

ST. VALENTINE'S DAY

(What's LOVE got to do with it?)

"God is love" 1st John 4:8

To the surprise of many, Valentine's Day isn't an innocent secular holiday; in fact the true origins of Valentine's day has its roots in the occult. Namely in the pagan worship of Baal, the sungod. The religion of Babylon (Baal worship) is the mother of most false religions and its influence is still felt world wide, including in today's churches.

LUPERCALIA {the feast of Lupercus, the mighty wolf hunter}. The ancient Roman celebration of Lupercalia was held in honor of Lupercus, the deified great hunter of Rome. This celebration also included worship of the goddess of fertility, Venus. In Roman mythology this goddess of fertility and sexual immorality, had a son called Cupid. Cupid was said to have attended to her and was given power to cause love to begin and to cease. This celebration was held from the 14th through the 15th of February. Some of the events of this pagan holiday included the choosing of partners by chance; in which teenaged girls would place their names into a box. The names were then drawn out by young men. The girl whose name was drawn, then became the sexual partner with the man for the upcoming year; beginning in March during the Fertility rites of the Spring Equinox.

Rome's Lupercalia more than likely began as part of the Babylonian festival of Oimbolc. Oimbolc celebrates mid-winter (*the midpoint between the winter solstice and the spring equinox*) and the return of the Sun. Beginning February 2nd candles were lit to welcome the sun and the women began their *purification* process for the upcoming fertility rites of spring. The Catholic Church also adopted this custom from Irish pagans who served the '*goddess*' whom they called "Brigit". The Roman Catholic Church now calls her *Saint Brigit*, the patron saint of smithcraft, poetry and healing. They now call Oimbolc, the "CandleMass"; in which they celebrate the end of the Virgin Mary's *Purification*. Secular society keeps the tradition of 'Groundhog's day' on the 2nd of February, where the presence of the Sun represents the continuance of winter for an additional six weeks.

NIMROD (Baal) and ASHTORETH (Queen of Heaven). The Greek called Lupercus by the name of "Pan", the Semites called Pan "Baal". Baal which is mentioned several times in the Bible, is merely another name for Nimrod "the mighty hunter" (Genesis 10:8-9). Nimrod was the original Lupercus, and we know that Nimrod was a mighty man who built great cities, including Babel (Genesis 10:10). Not only was Nimrod the ruler of Babel, but he was also the high priest of a satanic occult. When Nimrod finally died, the Babylonian mystery-religion continued on through his wife, Queen Semiramis. Upon Nimrod's death, she deified him as the Sungod. In various cultures he later became known as Baal, the Great Life Giver, the god of fire, Baalim, Bel, and Molech.

Later when Queen Semiramis gave birth to an illegitimate son, she claimed that he was Nimrod reborn, Nimrod Tammuz by name. She claimed that he was the promised seed of God (Genesis 3:15), the savior. Semiramis became the mediator between man and this "god", you had to pray through her to reach him. So **Nimrod** was deified as the god of the sun, **Queen Semiramis** became the Queen of Heaven, the goddess of the moon and fertility; and **Nimrod Tammuz** became the savior in this satanic Babylonian religion.

Another name for Nimrod Tammuz was Cupid, which means *Desire*. Queen Semaramis lusted after her son, and soon they were married. As Nimrod Tammuz grew, the child "god", became the hero of many women, who *desired* him. This Cupid provoked so many women to jealousy that the idol of Tammuz was called the Idol "image" of Jealousy (Ezekiel 8:5,8,14). In the Babylonian tongue the word heart was pronounced "Bal", In the depictions of Tammuz the heart shaped fruit of Persea was often found in his hand. Thus Tammuz became known as the god of the heart.

How did this pagan-celebration become a christian-tradition? As with most non-biblical customs found in the church today, Lupercalia was simply given a christian-sounding name and adopted into the "universal" Catholic Church. They did this to make it easy on the pagan converts who were coming into the new popular christianity. These pagans were unwilling to give up their satanic rituals, so instead of putting a halt to the growing paganism of the church, the Romans took the approach of "Blend and incorporate".

It was Pope Gelasius who in 496 A.D. changed Lupercalia to St. Valentine's day. {The word *Valentine* comes from the latin word *valentinus*, a name derived from *Valens*, meaning: To be **Mighty "strong"**. The name *Valentinus* was very common in Rome.} Pope Gelasius took the stories of several catholic "Valentines" and evolved them into one "Saint Valentine". This so called 'Saint Valentine' has now become the patron saint of lovers in the Catholic faith and the prayers of troubled lovers are under his jurisdiction.

Conclusion: Lupercalia survives still today under the alias of "Valentine's Day"; This pagan holiday is still celebrated nearly world wide by christians and non-christians alike, and Nimrod Tammuz is still honored as the "god of the heart"; even prayers are directed to him by unsuspecting Catholics who foolishly call upon 'Saint Valentine'.

But GOD says: *Take heed to thyself that thou be not snared by following them, after that they be destroyed from before thee; and that thou inquire not after their gods, saying, "How did these nations serve their gods? even so will I do likewise." **Thou shalt not do so unto the Lord thy God: For every abomination to the Lord, which he hateth, have they done unto their gods; for even their sons and their daughters they have burnt in the fire to their gods.*** (Deuteronomy 12:30-31).

You can call a dog a dove, but it's still a dog. Changing the name of a pagan ritual doesn't change the fact that it is still a pagan ritual! 2nd Corinthians 6:15, asks us, *What concord (agreement) has Christ with Belial (Baal)? or What agreement hath the temple of God with idols?* NONE friends, God is a jealous God, a Holy God, and He will not mix with devils. Many would rather keep this babylonian tradition than to keep the simple commandments of God. Jesus called the pharisees who kept the traditions over the commandments hypocrites and said they worshipped Him in vain (Mark 7:6-9).

The whole world has been deceived by this false religion (Revelation 12:9); nations and churches alike are fallen captive to this Mystery Babylon (Revelation 17:5). I urge all of you to inquire about the traditions and customs that are handed down to you; discern them and see if they be of God or not. If they are not found in the Bible, avoid them. God has said, *"What thing I command*

*you, observe to do it: **thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.**" (Deuteronomy 12:32). Just because the name sounds christian doesn't mean it is; we have seen how easy it is to take something that is pure evil; and change the name and make it "appear" good. 2nd Corinthians 11:13-15, *For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. **And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.****

2nd Corinthians 6:17-18, *Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.*

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