felix) (BC 88)



Bust of Diana distinguished by a crescent moon surmounting the mitella or headdress.

Other names that have been used for the 'Queen of Heaven' are

Isis; Astoreth; Ishtar; Selene; Aphrodite; Astarte; Artemis; Diana;



Today, the Catholic Church gives the title 'Queen of Heaven' to **MARY**, and incorporates the symbols and attributes associated with the pagan gods. (Here the crescent moon, and the term 'Immaculate')



P. CLODIUS TURRINUS. Worship of Sol and Diana introduced into Rome by the Sabines.



L. Lucreti Trio. A rare coin, restored by Trajan (AD 98-117) showing radiated head and moon continuing.

Coin showing VERINA wife of Leo I. (AD 457-474) with the crescent moon on her head, in continuation of the belief.



This is AFTER the time of Constantine, when Christianity was supposed to be the 'official' religion of the Roman Empire. Notice how the 'cross' is prominently displayed along with the Sun star. Obviously pagan worship was now evidently becoming absorbed **and displayed** as the 'Christian' belief.

To appreciate how far the Catholic Church has now elevated Mary, one only needs to read their officially endorsed 'Glories of Mary'.

A couple of extracts will show how she has now overtaken the Roman 'Diana of the Ephesians' who according to Acts 19:27; "all Asia and the world worshipped."

- P. 6 'that to honour the Queen of Angels is to gain eternal life.'
- P. 146 'At the command of Mary all obey, even God.'
- P. 366 'The assumption of Mary into heaven was more glorious than the ascension of Jesus Christ.'
- P. 484 'The Divine Mother has shown by prodigies how pleasing to her are the visits paid to her images.'

Septimius SEVERUS (193-211 AD)



Julia Domna, his wife, shown here on his coin as Diana, or Luna. She also appears as Cybele and Venus. He issued coins to the gods and goddesses of Heaven, Earth, and Hell!



Details from a photograph taken in the 'Virgin of the Snow' church in La Palma, Canary Islands.

Mary is shown with the Sun's rays surrounding her, a crown, signifying she is 'Queen of Heaven' and has her Moon prominently displayed

In the 1989 publication, "A Guide to Church Furnishings" by National Association of Decorative & Fine Arts Societies, it states that the **Crescent Moon** is one of the many Symbols of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Others include the 'Fleur de lys', 'the Lily', and the symbol for 'Mater Dei'.

Having given her abundant honours, the book then, obviously unwittingly, provides an example of how they view her true character, and how to deal with those who do not respond to their teachings.

P. 202 'Those who do not serve Mary, will not be saved.'

P. 484 'the Blessed Lady **herself** set fire to the place with **two torches** reducing the building to ashes, and the loss of 150 lives.'

As two torches were used to signify the worship of Ceres, it shows how far pagan beliefs have been incorporated into the attributes of Mary.



On this coin of Antoninus PIUS, 'is the veiled figure of the priestess of Ceres, with two torches. Her right hand lighting a torch at the sacred fire on the altar. Her left hand carries one already lighted, in preparation of the rites of the goddess.'

To really appreciate how far astray the 'Catholic Church' (the Mother Church), is from what the Bible teaches, one has only to consider Christ's own words in Matthew 7:20, "**Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.**"

The 'atrocities' meted out during the period of the 'INQUISITION' are so horrific that few people can read about them, without the feeling of revulsion. The illustration shows Mary as the 'Iron Virgin of Nuremberg', which was prepared by Pope Paul III (1534-1549AD) for the Jesuits, into which those who did not accept the teachings of the Catholic Church were put. When the door closed, the spikes penetrated the victims eyes, heart, and body. The dead body was then removed and was disposed of unpleasantly.

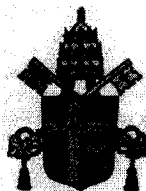
The question that you must ask yourself.

"How can such a religious organisation that has pagan beliefs, and behaves so despicably, be accepted as followers of the teachings of Jesus Christ?" They also banned the Bible, torturing and killing those who wanted to print it. (Read Revelation chapter 17, in the Bible, and see if the description fits).



- P.420 'that by the prayers of Mary, who stood between the cross of the good thief and that of her Son, the thief was converted and saved, and thereby she repaid a former service.'
- P.429 'On this cloth, which is still preserved at Turin, our Lord was pleased to leave the to the world an impression of His sacred body.'
- P.451 'When Mary consented to the incarnation of the Eternal word, by means of her faith she opened heaven to men.'
- P.452 'Rejoice, O Virgin Mary; for thou alone hast destroyed all heresies throughout the world.'
- P.463 'As Eve, by her disobedience, caused her own death, and that of the whole human race, so did the Virgin Mary, by her obedience, become the cause of her own salvation, and that of all mankind.'
- P.467 'Mary, who is called by the Church, 'the Comfortress of the afflicted.'
- P.472 'Perseverance alone (in devotion to Mary) will merit a crown.'
- P.474 'For this purpose it is very advisable to have a beautiful picture or image of the Virgin Mary.'
- 'We should reverence every image of Mary which we pass.'
- P.478 'choosing her for our Sovereign Lady, Advocate, and Mother.'
- P.483 'The Divine Mother has shown by prodigies how pleasing to her are the visits paid to her images.'
- P.484 'the Blessed Lady herself set fire to the place with two torches reducing the building to ashes, and the loss of 150 lives.'
- P.581 'For two reasons Mary can be called the Saviour of the World, and our Mediatrix, that is the mediatrix of grace, as Jesus Christ is the mediator of justice,' 'She procured our salvation.'
- P.586 'that no one should receive any grace otherwise than through her hands.'
- P.591 'The help of Mary is All powerful to deliver us from sin and hell.'
- P.597 'for the same time that Mary was made Queen of the world, she was also made our Advocate.'
- P.604 'Thou art then my refuge, my hope, and my help. Thou hast to save me by thy intercession.'
- P.610 'I do not even fear Jesus my Judge Himself, for by a single prayer of thine, He is appeased.'

The present 'Pope' is a great believer in Mary, and encourages all to worship her. On his papal shield he has incorporated the letter 'M' to show his devotion to her. To ensure that everyone knows of his devotion to Mary, he has adopted the motto 'Totvs Tvvs' meaning "all yours".



(The new archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Rowan Williams is also a devotee of Mary. What better illustration can the world have that the Church of England is one of the harlot daughters of Rome?

Reading the above details, one can appreciate the full name of the Catholic Church given in Revelation 17:5.

Extracts from 'THE GLORIES OF MARY'

Approved and cordially recommended by the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Westminster in 1852

AND NOW

Reinforced by the present Pope!



The present Pope's papal herald or shield, showing His dedication to Mary.

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- P. 6 ‘that to honour the Queen of Angels is to gain eternal life.’
- P. 7 ‘that all who are saved are saved by the means of this Divine Mother.’
- P. 79 ‘He has given us His own Mother to be our Mother and Advocate.’
- P. 80 ‘Other saints remind us, that after God, our only Hope is Mary.’
- P. 81 ‘The mercy seat of the tabernacle - ‘the whole world embraces Mary as being this propitiatory.’
- P. 82 ‘And as the human race was bound to death through a Virgin, it is saved through a Virgin.’
- P. 85 ‘And the Saint concludes, If my Redeemer rejects me, on account of my sins, and drives me from his sacred feet, I will cast myself at those of his beloved Mother, Mary, And there will I remain prostrate until she has obtained my forgiveness.’
- P. 91 ‘O Mary, we poor sinners know no other refuge than thee, for thou art our only hope, and on thee we rely for our salvation.’
- P. 93 ‘...so does Mary invite them to take shelter under her protection from the wrath of God, justly kindled against them.’
- P. 106 ‘we often obtain more promptly what we ask by calling on the name of Mary, than by invoking the name of Jesus.’
- P. 121 ‘As Saint Benaventure expressly calls her, ‘Mary the most faithful mediatrix of our salvation.’
- P. 122 ‘But what we intend to prove here, is, that the intercession of Mary is even necessary for salvation: we say necessary - not absolutely, but morally.’
- P. 124 ‘In Mary finally we shall find life and eternal salvation’ ‘They that work by me shall not sin; they that explain me, shall have everlasting life.’
- P. 127 ‘Mary is called the Gate of Heaven, because no one can enter that blessed kingdom without passing by her.’
- P. 128 ‘all gifts, all virtues, and all graces, are dispensed by the hands of Mary, to whomsoever, when, and as she pleases.’
- P. 129 ‘that God would not become man, without the consent of Mary: in the first place, that we might feel ourselves under great obligations to her; and in the second, that we might understand that the salvation of all is left to the care of this Blessed Virgin.’
- P. 137 ‘There is no one, O most holy Mary, who can know God but through thee; no one who can be saved or redeemed, but through thee, O Mother of God...we have access to Jesus Christ only through Mary.’
- P. 144 ‘Mary is an Advocate who is able to save all.’
- P. 146 ‘At the command of Mary all obey, even God.’
- P. 149 ‘Mary has only to speak, and her son executes all.’












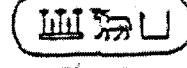

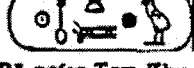

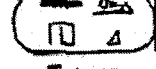



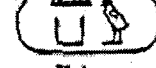

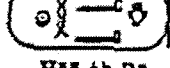


- P. 160 ‘Christ is a faithful and powerful Mediator between God and men, but in Him men fear the majesty of God. A Mediator then was needed with the Mediator himself, nor could a more fitting one be found than Mary.’
- P. 165 ‘I have been appointed by my Lord the peace-maker between sinners and God.’
- P. 166 ‘The rainbow round the throne is Mary, who softens the judgement and sentence of God against sinners.’
- P. 188 ‘Oh how many would have been eternally lost if Mary had not interposed with her Son, that He might show them mercy.’
- P. 199 ‘There are many Saints in heaven through her intercession who would never have been there but through her.’
- P. 201 ‘He who serves Mary, and for whom she intercedes, is as certain of heaven as if he was already there.’
- P. 202 ‘those who do not serve Mary, will not be saved.’
- P. 210 ‘Unless the prayers of Mary interposed, there could be no hope of mercy.’
- P. 215 ‘Can the Father refuse to hear the Son who shows Him His side and wounds, the marks of His sufferings endured for sinners: and how can the Son refuse to hear his Mother when she shows Him her bosom and the breasts that gave him suck?’
- P. 229 ‘O Mary, our advocate, it is for thee to defend thy clients, and to undertake their cause before the tribunal of Jesus Christ.’
- P. 233 ‘I salute thee, mediatrix between God and man.’
- P. 235 ‘O Mary, thou art omnipotent to save sinners, nor needest thou any other recommendation; for thou art the Mother of true life.’
- P. 313 ‘that for this Blessed Virgin, who was to be His Mother, God created the whole world.’
- P. 331 ‘But if we also desire the happiness of receiving the visits of this Queen of heaven, we should often visit her by going before her image.’
- P. 345 ‘If Jesus is irritated against us, Mary immediately appeases Him.’
- P. 366 ‘The assumption of Mary into heaven was more glorious than the ascension of Jesus Christ.’
- P. 368 ‘All the Saints in paradise came to greet her and salute her as their Queen. All the holy virgins came, then came the holy confessors, then the holy martyrs. Saint James, the only apostle yet in heaven; the prophets came next. The holy Patriarchs then came and said: O Mary, it is thou who wast our hope. Amongst the latter came Adam and Eve who said ‘thou hast repaired the injury which we inflicted on the human race; thou hast obtained for the world that blessing which we lost by our crime; by thee are we saved.’
- P. 374 ‘that after God, our greatest glory, our greatest joy, is Mary.’
- P. 419 ‘The grief which filled Mary’s heart, as a torrent flowed into, and embittered the heart of Jesus.’
- ‘So great was Jesus’ affliction at seeing his Mother at His feet is such bitter anguish, that compassion for her caused Him to die, without consolation.’

APOSTOLIC SUCCESSION

USED BY THE CATHOLIC CHURCH,

DOES NOT COME FROM THE BIBLE.

IT COMES FROM EGYPTIAN SUN WORSHIP!

	King of the North and South.	 Uur-maât-Râ, setep-en-Râ.	 aa-Râ, son of the Sun.	 Râ-mesuu meri Amen. (Rameses II.)
	-	 Kheper-ankhet-Râ, setep-en-Râ.	 son of the Sun,	 Shashanq meri Amen. (Shishak.)
	-	 Nefer-ka-Râ,	 son of the Sun,	 Shabaka. (Saba.)
	-	 Râ-nefer-Tam-Khu,	 son of the Sun,	 Taherq. (Tirhakah.)
	-	 Nem-ab-Râ,	 son of the Sun,	 Nekau. (Necho.)
	-	 Hâi-ab-Râ,	 son of the Sun,	 Ush-ab-Râ. (Hophra.)

** Names of Egyptian Kings mentioned in the Bible.

"The temple of Amenetep III at Luxor shows how the sun-god, this time Amun, assumed the form of the reigning king and consorted with the queen. In this way the divine succession of the next ruler was assured." (The Gods and Symbols of Ancient Egypt. Thames and Hudson).

Whatever traditions of the Catholic Church you investigate, you will always find that they can be traced back to SUN WORSHIP, and oppose the teachings of Scripture.

The Papacy alters Scripture, to suit itself, as can be seen:-

Matthew 4:18, "And Jesus walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother,"

Mark 1:29 "And forthwith, when they were come out of the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. But **Simon's wife's** mother lay sick of a fever."

1 Timothy 3:2, "A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach: One that ruleth his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (for if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)"

Jesus said in Matthew 20:25 "Ye know that the princes of the gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant:"

Daniel 2:31-45

PAGAN GODS = ‘CHRISTIAN’ SAINTS

COMPARISON OF GODS OR INTERCESSORS OF THE NATIONS

To give some idea of the extent to which the ‘Churches of Christendom ’ go to show the importance of their ‘saints’ one can take the example of Anne– said to be the mother of the Virgin Mary– she is classed as being “the Patron of: broom makers; cabinet makers; Canada; carpenters; grooms; housewives; lace workers; mothers; old clothes dealers; stablemen; and turners. She is ‘invoked’ against poverty, to find lost objects.”

MARY, as ‘the Queen of heaven’, can be used and invoked against ANYTHING. Examples given below have therefore generally omitted Mary, and only a random selection of the listed names possible, have been used.

Reference book? “Saints of Patronage and Invocation by M Gibson, Pub: Avon County Library 1982” ISBN 0-86063-153-2

PURPOSE OF GOD OR SAINT	BABYLON and MEDO-PERSIA	GREECE	PAGAN ROME	ROMAN CHURCH	(EGYPT)
AGRICULTURE	TAMMUZ:NABU:ENLIL	CRONUS	SATURNAS:PILUMNUS: SILVANUS	GEORGE, WALSTAN ISADORE THE LABOURER	HAPI
ARCHERY		APOLLO. ARTEMIS		SEBASTIAN. CHRISTINA OF BOLSENA	
BIRTH	MAKH:MAMA:NINTU: ARURU: NINMAKH	ARTEMIS	DIANA: PARCAE: HECATE	AGAPETUS, ANNE, ERASMUS, MARGARET.	
BARREN WOMEN		RHEA. DEMETER	CYBELE	VINCENT. FELICITY ANTHONY OF PADUA	
CHILDBIRTH	EILEEITHYIA: MAKH: NINTU	ARTEMIS: ILLITHYIA: HERA	JUNO: DIANA VENUS: MARKA:	AGAPETUS. ANNE. DANIEL OF PADUA	TAURET:HEKET: RENENET MESHKENT
CRAFTSMEN	EA	ATHENA: HEPHAESTUS	MINERVA:FORTUNA: VULCAN	BROKEN DOWN TO DOZENS OF INDIVIDUAL CRAFTS	PTAH
DISEASES	ABRACADABRA			ROCH. JULIANA OF NICODEMIA.	SEKHMET
DEAD	TAMMUZ: MOT	HADES: PLUTO: SUCHARIS: KER	DIS	ALDEGONDA. BARBARA. CHRISTOPHER	SEKER:HATHOR: NEPHTYS
FERTILITY	BAAL:ISHTAR: TAMMUZ: ASTARTE: ASHTORETH	ZEUS: PRIAPUS	LIBER: FAUNUS: TELLUS	MARY	PTAH: MNERVIS: AMON: BYBLOS: SATIS:
FIRE	MOLOCH: GIBIL: NUSKII	HEPHAESTUS	VULCANUS: VESTA	AGATHA. FLORIAN.HELENA. GERMANUS OF PARIS	SEKHMET
FISHERMEN		POSEIDON. PRIAPUS	NEPTUNE	PETER. ANDREW. BENNO. GALL.	
FARMERS		DEMETER: KRONOS	CERES: SATURN	ISADORE THE LABOURER	AMON:BAST
HEALING	MARDUK: ASHUR: GULA: AYU: EN ANUM	ASCLEPIUS: MACHAON: PADALIRIUS	ASCULAPIUS: APOLLO: FERONIA	MARY VIRGIN OF FATIMA.	KHONS:IMHOTEP
JUSTICE & LAW	SHAMESH	ZEUS	JUPITER: JUSTITIA	MARK. THOMAS MORE. YVES OF BRITTANY. GENESIUS	MAFDET:MAYET
LOVE	ISHTAR: NINNI	APHRODITE: EROS	VENUS: AMOR: CUPID	VALENTINE. AGNES. RAPHAEL.	MIN: SATIS: ANUKET
MAGICIANS	ABRACADABRA:EA: ASALLUHI	CIRCE	HECATE	JULIAN HOSPITALLER	ISIS: THOTH
MARRIAGE	BAAL	HERA	JUNO: PILUMNUS	JOSEPH. DOROTHY OF CAPPADOCIA	NEITH: BES
MATERNITY		CYBELE. HERA. DEMETER		AGAPETUS. ANNE. ERASMUS. MARGARET	MUT
MEDICINE	GULA	ASCLEPIUS: APOLLO	APOLLO	LUKE. BLAISE. COSMAS. RAPHAEL.	IMHOTEP
MOON	GULA: AI: ISHTAR: SIN: NANNAR	APHRODITE: ARTEMIS: SELINE	ARTEMIS: ASTARTE: DIANA: LUNA	USED AS THE SIGN OF MARY.	KHONS: THOTH
MOTHER GODDESS	TIAMET: ISHTAR: MAKH:MAMA: NINTU	GAEA: RHEA: DEMETER: CYBELE: HERA: APHRODITE	APHRODITE: JUNO	MARY	MUTT: ISIS
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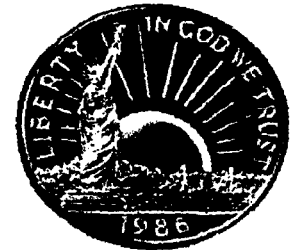
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PHYSICIANS	NINAZU: NINGISHZIDA	PAEAN	APOLLO: MEDICA: MINERVA	LUKE. COSMAS. PANTALEON. BLAISE	
QUEEN OF HEAVEN	ASTORETH: ISHTAR	SELENE: APHRODITE	ASTARTE: DIANA	MARY	ISIS
RIVERS	APSU: EA: ANU: ENNUGI		FONS: JANUS: JUTURNA	JULIAN HOSPITALLER AND BASILISSA	HAPI(NILUS): SEBEK
SEA	TIAMAT: YAM: NINTU	POSAIDON: THETIS: AMPHITRITE:	NEPTUNE: NEREUS: LEUCOTHEA	ANDREW	KHNUM
SLAVES			LIBERTAS. FERONIA	LEONARD OF NOBLAC	
SUN	BAAL: ASHUR: SHAMESH: TAMMUZ: MARDUK: MITHRAS	HELIOS: APOLLO	SOL: APOLLO: SERAPIS	THE PAPACY	ATEN: TEFNET MIN: HORUS: AMON-
THIEVES		ATHENA: HERMES	MERCURY: MINERVA	DISMUS. NICHOLAS OF MYRA	
THUNDER	ADAD			BARBARA. HELENA. LUGLIUS & LUGLIANUS	MIN
TRAVELLERS	SHAMESH	PAN: JANUS: HERMES	MERCURIUS	ANTHONY OF PADUA. BRENDAN THE VOYAGER. CHRISTOPHER. JOSEPH.	MIN
UNDERTAKERS		HERMES	LIBITINA	JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA. DISMUS.	ANUBIS
UNDERWORLD	NINKIGAL: ENMESHARRA	HADES: PLUTO	DIS	ODILO OF CLUNY. QUIRINU. GERTRUDE OF NIVELLES.	OSIRIS
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Acts 17:16 “Now when Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the City wholly given to idolatry.” There were gods for all purposes, and in praying to them they ignored THE CREATOR, the one and only TRUE GOD. (“The unknown God”). The attributes of pagan gods are now transferred to the ‘saints’ of ‘the church’. There are so many god/saints in the Roman Church that general headings are no longer sufficient. For example, diseases and illnesses are now divided into; Cholera, Colic, Consumption, Coughs, Cramp, etc., **even things** like Nervous twitch, etc., etc. The number of saints that can be invoked, vary for each disease/injury. Epilepsy has 19 saints, Fever (41), Headaches (17), Pestilence/Plague (30), Toothache (9), etc., etc. BUT Mary - ‘Our Lady of Lourdes’ - can be invoked for **all** **ills**! Individual ‘Saints’ can be invoked for a variety of purposes, as well as being Patrons of occupations, situations, animals, places, etc. Each Country has its principal Saint, and may have many others. Modern occupations ‘deserve’ their own ‘saint’. Air hostesses have Genevieve of Paris! Cab drivers, House hunters, Motor cyclists, Oil refiners, Paratroopers, etc are all included! Mary is the principal name to be invoked when things appear to be desperate! **“At the command of Mary all obey, even God”**. “Glories of Mary, (Page 146)” endorsed by R. C. Church. One can clearly see that the beliefs of the various countries of the image, in Daniel chapter 2, are well and truly alive today!!!

Look at where we are today.



In 1886, Roman Catholic France, gave to the 'New World' (America), the now famous 'Statue of Liberty'. Here, on the centenary stamp issued in France, we have the clear indication of the importance of the Sun, in the minds of the Catholics.



America, with the largest military arsenal the world has ever seen, issues a coin with the words 'In God we Trust' Which God???



Spanish stamp issued in 1989, with the Sun having a human face, or, as the Incas believed, the Sun god.



1990 Libyan stamp with its ruler, Gaddafi, surrounded by the Sun's rays.



Italian stamps showing the differing sun's rays used by the pagan emperors, are still in use today.

1989



1981



Egyptian coin shows they cannot let go of the 'Feroher' or winged Sun disk, and the Sun's rays around the building.



Prophetic stamp issued by Greece in 1994, under the heading: "Greece" driving E.U. Chariot.

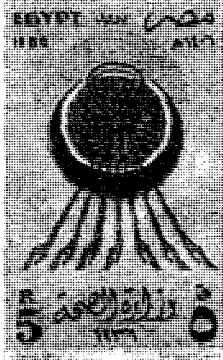
The saying, 'Rome conquered Greece militarily, but Greece conquered Rome spiritually.' is remarkably accurate, when one considers the image in Daniel chapter 2, and how their beliefs are still evident today.



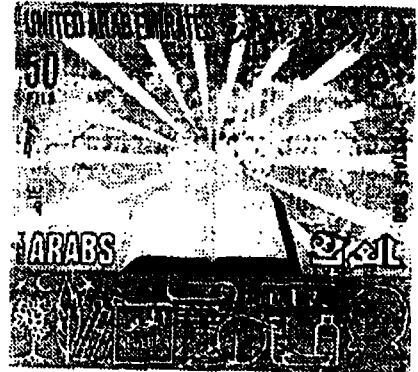
1987 Stamp. With angel and Christmas tree

Where is it all leading?

To the rejection of Jesus Christ and The Bible!



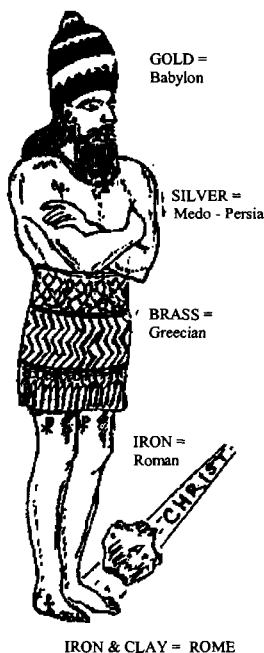
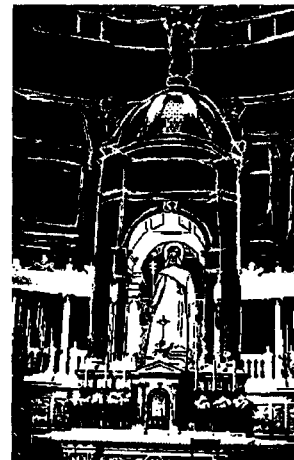
The Egyptian Sun Cross (The Ankh), makes a comeback over Sun's disk, on 1986 stamp.



The United Arab Emirates 1979 stamp, shows the Koran on Map of World surrounded by the Sun's rays.

Details from a photo taken in main church in Budapest in October 1999.

The Central figure does NOT represent Jesus Christ, but, with the sanction of the Vatican, is King Stephen, the founder of the Hungarian State.



The use of the SUN symbol is UNIVERSAL, and not restricted just to Christendom.

The beliefs of the kingdoms of Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome, and the Roman religious/political empires, are NOW incorporated into the image which King Neb-u-chad-nezzar saw in chapter 2 of the Book of Daniel.

What now REMAINS, is for the 'stone power' representing Christ, to return, "break in pieces and consume all these Kingdoms" and establish a kingdom where God's Will, will be done.

*"For I will gather all nations AGAINST Jerusalem to battle."
 "Then shall the LORD go forth and fight against those nations,"
 "And the LORD shall be king over all the earth."
 Zechariah 14 v 2,3,9*

The re-alignment of the Nations is now building up to the demand for imposition of Peace in Israel/Palestine. BUT, *"There is no Peace saith God to the wicked."*

"For when they shall say Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them."

———— ACT NOW! ————

This booklet has been supplied free of charge, and on the condition it is not to be sold. The information contained therein, is purely for a teaching aid, to encourage a proper understanding of how people have distanced themselves from GOD, the CREATOR.

It should be used to illustrate how Christianity has become corrupted, and to encourage those unaware of this fact, to look into what 'The Bible' ACTUALLY teaches.

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
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A HISTORICAL REVIEW OF 'APOSTACY'

(with extracts from historians authoritative sources).

Man believed that there were FOUR essential elements.

- (1) The Sun. This gives warmth and light. It influences growth and health.
- (2) Water. Without water, life would cease.
- (3) Fire. Associated with both (1) and (2), for 'fire' as 'lightning', comes from the heavens. Thus, we had a ruling trinity of what some called 'gods'.
- (4) Earth. This is also associated **with mankind**, for when man dies, his body perishes. 80% of man being water, evaporates. The remainder, returns to the earth.

Because the FOUR elements were inexorably linked, they were always shown by the sign .

The SUN, being the controlling influence in all these things was considered to be the PRIME part of the trinity. The other 2 elements were, because of their subjection to the Sun, soon 'absorbed', and became extensions of the Sun God. The Sun god was shown, according to the purpose for which it was being used, by the signs which have always been evident, namely,  and . These became 'divine' symbols.

In Egypt, obelisks were built and dedicated in honour of the Sun, often with a representative sphere on top. The shadow they cast was used as a 'Sun-dial', to indicate set periods or 'hours'. The regular dependable movements of the Sun soon became associated with ideas of 'eternity' and 'resurrection'.

As people became **subjected** to time, the Sun which governed time, was seen to be the supreme god. National rulers who considered themselves to be deities in their own right, said that they were the Sun's representative, and indicated this pictorially, in a variety of ways.

Because the Sun gave light, and provided all the 'healthy' aspects necessary for life, it was known as the god of life. When it travelled to the west and disappeared, it was said to visit the 'underworld' which was dark and evil. Darkness became a symbol or a sign of death.

As the light and dark periods, were roughly equal over a period of a year, it became natural for the pagans to assume that there must be two 'gods'. The good Sun god ruled the day, and the 'Evil One' (later called the 'Devil') ruled the night. Both were given equal powers of Omnipresence and Omniscience, as nothing escaped their rule.

"Helios is described even in the Homeric poems, as the god who sees and knows everything." (Helios = Sun). ('Dictionary of Greek & Roman Biography & Mythology' by Dr. Smith. Pub. Taylor, Walton, and Maberly. M.DCCC.LI)

* Belief in two 'gods', one good and one evil, was part of their religion.

* Because the Sun god had many helpers, known as lesser gods, it was natural that the 'Evil One' should also have his own helpers or followers.

Because the Sun rose in the East, it became customary for those who worshipped the Sun, as the source of all life, to look to the East when they prayed.

"It was said that the most frequent and beautiful deductions for this praying to the east is that in praying to the east the soul is seeking and sighing for its old home in paradise."

It is evident, that the idea of man returning to what was believed to be, his creative source, was now firmly established. Although his body perished, his 'life force' returned to the Sun.

*Belief in the 'immortality of the soul', is now a part of their religion.

"Praying towards the East, as the quarter of the rising sun, the source of light, a natural symbolism common to nearly all religions, was adopted by the Christian Church. One of the earliest testimonies to the prevalence of this custom among the Christians is that of Tertullian, who refers to the suspicions entertained by the heathen that Christians were sun worshippers 'because they were well known to turn to the east in prayer' being 'lovers of the radiant east, that figure of Christ.'"


"We learn from St. Cyril of Jerusalem and others that the Catechumen at Baptism turned from the west, the place of darkness, to the east, the home of light, and to the site of Paradise which by that sacrament was reopened to him."

It had nothing to do with Britannia, apart from the fact that this was the name of our Country!

The comment made by Gregory of Tours, previously, will explain why there was no bishop of Rome, from 304 to 308 AD. **Just consider the implications of this.** In under 6 years, **along comes Constantine!**

As a fervent Sun worshipper, he was able to cement the inclusion of the pagan ideas brought in during the reign of Antoninus Pius. Remember, the bishop of Rome at that time, called himself 'Pope Pius', in acknowledgement of the debt he owed to his Emperor, in adopting and incorporating into the church, many of his beliefs.

We must now turn our attention to Constantine. Constantine the Great was given the title 'The First Christian Roman Emperor' by the church of Rome. But look at how he influenced 'Christianity'. The bishops of Rome at the beginning of Constantine's rule, were Eusebius (not the historian) and Melchiades. Both of these were frightened of Constantine and felt inferior, as they saw he was held in higher esteem, having the title POPNTifex MAXimus. They kept well out of his way!

 This sign, called the 'Labarum', was introduced into Christendom, by the Roman Emperor Constantine. (Although seen on many pagan coins previously).


It was said to represent the first two initials of Christ, in the Greek language, ie. X. and P.

However, as has been shown by investigating the Roman coinage, we find that 'X' represented the sign of the Sun, and 'P' the symbol for 'Father'.

Like most symbols, it can have numerous interpretations. Examples being; 'The Sun, is Father of the gods'.

'The appointed/anointed representative of the Sun, and therefore, the chief (father) of the Sun worshippers'.

'The Sun, the Father of all life, and me (as Emperor/King), his appointed ruler.' (This was regularly shown by the head of the ruler being 'radiated' with the Sun's rays). Or simply summarised as, '**Our Father, the Sun**'.

 Sometimes, wrongly called the 'Chi Rho'. Evident on coins of Constantine, **and earlier**. This sign, is actually 'P' over 'T'. It was used mainly in the East, where the 'T' or 'Tau', was a variation of the Egyptian 'Ankh'. The 'Ankh' or 'cross with a handle', was taken as the life giving gift from the Sun. (This sign does not appear in the west, on any 'Christian' tombs, etc. before Constantine). Like the 'Labarum', it has the same meaning. '**Our Father the Sun, Source of Life**'.

*Belief that the Sun was the creator god, and **that his signs should be everywhere** as an indication that he was worshipped, was an essential aspect of the ceremony connected with pagan religion.

Constantine ensured that the symbols of the Sun would play a big part in 'Christianity, **as we see today**.

Pagan beliefs also extended to how their places of worship were built.

"The Roman temples of later times were constructed on the Greek style. The cella was here, as in Greece, the inner spacious part of the temple which contained the statue or statues. The entrance of a Roman temple was, according to Vitruvius, if possible, always towards the west which side was at the same time faced by the image of the divinity, so that persons offering prayers or sacrifices at the altar looked towards the east."

"If the temple was erected in a side street, it was always so situated that those who passed by could look into it, and offer the salutations to the deity."

(*'Dictionary of Greek & Roman Antiquities'* by Dr. Smith. Pub. J. Murray. 1878)

In recognition of the supremacy of the Sun god, the first day of the week came to be called **SUNday**.

Many of the Pagan symbols and customs have found their way into Christendom, and have 'leavened' or corrupted the TRUE Christian teachings. Many of the clergy, not knowing any different, have tried their best to wrest scripture, to accord with the pagan **beliefs they unwittingly perhaps**, have had to accept.

They **have to accept**, that the teachings of their Church, take priority over those in the Bible, **to get a job**.

It cannot be emphasised enough, that, **Christianity adopted symbols and beliefs from Paganism, with merely the change of application.**

Up to the time of Constantine, religious paintings and statues were unknown in the Christian community.

The 'introduction' of the Labarum, and the natural desire of Constantine to be recognised and worshipped, encouraged his subjects to display him both as a Saviour, and a Christian. In their desire to portray Constantine as a 'Christian', the signs previously used in pagan Sun worshipping context, were now promoted as 'acceptable' Christian symbols. We now have evidence of what has been indicated earlier; **"pagan elements became permanently interwoven with Christian belief and practice."**

The radiated sun's rays round the head, (in their various manifestations), and the 'circlet' or sun circle behind the head were not only accorded to Constantine, but to all notable Christians.

These means of showing 'divine personages', became so acceptable that it has continued up to the present day. We find that not only Biblical characters all have the 'circlet' (which becomes the 'halo'), or radiated head; but in addition, **to all those** who have been given the **church's title** of 'saint'.

Finding that what began as hero worship, later develops into them being elevated to 'sainthood', shows how shallow and paganistic it all is. IF such elevation was meaningful, then scriptural knowledge would have lead them to the principle that *"the righteous will be arrayed in white raiment."* Revelation 3:5.

This lack of understanding, however, only endorses their **false** beliefs.

Recent reports show, the present Pope has made more 'saints' in his time in office, than ALL the remaining Popes put together, have done over the centuries! Examining this practice of 'elevation to sainthood', we find that in so doing, the Catholic Church repudiates its own claim to 'Apostolic Succession'.

Look at the records, and you will find that less than 7 Popes since Nicholas the Great in 867 AD, have been rewarded, with the title 'Saint'. **This actually says, that over 140 of the Popes were unworthy of the title**, even though they were supposed to have the Holy Spirit and the Keys to Heaven!!!!

What more can the Catholic Church do, to prove that they are an apostate Christian religion?

Consider how the church has promoted the 'Mother and Child' concept evident in paganism.

The Catholic Church claims that Mary was born without sin, and did not sin, that her ascension into heaven was more glorious than that of Jesus Christ, and is now the 'Queen of Heaven'.

BUT, as the pagan trinity was based on the Father, Mother, and Child, the Catholic Church was faced with a conundrum. Because they had changed the power of God, termed the Holy Spirit, into a person; it had somehow to be incorporated into their Trinity teaching of 'Three Gods in One'. As this meant that Mary had to be excluded, they tried to solve the problem by stating that Mary is the 'Mother of God'.

Perhaps, if they had thought when they tried to ban the Bible, that as their teaching was not based on what it actually said, they could have extended their 'Trinity' to a 'Foursome' so that the 'sign of the Trinity' which they make with **4 points**, would be more logical.

When I visited a Catholic Church in South America, I had to ask whether Jesus was connected with the Church, as Mary was the complete focus of attention. I was directed to a small crucifix, **at the back corner** of the Church, and told I could pray to him there!

Likewise, when I visited the main Catholic Church in Budapest, Jesus had been removed, and in his place over the main central altar, stood the statue of King Stephen, the founder of the Hungarian State. Proudly displayed alongside, was the 'holy relic' called, 'The Holy Right Hand'. (All endorsed as acceptable, by the Papacy). Not only had they replaced Jesus Christ, but they had also used the name given him by God, in Isaiah 41:10, and Psalm 80:17, 17:7, 20:6, 21:8, 138:7.

There is a clear connection between pagan Sun worship, and the Catholic Church, which should cause all readers great concern.

In Ezekiel 8:15,16 we find that Sun worship was considered as the greatest abomination.

I have already demonstrated in this series of articles, that the cross is the emblem of the Sun.

In the last Book of the Bible, The Revelation, the word 'abomination' links us with an apostate religion that claims to be associated with Christ.

"THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH." whose members have a mark made on their forehead, or in their hand. The stark warning given, is,

"Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues."

YOU need to answer the question, "Which is this organisation, and who are her harlot daughters?", then take the appropriate action!

Look at the following Pagan ideas that have been incorporated into Christendom, by the Catholic Church and her daughters:-

'The Trinity.' (Note how they give the sign, as a cross-with **4 points**, **not 3**, which would make more sense!!!)

'Heaven going on death.' (No NEED for Resurrection then? Surely its daft, to come back to a lesser state!!!)

'Immortality of the soul.' (The penalty of death, in Genesis, was meaningless then!!!)

'The Devil.' ('The Flood' must then mean he was more powerful than God, who gave him a **second** chance??)

'The Mother of God.' **and many other teachings**; are all beliefs coming from Paganism, and NOT the Bible.

No wonder Christ said, *"When he returns, shall he find (the) faith on the earth?"* (Luke 18:8).

Having pointed out that by incorporating pagan symbols 'Christendom' has gone astray from Bible teaching, I now want to draw your attention to the **TRUE HOPE**, that The Bible provides.

See the difference between what The Bible teaches, as compared with the beliefs of Christendom.

JESUS CHRIST

Jesus was not formed from the earth, as Adam was, but was born of a God fearing woman (called Mary), which necessitated the usual period of time from conception to birth.

He therefore inherited the flesh and blood of Mary and was "*made in all things like unto his brethren.*" (Hebrews 2:17); and was the promised seed of Abraham and David, "*according to the flesh.*" (Acts 2:29).

He was tempted and tried, like us, and therefore a true representative of our nature, born under the sin constitution that came about because of the disobedience of our first parents.

JESUS was however, UNIQUE, in that **God was his father.**

The purpose of God's intervention, had nothing to do with his **physical nature**, but with the **mental quality**, which was the essential qualification necessary for his successful life of dedicated obedience and willing sacrifice.

Our first parents, through disobedience to God's commands, sinned, and brought the condemnation of death on themselves and all their descendants.

Not only is the sentence of death hereditary, but as individuals also sin, no-one can escape from sin's consequence. "*The soul that sinneth it shall die.*" (Ezekiel 18:4).

How can one escape from everlasting death?

God, in his mercy, has made special provision, but not at the expense of His Law. "*The wages of sin is death.*" (Romans 6:23).

How to allow God's Law its full course, and yet save those under its fatal grip, is the problem solved in Jesus Christ.

By His Spirit, or Power, God took hold of the condemned nature in begetting himself a son in the flesh of Mary.

The son so begotten was, "*in all points*" like those he was manifested to save. He was born under the same condemnation, and exposed to the same temptations.

But, with the character derived from His Father, Jesus did not transgress God's Law.

He was obedient in all things, even unto death, and when he died the death due to our common nature, he could not be condemned by the law which he had not transgressed, having not sinned.

God liberated him from the grave, and gave him immortality, and a position of glory higher than the angels.

The supremacy of God's Law having thus been vindicated in the condemnation of sin in its own flesh by Jesus, God transferred to His Son "*power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life.*" (John 17:2), to all who should make acknowledgement of their utterly lost position, by believing the truth concerning Christ, and taking his name upon them; the only means given under heaven whereby men can be saved. (Acts 4:14).

Having God as his father, Jesus inherited a mental type in harmony with divine things, and a vital sympathy with the Divine mind.

This is not unreasonable, for we can see children differ greatly in their latent capacities to apprehend moral and intellectual things. This is invariably the result of individual parental differences, or to conditions at the time of birth, as well as their upbringing.

Jesus being in tune with divine things, grew in wisdom and stature.

Not only was he brought up by God fearing parents, but because he was of so spiritual a constitution of mind, he was able to comprehend and reject the way of sin.

Having been so prepared about the age of thirty, the Holy Spirit was seen to come upon Jesus as he rose from being baptised in the River Jordan, and as it were, proceeded to manifest the Name of God. "I AM THAT I AM: I WILL BE WHO I WILL BE: MANIFESTED IN MIGHTY ONES." given in Exodus 3:14, 6:3, (more correctly translated as 'Yahweh'). Jesus Christ being the one appointed through whom this, Purpose/Word or LOGOS, would come to fruition

His Father's power dwelt in him, and he was now fully qualified to succeed where Adam failed.

He could be (and was) tempted, because he possessed the impulses common to our nature.

He possessed, however, that counter-balancing endowment of knowledge and superior power which enabled him to do what no man ever has done, and that is to pass through this state of existence without sinning.

In recognition of the sin constitution that he was born under, and to remind all people of this fact, Jesus is constantly referred to in the scriptures as 'the Son of man' as well as 'the Son of God'.

To deny the importance of this, is to deny his love for His Father and his brethren, his suffering, his sacrifice, and also the victory which he gained.

John endorses this doctrine, saying in 2 John 7: *"For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh (born of our nature). This is a deceiver and an antichrist."*

The Nature of man.

God formed the first man, Adam, from the natural elements in the dust of the earth.

His wife, Eve, was formed out of him.

Once formed they were given breath, so they became 'alive'.

Life was not only created, but is also sustained by God's power or spirit, without which it would cease to exist.

Man, as well as other living/breathing creatures, are frequently called 'souls' in The Bible.

The word **translated** 'soul' is **also translated** as : 'fish' (Isaiah 19:10), 'beast' (Leviticus 24:18), and 'creature' (Genesis 1:21,24). **The word 'soul' has no mystical meaning!**

Man, however, differs from the rest of the animal creation over which he was given dominion, by being blessed with the ability to reason and comprehend God's purpose with the earth.

Adam and his wife, lived with the prospect of everlasting life, dependent upon their obedience.

In the development of God's purpose to fill the earth with His glory, through a multitude of men and women who would manifest His characteristics, He first tested their willing obedience to His commandments.

A serpent, with the ability to communicate with Adam and Eve was the medium used to test their obedience.

They failed.

Death being the punishment given for their disobedience, was placed on them **and all** their posterity.

God, in His mercy, **has provided** a means of escape from everlasting death through Jesus Christ, by being baptised in the Name of the Father, manifested in His Son, by the Holy Spirit.

Those who do not respond to this **only means of salvation**, are doomed to eternal death.

Millions upon millions throughout the ages have continued to believe the serpent's lie which said, **"Ye shall not surely die" if you disobey God** (Genesis 3:4), and have consequently **perished**.

Having freewill, everyone can choose **who they want to believe**. (Those living at the time of The Flood had this choice, and showed that they perished when they rejected God's word).

As our first parents sinned (disobeyed God), their descendants were all condemned to be born under the constitution of sin.

Man, thinking of **himself** more than God, is constantly sinning.

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked." (Jeremiah 17:9). This is further explained by Jesus *"Out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things **come from within**."* (Mark 7:21).

James writes, *"Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss that ye may consume it on your lusts."* (James 4:2,3,).

These thoughts of the carnal mind, alienate mankind from God.

"The carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God." (Romans 8:7)

Because the carnal mind (thinking of fleshly desires) is the enemy of God, it can be described as 'against'; 'adversary'; 'opposing'; what God requires. Anyone challenging God's word actually accuses God of being in the wrong! Such people are termed as 'false accusers' or 'slanderers', and all these categories of people are personified as a 'Satan' or 'Devil'.

In Psalm 109, the Hebrew word 'satan' is transliterated and personalised into 'Satan' in verse 6, whilst **the same word** is translated as 'adversaries' in verses 4, 20, and 29!

The word generally translated as 'devil' is **also translated** as 'slanderers' (1 Timothy 3:11) and 'false accusers' (2 Timothy 3:3, Titus 2:3).

Jesus endorses the correct understanding, when he rebuked Peter for looking at things from a human point of view, rather than acknowledging God's purpose.

Jesus was teaching his disciples that he must suffer many things and be rejected by the chief priests, and be killed. Peter, upset at hearing these things, tried to argue against the need for this; but Jesus rebuked Peter, saying, *"Get thee behind me Satan: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men."* (Mark 8:32,33).

It was a common belief, that when people opposed God, they suffered a physical disability as a punishment. *"And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?"* (John 9:3).

A person with a disability was said to be possessed with 'a devil', 'a demon', or an 'evil spirit'. Such was the language of the time, but today these terms used for disabilities and illnesses have ceased, as people understand that they may be due to genetic or other defects.

An 'evil spirit' is still used as a term for those who have an evil trait in their character; as in the expression, "he's a little devil". **It still**, however, refers to an 'anti' or unacceptable personality.

Because sin is a **personal** failing, **which is common to all mankind**, it is **personalised** by using the terms 'Satan' or 'Devil', as a synonym for both individual and national (or groups of) transgressors.

Whenever one comes upon the words 'Satan' and 'Devil' in The Bible, by thinking "opposer of God's word or purpose", it will reveal ones understanding of the situation, and the true nature of man.

The terms 'Satan' and 'Devil' therefore, can be seen **to have no mystical meaning whatsoever**.

SUMMARY of points covered.

Nowhere in The Bible, is there teaching of 'the immortality of the soul'. This belief comes because of belief in the serpent's lie and the rejection of God's word. Unbelievers, who thinking that as they were superior to all created beings, were gods themselves, and could not perish. Just vain thoughts! **Nowhere** in The Bible does it teach that Jesus is one element of a 'Triune God'. The word 'Trinity' NEVER appears, which is proof in itself! The 'Trinity' was brought into Christendom from paganism.

Nowhere in The Bible does it teach that 'Satan' or 'Devil' is a supernatural being. It comes from

CONSIDER WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES.

The Bible is inspired.

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." (2 Timothy 3:16).

"For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit." (2 Peter 1:21).

The Bible was written over a period of 1600 years by a number of individuals in different places, at different times, with different backgrounds yet each book completely harmonises with each other because One Spirit inspired all the writers.

The Old and New Testaments are equally authoritative, The New is in the Old contained (being full of prophetic references to Christ, and God's purpose.); whilst the Old is in the New explained. There is ONE HOPE and ONE FAITH, with ONE body of believers.

There is only ONE GOD.

He has revealed Himself as the Father of Jesus Christ, and all who are related to Him in faith. *"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD." (Deuteronomy 6:4, Mark 12:29).*

God has a purpose with the earth. It is to populate it with faithful men and women, who through obedience to His word, (and having faith that through The Messiah which He will provide, they will be resurrected from the dead), seek to give Him glory.

MEANINGS OF 'SPIRIT'.

- (1) **God is Spirit.** God is everywhere (John 4:24).
"Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? Saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? Saith the LORD." (Jeremiah 23:23).
- (2) **God's free Spirit** is the power of God by which He created all things, and by which they subsist. *"The spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life." (Job 33:4).*
- (3) **God's Holy Spirit.** Sometimes personified, as are wealth, wisdom, and sin, but this does not mean they are literal beings! The 'Holy Spirit' is distinctively used to reveal by the use of writings, miracles, signs and wonders, in proclaiming and bringing His purpose to fulfilment. *"Cast me not away from thy presence: and take not thy holy spirit away from me." (Psalm 51:11).*
- (4) **The Spirit of Truth.** Again personified.
"But the Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." (John 14:26).
"To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." (Isaiah 8:20).
- (5) **Gifts of the Spirit.** Given for a testimony to the Truth of Jesus Christ, so that the 'gospel' which he brought to light, could be quickly spread throughout the known world. (Under Roman rule, Colossians 1:23). This power was transferred to other believers through the 'laying on of hands' by the Apostles.
Once the details of Christ's life, death and resurrection, were known and recorded for posterity, **these gifts ceased.** (1 Corinthians 13:8). With 'The Revelation of Jesus Christ', in the last book of The Bible, **there is nothing anyone can add!**
- (6) **Man's spirit.**
"Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?" (James 4:5). This reveals the fallacy of 'man's spirit' - of immortal soul belief - returning to God, who gave it. It is, God's creative spirit!
"Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me." (Psalm 51:10).
"We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error." (1 John 4:6).

RETURN OF JESUS CHRIST.

Jesus is the central figure in God's plan of redemption.

He is the Son promised to Eve, to Abraham, to David and others, through whom the promises are to be realised, and the inhabitants of the earth be blessed.

Having come, and destroyed sin, he still has to **return** personally and visibly to the earth, to set up the Kingdom of God. (Kingdom of God, Kingdom of Heaven, and the Kingdom of our Lord, are all interchangeable terms). Acts 1:11, 3:20,2, 2 Timothy 4:1, 1 Corinthians 15:25, Revelation 11:15. Kingdom - Matthew 8:11 / Luke 13:28 / Ephesians 5:5).

Jesus Christ will be King over all the earth.

He will sit on the throne of David, King of Israel, and rule from Jerusalem.

"He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David. And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end." (Luke 1:32,33.)

"At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the LORD." (Jeremiah 3:17).

*"unto thee shall it come, even **the first dominion**; the kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem."* (Micah 4:8).

He will reward the faithful with immortality, and they will help Christ in the subduing and governing of the nations.

"For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality." (1 Corinthians 15:53).

"To execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have all his saints." (Psalm 149:9).

"I go to prepare a place for you, And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." (John 14:3)

"and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years." (Revelation 20:6).

When will Jesus Christ return?

Although no-one knows the actual date, Jesus indicated by signs, when he will return.

- A. Violence will cover the earth. (Luke 17:26 / Genesis 6:11,13).
- B. Sodomy would become 'acceptable'. (Luke 17:29 / Genesis 13:13, 19:1-5).
- C. Wars and insurrections. (Luke 21:9).
- D. Earthquakes, famines, and diseases which spread like a plague. (Luke 21:11).
- E. *"Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of the religious and political rulers shall be shaken."* (Luke 21:26).
- F. Situation in Israel. *"For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them."* (1 Thessalonians 5:3).
- G. Invasion of Israel. (Ezekiel 38:1-12).
"And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein." (Zechariah 13:8).
"For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city." (Zechariah 14:2).
- H. The Jews pray to God for help. Israel restored to favour, (Ezekiel 39: 23,29). God's promise of inheritance in the land to Abraham (Genesis 13:17), and the faithful, soon to be realised.

It will be too late waiting for **all these** events to take place, as the faithful will have been judged and rewarded, so they can be with Christ "to execute the judgments written".

Why?

Because NO faith is required, if one sees all the events!

"But without faith it is impossible to please God: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." (Hebrews 11:6).

"These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them," they received not the promise....that they without us should not be made perfect." (Hebrews 11:13,39,40).

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (Romans 10:17).

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY.

BELIEF.

One must become related to the promises God made to, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and David, and their relation to the Lord Jesus Christ.

The gospel was preached to, and known, by Abraham.

"And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations of the earth be blessed.

So then they which be of faith are blessed WITH faithful Abraham." (Galatians 3:8,9).

This is the first step, and is ESSENTIAL for salvation.

"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures." (1 Corinthians 15:3).

BAPTISM.

This must follow a knowledge of God's purpose, and how it will come to fruition.

Baptism is a FULL immersion in water.

"Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptised into Jesus Christ were baptised into his death?

Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection." (Romans 6:3-5).

"Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptised of him.

But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptised of thee, and comest thou to me?

And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness." (Matthew 3:13-15).

If Jesus needed to be baptised, how can anyone believing on him refuse to do the same?

The practise of 'sprinkling' came about because of vanity. Eminent people thought baptism was degrading, and others quickly **followed their** example. *"The carnal mind is enmity against God."* Obviously what Jesus said, *"Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth."* (Matthew 5:5), shows that they are not of the right disposition to recognise the need for obedience, and humble themselves.

OBEDIENCE.

Jesus said *"Ye are **my friends** IF ye do whatsoever I command you."* (John 15:14).

It is obedience, that makes Christ's sacrifice efficacious.

*"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life **for his friends**."* (John 15:13).

"But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?" (James 2:19).

A warning.

"I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: 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).

*"To him that overcometh will I grant **to sit with me in my throne**, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne."* (Revelation 3:21).

"And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth." (Revelation 5:10).

"Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice.... Ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests (resurrection necessary, as only Levites were allowed under the Mosaic Law, to be priests), and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel." (Exodus 19:6)

"There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all," (Ephesians 4:4,6).

THE WORLD IN TURMOIL

TERRORISM : WARS : VIOLENCE : POLITICAL UNREST : SOCIAL INSTABILITY : DISCONTENT : DRUGS : INJUSTICE : IMMORALITY : DISEASES : POVERTY : FAMINE : ECOLOGICAL CHAOS : are all causing turmoil throughout the world .

The situation has been summarised as : *"Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of the political and religious rulers shall be shaken."*

Reports of corrupt eminent politicians, businessmen and clergy, have all combined to shake people's faith in their 'leaders', and they are at a loss to know where to go for guidance. A real breeding ground for people to do what is right in their own eyes!

The Bible, from which the summarised quote was taken (Luke 21:26), also gives other signs which are clearly recognisable as being relevant today.

- (a) Violence will cover the earth. (Luke 17:26 / Genesis 6:11,13).
- (b) Sodomy, would become 'acceptable'. (Luke 17:29 / Genesis 13:13, 19: 1-5).
- (c) Couples living openly together, without being betrothed. (Luke 20:35).
- (d) Wars and insurrections. (Luke 21:9).
- (e) Earthquakes, famines, and diseases which spread like a plague - ?aids ? (Luke 21:11).

Of course, many will say that most of these events have all happened previously at one time or another. BUT, all **have not** come together **at the same time**, like today! NOW, add the greatest sign of the last century - the re-establishment of the nation of Israel, and add September 11th 2001, (which is bringing about the realignment of the nations), and it becomes clear why Israel is becoming the focus of the world's attention. *"For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle"*.

"And this shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth." (Zechariah 14).

"And seven months shall the house of Israel be burying them, that they may cleanse the land." (Ezekiel 39:12).

But just before these momentous events take place, a peace agreement will come into force between the Jews and the Arabs, but it will not last. *"For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them."* (1 Thessalonians 5:3).

WHY do we have all these prophecies?

Because God is merciful, and warns people beforehand, so that they can **believe** His Word and turn to Him. *"Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them."* (Isaiah 42:9).

"Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets." (Amos 3:7).

(Read Leviticus 26, and find the history of the Jewish people foretold long ago! See how their regathering is in accordance with all the prophecies in the Bible).

The religious establishments have corrupted God's word, as they seek to become more 'worldly' friendly. The Cross, which has been used throughout history as a symbol of Sun Worship (evidence freely available), was incorporated along with many other pagan beliefs into Christendom.

How was the cross accepted, when Jesus was crucified on a stake, (John 3:14/Numbers 21:9)?

Because the **sign** "THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS" was set up over his head (Luke 23:38), and **overall** would have taken the outline of a cross.

Early believers knew of the importance of the inscription, but as paganism increased, belief in its relevance waned. God's promise that the kingship over Israel would cease *"until He come whose **right it is**, and I will give it him"* (Ezekiel 21:26) is not acknowledged by Christendom. Yet the inscription detail is part of the secret revealed unto the prophets!

Here we have clear evidence that Christendom is **not concerned with the future** role of Christ, and providentially the inscription forms no part of their idolatrous worship. The apocalypse or return of Jesus Christ, to bring to fruition the prayer of the faithful - *"Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth."* where they will rule with Christ, who as Mary was promised, will sit on the throne of David over natural Israel. (Luke 1:32/2 Samuel 7:16).

This is in direct **OPPOSITION** to Christendom's teaching of 'heaven going' on death.

(**Check**, by reading John 3:13,8:21, Acts 2:34).

Antoninus PIUS, the Roman Emperor and **Pont. Max.** ruled from 138 to 161 AD. He spent his whole life rebuilding and rededicating the pagan temples in honour of **the sun**, and host of heaven. The Roman Bishop was so taken by this work, that in AD142 he took the title Pope Pius 1st. in praise of the Emperor, and brought pagan beliefs into Christendom. The pagan gods were now termed 'saints', and the cross becomes the 'official' sign of the church. From AD 304 - 308 there was NO official Bishop of Rome. The way was now prepared for the Emperor, Constantine 1st. (AD 307-33), a worshipper of the sun, believing in the immortality of the soul, to later state that **what he believed**, would **from henceforth** be called Christianity.

'Christianity'. The new Bishop of Rome then conferred on him the title of the **'First Christian Roman Emperor'**. (It was **only in 379 AD** that the Bishop of Rome assumed the **pagan title Pont. Max.**).

Face the facts. Don't hide behind the 'comfortable' belief that the majority cannot be wrong.

Christ's warning; *"When he returns, will he find (the) faith on the earth"*, (Luke 18:8), must damn all those who claim to belong to 'the fastest growing religions'. A few simple examples should suffice to show that 'Christendom' generally ignores Bible teachings.

Clergy of **same** religion living in different countries, happily **bless** their own members **to go and kill their** so called brethren and sisters, in times of war!!

Clergy **endorse** swearing on the Bible in court, **opposing** the commands of Christ. (Matthew 5:34).

Clergy even have the wise men visiting Jesus **in a stable**, which is patently absurd, and **contradicts** the Bible! (Matthew 2:11,16).

The **'Mother Church'** even places Mary **higher** than Jesus, **or God himself**. "Other saints remind us, that after God, **our only Hope, is Mary.**" and **"At the command of Mary all obey, even God."** ('Glories of Mary', pages 80 and 146).

What honour does your clergy teach that 'the saints' will have? See how their answer is destroyed by what the Bible reveals in Psalm 149, which is inexorably linked with the Apocalypse of Christ. (Genesis 22:17, Job 19:25, Psalm 2:7-9, Daniel 2:44, Zechariah 14:9, Acts 3:21, **to name but a few!!**)

Read of God's promise to Abraham, in Genesis 13:14 to 16 and then think of its relevance to Romans 4:13 *"For the promise that he should be heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith."* and Galatians 3:29 *"And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."*

Resurrection and inheritance in this earth (Psalm 37:9,11,22,29,34), is the consistent reward offered by God. This **fact** was endorsed by the resurrection of Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:13).

There is no point or logic in resurrection, **if** believers 'go to heaven' on death! 'Going to the sky' is a pagan teaching associated with Sun Worship, not the Bible!

It is not **only** the clergy who have corrupted God's way. Many have **tried** to remove God altogether.

Reject the indoctrination. Think of the *teaching* behind the fable 'The king has got no clothes'. Just contemplate the absurdity of what is called, **'The THEORY of evolution'**.

We were told at school, that the Amoeba (which had NO eyes, NO nose, NO vocal chords, NO brain, NO reasoning ability), was able to evolve into the various life forms we have today. This was because along its evolutionary path, it **WANTED** these things, **even though it DIDN'T KNOW what they were!!**

NOW, join together the ability of ALL the world's evolutionists, and find out what other UNKNOWN thing THEY have come up with for us to develop.

If their theories/teachings are correct, then **ALL their** brain - power cannot be compared to one little **unintelligent, unknowing, AMOEBA**. They haven't even predicted any future change of what we can 'evolve' into!! Some evolutionists say that when a particular form of life was bruised, the bruise turned into an eye, and all other life forms followed suit!! Ask them to explain the complexity of the eye, and **then** see if you get the same silly answer!!!

No wonder the Bible **providentially** warns:

"Avoid profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called." (1 Timothy 6:20).

and *"Hath not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?"* (1 Corinthians 1:20,21).

The ability to think and reason was a God given gift to mankind, so people could have the freedom to choose the way of life (instead of eternal death), if they **listened, reasoned, and responded** to His Word.

WHAT SHOULD PEOPLE DO?

Reject the ways and teachings of the world,

"For whosoever will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." (James 4:4), and find out what the Bible **actually teaches**.

Surely, commonsense dictates that if people **cannot be bothered** to read all of God's word themselves, and are happy to rely on those who **pick and choose odd verses** which they think will **appeal** to the masses, they cannot complain if they will have no inheritance in the reward that God provides **for believers**.

When Christ returns, and proclaims that he is the Son of God, and is to establish a Kingdom on this earth, where he will ensure that God's will IS DONE, few will respond. All **'Christendom'** will say he is the antichrist, and go to war against him.

Islam, which rejects Christ is the Son of God, saying such a claim is blasphemy, will join them.

Thus, the gathering of all nations against Jerusalem to battle, as prophesied, will become a reality.

'The Flood' removed ungodly and rebellious people.

The apocalypse of Christ will do the same!

As 'a person convinced against his will, remains of the same opinion still', I can **only point out** the scriptural answers to your questions. **YOU** have been given the **choice** to agree with, or reject what the Bible teaches, and accept the responsibility for your own future.

To find out more details, you can obtain from the library, the following books: "Christendom Astray from the Bible" or "Elpis Israel" (Shelf refs. 289.9).

I will be happy to deal with any questions that you may have, free of charge, and **without any obligation**. No one will call, unless a **specific request** is made!

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NEWS FLASH

AT THE WEEKEND RUSSIA INVADED ISRAEL, WITHOUT WARNING,

Everyone caught by surprise..... Half of Jerusalem and two thirds of land occupied.....

Many prisoner taken.

With the lifting of the news blackout, details are now coming through, that Israel was caught off guard, as Russian forces entered the land in a well concealed lightening move.

They aimed to take control, while the Jews were celebrating the universal declaration of peace with their Arab neighbours.

Late yesterday, news began filtering through that troops of an unidentified allegiance had been moving up from Sinai to Jerusalem, and that all opposition to them had failed.

A small detachment had gone across to Egypt, and completely destroyed the second prong of the Russian attack force, and rescued Jewish prisoners.

People who had witnessed their progress, declared them to be an unusual phenomenon and had given them the name of 'The Invincibles'.

It was said that Papal officials in Jerusalem reported to Rome, that when the Jewish authorities asked the leader of 'The Invincibles' who he was, he showed them his hands and said, 'I was wounded in the house of my friends'. Someone mentioned Zechariah 12:10 and 13:16, and the Jews began crying out in anguish. Some later referred to Ezekiel 38 and 39.

Church leaders are backing the Pope's view, that the leader of the group is 'The Anti-Christ' and that everything possible should be done to bring about his destruction.

The Papacy is contacting the leaders of Islam and other religions for their support.

One day in the not too distant future, you will awake to news similar to that given above. It will be followed by a general mobilisation of the world's armed forces.

Such a call will mean that you have to make a choice that will decide your future.

If you go to war, you could be fighting against Jesus Christ (the supposed anti-Christ) with his saints, and actually be in allegiance with the REAL Anti-Christ.

References: Psalm 2 & 149, Zechariah 14:1-3, Joel 3:2-17, Daniel 2:44.

It is vital therefore, that the real anti-Christ is identified, beforehand.

A Roman coin in circulation in the first century, shows Rome seated on seven hills, and in Revelation 17 (note verse 9), this feature is used to identify the emerging Roman Catholic religion which was to prove hostile to, and against (anti) natural and spiritual Jews.

Anti Semetic, and Anti Christian.

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As Jesus said he was not sent to the Gentiles, it can mean only one thing: Gentiles wanting eternal life, must become associated with the "Hope of Israel" , by becoming Jews by adoption!

Speaking of those who had not embraced the Jewish hope, the apostle Paul said in:

Ephesians 2:12. *"That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having NO HOPE, and without God in the world.."*

Galatians 3:14. *"That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ."*

Jesus being the 'seed' promised to Abraham, through whom, all nations would be blessed.

The blessing or promises to Abraham, the natural father of the Jewish people, involves a restoration of the Jews to their own land, with Christ as their King.

References: Genesis 13:17, 17:8, 22:17. Jeremiah 32:36-42, 30:11, 33:24-26.
Ezekiel 37:25-28. Luke 1:32,33, 70-75. (Hebrews 11:8,9 / Leviticus 25:23).

Resurrection, and inheritance in the land, is the consistent teaching throughout the Bible.

Instead of encouraging their followers to become associated with the 'Hope of Israel', (Note Ephesians 3:6 and 4:4-6), many of the Churches of Christendom try to get the Jews to renounce their beliefs, and embrace those of a corrupted system of Christianity that developed towards the end of the first Century, eventually replacing paganism, as the state religion of Rome at the early part of the 4th Century.

As we have seen, 'Christendom' having included both Sun symbols and associated beliefs, became a corrupted form of Christianity.

All churches that subscribe to the teaching of Orthodox State Religion, are inevitably opposed to (or anti) Biblical teaching concerning the nature of Christ (2 John 7), and the nature of man.

References: Psalm 37:22, 6:5, 115:17, 146:4. Ecclesiastes 9:5,6,
Luke 23:43 / Matthew 12:40 / John 20:17

If you refuse to go to war, and submit to Christ's call to obey him, then you will become part of the 'new earth' (population) of Isaiah 65.

What a joy to experience Isaiah 2:1-4 and Micah 4, as a reward.

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