

Thomas Jefferson wrote a letter to John Adams in 1823. In that letter, Mr. Jefferson stated: "*The day will come when the mystical generation of Jesus, by the supreme being as his father in the womb of a virgin, will be classed with the fable of the generation of Minerva in the brain of Jupiter.*"

His prediction has indeed come to fruition. Let's look at some facts. All of these facts are fully documented at: <http://godmadeus.com/Holiday/christmas.php>

1. Christ was not born on December 25.
2. ALL of the modern day customs for celebrating Christmas have their origins in paganism.
3. The traditions and customs of today's Christmas pre-date Christ's time on Earth. They could not have been invented for Christ's benefit.
4. The Catholic church made up a birth date for Christ to coincide with the dates of popular pagan holidays in an attempt to convert pagans to Christianity.

Whom do we serve?

Christians believe in the God of the Bible. This is the God we claim to serve and the Bible is our only guide. Or so we say. Do our actions support our claim? Nowhere in the Bible are we instructed to keep Christmas. In fact there is one verse that specifically tells us to not learn the way of the heathen. *Jer 10:2 Thus saith the LORD, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not*

dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them.

The next two verses continue by clearly describing what we now call a Christmas tree.

Jer 10:3 For the customs of the people are vain: for one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe. Jer 10:4 They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not.

These verses are clearly describing the forerunner of the Christmas tree. It is true that the term "Christmas tree" is a relatively new term. However, the practice of cutting down a tree, bringing it into a home, and decking it with silver and gold is a very old one. A practice which the word of God calls "vain" and tells us not to learn to do. We can read those verses to any five year old and they will quickly tell us what is being described. A Christmas tree. The following verses go on to tell us that these trees cannot do evil or good. The people that practice this doctrine are then called brutish and foolish. The stock or tree is called a doctrine of vanities.

Jer 10:8 But they are altogether brutish and foolish: the stock is a doctrine of vanities.

The word "vanities" is defined in Strong's dictionary as: *emptiness or vanity.*

The Christmas tree as well as the whole Christmas celebration is empty. It doesn't glorify God. The word of God tells us so.

Keep Christ in Christmas

We often hear the phrase "keep Christ in Christmas". Actually, Christ was never in Christmas. On the contrary, the word Christmas actually means **Christ dismissal**. The word Christmas is a combination of two words; "Christ" and "Mass". We understand the word "Christ", but do we understand the word "mass"? The term "Mass" is derived from the Late Latin word *missa* which means dismissal.

We have seen that the forerunner of the Christmas tree was a pagan idol. The word of God tells us that there is no connection between Christ and Pagan idols. God tells us that there should be no connection between one who believes and one who does not.

2Co 6:15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

Many "Christians" today allow a connection between themselves and pagan idols. They desecrate the sanctity of their home and their churches by bringing abominations into them. Namely the Christmas tree and other decorations. There are many Bible verses that warn us not to do this. Let's not "dismiss" Christ through **non Biblical** pagan celebrations.

Christmas, how did it start?

There is something different in the air. Frost covers the edges of the window panes. A dusting of snow is on the ground. In the city there is an extra bit of energy felt. People rush here and there tending to last minute details. The tinsel is on the tree. Children anxiously await the day when they will be surrounded by their families, opening presents. Yes, it's that time of year. The holiday season. A time when the churches are a little more full than usual, and people quote scripture a little more often. It might be the one time a year that the dinner table is witness to bowed heads and the saying of grace. This is how it has been in this country since it's founding. Right? Well... not exactly. It was actually illegal to celebrate Christmas in Boston from 1659 - 1681. During the late 1700's Christmas was just another day in America, for the most part. A working day, even for Congress. Any celebration of Christmas that did take place in early America, would be unrecognizable by us today. In fact it wasn't until the year 1870 that Christmas was declared a federal holiday. The Christmas celebration traditions that are in place today have their origins in paganism. This is not an opinion, but is indeed fact and you can read more about it on the Christmas page on Godmadeus.com.
<http://godmadeus.com/Holiday/christmas.php>

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Introduction to the origins of Christmas

universe. The truth is that the greatest enemies to the doctrines of Jesus are those calling themselves the expounders of them, who have perverted them for the structure of a system of fancy absolutely incomprehensible, and without any foundation in his genuine words. and the day will come when the mystical generation of Jesus, by the supreme being as his father in the womb of a virgin will be classed with the fable of the generation of Minerva in the brain of Jupiter. but we may hope that the dawn of reason and freedom of thought in these United States will do away all this artificial scaffolding, and restore to us the primitive and genuine doctrines of this

This informational pamphlet gives the reader a basic understanding of the origins of Christmas.

