

Santa Claus



THE GREAT IMPOSTER

Who, REALLY, is this man we affectionately call Santa Claus?

What do we REALLY know about Santa?

Is Santa just a jolly ol', harmless, friendly fellow?

Or is there something *or someone* else hiding behind jolly ol' St. Nick?

Before we look at Santa, let us establish some basic Bible facts:

- The Bible clearly teaches a powerful, rebellious, subtle, evil being called the Devil, Lucifer or Satan. Revelation 12:9

And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, **called the Devil, and Satan**, which **deceiveth the whole world**: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

- The Bible teaches Satan rebelled against God. Satan rebelled because he desires to be like God. Satan's mission is to de-throne God and persuade mankind to rebel against God.

Isaiah 14:12-14

12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

13 For thou hast said in thine heart, **I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God**: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; **I will be like the most High**.

- The Bible teaches Satan's primary attack is the most vulnerable. In Luke 10:19, Jesus Christ compares Satan to lightning, "**I beheld Satan as lightning** fall from heaven". Lightning, like Satan, always travels the path of least resistance. The Bible also likens the devil to a "roaring lion" The lion is a "predator of opportunity". The lion looks for the injured, the youngest, the smallest, or the weakest – the one with the least ability to run or fight. So it is with Satan. He is actively "seeking" those "**whom he may devour**".

1 Peter 5:8

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, **seeking whom he may devour**:

The great German Reformer, Martin Luther writes in his Table Talks:

"The devil plagues and torments us in the place where we are most tender **and weak**. In Paradise, he fell not upon Adam, but upon Eve."

(The Table Talk of Martin Luther, #424)

The most vulnerable and least resistance are our children. It is no accident that the Lord Jesus Christ distinctively warns several times against harming or offending these "little ones".

Matthew 18:1-6

1 At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?
2 And Jesus called **a little child unto him**, and set him in the midst of them,
3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as **little children**, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.
4 Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.
5 And whoso shall receive **one such little child** in my name receiveth me.
6 But whoso shall offend **one of these little ones** which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

The Lord Jesus invites, and encourages little children to come unto him. The younger years are by far the most spiritually fruitful in the life-cycle of an individual.

Mark 10:13-15

13 And they brought **young children** to him, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them.
14 But when Jesus saw it, **he was much displeased**, and said unto them, **Suffer the little children to come unto me**, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.
15 Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God **as a little child**, he shall not enter therein.

Luke 18:15-17

15 And they brought unto him **also infants**, that he would touch them: but when his disciples saw it, they rebuked them.
16 But Jesus called them unto him, and said, **Suffer little children to come unto me**, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.
17 Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God **as a little child** shall in no wise enter therein.

Without question the most fertile time in the average persons' life for receiving and trusting the Lord Jesus is the pre-teen years. Any church bus worker or youth worker knows young children are very receptive to the gospel of Jesus Christ. For them that "child like" faith is natural. It's what the Lord Jesus described in Matthew 10:15. As we get older; the sensual, youthful lusts and logical, carnal mind begin to dominate our lives. And as that happens, our heart becomes hardened and seared to the spiritual things of God.

Barna Research Group published a survey conducted among teenagers titled *Third Millennium Teens*. Under the subtitle "Displacing the Myths", the report said:

"The Myth: the teen years are evangelistically productive.

The Reality: if they're not saved by age 13, they probably never will be.

The report goes on to say, "**The data shows clearly that the prime evangelistic years are those before a person becomes a teenager.**" (George Barna, *Third Millennium Teens*, p. 65)

If the most productive time of salvation are the pre-teen years, and if the pre-teen years are the most vulnerable – does it not stand to reason that Satan would fiercely attack this time? Can we not see the overwhelming evidence of this Satanic attack on our children? From the sexual, sensual music of Britney Spears, or Nsync, to the occult and witchcraft of Harry Potter – there is an attack aimed directly at our children. It's blasting from the TV, the music, the Internet, the peer pressure, the public schools – Satan's attack literally "seeks" to "devour our children" into every "nook and cranny".

Many parents have been "lullabied to sleep" with the deception that our children are innocently immune to the attack of Satan. There is a false security that believes our children will naturally "grow out of it" or "they're just sowing their wild oats" or maybe "they're just being kids". But the Bible paints a much different picture. In

Mark chapter 9, God details a frightening occurrence. A man brings his "spirit possessed" son to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Mark 9:17-29

17 And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit;

18 And wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him: and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out; and they could not.

19 He answereth him, and saith, O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him unto me.

20 And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming.

21 And he asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? **And he said, Of a child.**

22 And oftentimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us.

23 Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

24 And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.

25 When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.

26 And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead.

27 But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose.

28 And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, Why could not we cast him out?

29 And he said unto them, **This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.**

It's interesting the apostles could not cast out this "kind" (vs 29). Jesus said, "**This kind** can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting." What **kind** of possession was it? What was different about this possession? I believe the answer is found in the *only* question the Lord Jesus asked. Jesus Christ asked the man "**How long** is it ago since this came unto him?" And the man answered, "**Of a child**". These "hard to cast out" **kind** are those that enter in a child. Is it because the "possession" reaches so deep and so strong that they're almost impossible to remove?

In Proverbs 22:6, the Bible explains the *lifelong* fruits of training a young child in the way he should go. That early training is so strong and so deep – as that child grows and matures – they will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, **he will not depart from it.**

But. . . The flip side is: if that same child is trained by the ways of Satan and the world, chances are that child will "not depart from it." George on, a devout follower of the Hindu god, Krishna, understood this life-long influence, on told *Rolling Stone Magazine*:

"The main thing is to get the kids. . . nail you when you're young and brainwash you, **then they've got you for the rest of your life.**"

George on, Beatles, (Loose Talk, *Rolling Stone Magazine*, p. 70)

It has been stated the foundation of a child is shaped by the time that child is five-years-old, maybe sooner. Without question, the early pre-teen or "Santa Claus" years are some of the most important in a person's life-long development. It has been truthfully said, "The hand that rocks the cradle controls the world."

And believe me. . . Satan knows this!

That brings us to Santa. . .

Where does Santa Claus fit in the life of a young child? What about the teaching of Santa Claus in the psyche of a child? Is there more to jolly old St. Nick than meets the eye? Is Santa a clever, seemingly harmless, subtle (see Genesis 3:1) attempt to question the truthfulness of God? Is Santa the handiwork of Satan?

May I remind you of the "harmless" question, the subtle serpent, asks Eve in the garden? "Yea, hath God said, . . .?" So slight. . . So simple. . . And yet so deadly. . .

Not only that. . . Satan's attack is not necessarily evil, or bad. In fact, it can be good, or even pleasant. The subtle temptation of Genesis reveals Satan's clever "good and pleasant" message.

Genesis 3:6

And when the woman saw that the tree **was good** for food, and that it **was pleasant** to the eyes, and a tree **to be desired** to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

As Eve saw the forbidden fruit, it was "good" and it was "pleasant" – **and yet it was deadly.**

The Devil is a "master of disguise". He can take that which looks good and pleasant, and seemingly so innocent – and make it so deadly. The Bible says in 2 Corinthians 11:14, "And no marvel; **for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light**" He doesn't appear with horns and a pitch fork breathing fire. He might just appear as a pleasant, friendly, fellow, with "a broad face and a round little belly, That shook when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly. . ."

I believe, **and will prove**, Santa Claus is a subtle, deadly attack on our children to confuse, doubt and rob their God-ordained "child like" faith. Satan knows, if he can somehow get that child through those fruitful early years without trusting the Lord Jesus Christ – his goal of eternal damnation in hell increases substantially.

Let's take a look a Santa. . .

and thou shalt call his name. . . (Matthew 1:21)

. . .Santa

You ever noticed how easy it is to transform "Satan" from "Santa"? Just move the "n" to the end. And presto! "Satan" appears. . . Hmmm....

An internet Google search on "Satan Claus" [not Santa Claus – but SATAN Claus] found over 1,700 hits! Obviously, there are many that tie the two together.

The rearranging of letters (called anagrams) to hide secret names or words has long been practiced in the occult. *The Jewish Encyclopedia* writes of the Jewish occult book called the Cabala:

"The golden age for anagrams began with the Cabala. The Platonists had strange notions as to the influence of anagrammatic virtues, **particularly of anagrams evolved from names of persons**. It is not surprising, therefore, that the cabalists, like all the Neoplatonists, **pretended to discover occult qualities in proper names and in their anagrams.**"
(www.jewishencyclopedia.com)

One of the most well known anagram in the occult world is the name of Sanat Kumara. Sanat is better known as Satan. Constance Cumbey, writes in her best-selling, new-age expose, *The Hidden Dangers of the Rainbow*, ". . . **they [New Ager] freely call Sanat Kumara (Satan) 'God'**. And their doctrinal reference books by Helena Petrovna Blavatsky and Alice Ann Bailey freely cross-reference Sanat Kumara with Venus. In occult writings, Lucifer and Venus are one and the same."
(Constance Cumbey, *The Hidden Dangers of the Rainbow*, p. 138)

Texe Marrs writes of 'Sanat' in *Dark Secrets of the New Age*:

". . . the New Age offers a being called Sanat Kumara. **'Sanat' is obviously a thinly veiled reference to**

Satan; nevertheless, New Age teachers evidently believe **that the new spelling will alleviate the concerns** of those not yet ready to confess Satan as their Lord and Messiah."
(Texe Marrs, *Dark Secrets of the New Age*, pp. 79-80)

Interesting. . . Where does that put Lord S-A-N-T-A?

H.P. Blavatsky, the Satanist and new age teacher writes in *The Secret Doctrine*:

"many a mysterious sacred name. . . conveys to the profane ear no more than some ordinary, and often vulgar [common] word, **because it is concealed anagrammatically** or otherwise".
(H.P. Blavatsky, *The Secret Doctrine*, Vol II, p. 78)

Like S-A-N-T-A?

Blavatsky also writes, the name is not important – but the letters.

"The name isn't important. **It is the letters.**"
(H.P. Blavatsky, *The Secret Doctrine*, Vol II, p. 350 cited by Gail Riplinger, *New Age Versions*, p. 52)

Blavatsky's anagrams were used to disguise who her true god was. Blavatsky openly taught Satan is mankind's true redeemer, creator and Saviour.

"And now it stands proven that **Satan**, or the Red Fiery Dragon, the 'Lord of Phosphorus' and Lucifer, or 'Light Bearer', is in us; it is our Mind — **our tempter and Redeemer, our intelligent liberator and Saviour.** . . ."
(HP Blavatsky, *The Secret Doctrine*)

"**Satan, the Serpent of Genesis is the real creator and benefactor**, the Father of Spiritual mankind. For it is he . . . who opened the eyes of the automaton (Adam) created by Jehovah. . . he still remains in Esoteric Truth **the ever loving messenger** . . ."
(H.P. Blavatsky, *The Secret Doctrine*, Vol 3, p. 246)

Gail Riplinger writes in her excellent book, *New Age Versions* on the use of anagrams in the occult world:

"Lucifer's True Identity as Satan is **Revealed as the Anagram**, a Transposition of Letters, To Obscure It. 'Blinds', as esoterics call them, **include scrambling the letters of a name to hide the true meaning of a word from the uninitiated.**"
(Gail Riplinger, *New Age Versions*, p. 52)

It is interesting Mrs. Riplinger also raises a "red flag" about the anagram Santa:

"Gods of the New Age include Sanatan and Sanatsiyata, . . . New Agers say each name is 'concealed anagrammatically' 'and are aliases,' and are 'an anagram used for Occult purposes. **Is Santa, the great usurper of Christ's attention at Christmas, an anagram?** "Ole Nick" is listed among the fallen angels or devils in the Dictionary of Fallen Angels. Scholars concur that Christ was born in the fall on the 4th day of the feast of tabernacles. December 25 is actually "the feast in honor of the birth of the son of the Babylonian queen of heaven, later called Saturnaha by the heathen Romans."
(Gail Riplinger, *New Age Versions*, p. 52)

It's also worth noting, "Santa" is Spanish for "holy". Santa is also from the Latin word "sanctus" which means also "saintly, holy". Our English words "saint, sanctify, et al" comes from "santa". Sounds like Satan's "I will be like the most High" plan is at it again.

Let them praise thy great and terrible **name; for it is holy.**
Psalm 99:3

God's name is called "holy" over 40 times in the King James Bible.

"Holy Claus" . . . ?

The name "Santa Claus" is also derived from the Dutch "Sinter Klaas," which also was a form of Saint Nicholas.

. . . Claus

Is "Claus" another anagram for "Lucas"?

It's no secret "Lucas" and "Lucis" is a new-age "code word" for "Lucifer". The Alice Bailey founded new age, occult publishing company was originally named "*Lucifer Publishing Company*" but in 1924 the name was cleverly changed to "Lucis Trust". By the way, the Lucifer worshipping Lucis Trust is a major player in the works of the United Nations (formerly located in the United Nations building) but now located on "prime-time" 1200 Wall Street.

Claus sounds a lot like "claws".

Maybe "Santa Claus" means "Satan's Claws"? Like a lion's "claws"?

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, **as a roaring lion**, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

1 Peter 5:8

. . . Jolly Old St. Nick

While Santa and Claus may be disguising their real meaning – there's no disguising "ol' St. Nick". He's a well-known character.

Old Nick: "A well-known British name of the Devil. It seems probable that this name is derived from the Dutch **Nikken, the devil...**"

(*Encyclopedia of Occultism and Parapsychology*, p.650)

Nick, the devil.

(Walter W. Sleafy, *Concise Dictionary of English Etymology*, p. 304)

"Devil: Besides the name Satan, he is also called Beelzebub, Lucifer . . . and in popular or rustic speech by many familiar terms as **Old Nick** . . ."

(*Oxford English Dictionary* Vol III D-E)

Actor Adam Sandler and New Line Studios are well aware "Nick" is an alias for Satan. Their recent movie "Little Nicky" is about the "son of Satan", hence "Little Nicky". A teaser for the film says, "If your mother was an angel and your father was the devil you'd be messed up too."

In the popular *Cloud Ten Pictures* "Apocalypse" film series *Revelation, Tribulation, & Judgment*, the Antichrist just so happens to be played by none other than the actor "**Nick**" Mancuso. Hmm... The Cloud Ten Pictures are based on Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkin's popular *Left Behind* "Apocalypse" book series. Oh, the name of the Antichrist in the *Left Behind* series? Nicolae "Nick" Carpathia, of course. In fact, one of the books in titled, **Nicolae, The Rise of the Antichrist**.

As mentioned earlier, "Santa Claus" is derived from the Dutch "Sinter Klaas," which also was a form of Saint Nicholas.

It is also interesting, the book *American Slang* defines the slang word **nick: to rob or steal**. (Robert L. Chapman, *American Slang*, p. 297)

Reminds me of what the Lord Jesus warned us in John 10:

1 Verily, verily, I say unto you, **He that entereth not by the door** into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way [**say a chimney?**], the same is a thief and a robber. . .

9 I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

10 The thief cometh not, **but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy**: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

John 10:1,9,10

. . .Father Christmas

The "Christmas Poem" reads:

Hurry up please Christmas Day,
When **Father Christmas** on his sleigh,
Comes to pay a visit.
Into every house he creeps
While each of us soundly sleeps
While he pays a visit.

The famous anthropologist Claude Levi-Strauss writes in his popular analysis of "Father Christmas":

"Father Christmas is dressed in scarlet: **he is a king**. His white beard, his furs and his boots, the sleigh in which he travels evoke winter. **He is called 'Father'** and he is an old man, **thus he incarnates the benevolent form of the authority of the ancients.**"

In other words, "Father Christmas" is God **incarnate**.

Levi-Strauss goes on to write that children believe in him, paying homage to him with letters **and prayers**.

The Devil's stated goal in Isaiah 14:13-14, is to be like God the Father.

And what better "I will be like the most High. . . name to fame" than "Father of Christ-mass".

And call no man **your father** upon the earth: **for one is your Father, which is in heaven.**
Matthew 23:9

. . . Kriss Kringle

And there is the seemingly innocent, friendly, jingle-jangle name of "Kriss Kringle".

By far, the name Kriss Kringle is the most blasphemous. With "Kriss", Satan slowly removes the mask. There's no doubt about the intentions of "Kriss Kringle".

Believe it or not. . . "**Kriss Kringle**" is German for "little **Christ** Child".

"**Kriss Kringle** A US name for Santa Claus derived from the German *Christkindl* (**little Christ child**)."
(*Brewer's Dictionary of Twentieth-Century Phrase and Fable*, p. 334)

Santa Claus or Kriss Kringle is the counterfeit "**Christ** Child"!

Can it be that all these "coincidences" to Satan and blasphemies are just an accident?



His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow. . . (Rev. 1:14)



His head and his hairs [his beard] were white like wool, as white as SNOW. . .

A perfect description of . . . Guess Who?

**Who's got a beard that's long and white
Santa's got a beard that's long and white**

**Must be Santa Must be Santa
Must be Santa, Santa Clause**

But it's actually . . . The Lord Jesus Christ in Revelation 1!

Revelation 1:13-15

13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

14 **His head and his hairs [BEARD] were white like wool, as white as snow;** . . .

The poem "The Night Before Christmas" describes Old St. Nick as:

"He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.

His eyes – how they twinkled! his dimples how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow;"

The Lord Jesus is also described in Daniel 7:

Daniel 7:9 describes the Lord Jesus, as the "Ancient of days" with white hair, "like the pure wool".

Daniel 7:9

I beheld till the thrones were cast down, **and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool:** . . .

Remember Claude Lévi-Strauss's popular essay of "Father Christmas":

"Father Christmas **is dressed in scarlet: he is a king. His white beard**, his furs and his boots, the sleigh in which he travels evoke winter. **He is called 'Father'** and **he is an old man**, thus he **incarnates** the benevolent form of **the authority of the ancients.**"

He is a Father. . . dressed in scarlet. . . He is a king. . . white beard. . . incarnate. . . authority of the ancients.

Who is he really describing?

Who is this that cometh. . . red in thine apparel (Isaiah 63:2)

Who wears boots **and a suit of red**
Santa wears boots **and a suit of red**

Cap on head, **suit that's red**
Special night, beard that's white

Must be Santa Must be Santa
Must be Santa, Santa Clause

And must be. . . (Are you surprised?)

The Lord Jesus Christ?

Isaiah 63:1-2

1 Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save.

2 Wherefore art thou **red in thine apparel**, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat?

Revelation 19:11

11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

13 **And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood:** and his name is called The Word of God.

Do you get the strangest feeling that someone is "copying" someone?



And his feet. . . as if they burned in a furnace (Revelation 1:15)



Hmmm. . . ?

Now who has their feet in an furnace? Who comes down a chimney into a furnace?

chim * ney

1. a structure, usually vertical, containing a passage or flue by which the smoke, gases, etc., **of a fire or furnace** are carried off and by means of which a draft is created
(Webster's Dictionary)

Santa Claus. . .

And. . . (You already know who else)

Revelation 1:13-15

13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto **the Son of man**, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a

golden girdle.

14 His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;

15 **And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace;** and his voice as the sound of many waters.



Satan wasn't just kidding when he said in Isaiah 14:14, ". . . **I will be like the most High.**"

The Lord Jesus warned us in John 10 about those that ". . . entereth **not by the door** into the sheepfold, but **climbeth up some other way** [like a chimney]. . ."

John 10:1, 2, 9,10

10:1 Verily, verily, I say unto you, **He that entereth not by the door** into the sheepfold, but **climbeth up some other way [like a chimney], the same is a thief and a robber.**

2 But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

9 I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

A little interesting history on Santa and his chimney:

It seems the "chimney tale" came to us via Thor, the mythical god of fire and lightning. Satan (and Thor) are symbolized by the lightning bolt (Luke 10:18). Thor's name means "thunder". The Thor story goes like this; Most families in the pre-patriarchal Scandinavian world would have an altar to Thor – their fireplace. Every year on his birthday, December 25th (of course) Thor would come down the chimney to his altar of fire, and bring presents to the kiddies. (sound familiar?) Oh yea, Thor was "nicknamed" "Klaus of the cinders" or "Sinter Klaus" (a.k.a Santa Claus), because it was believed he would be "singed" as went into the fireplace.

Thor liked to wear furs in red for fire, and white for snow. He is usually pictured with a long white beard. He had a palace in the north. And he also rode through the sky in a sled pulled by two goats, named Gnasher and Crasher. (Sound like someone else we've heard of?) Another of Thor's nickname was "Old Nick." Thor also carried a "trident" – the pitchfork of Satan.

Just a coincident. . . ? Hmmm. . . Thor the "god" of thunder, fire and lightning. Sounds a lot like someone else. . . Like maybe. . . Santa and Satan

It's no secret that Thor symbolizes Satan. The rock group KISS, who dressed as "demons from hell" spewing forth fire and blood in their concerts, has a song dedicated to the god of Thor titled "God of Thunder". Some of the lyrics:

I was born on Olympus

To my father a son

I was raised by the demons

Trained to reign as the one

God of thunder and rock and roll. . .

I gather darkness to please me

And I command you to kneel

Before the God of thunder and rock and roll

The spell you're under

Will slowly rob you of your virgin soul

KISS, *God of Thunder*

There's also the mythological creature named Chimera (coming from the same root word "chim" as chimney). Chimera is a strange creature. It seems Chimera is part **lion**, part **goat** and part **serpent**. That's a strange combo. . . ? I wonder where they got that from? Chimera breathes fire and lives in the underworld called Hell. (Hans Biedermann, *Dictionary of Symbolism*, p. 67)

Is not this the carpenter. . . (Mark 6:3)



Mark 6:3 tells us the Lord Jesus Christ was a carpenter.

Mark 6:3

Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him.

And Santa is no plumber, or electrician, or blacksmith. . .

Santa is a carpenter too!

Surprise. Surprise.

Wow! Who would have ever guessed it! What a coincidence.

Oh yea, remember the god-Thor. . . Another of his symbols – a carpenter's "hammer".

His house. . . was toward the north (Ezekiel 8:14)



Of course, everyone knows Santa lives at the North Pole.

Brrr. . . Why the north pole? Nobody lives at the North Pole. . . Why did they pick the NORTH Pole?

Could it possibly be because someone ELSE lives in the north?

Ezekiel 8:14

Then he brought me to the door of the gate **of the LORD'S house which was toward the north**; . . .

Psalms 48:1-2

1 Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.

2 Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, **on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.**

The Lord dwells in "the north, the city of the great King".

By the way, do you remember what Lucifer said in Isaiah 14:13, when he rebelled against God? Do you remember where he was going to exalt his throne?

Isaiah 14:12-14

12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, **in the sides of the north**:

14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; **I will be like the most High.**

Where else would Satan ("oops I did it again". . . it's just too easy to get those two mixed up) Claus be but in the NORTH?

And they clothed him with purple, and platted a crown of thorns, and put it about his head (Mark 15:17)



SANTA WEARING HIS HOLLY CROWN

The ever-familiar holly plant that decorates our Christmas world has a very interesting history. A very interesting history indeed.

The *iiex chinensis*, better known as holly, is the substantial subject of myths and pagan worship. For instance, the pagan Romans decorated their houses and temples with the "sacred" holly, which represented their goddess Saturnalia. By the way, there's where our modern day custom of decorating with holly originated. Among history's most blatant devil-worshippers were the Druids. The Druids were known for their human sacrifices and the authors of our Halloween.

The Druids wore the holly in their hair and considered the "holly" plant sacred, hence the name "holly" or "holly". The Druids also believed the "holly" berries represented the blood of their Goddess. (Hmmm. . . I wonder where they go that strange idea from?) As Christianity began spreading throughout the Roman world, the use of pagan holly was outlawed. Plant aficionado and author, Virginia Klara Nathan, writes:

"Ancient history says that the Druids used holly in their religious rites long before the custom came to the European continent. The Druids of ancient Britain and Gaul held the English holly tree sacred. The 'holly' connotation continued in later days in Europe, where the plant was widely believed to repel evil spirits. People planted trees and used their branches as protection against witchcraft, mad dogs, and other evils. **With the coming of Christianity, the use of holly was condemned as a pagan ritual and forbidden by the Christian council.**"

(Nathan, Virginia Klara. "Red-Berried Hollies". Extension Technician, in The Virginia Gardener Newsletter, Volume 7, Number 12. qtd at)

Author Virginia Klara Nathan also, writes as many of the condemned pagan practices, began infiltrating Christianity the "thorny" pagan holly plant became symbolic with the "crown of thorns" that the Lord Jesus Christ wore. The Germans even refer to the "holly plant" as Christdorn - meaning, "Christ's crown of thorns". "But Christian Romans continued to decorate with holly during festive seasons. **European Christian symbolism included the belief that the spiny leaves and red berries were a reminder of the crown of thorns and the blood of Christ.** The Pennsylvania Dutch held that the plant's white flowers represented Jesus' purity. **The Germans called this plant Christdorn, Christ's crown of thorns.** They thought holly had

white berries until they were stained by Christ's blood." (Nathan, Virginia Klara. "Red-Berried Hollies". Extension Technician, in The Virginia Gardener Newsletter, Volume 7, Number 12. qtd at)

Not surprising, considering the holly plant's storied ancestry, many writers believe the actual 'crown of thorns' wore by the Lord Jesus Christ, was indeed the familiar "holly" wreath. Another plant enthusiast writes of the holly plant and it's portrayal of the "crown of thorns": "Holly lost its pagan associations and became a symbol of Christmas, **with the sharply pointed leaves symbolising the crown of thorns which Jesus was made to wear prior to his crucifixion, and the berries becoming a symbol of the blood of Christ.** Some refer to Holly as the Holy Tree and claim that it grew in Christ's footsteps. The white flowers represent Jesus's purity and birth, and the bitter bark is said to represent the passion. **Some writers hold that holly was actually the plant which did actually form the crown of thorns** and that the berries were originally white before being stained by Christ's blood."

("Holly Plant, Christmas Plants and Flowers", <http://www.piglette.com/christmas/holly-plant.html>) **And it's not surprising, one of the many portraits of good 'ol**



**SANTA WEARING HIS 'CROWN OF THORNS'
NOTICE ALSO THE 'HALO'**

Santa blasphemously portrays him wearing the "holy" crown, symbolic of the Saviour's "crown of thorns". One author writes of this portrait of Santa or Father Christmas wearing the "crown of thorns": "Originating in England, Father Christmas was depicted as a friendly fellow wearing a crown of holly and a scarlet or green fur-lined robe. **To many, this wreath of holly represented the crown of thorns that Jesus wore when He was crucified and the red berries are symbolic of the blood He shed.**" ("Santalady's Favorite Antique Post Cards and Related Traditions Picture", (<http://www.santalady.com/cards.html>))

. . . who rideth upon the heaven in thy help. . . (Deuteronomy 33:26)

As everyone knows, Santa miraculously rides upon the heavens as he delivers his gifts and love. He's been described for so long, by so many, riding across the sky with his reindeers guiding his merry way – you can almost see Santa as you gaze up in the sky.



The famous poem "The Night Before Christmas" describes this amazing, flying, red-clothed, bearded, whited-haired, super-man:

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, **mount to the sky**,
So up to the house-top the coursers **they flew**,
With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas too

Sounds a lot like another scene like when the Lord Jesus Christ went up to heaven:

Acts 1:9-10

9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, **he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.**

10 **And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, . . .**

Following Satan's ". . . I will be like the most high. . ." script *to the letter*, Santa mimics the Lord God as found in Deuteronomy 33:26

Deuteronomy 33:26

There is none like unto the God of Jeshurun, **who rideth upon the heaven in thy help**, and in his excellency **on the sky**.

It's also interesting in Ephesians 2:2, Satan is depicted as "the prince of **the power of the air**. . ."

Ephesians 2:2

Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, **according to the prince of the power of the air**, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

Ho, ho. . . saith. . . (Zechariah 2:6)

Satan Claus. . . ?

Right?

Actually. . .

Zechariah 2:6

Ho, ho, come forth, and flee from the land of the north, **saith the LORD**. . .

"Ho, Ho. . .?"

I always thought Santa Claus said that. . .?

HO HO HO, cherry nose
Cap on head, suit that's red
Special night, beard that's white

**Must be Santa Must be Santa
Must be Santa, Santa Clause**

. . .and his angels were cast out with him (Revelation 12:9)

Santa's Little Helpers. . .

Santa has some cute little helpers called "elves". Webster's Dictionary has an interesting definition for the friendly elf:

ELF

1. A wandering spirit; a fairy; a hobgoblin; an imaginary being which our rude ancestors supposed to inhabit unfrequented places, and in various ways to affect mankind. . .

2. **An evil spirit; a devil.**

(Webster's Dictionary "elf")



It so happens, that Elves (a.k.a. fairies, trolls, etc.) also are very popular "helpers" in witchcraft, demonism and the occult.

The Encyclopedia of Witches and Witchcraft has some interesting insights into "Santa's Little Helpers". For instance, elves are Satan's fallen angels:

"A host of supernatural beings and spirits who exist between earth and heaven. . . Fairies [Elves] **are fall angels**. When God cast Lucifer from heaven, the angels who were loyal to Lucifer plunged down toward hell with him."

(Ellen Guiley, *The Encyclopedia of Witches and Witchcraft*, p. 115)

Revelation 12:9

And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, **and his angels were cast out with him**.

The Encyclopedia of Witches and Witchcraft also writes that some elves have an appetite for human blood:

"Some fairies [elves] were said **to suck human blood like vampires**."

(Ellen Guiley, *The Encyclopedia of Witches and Witchcraft*, p. 116)

An interesting "trick" concerning elves is also given in *The Encyclopedia of Witches and Witchcraft* (p. 117). It seems some elves will grant peoples' wish and give them gifts – **if that person will only deny their Christian faith!** Can you say "Santa Claus"?

Elves are found in the writings of Satanist and new age-theosophy guru H.P. Blavatsky. She claims elves are "disembodied spirits", used in "magic and sorcery" and are "the principal agents in . . . seances." (H.P. Blavatsky, *Isis Unveiled*, Vol I, p. 262)

Interesting, elves are also called "trolls". Cathy Burns writes in *Masonic and Occult Symbols Illustrated*:

". . . the word **troll** comes from the Old Norse **word for demon** and is defined by some sources as a 'devil': **a person of great wickedness or maliciousness**. . . Of course, **Santa has his elves**, too."
(Cathy Burns, *Masonic and Occult Symbols Illustrated*, p. 67)

Elf: 'A small, often mischievous creature considered to have magical powers.' Although some of these creatures may appear cute on the surface, all of them are nonetheless **demonic entities** that have **their origin in the occult world**."
(Cathy Burns, *Masonic and Occult Symbols Illustrated*, p. 77)

The *Dictionary of Symbolism* writes of elves:

"Living beneath the surface of the earth, they have ties to the world of the dead; these 'little people' are often thought of **as inhabitants of the underworld** [hell]."
(Hans Biedermann, *Dictionary of Symbolism*, p. 107)

Before you completely discount elves to the world of fantasy, witches, the occult and kooks, consider the research of Dr. Kurt Koch. Dr. Koch is without question the world's foremost authority on demonism and the occult. Dr. Koch, a devout Christian, has spent a life-time traveling world-wide, researching and documenting the real-world of demonism, devils and the occult. Dr. Koch has three complete pages documenting "Goblins and Elves" in his book *Occult ABC*. Dr. Koch writes of elves:

"**These elves often appear to children** and even play with them. The moment an adult comes on the scene, the elves disappear. . . If a person wants their help, **he must apply to their chief, the devil himself** [Santa?]. This however, would cost a person his salvation. **The idea these spirits are demonic in origin is in accordance with the Bible**."
(Kurt Koch, *Occult ABC*, p. 82, 83)

Dr. Koch claims these elves' "chief" is the "devil himself" – "Santa's Little Helpers". Notice how Dr, Koch and others keep linking these elves back to children.

The Encyclopedia of Witches and Witchcraft says elves, "**love to visit new born babies of mortals**. . ." (Ellen Guiley, *The Encyclopedia of Witches and Witchcraft*, p. 116)

In Dr. Koch's book (pp. 82-85), he gives four detailed, documented actual accounts involving elves or demons. Dr. Koch, has encountered so many elf-demonic experiences, he says, "One could write a book **just about these little people** like the *tomter* [elves], but that is not my task." (Kurt Koch, *Occult ABC*, p. 83)

The great German Reformer Martin Luther also had encounters with elves or goblins. In his Table Talk book, Luther writes on one occasion:

"The goblin [elf] jolted me in bed. But I took little notice of him. When I was almost asleep, he began such a rumbling on the stairs that you would have thought someone was throwing three score barrels of wine down them. I stood up, went to the stairs, and called out 'If it is you, so be it,' Then I committed myself to the Lord, of whom it is written, 'Thou hast put all things under His feet,' and went back to bed. **That is the best way to get rid of him: to scorn him and call on Christ, That he cannot bear**".
(cited in Kurt Koch, *Occult ABC*, p. 84)

The Encyclopedia of Witches and Witchcraft writes, "Many contemporary Witches believe in fairies [elves] and some see them clairvoyantly". (Ellen Guiley, *The Encyclopedia of Witches and Witchcraft*, p. 117)

In fact, the very popular book teaching witchcraft to teenagers titled *Teen Witch* by witch-author Silver RavenWolf even contains a spell to invoke elves. The spell called "Elf Locker Spell" is a spell to keep people from breaking into a teenagers school locker. The spell conjures up elves to protect their locker. Witch Raven writes, "At school, hang the mirror, **asking the locker elves (yes, there are elves in school) to protect the locker**" (Silver Raven , *Teen Witch, Wicca for a New Generation*, p. 215). Then the "teen witch" does some other silly, stupid stuff, and casts their spell (which the book gives in detail). The end of the spell is very, very interesting. Here's what Raven writes, "At home, set **the milk and honey outside** to nourish the fairies. (p. 215)" Did you say "milk and cookies"? Can you say "Ho, Ho, Ho"?

The Elves of Oz. . .

One of the most demon-possessed individuals is rock star, Ozzy Osbourne. Ozzy's claim to fame was lead singer of the "Satan-rock" band Black Sabbath. Ozzy is known for such bizarre and demonic behavior as biting the head off a bat and a dove.

On September 2, 1989, Ozzy and his demons nearly murdered his own wife. Here's how his wife, Osbourne, describes the terrifying moment to Barbara Walters on *20/20*:

"I was downstairs reading. He came down with just his underpants on. And he's like, "**We've** come to a decision." And I'm like, "**We've**"? And he said "**You have to die**". And then he just dived on me and got me down on the and was just strangling me. **But he was gone. There was blinkers on his eyes. He had gone. It wasn't Ozzy.**"

(*20/20*, Barbara Walters, Nov. 6, 2002)

later openly tells Barbara Walters on *20/20* of Ozzy's "demon" and "little people" **[ELVES]** that live in Ozzy's head.

"He's just got **this demon** inside of him. He just can't get rid of these **little people [ELVES]** that live in his head."

(*20/20*, Barbara Walters, Nov. 6, 2002)

Ozzy's wife also tells *People Magazine*, being married to Ozzy:

". . . **is like living with several different people.** One day he can be loving and romantic, **but the next day he'll turn into this Jekyll and Hyde monster. I never know what I'm going to wake up with.**"

(*People Magazine*, July, 10, 1989, p. 94)

Ozzy told *Hit Parader Magazine*:

"I really wish I knew why I've done some of the things I've done over the years. **Sometimes I think that I'm possessed by some outside spirit. A few years ago, I was convinced of that – I thought I truly was possessed by the devil.** I remember sitting through the Exorcist a dozen times, saying to myself, 'Yeah, I can relate to that.'"

(*Hit Parader*, Nov., 1984, p. 49)

Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils,
Psalm 106:37

**. . . for his great love wherewith he loved
US (Ephesians 2:4)**

Oh, how he loves the little children.

All the children of the world.
Red and yellow, black and white,
They are precious in his site.
Santa loves the little children of the world.

They stand in line to sit in his loving lap. They get their picture with Santa. They tell Santa their most intimate secrets.

They love their Santa – because he first loved them.



Is there something slightly familiar with this picture?

Mark 10:13-14

13 **And they brought young children to him**, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them.

14 But when Jesus saw it, **he was much displeased**, and said unto them, **Suffer the little children to come unto me**, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.

1 John 4:19

We love him, **because he first loved us.**

Satan's Ultimate Goal - Achieved

Remember where we previously read Satan's ultimate goal.

"I will be **like the most high**"

Isaiah 14:13-14:

13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; **I will be like the most High.**

Satan is accomplishing EXACTLY what he wanted.

Satan's ultimate goal is worship. And millions of children are lovingly giving him their God-given child-like faith. They love their Santa!

Remember in Luke 4, when Jesus Christ was tempted of Santa (uh... I mean Satan) in the wilderness. Remember what Satan offered him. . . And remember what Satan requested in exchange:

Luke 4:5-8

5 And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, showed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.

6 And the devil said unto him, **All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.**

7 **If thou therefore wilt worship me**, all shall be thine.

8 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve

Satan's ultimate goal – **worship**. He'll "give" you gifts – "whomsoever I will I give it"

Little children are worshipping him. And not only that – he is stealing their child-faith at the greatest time of salvation in their whole life! What a plan! What a master-piece of deception! And the average parents are Satan's greatest evangelists. What an incredible, subtle, diabolical plan.

Do you really believe Santa is just a harmless accidental character of history?

Santa Claus has replaced God in the lives of many children.

. . . Ask, and it shall be given you. . . (Matthew 7:7)

Millions of young children will anxiously climb into the loving lap of their Santa Claus. They'll whisper in his ear their little hearts desire. They'll



quickly wake up Christmas morning with eyes shimmering at their gifts wonderful Santa gave them.

Jolly old Saint Nick,
Lean your ear this way!
Don't you tell a single soul
What I'm going to say;
Christmas Eve is coming soon;
Now, you dear old man,
Whisper what you'll bring to me;
Tell me if you can.
"Jolly Old St. Nick"
Here comes Santa Claus!
Here comes Santa Claus!
Right down Santa Claus Lane. . .
Bells are ringing, **children singing;**
All is merry and bright.
Hang your stockings **and say your prayers,**
'Cause Santa Claus comes tonight.



Millions of children worldwide will be praying and asking their god-Santa for their presents. And here's the kicker – come Christmas morning – they'll believe ol' Satan (not again. . . they're just too much alike. . . I mean. . . Santa) lovingly gave them all their presents. Who's telling these kids these lies?

Santa (or Satan. . . take your pick) has replaced God as the gracious giver of gifts and the one who answers their prayers. He is Mr. everything to these kids at Christmas time. They just need to believe. The "key" to getting your gifts is "believing" in Santa. Millions of kids will be asked this Christmas, "Do you still believe in Santa?"

Matthew 21:22
And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, **believing, ye shall receive.**

Psalms 37:4
Delight thyself also in the LORD; **and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.**

Matthew 7:7-8, 11
7 Ask, **and it shall be given you;** seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:
8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. . . .
11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, **how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?**

James 1:17
Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. (Matthew 28:18)

Isn't it amazing the power Santa has?

Is there anyone like Santa Claus?

He **sees** you when you're sleeping, He **knows** when you're awake
He **knows** if you've been bad or good So be good for goodness sake

"Santa Claus is Coming to Town"?

Santa is All Knowing – He's Omniscient

He knows. . .

He KNOWS when you're awake
He KNOWS if you've been good or bad."
Bobby wants a pair of skates,
Suzy wants a sled
Nellie wants a picture book,
yellow, blue, and red
Now I think I'll leave to you
what to give the rest
**Choose for me, dear Santa Claus;
you will know the best.**
"Jolly Old St. Nick"

Santa knows everything. . .

Children are taught, religiously, that Santa knows everything. He knows when they're awake. He knows when they're sleeping. He knows what they want for Christmas.

Is the picture getting clear? Do you see what's REALLY happening?

Santa has the attributes of God Almighty.

Remember that "child-like" faith? That faith that belongs to God. And Satan is robbing that precious faith with the false god of Santa!

Santa has all the attributes of God. Santa has replaced God in the lives of "Santa-worshipping" children. **Just mention the name of Santa to the average child** – and watch their little face light up. They love Santa with "all their heart, and with all their soul, and with all their strength, and with all their mind". They stand in line to sit in his loving lap. They leave him milk and cookies. It may be a fable to the grown-ups, but those little kids – **they believe and love Santa with all their little heart!**

And why not? Why shouldn't they believe in Santa?

They are taught, heartily, by the people they love and trust more than anyone on earth – that Santa is their god. Santa knows things that are known only by an Omniscient God. Who else has such power? And why wouldn't they believe it? Would "mommy and daddy" lie?

Of course not. Would they?

The following verses would well fit the average child's gospel of Santa:

"Be not ye therefore like unto them: for **Santa knoweth** what things ye have need of, before ye ask him."
Matthew 6:8

Santa knoweth the days of the upright. . .
Psalm 37:8

Santa knoweth the thoughts of the wise, . . .
1 Corinthians 3:20

If you doubt the sincerity of the "Santa Claus-as-god-worship" – according to *Encyclopædia Americana*, during the Middle Ages, over 400 churches in England alone were named after "Santa Claus":

"His cult [Santa Clause] and his representation in art achieved their greatest popularity in the Middle Ages, **and in England alone more than 400 churches are named after him.**"
(John E. Lynch., "Santa Claus", *Encyclopædia Americana*, 1988 ed., cited in *Saint Who* by Dr. Paul E. Heaton)

Santa is Everywhere – He is Omnipresent

He's at the mall. He's at the parade. He's on the TV. He's at the ball-park.

He's EVERYWHERE.

David's testimony to the Omnipresence of God Almighty sounds much like the average child's omnipresence faith in Santa.

Psalm 139:7-8

7 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee **from thy presence?**

8 If I ascend up into heaven, **thou art there:** if I make my bed in hell, behold, **thou art there.**

Santa "miraculously" visits millions of children, all across the world, in one "quick as a wink" night. "In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye. . ." (1 Cor. 15:52) – Santa appears – all over the world!

The poem "The Night Before Christmas" says of Old St. Nick: ". . . And then, **in a twinkling**, I heard on the roof. . ." Where did that come from? – "In a moment, **in the twinkling** of an eye. . ." (1 Cor. 15:52)

He **sees** you when you're sleeping, He knows when you're awake
He **knows** if you've been bad or good So be good for goodness sake

Sound familiar. . .

Proverbs 15:3

The **eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.**

2 Chronicles 16:9

For **the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth**, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him.

Santa is All-Powerful – He's Omnipotent

To the average child - Santa can do anything. **Is anything too hard for Santa?**

Genesis 18:14

Is **anything too hard** for the LORD?

Matthew 28:18

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, **All power is given unto me** in heaven and in earth.

Come rain, sleet, snow, storm, hurricane, the darkest and dreariest of nights – Santa comes.

Their Santa NEVER fails!



In one night, the all-powerful, Santa delivers millions and millions of gifts to children all around the world. Who could do that? Now, who REALLY believes that? That little child who's been preached to about Santa. . . That's who. They believe it. Just ask one. Nothing's too hard for their Santa. If the Christian world had, even a small drop of the faith the average child has in Santa – we'd have revival overnight!

Isn't it amazing what these little children believe "with all their heart" about their great god and saviour Santa?

These little kids believe and have more faith in their Santa than all the Christians of the world. If the Christians of the world could just catch a spark of that faith these kids have in Santa – we'd have a world-wide revival.

Have you ever seriously considered how and powerful Santa is?

The scientific journal SPY magazine (January 1990) constructed a scientific analysis of Santa. Here's some of there conclusions:

"Santa has 31 hours of Christmas to work with, thanks to the different time zones and the rotation of the earth, assuming he travels east to west (which seems logical). This works out to 822.6 visits per second. This is to say that for each house, Santa has 1/1000th of a second to park, hop out of the sleigh, jump down the chimney, fill the stockings, distribute the remaining presents under the tree, eat whatever snacks have been left, get back up the chimney, get back into the sleigh and move on to the next house.

. . . a total trip of 75-1/2 million miles, not counting stops to do what most of us must do at least once every 31 hours, plus feeding and etc. This means that Santa's sleigh is moving at 650 miles per second, 3,000 times the speed of sound.

The payload on the sleigh adds another interesting element. Assuming that each child gets nothing more than a medium-sized lego set (2 pounds), the sleigh is carrying 321,300 tons.

This increases the payload - not even counting the weight of the sleigh - to 353,430 tons. 353,000 tons traveling at 650 miles per second creates enormous air resistance - The lead pair of reindeer will absorb 14.3 QUINTILLION joules [jewels-measurement of energy] of energy. Per second.

In short, they will burst into flame almost instantaneously and create deafening sonic booms in their wake. The entire reindeer team will be vaporized within 4.26 thousandths of a second. Santa, meanwhile, will be subjected to centrifugal forces 17,500.06 times greater than gravity. A 250-pound Santa (which seems ludicrously slim) would be pinned to the back of his sleigh by 4,315,015 pounds of force." (SPY Magazine, January 1990)

In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye. . ." (1 Cor. 15:52) – Santa appears – all over the world! He just quietly "tip-toes" in – and "tip-toes" out. You hear nothing. You see nothing. He appears like a "thief in the night". (1 Thess. 5:2).

And we expect our children to believe in a supernatural being that can do all that?

And you know what – THEY DO. . .

And they believe it with all their little heart, soul and mind!

35 Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying,

36 Master, which is the great commandment in the law?

37 Jesus said unto him, **Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.**

38 This is the first and great commandment.

Matthew 22:35-38

. . . thy years are throughout all generations. (Psalm 102:24)

Where did Santa come from?

How did Santa get here?

When did Santa "magically" appear?

Like, Melchisedec (which most Bible students believe to be a reference to the incarnate Jesus Christ), Santa Claus is like the Son of God, "Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; **but made like unto the Son of God**; . . ." Hebrews 7:3

Santa is from everlasting to everlasting. His "years are throughout all generations". Possessing the attribute of an eternal God, Santa ". . . thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end." He has no beginning. He has no end. Like God Almighty, Santa is eternal.

The famous editorial, "Yes, Virginia There is a Santa Claus", written by Francis P. Church and published in *The New York Sun* on September 21, 1897 to 8-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon, ends with the following words:

"No Santa Claus! Thank God, **he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now**, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

(Francis P. Church *Yes, Virginia There is a Santa Claus*, *The New York Sun*, September 21, 1897)

Psalm 93:1-2

1 The LORD reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the LORD is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself: the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved.

2 Thy throne is established of old: **thou art from everlasting**.

Habakkuk 1:12

Art thou not from everlasting, O LORD my God, mine Holy One? we shall not die. O LORD, thou hast ordained them for judgment; and, O mighty God, thou hast established them for correction.

Psalm 102:24-27

24 I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days: **thy years are throughout all generations**.

25 Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands.

26 They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed:

27 **But thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end**.

. . . I will pour out my spirit. . . (Proverbs 1:23)

The Christmas "Spirit"?

And yes, Santa has his own "spirit".

The Christmas "spirit". . . The "Spirit of Christmas" Isn't that a little strange?

Gene Autry's famous song "Here Comes Santa Claus" begins with the words, "Speakin' of **Christmas spirit**"

Ring a bell? . . .

John 14:16-17

16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

17 Even **the Spirit** of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

Galatians 4:6

6 And because ye are sons, **God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son** into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

1 John 4:1-3

1 Beloved, **believe not every spirit**, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

2 **Hereby know ye the Spirit of God**: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:

3 **And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world**

Come, ye children. . . I will teach you the fear of. . . (Psalm 34:11)

Santa Claus. . .

You better watch out,

You better not cry

You better not pout,

I'm telling you why Santa Claus is comin' to town

He's making a list,

He's checking it twice

He's gonna find out

Who's naughty or nice

Children the world over are taught to FEAR Santa. You'd better go to bed little boy – Santa is watching. Millions of fearful children are told, "You'd better behave. Santa is watching. You might not get anything for Christmas."

Would not Psalm 76:7 certainly apply to Santa Claus in the eyes of most children?

Psalm 76:7

Thou, even thou, art to be feared: and who may stand in thy sight when once thou art angry?

The fear of the Lord is the "beginning" of the Christian faith. And the fear of Santa is the beginning of the Santa faith – and possibly the destruction of their Christian faith!

Psalms 111:10

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom:. . .

While our children should be taught the fear of the Lord, most are taught the sacrilegious fear of the false god of Santa.

Psalm 34:11

Come, ye children, hearken unto me: **I will teach you the fear of the LORD.**

. . . every one of us shall give account of himself to. . . (Romans 14:12)

Santa. . .

He's making a list, He's checking it twice
He's gonna find out Who's naughty or nice

So then every one of us shall give account of himself to. . . Santa?

Again as God does so does the one that says, "I will be like the most high". (Isaiah 14:14)

Romans 14:12
So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

Revelation 20:12
And I saw the dead, small and great, **stand before God; and the books were opened**: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: **and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.**

. . . then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory. (Matthew 25:31)



Take a trip to the local mall at Christmas time. Go watch Santa sitting on his royal throne. Kids are lined up to sit on his lap of judgement. What does Santa ask them, "Have you been a good little boy?" "Have you been a good little girl?"

Ever read Psalm 11:4?

Psalm 11:4
The LORD is in his holy temple, **the LORD'S throne is in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men.**

There's no question Satan (or Santa. . . ditto) is sitting on his throne. There's no question it's a mockery and pretender of the judgement of a Holy God.

1 King 22:19
And he said, Hear thou therefore the word of the LORD: **I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left.**

Revelation 20:11
11 And I saw **a great white throne**, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.
12 **And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God**; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

Let's not forget the Bible says Satan (and Santa) has a throne.

Isaiah 14:13
For thou [Lucifer] hast said in thine heart, **I will exalt my throne** above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

I can't help but think of Acts 12. Remember when Herod, playing Santa, dressed in his Santa suit (royal apparel), on his throne, and the people saying, It is the voice of a god (a.k.a Santa), and not of a man. Sounds a lot like "you-know-who". And the angel of the Lord kills him for his blasphemy.

Acts 12:21

21 And upon a set day Herod, **arrayed in royal apparel, sat upon his throne**, and made an oration unto them.

22 And the people gave a shout, saying, **It is the voice of a god, and not of a man.**

23 And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost.

24 But the word of God grew and multiplied.

. . . were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. (Revelation 20:12)



SANTA WRITING HIS 'JUDGEMENT BOOK'

sealed with seven seals.

Rev 20:12-15

And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; **and the books were opened: and another book was opened**, which is the book of life: **and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.**

15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Right on schedule. . . Santa also has a list to judge who's "naughty or nice"

He's making a list, He's checking it twice
He's gonna find out **Who's naughty or nice**

Over and over, scripture after scripture, Santa grants Satan's ultimate wish, ". . . I will be like the most High. . ."

Mal 3:16

Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and **a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD**, and that thought upon his name.

Rev 5:1

And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne **a book written** within and on the backside,

And many believed on him. . . (John 10:42)

I wonder how many children this Christmas will be asked, "Do you BELIEVE in Santa?" I know one thing – it'll be more than all the Christians of the world asking "Do you BELIEVE in Jesus?". Satan's gospel will be preached more than the wonderful gospel of Jesus Christ. His witnesses will be witnessing for him – day and night – across the globe.

Do you really believe it's just a coincidence that Satan (I mean. . . Santa. . . I get those two mixed up), over and over, is counterfeiting the Lord Jesus



Christ?

His attributes. . . His name. . .

And now. . . His Faith

The heart of the Christian faith is "believing" in the Lord Jesus Christ. That's the core of the Christian faith. It's not works. It not sacraments. It's not "doing this" or "doing that". . .

Acts 16:31

And they said, **Believe** on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house

Belief – faith – is the essence and vehicle of the Christian faith. It all hinges on believing.

Salvation is BELIEF IN Jesus . . .

And Guess what? With Santa . . . It's also BELIEVE IN Santa. . .

Little Boy, Little Girl, DO YOU BELIEVE IN SANTA?

This one bothers me the most. . .

What happens when these children put so much false hope into a lie? What happens when that deceived child learns that wonderful Santa is a hoax? Not only is it a false hope, not only is total deception –**but it replaces the attributes and characteristics of a counterfeit Christ for the True Christ!** To confuse matters even worse the Lord Jesus is dragged into the lie by celebrating his birth.

Tom Clancy, in his novel, *The Sum of All Fears* alludes to this false and very deceitful hope:

**"After you stop believing in Santa Claus,
The whole world just goes downhill."**

(Tom Clancy, *The Sum of All Fears*, p. 481)

Who that has ever seen the Christmas classic movie *The Miracle on the 34th Street* can ever forget the faith of young Susan Walker (played by the cute Natalie Wood). Little Susie a skeptic, **who doesn't believe in Santa Claus** is "converted" by the loveable Kriss Kringle (played by Edmund Gwenn). The main plot of the movie is – faith and belief in Kriss Kringle or Santa.

Remember the highlight of the movie when Susan's mother, Doris (played by Maureen O'Hara) tells young Susan, "**You must believe in Mr Kingle—and keep right on believing. You must have faith in him**".

And young Susie begins repeating over and over, "**I believe, I believe. . .**"

Here's how the original author Valentine Davies describes the above scene:

"Susan thought it over for a moment and then began muttering **with firm conviction**: 'I believe, I believe, I believe—'

(Valentine Davies, *Miracle on 34th Street*, p. 116)

Towards the end of the movie, Santa gives Susie the "desires of her heart" and little Susie is saying, "You were right mommy, I do believe. I do believe. Mr Kingle is Santa Claus."

It is worth noting what Santa gives Susan – a house. . . Hmmm. . . .

John 14:2

In my Father's house are **many mansions**: if it were not so, I would have told you. **I go to prepare a place for you.**

In the movie, the movie ends as Santa (Kris Kringle) "prepares a place" for little Susie. Remember, they see Santa's cane standing in the corner showing he had been there and did indeed – "prepare a place" for little Susie.

Oh. . . did you notice the shape of Santa's cane he left in the corner on Miracle on 34th Street? It looks like a "shepherd's" hook? Hmm. . .

As one reviewer says of The Miracle on 34th Street:

"I guess the reason I, and all the other reviewers, think this film is so great is that it brings back the time when we could 'believe in Santa Claus'".

Who has ever seen "Miracle on 34th Street" can ever forget cute, little "Natalie Wood" says "when things don't turn out just right you still have to believe, and oh mommy **I do believe, I do**".

Another reviewer writes, ". . . this is a beautiful movie, **that can make anyone believe in Santa Claus.**"

Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of . . . (Titus 2:13)

Santa.

This Christmas Eve millions and millions of little children will climb into their beds "looking for their blessed hope and the glorious appearing" of Santa Claus.

There is not a Christian on the face of this earth looking for and longing for the Lord Jesus Christ as much as the average child is longing for their god Santa! A child's stolen faith in the coming of Santa puts the Christian's faith to shame.

They are so excited. . . Santa is coming! Satan is coming!

Probably the greatest theme and most anticipated event in all the Bible is the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Apostle Paul mentions the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ over 50 times. For every one verse on the First Coming of the Lord Jesus – there are at least eight on the Second Coming. Over and over, the New Testament admonishes the Christian to "look" and "wait" for the coming of the Lord Jesus. The last prayer in the Bible is in Revelation 22:20 – ". . . **Even so, come, Lord Jesus.**"

The Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is the Christian's "blessed hope":

Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;
Titus 2:13

If the subtle serpent, who's heart's desire and ultimate goal is to ". . . be like the most High" (Isaiah 14:14) – don't you know the Second Coming will get his attention. And it does. . .

The gospel of Santa is a "counterfeit" of the "blessed hope" of the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

These precious little children believe it with every fiber in their soul. And why not, the ones they trust the most, mommy and daddy, are preaching this message in their little ears, over and over. Santa is coming! Santa is coming! And everywhere they go – the mall, the store, school – the gospel of the glorious appearing of Santa is proclaimed! Everywhere they look! Santa is coming! Santa is coming! Ever wonder why the stores and the world start the Christmas "season" earlier and earlier every year? It could be the "money-hungry-commercialism" motive (1 Timothy 6:10) – or it might just be – Satan wants to preach his gospel of Santa deeper and deeper in that little child's head and heart. So he can deceive and drive that little child further and further away from the Lord Jesus Christ!

Oh! You better watch out,
You better not cry,
You better not pout,
I'm telling you why:
Santa Claus is coming to town!

Here comes Santa Claus! . . .
What a beautiful sight.
All is merry and bright.
Hang your stockings and **say your prayers,**
'Cause Santa Claus comes tonight
Jump in bed, cover up your head,
'Cause Santa Claus comes tonight
So let's give thanks to the Lord above
'Cause Santa Claus comes tonight,

Who's got a beard that's long and white
Santa's got a beard that's long and white
Who comes around on a special night
Santa comes around on a special night
Who very soon will come our way
Santa very soon will come our way
Must be Santa Must be Santa
Must be Santa, Santa Clause

What a story! What a wonderful story!

What a beautiful sight.

All is merry and bright.

Here comes Santa Claus! . . .

What a deceitful lie! What a mockery of the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 John 2:28

And now, **little children, abide in him;** that, **when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.**

James 5:8

Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: **for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.**

I wonder what the Lord thinks about Santa, Satan's Little Helper?

I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another. . .

Isaiah 42:8

Ho! Ho! Ho! I Am God. . .

In 1994, the satire magazine *The Onion* carried a parody of Santa Claus titled "Ho! Ho! Ho! I Am God". Even though, it was written as a blasphemous parody much truth rings from the article. The article says:

"I love visiting each and every one of your homes, stuffing your stockings with toys, and enjoying the milk and cookies you leave for me. But mostly I love Christmas because it's the celebration of the birth of my son, Jesus the Christ. **You see, I'm God.** . . Don't I look familiar? I'm old, I have a white beard, I love everyone. I'm the same God as the one you and your mommy and daddy worship on Sundays. . .

Okay, I admit it. I'm not God. **But I'm better than God.** I'm jollier, and I give you real toys, not boring old psalms and empty promises you can only collect on when you die. **Worship me, not Him! Worship Santa! I am God!"**

(Santa Claus, "Ho! Ho! Ho! I Am God!" *The Onion*, 29 Nov. - 5 Dec., 1994, p. 7)

And that's EXACTLY the message being preached to these little children!

You'd have to be blind to not see the possible connection. And you'd have to be spiritually blind to not see the possible spiritual damage such a massive, faith-based, God-like, LIE could do to the faith and trust of that young child.

Landover Baptist, a sacrilegious spoof site on the Internet, carried an article titled "The Devil is in the Chimney". Though their motive is sacrilege, the obvious link from Santa to Satan is not ignored. Here's some of the article:

"And it takes no Sherlock Holmes to see that the Devil's annual disguise is none other than Santa! . . . Lucifer may be the wildest of all the deceitful demons that ever drew breath of fire in Hell, but he was pretty sloppy when he decided to try to spoil our Savior's birthday with this disguise. His big devil ego got the better of him when he decided to name his Christmas Anti-Christ after himself. He just moved around the letters in the name, 'Satan,' into a sonogram and got 'Santa.' . . . Satan has tried to undermine Christmas by making Santa even more popular than Jesus!

You don't think so? Even the law of the land forbids a baby Jesus in the town square, but who is there instead? You guessed it! Santa! Every time a so-called Christian child asks Santa for something, he is praying to Satan. **With each request fulfilled, parents are unwittingly making a pact with the Devil. They may as well be writing in blood, 'Satan please distract our children from Jesus with all these shiny toys!' . . ."**

Someone once said, "Many a truth is told in jest".

But it is just fantasy. . .

I'm sure many are thinking, "C'mon, Santa Claus is just fantasy. Nobody takes it serious".

And that's where you're WRONG – those little children take their Santa very serious!

Most parents would not teach their beautiful little children such a lie as Santa Claus. Most parents will not openly lie to their children. Especially something that is a blatant imposter of the Lord Jesus Christ. **And Satan knows this. . .**

But they'll easily do it under the disguise of fantasy. It is just fantasy. . .

Satanist Anton LaVey, author of *The Satanic Bible* and founder of the First Church of Satan, says fantasy is a "magic weapon" in Satanism.

"Fantasy plays an important role in any religious curriculum, **for the subjective mind is less discriminating about the quality of its food than it is about the taste. . . Thus, fantasy is utilized as a magic weapon** [in Satanism]. . . The Satanist maintains a storehouse of avowed fantasy gathered from all cultures and from all ages."

(Anton Szandor LaVey, *The Satanic Rituals*, p. 15, 27)

Lavey understands Satan's gospel can be quietly preached under the mask of fantasy. People, such as parents, will allow things, such as Santa Claus, under the cloak of fantasy into their little child's tender mind that under "serious" circumstances they would not allow in a million years. But it is just fantasy. . . **But in that little child's vulnerable mind – it is truth!**

No, you and I don't take it serious. Yes, you and I know Santa Claus is fantasy. But those little kids are deceived in believing "with all their little heart" in a god that's an imposter of the Lord Jesus Christ.

What happens when these little children realize that Santa Claus is a lie? What happens when they later are confronted to make a decision for the Lord Jesus Christ? What happens later when they're asked to "trust

and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ"?

I've heard the conversation of two young boys talking about the Lord Jesus Christ. They were beyond the age of Santa Claus. As they were talking, one boy asks the other, "What do you think of all this Jesus Christ stuff"? And the other boy replies, "It all sounds like another Santa Claus to me – **probably just another lie**".



SANTA OR JESUS?

Santa is Satan's counterfeit of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Once you get that child believing with "all their heart" in Santa then the next logical step is – **Jesus and Santa they're both the same – and they're both a LIE.**

Obviously, not every person that believes in Santa Claus as a child will refuse the Lord Jesus Christ. The truth is, the author of this article "believed in" Santa Claus as a child. And the truth is, the author of this article did not trust the Lord Jesus Christ until he was 20 years old. And furthermore, there is absolutely no doubt whatsoever, that the lie and god-like attributes of Santa Claus influenced my early beliefs and confusion about the Lord Jesus Christ.

Someone once said "Jesus Christ is nothing but a Santa Claus for adults". That was my belief of Jesus Christ. . . Another Santa Claus. . . Another hoax.

And I can tell you this. . .

Thank God – I was wrong!

On July 30, 1975 as a 20-year-old young man, I met the Lord Jesus Christ. And I can tell you – He is no Santa Claus! Jesus Christ is no fairy tale! I've been saved for over 27 years. I've had 27 years to "prove Him". And I truthfully, from the depths of my heart, say, "'Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus"

*'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to take Him at His Word
Just to rest upon His promise, Just to know: "Thus saith the Lord"*

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! how I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!*

*I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee, Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that Thou art with me, Wilt be with me to the end.*

Have you met the Lord Jesus Christ?

Have you ever received the Lord Jesus Christ as YOUR Saviour?

Friend, there is no way these connections from Santa to Satan and counterfeits of the Lord Jesus Christ is just an haphazard fairy tale of history. There is an author. There is an creator. And he is Satan.

And he wants to damn your soul in hell! And he wants to damn the souls of your children in hell!

And he will – if you die without the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ!

Have you ever been saved?

Friend, I want to ask you the most important question you'll ever answer:

Have you ever received Jesus Christ as your Savior?

Not joining a church, not religion, not baptism, not good works, not sacraments — but trusted Jesus Christ and Him alone, as your Savior. If not, Friend you could be — one year, one month, one hour, one minute, one heartbeat — **away from eternity in a lake of fire!**

Revelation 20:15 says, "*And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.*"

Friend, God does not want you to go to hell. 2 Peter 3:9 says, "*The Lord is . . . not willing that any should perish. . .*" Jesus loved you so much He died on a rugged cross, to pay for **YOUR** sin, and to keep **YOU** out of hell! Revelation 1:5 says, ". . . *Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood.*"

Friend, don't EXIT this message, until you MAKE SURE you've received Jesus Christ!

I assure you — if you die without Jesus Christ — it'll be the biggest mistake you'll ever make!

DON'T TAKE THE CHANCE!

Friend, If you've never been saved, don't wait another minute!

FRIEND, YOU CAN BE SAVED THIS VERY MINUTE!

It is simple to be saved ...

- **Know you're a sinner.**

"As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:" Romans 3:10

"... for there is no difference. For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" Romans 3:23

- **That Jesus Christ died on the cross to pay for your sins.**

"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, ..." 1 Peter 2:24

"... Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood," Revelation 1:5

- **And the best way you know how, simply trust Him, and Him alone as your personal Savior.**

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16