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The word "yule" is a Chaldee word derived from the word "eol" [pronounced as eon in Gedeon] and means infant. The Hebrew word "olal" means, a "suckling child." Believe it or not, the Santa Claus or the Yule Man is actually the original priest and bishop of the Babylon Mystery Religion - NIMROD himself. On ancient drawings and woodcuts discovered by archaeologists we see that Nimrod was pictured 2000 years before the Christian Era in almost identical manner as the Santa Claus of our modern times. A very significant article has appeared in *Archaeological Diggings*, Vol. 1,

no. 5, December 94/January 95, entitled *How Old is Santa Claus.*

Please note some of its excerpts:

"Santa Claus may be older than you think. Some years ago a team of French archaeologists surveyed a series of mountain sites in the Anti-Lebanon range...Among their discoveries was a limestone relief of an old gentleman with flowing white whiskers seated in a chariot which had runners instead of wheels. The use of runners instead of wheels should not surprise anyone who has been to Lebanon because, although Lebanon is situated on the Mediterranean Sea, it experiences heavy snowfalls in the mountains during winter. The chariot was drawn by a group of animals which some of the archaeologists suggested looked like deer.

Was this Santa Claus?...During subsequent excavations at Massebot-sapon, the archaeological team made discoveries which definitely pointed to the existence of an historical figure who lived there and made long midwinter journeys for the express purpose of providing children with sweets and gifts. After his death, the tradition of a benevolent visitor lived on and was gradually adapted to be a rewarder of good children and a punisher of bad ones...A stone inscription was unearthed and when the archaeologists deciphered it they found that it contained two lists of children's names. One list was headed GOOD and the other list was headed BAD.

Those named in the first list were to be given gifts of nuts and fruit, while those in the second list were to receive "ashes, switches and lumps of coal". This seems to equate with the threat that modern parents use of Santa only giving good presents to those who deserve them. A further clue came when another stone inscription was translated and this proved to be a letter written to the kind old man who gave gifts to good children. "Thus speaks Enlil-iddin son of Ishtar-idin of

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Babylon. Be it known to you that I have been a very good boy all year. Do not believe my sister if she writes to you that I am not or that I broke the oil jar. She broke the oil jar herself. I have been a very good boy all year.

May it please you to bring me a new ball and a Gilgamesh costume and a jar of clover honey. Do not bring me anymore clothes or school tablets like last year". Enlil-iddin's epistle was only one of a number unearthed in the vicinity. None of them bore the name of the addressee - possibly because they were originally contained in clay envelopes which have not survived. But another tablet found in Damascus in Syria gives a clue to the name of the kindly old resident of the "Pole of the North".

*Inscribed in unvocalised Aramaic [all consonants and no vowels] this tablet refers to him as **'SNTNKLS'***

which the archaeologist equates with jolly old Saint Nicholas who, as every child knows, was the original Santa Claus...But Saint Nicholas dates from the 11th century AD, whereas the group of letters in the Aramaic inscription dates from the 13th century BC. So we must conclude that either this is an extraordinary coincidence, or that the story of Santa Claus should not be traced back to Saint Nicholas but to the traditional Aramaic figure."

Santa Claus is not a harmless figure as you think. His sledge and the reindeer have nothing to do with Jesus and his birth. He is the very old Nimrod himself, who as Semiramis promised, would appear every December 25 and bring gifts to his worshippers. Some point to the gifts the Magi brought to Jesus. But these gifts were not birthday presents nor were they presented to him in the manger when he was born. They were ROYAL gifts and they were presented to him long time after he was born. □ The birthday celebration originated in EGYPT. The people of Egypt celebrated their birthdays. Pharaoh himself observed his birthday - as is evident from Genesis 40:20. God expressly forbids His people to follow the customs of EGYPT. This therefore most assuredly includes the observance and celebration of OLD SELF which has died and was buried in the waters of baptism. Just as God has led the Israelites out of Egypt so He has led the true believers out of this world. Jesus said to his disciples: □

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“If the world hates you, just remember that it has hated me first. If YOU BELONGED TO THE WORLD, then the WORLD WOULD LOVE YOU AS ITS OWN. BUT I TOOK YOU OUT OF THIS WORLD, AND YOU DO NOT BELONG TO IT” [John 15:18-19].

On the night of his arrest Jesus prayed to his Father. Among other things this is what he said of his disciples:

“I have made you known to those you gave me OUT OF THE WORLD...I gave them your message and THE WORLD HATED THEM, BECAUSE THEY DO NOT BELONG TO THE WORLD, JUST AS I DO NOT BELONG TO THE WORLD” [John 17:6,14].

In 1 John 2:15-17 we are explicitly commanded the following:

“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father IS NOT IN HIM. For all that is in the world - the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life - is not of the Father BUT IS OF THE WORLD. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.”□

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Peter says that the world will hate those who refuse to participate in the worldly parties and celebrations: “

From now on, then, you must live the rest of your earthly lives controlled by God's will and not by human desires. You have spent enough time in the past doing WHAT THE HEATHEN LIKE TO DO. Your lives were spent in indecency, lust, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and the disgusting idolatry. And now the heathen are surprised when you do not join them in the SAME WILD AND RECKLESS living, and so they insult you. But they will have to GIVE ACCOUNT OF THEMSELVES to God, who is ready to judge the living and the dead” [1 Peter 4:2-5].

James, the brother of Jesus, warns us:

“Do you not know that FRIENDSHIP WITH THE WORLD is ENMITY WITH GOD? Whoever therefore wants to be a FRIEND OF THE WORLD makes himself AN ENEMY OF GOD” [James 4:4].

My dear Christian friend. If you are convinced that God led you out of this world, and that you are truly born again, why then do you continue to follow in the footsteps of the world and ancient Egyptians and the Canaanites by observing and participating in the birthday celebrations? If your old self is really and truly dead and buried in the waters of baptism, why cling to the date on which your old self was born into this world which belongs to Satan and from which Jesus set you free? We are no longer of this world just as Jesus was not of this world. If you cannot

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comprehend this fact and the fact that those who observe and participate in birthday celebrations and its revelries are walking on the path of idolatry - then you must indeed have a blind soul.

Those who claim that their birthday celebrations are merely a time to get together with their families are deluded. There are hundreds of other days in the year on which you could organise a family get together without pomp and ceremonies and revelries. Since the early Christians condemned birthday celebrations and did not even observe Christmas - the alleged birthday of Jesus, why do you want to deviate from the path and faith once given to the saints? You might think that it doesn't really matter whether you observe birthdays and whether you get drunk at these revelries and parties and dance in tune with the demonic music.

You might think that only FAITH WILL SAVE YOU AND THAT Jesus did it all for you on the cross. If this is what you think then most certainly you delude yourself. James, the brother of Yahshua, argues that faith without works is futile and that if

salvation depended on faith alone then even demons would be saved since they most certainly have faith but not works [James 2:18-22]. John says that anyone who says that he knows God but does not keep his commandments is a liar and the truth is not in him [John 2:3-5]. He goes on to say that anyone who knows God must walk even as Jesus walked.

Now Jesus most certainly did not observe the pagan rituals in connection with birthdays nor did he dance in tune to Satanic music nor did he ever get drunk. Paul sternly warns his followers that "drunkards" will not enter the "kingdom of God." John also points out that all those who live in sin actually transgress the law - since sin is transgression of the law. He argues that those who practice righteousness are righteous just as Jesus is righteous. But those who practice sin are of the devil and the "seed of God" is not in them [John 3:4-9]. John expressly says that a truly born again believer cannot practice sin since God's seed is in him [3:9]. Modern day Christians forever argue that "nobody is perfect" and that "we sin every day." This of course is not true and is a delusion. Can you imagine a tradesman who makes a blunder every time he undergoes to do a job? Can you imagine a surgeon who makes a blunder every time he operates on a patient? Would you engage a tradesman or a surgeon who makes mistakes every time on a job? I don't think so. How then can you believe that a born again believer who is truly dedicated to God can possibly sin every day? Please note what God really thinks of those

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who practice unrighteousness and trust in their faith and mercy alone:

"The life of every person belongs to me, the life of the parent as well as that of the child. The person who sins is the one who will die. Suppose there is a truly good man, righteous and honest. He doesn't worship the idols of the Israelites or eat the sacrifices offered at forbidden shrines. He doesn't seduce another man's wife or have intercourse with a woman during her period. He doesn't cheat or rob anyone. He returns what a borrower gives him as security: he feeds the hungry and gives the clothing to the naked. He doesn't lend money for profit. He refuses to do evil and gives an honest decision in any dispute. Such a man obeys my commands and carefully keeps my laws. HE IS RIGHTEOUS, AND HE WILL LIVE, says the Sovereign LORD" [Ezekiel 18:4-9]. Yahweh plainly says that only he who obeys His commands and carefully observes His laws is RIGHTEOUS and will SURELY LIVE. In other words, the works done in accordance with the Holy Law, will actually SAVE HIM. Now please let us continue with Ezekiel 18, and see the contrast:

Then suppose this [righteous] man has a son who robs and kills, who does any of these things that the father never did. He eats sacrifices offered at forbidden shrines and seduces other men's wives. He cheats the poor, he robs, he keeps what a borrower gives him as security. He goes to pagan shrines, worships disgusting idols, and lends money for profit. Will he live? No, he will not. He has done all these disgusting things, and so he will die. He will be to blame for his own death"

[verses 10-13.]

Did you get the contrast? This man does everything opposite to his father. His father OBEYED THE HOLY LAW and LIVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS PRECEPTS. This man BROKE THE HOLY LAW and despised and nullified it. The transgression of the Holy Law is sin [1 John 3:4]. Because of transgressing the Holy Law this son of the righteous and holy man will die. He will surely die because he has transgressed the Holy Law. Now lets continue with Ezekiel 18, and see what God has to say:

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*"Now suppose this second man has a son. He sees all the sins his father practiced, but does not follow his example. He doesn't worship the idols of the Israelites or eat the sacrifices offered at forbidden shrines. He doesn't seduce another man's wife, or oppress anyone or rob anyone. He returns what a borrower gives him as security. He feeds the hungry and gives clothing to the naked. He refuses to do evil and doesn't lend money for profit. He keeps my laws and obeys my commands. He will not die because of his father's sins, but he will certainly live. His father, on the other hand, cheated and robbed and always did evil to everyone. And so he died because of the sins he himself committed. But you ask: Why shouldn't the son suffer because of his father's sins? The answer is that the son did what was right and good. **HE KEPT MY LAWS AND FOLLOWED THEM CAREFULLY**, and so he will **CERTAINLY LIVE**. It is the one **WHO SINS WHO WILL DIE**. A son is not to suffer because of his father's sins, nor a father because of the sins of his son. A good man will be rewarded for **DOING GOOD**, and an evil man will suffer for the **EVIL HE DOES**"* [verses 14-20].

Can anything be plainer? The man who obeys God and carefully observes all the commands of the Holy Law is **RIGHTEOUS** and will surely live - even though his own parents may be great transgressors of the Holy Law. On the other hand, the man who nullifies and rejects the Holy Law - living contrary to its precepts will surely die - even though his parents may be very righteous. This is the plain teaching of God. Now please note what else God has to say in Ezekiel 18:

*"If an evil man stops sinning and **KEEPS MY LAWS**, if he does what is right and good, he will not die; **HE WILL CERTAINLY LIVE**. All his sins will be forgiven, and he will live, because **HE DID WHAT IS RIGHT**. Do you think I enjoy seeing an evil man die? Asks the Sovereign **LORD**. No, I would rather see him repent and live. But if a righteous man stops doing good and starts doing all the evil, disgusting things that evil men do, will he go on living? No! None of his good he did will be remembered. He will die because of his unfaithfulness and his sins. But you say, What the Sovereign **LORD** does isn't right. Listen to me, you Israelites. You think my way of doing things isn't right? It is your way that isn't right. When a righteous man stops doing good and starts doing evil and then dies, he dies because of the evil he has done. When an evil man stops sinning and does what is right and good, he **SAVES HIS LIFE**. He realizes what he is doing and stops sinning, so he will certainly not die, but go on **LIVING**. And you Israelites say, What the Sovereign **LORD** does isn't right. You think my way isn't right, do you? It is your way*

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that isn't right. Now I, the Sovereign LORD, am telling you Israelites that I will judge each of you BY WHAT HE HAS DONE. Turn away from all the evil you are doing, and don't let your sin destroy you. Give up all the evil you have been doing, and get yourselves new mind and hearts. Why do you Israelites want to die? I do not want anyone to die, says the Sovereign LORD. Turn away from your sins and LIVE"

[verses 21-32].

The 18th chapter of Ezekiel is very plain. It teaches that salvation depends on what one does and practices and not merely on faith or "grace" as Christian preachers are propagating. This chapter teaches that a righteous man "once saved" can become lost again if he turns away from God and begins to transgress the Holy Law. Also he who is lost can be saved if he begins to obey the Holy Law and carefully observes its precepts. Do not allow the Christian preachers to deceive you. Don't believe them when they tell you that the Holy Law was done away with and that now everything depends on "Jesus" and his "bloody sacrifice." Don't believe them when they tell you that the Ebionites were heretics for teaching and upholding the so-called Mosaic Law. Do not believe them when they tell you that by faith alone you are saved. God plainly says that He will judge people "by what they do" that is, ACCORDING TO THEIR WORKS. This agrees with what we are told in Revelation 20:11-12. Please note this text:

"Then I saw a great white throne and the one who sits on it. Earth and heaven fled from his presence and were seen no more. And I saw the dead, great and small alike, standing before the throne. Books were opened, and then another book was opened, the book of the living. The dead were judged according to what they had done, as recorded in the books."

Please note. All the records of your life are recorded in the books. When you face the Judge at the white throne, you will be judged by what you have done - according to your works and not merely by what you believed. There are millions who believe in the Creator. They also believe in

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Jesus as their personal Saviour who died for their sins. But these people will be "lost," because they transgressed the Holy Law and also taught others to do the same. This is not what I say but Jesus himself pointed out this plain fact. Please note what he said:

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work INIQUITY" [Matthew 7:21-23.]

The word "iniquity" comes from the Greek word "anomia" and means "transgression of the law," or "negation of the law." Jesus clearly taught the Ebionite view concerning the permanent nature of God's Law. But at the same time Jesus criticised and rejected certain portions of the Jewish law which were "false pericopes" by the "lying pen of the scribes" [Jeremiah 8:8]. You may have a great faith and you may believe in Jesus and rely on his "atoning sacrificial blood." You may have even the power to cast out demons and heal the sick. You may give lots to charity and perform great and noble missionary works. But if you nullify and reject God's holy and spiritual eternal commands, that is, if you practice ANOMIA - transgression of the Law - Jesus will tell you that he never knew you and therefore to DEPART FROM HIM. Don't think that God will wink at your participation in the birthday parties where many Christians get drunk and indulge in revelries and dance in tune with demonic music.

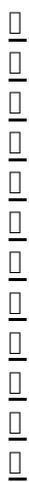
Don't think that you can "christianise" pagan customs and make them acceptable to God. The early believers gave their lives because they refused to participate in the Roman revelries and birthday celebrations and for refusing to attend the game spectacles in the Roman arenas. Since Jesus says that he led all his saints OUT OF THE WORLD and since elsewhere we are told that we are merely strangers and pilgrims in this world - why then do you embrace the revelries of this world as if you are its citizen, hoping to live here forever? Don't kid yourself.

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Whatever you sow, that you will also reap. You cannot sow thorns and thistles and expect to reap wheat and barley. Therefore you cannot indulge in the pagan rites and pleasures of this world and expect to share the bliss of the world to come.



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