

# Questions About the Star

Stars abound during the Christmas season. They are used as tree toppers, hung in strands of light, and sprinkled as confetti. There are many explanations given as to why the star is so popular at Christmas time. Some people say a star signaled the birth of Christ. Other people say Christ is referred to as the morning star in the Bible. Still, others say the star is symbolic of Christ being a beacon of light. There is truth in each one of these statements. However, here are some questions to consider.

1. What does the Bible say about the use of the star in religious rites? 2. Does the use of the star in religious ceremony predate the coming of Christ? 3. What does the star represent in religious ceremonies? 4. Do Pagans also use the star at Christmas time? If so, why do they incorporate the star into their religious operations at this time of year? 5. Are man-made stars really representative of actual stars? Do stars really look like the shape commonly called a star? If not, where did the shape come from? 6. Should we incorporate the star in our religious rites and ceremonies?

We will briefly look at these questions one at a time. For an in-depth look at this topic, visit <http://godmadeus.com/Holiday/Christmas/ch15.php> or scan the code on the back of this pamphlet.

1. The Bible condemns the use of the star in religious rites. God tells us not to worship Him in the same way others worship their pagan idols (see **Deuteronomy 12** especially **Deu 12:1 - Deu 12:4** and **Deu 12:30 - Deu 12:31**). The

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## Christmas Star



**This informational pamphlet gives basic information about the star used at Christmas time from a Biblical perspective.**



star which is commonly found on top of Christmas trees is directly connected to the worship of Isis and Venus in the same manner the cow was in Aaron's day. Aaron was mistaken in thinking he was serving God by incorporating the figure of a cow into his religious rites. Likewise, we may be mistaken if we think we are serving God by incorporating a star into our religious rites. Even if there appears to be a good reason for including an object in one's religious ceremonies, the rationale is likely faulty. This was certainly true for the golden calf and it is also true of the star. The following verses tell us how God feels about the inclusion of the star in religious ceremonies? **Amo 5:26 But ye have borne the tabernacle of your Moloch and Chiun your images, the star of your god, which ye made to yourselves. Amo 5:27 Therefore will I cause you to go into captivity beyond Damascus, saith the LORD, whose name is The God of hosts.**

2. God's people have been using the star in religious ceremony right alongside the pagans since the time of the Exodus long before the coming of Christ. **2Ki 21:5 And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD. 2Ki 21:15 Because they have done that which was evil in my sight, and have provoked me to anger, since the day their fathers came forth out of Egypt, even unto this day.**

3. The stars used in religious ceremonies represent pagan ideas. Many variations of the star represent many pagan gods such as the Biblically condemned "queen of heaven," Hindu idols such as Vishnu and Siva, and others such as Isis and Horus.

4. Pagan tradition is the basis for Christians, Jews, and pagans incorporating the star into their religious operations during the time of the Christmas season each year. The pagan traditions relating to the star originate before the time of the exodus and have been in continuous use since then.

5. The stars used in religious ceremonies often resemble images of real stars, and they become idols when incorporated into religious operations. They are also often constructed of pagan symbolism using squares or triangles.

6. Incorporating the star into religious practices has consistently landed the people of God in hot water so to speak.

Should the star of pagan deities, in any of its forms, be part of our religious service to Christ? The Bible tells us not to include the idols of paganism in our worship of God (**Deu 12:4**). **2Ki23** describes the state of God's people as they incorporated pagan traditions alongside their worship of God. He says they were continually backsliding, and they were corrupt from the smallest to the greatest. This included the priests. They did not recognize the judgment of God had fallen on them, and they failed to repent. This could very easily be a description of the state of the world today. People fail to recognize God and fail to see Christendom is thoroughly infected with the same types of paganism for which God's people have been repeatedly destroyed in the past. The same star (star of Ishtar) worshipped when Nebuchadnezzar conquered Jerusalem in 586 B.C. is the same star now commonly associated with Christmas. We must not follow after the world. We must follow God and prove what is acceptable to God. Christ is our light, and our

belief in Him will lead us away from the darkness of pagan ritual. **Joh 12:46 I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.**

A star topping a Christmas tree or contained in other Christmas decorations cannot draw us one fraction of an inch closer to Christ.

However, if we spend the same amount of time in prayer or reading the Bible which we would have spent buying, hanging, or otherwise engaged with a decorative star we will indeed draw closer to Christ. God is our light. Long after the sun and the moon and the stars are gone, God will be the light.

**Rev 22:5 And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.**

The Bible tells us not to worship God in the same manner the pagans worship their gods. The star, in all of its forms, is one of the most common idols among pagans of every denomination. Judaism, Christianity, and Islam are not immune to the effects of the star. The star has cast its dark shadow across the course of human history arresting men's souls and leading God's people into oblivion. We must walk away from the dark abyss of the pagan star and toward the light of God so the love of God can shine within our hearts.

This is a very brief overview of the star. For more information, scan the code on the back of this pamphlet. There you will find an in-depth article with well-researched information complete with citations and links to supporting documents for the claims made here and in the article. This pamphlet is linked to a single chapter in a book about Christmas.