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## Easter — A Pagan Holiday?

As we know, Easter is about to arrive in most of the Christian churches here in America and around the world. But is Easter a Christian Holiday? On the website I have a page that goes into great detail, point by point regarding this topic. If you want an in depth look at this, just type in <a href="www.remnantofgod.org/easter.htm">www.remnantofgod.org/easter.htm</a> in your browser when you get time. There is quite a lot of info there to take in on that page, and I wouldn't expect anyone to cover all of it when sharing this truth with those the Lord sends your way. However, we can share a few significant points regarding Easter that usually spark an interest in some hearts that eventually cause them to look into the topic a bit deeper later on. So, if you get the chance, try sharing this.

If Easter was about the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ as most churches proclaim, why does the date of Easter change each and every year? Wouldn't the date of Christ's death and resurrection be fixed'in time like any other historic event since human history began?

There is a compelling reason why the date of Easter changes:

As we know, Pagans worship the Sun the moon and the stars. In this worship they have many specific dates for each of their worship celebrations. When we look at how they worship the moon for example we discover why Easter has a new date every year. Easter, or "Astarte" as most modern Pagans call their "Queen of Heaven" and Scripture calls "Ashtaroth," was proclaimed to be the wife of the Babylonian god Baal. The name Ashtaroth is also why the Vatican declares Ash Wednesday starts their Lenton season that officially ends on Easter. This same goddess was also considered to be the goddess of fertility. Therefore, when the earth was coming out of Winter death season, it stepped into it "fertile" Spring season. Pagans used the Spring Equinox of the Moon to signify the celebration of their fertility goddess Ashtaroth on this date. And yes, this evil activity angers the Lord God of creation.

Judges 2:11,13, and the children of <u>Israel did evil</u> in the sight of the LORD, and served Baalim: and <u>they forsook the LORD</u>, and served Baal and Ashtaroth.

But how do they come up with a different date each and every year? Pope John Paul II actually clears that up for us quite nicely in a statement he made back in April of 2004

John Paul II again proposed that "Easter, the central feast of the Christian calendar" is movable, as it is observed on the first Sunday after the full moon of the spring equinox, — VATICAN CITY, APRIL 11, 2004 (www.Zenit.org). — article #ZE04041105

In other words, Easter has absolutely nothing to do with the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord, and everything to do with the Pagan celebration and worship of the moon goddess Ashtaroth!

One other point that may drive it home ever further with those you're sharing this with is the fertility factor of Easter. Not only did the Pagan have sexual games this time of year, which many teenagers have been emulating with what's called "Spring Break" in Florida, etc. each year, which is also televised now on MTV by the way; Pagans also placed many objects about their homes during this time of year that symbolize fertility. I'm sure many of you have already guessed what these objects are. That's right, the Easter bunny and the Easter egg are also symbols of fertility. On the link I shared earlier I go into far more detail regarding the bunny and the egg as well as dozens of other symbols if you need to share documented facts regarding their symbology.

So, with that being said, I hope and pray you look into the Easter holiday very carefully this year before hopping right into it as if it is safe to do so. After all, did our God not warn us long ago in 1 Kings 18:21, "How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him ...

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