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ARTICLE SUMMARY

It has long been known and said that the cross is a Pagan symbol of worship that is commonly used by the Sol Invictus Cult (Sun worship). Emperor Constantine I, of the Roman Empire, has a well-documented family and personal history of sun worship, which he did not cease upon "becoming" Christian, instead he introduced aspects of sun worship into Christianity. By doing so, Emperor Constantine created a form of polytheism (the worship of multiple gods) in an effort to encourage the "religious conversion" of his empire. This was, and still remains a serious issue of great consequence because Christianity is a monotheist faith: a fact which is well documented in the Bible. In short, the consequence of Emperor Constantine introducing sun worship into Christianity was the corruption and desecration of the Christian faith. A legacy which is a testament to his complete and utter disregard for the Holy Bible and God's commandments. Overall, this article highlights that the legacy of Emperor Constantine was not inspired by the Lord, the Most High God but by Satan, who inspires action through deception i.e. false visions and false divination.

THE CHARACTER AND NATURE OF SATAN ACCORDING TO BIBLICAL EVIDENCE

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Satan, also known as the evil one, Lucifer, the daystar, son of the dawn, serpent, dragon, devil, Beelzebub/Beelzebul, Baal, Molech, the prince of the power of the air, the adversary and the accuser is a god (evil spirit) that reigns over the earth above all other evil spirits, however, he is not equal to or greater than the Lord the Most High God, but is infinitely many times lesser. Satan works within the authority attributed to him by the Lord, the Most High God a.k.a. Jesus Christ, as the principality and power of the world who has ruled since the first advent of Christ, and whose reign will soon come to an end as prophesized in the Bible, which is an event synonymous with the "end of the age" i.e. the divine judgement of the entire world and the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

- John 14:29-31 ²⁹ Now I have told you before it happens so that when it happens, you may believe. ³⁰ I will no more speak much with you, for the prince of the world comes, and he has nothing in me. ³¹ But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father commanded me, even so I do. Arise, let's go from here.
 - NOTE: Verse 31 conveys that God commanded the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ (His own human form i.e. Son), therefore, Satan only had the authority to kill the Lord because the Lord permitted it, so that the New Covenant could be established through His death and resurrection. Hence, Satan has no power outside of that of which is granted to him by the Lord, the Most High God.
- Psalm 82— ¹God presides in the great assembly. He judges among the gods. ² "How long will you judge unjustly, and show partiality to the wicked?" Selah. ³ "Defend the weak, the poor, and the fatherless. Maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed. ⁴ Rescue the weak and needy. Deliver them out of the hand of the wicked." ⁵ They don't know, neither do they understand. They walk back and forth in darkness. All the foundations of the earth are shaken. ⁶ I said, "You are gods, all of you are sons of the Most High. ⁷ Nevertheless you shall die like men, and fall like one of the rulers." ⁸ Arise, God, judge the earth, for you inherit all of the nations.
 - NOTE: Psalm 82 depicts God's Heavenly court and appointed time for the judgement of the earth at the "end of the age", where God is commanding Satan, and the demons in his kingdom, who are gods that are worshipped across the earth, to judge mankind according to the principles of justice i.e. consequences for the crooked and wicked, and the vindication of the righteous and oppressed/poor (spiritually or by other people) and the weak/meek (the humble).

- Ephesians 6:11-12— ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For our wrestling is not against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world's rulers of the darkness of this age, and against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.
- Ephesians 2:1-2 ¹You were made alive when you were dead in transgressions and sins,
 ² in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the children of disobedience.
 - **NOTE:** "the children of disobedience" are Satan's children i.e. those who worship him directly or indirectly through the occult.
- Revelation 12:7-12 ⁷ There was war in the sky. Michael and his angels made war on the dragon. The dragon and his angels made war. ⁸ They didn't prevail. No place was found for them any more in heaven. ⁹ The great dragon was thrown down, the old serpent, he who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world. He was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. ¹⁰ I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation, the power, and the Kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ has come; for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them before our God day and night. ¹¹ They overcame him because of the Lamb's blood, and because of the word of their testimony. They didn't love their life, even to death. ¹² Therefore rejoice, heavens, and you who dwell in them. Woe to the earth and to the sea, because the devil has gone down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has but a short time."

Satan is only a son of god, a fallen angel (demon), who disobeyed God's commandments, and was judged by the Lord accordingly. The Bible notes that Satan's pride was the cause of his fall, and the root of his pride was that he wanted to usurp God's throne:

Isaiah 14:12-14 —¹² How you have fallen from heaven, shining one, son of the dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, who laid the nations low! ¹³ You said in your heart, "I will ascend into heaven! I will exalt my throne above the stars of God! I will sit on the mountain of assembly, in the far north! ¹⁴ I will ascend above the heights of the clouds! I will make myself like the Most High!"

To elaborate, Satan has always desired to be God or like God, and so, to people, Satan presents himself in a God-like manner: a god of light that shines like the sun, and the greatest spiritual

power known to mankind. However, this is not the truth, as the Lord, the Most High God is greater than Satan. Hence, a number of Scriptures describes the Lord, the Most High God as the greatest light that is likened to the purity, brilliance and brightness of a star or the sun (the sun is technically a star):

- James 1:16-17 —¹⁶ Don't be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom can be no variation, nor turning shadow.
 - **NOTE:** Father of lights is a reference to the Lord, the Most High God.
- **Psalm 84:11** For Yahweh God is a sun and a shield. Yahweh will give grace and glory. He withholds no good thing from those who walk blamelessly.
- **Revelation 22:16** ¹⁶ I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify these things to you for the assemblies. I am the root and the offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star."
- John 8:12 ¹² Again, therefore, Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the light of life."
- Matthew 17:2 ² He was changed before them. His face shone like the sun, and his garments became as white as the light.

Furthermore, the Lord, the Most High God is the Lord of Lords, God of gods and King of Kings, and so, the Bible makes it clear that God's power is greater than any other god's because He is the head of ALL principalities and powers that exist in heaven, earth, the deeps, hell (the abyss, hades, sheol or gehenna) and the universe – known and unknown. Therefore, Satan can only work within the will of God, a fact which is made clear in the Bible:

- Colossians 2:8-10 ⁸ Be careful that you don't let anyone rob you through his philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the elements of the world, and not after Christ. ⁹ For in him all the fullness of the Deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and in him you are made full, who is the head of all principality and power.
 - NOTE: In verse 9 "him" refers the Lord Jesus Christ i.e. the Lord Himself.
- Colossians 1:15-16 ¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.
 ¹⁶ For by him all things were created in the heavens and on the earth, visible things and

invisible things, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things have been created through him and for him.

• **NOTE:** These verses refer to Jesus i.e. the firstborn human (man) of all creation.

- Job 1:6-12 ⁶ Now on the day when God's sons came to present themselves before Yahweh, Satan also came among them. ⁷ Yahweh said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Then Satan answered Yahweh, and said, "From going back and forth in the earth, and from walking up and down in it."⁸ Yahweh said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant, Job? For there is no one like him in the earth, a blameless and an upright man, one who fears God, and turns away from evil." ⁹ Then Satan answered Yahweh, and said, "Does Job fear God for nothing? ¹⁰ Haven't you made a hedge around him, and around his house, and around all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land. ¹¹ But stretch out your hand now, and touch all that he has, and he will renounce you to your face."¹² Yahweh said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your power. Only on himself don't stretch out your hand."
 - NOTE: (1) "Only don't stretch out your hand" means that God commanded Satan that he could not kill Job. (2) Satanic power is the origin of the persecution of the righteous, who are also known as God's people, children or saints (3) Satan is linked to the power that causes death, but overall it is God, the Father who determines who lives and dies based on their own life choices.

Hence, it is in Satan's character to pose as the Lord, but in his deceit and trickery, his ways still contradict the commandments of the Lord, and so, what is born of Satan can always be recognized. Therefore, the cause and effect of events that are inspired by Satan are identifiable because they are rooted in the transgression of the God's commandments. This demonstrates that Satan's very nature is that of a deceiver and liar, and therefore, he actively uses his power and influence to condemn the souls of mankind, as he himself has been judged and condemned for his actions i.e. he will be cast into hell, therefore, losing his immortality and status as a god. This is also made clear in the Bible which describes Satan's character:

• John 8:44—⁴⁴ You are of your father, the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and doesn't stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks on his own; for he is a liar, and the father of lies.

- NOTE: Satan is the father of those who serve him directly or indirectly through the worship of other spirits (gods). Therefore, the Lord, the Most High God does not consider himself the Father of those who serve Satan and other evil spirits.
- 2 Corinthians 11: 13-15 -¹³ For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, masquerading as Christ's apostles. ¹⁴ And no wonder, for even Satan masquerades as an angel of light. ¹⁵ It is no great thing therefore if his servants also masquerade as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.

Hence, the Bible provides the knowledge needed to discern whether something originates from God or from Satan. To reiterate, the things of Satan are opposite to God's commandments and are rooted in deceit and deception that is veiled by the false pretence of the Lord's likeness – whereby Satan likes to present himself as one who shines brighter than any light as akin to the sun. But in truth Satan is a god of darkness that collects the souls of those who have submitted to him, and of whom he desires to share in his same fate: the eternal condemnation of the soul in hell.

IDENTIFYING OCCULTIC PRACTICES

The occult is rooted in Satanic influence, and is therefore governed by the spirit of the antichrist, which parallels with Christians being governed by the Holy Spirit of the Lord, the Most High God; whereby the practices of the two bodies are opposite in nature. This is made clear by Satan's testing of the Lord Jesus Christ, where the Scriptures create an exposé of Satan's modus operandi (MO), which is to contradict God's commandments in the effort to cause spiritual 'death' and have people remain that way. Therefore, revealing how to identify what is of, from and who is of God, and who is not; and thus, how to identify what is of, from and who is not:

Matthew 4:1-11 — ¹ Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² When he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was hungry afterward. ³ The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."⁴ But he answered, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of God's mouth.'"

⁵ Then the devil took him into the holy city. He set him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and, 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you don't dash

your foot against a stone.⁷⁷ Jesus said to him, "Again, it is written, 'You shall not test the Lord, your God.'"

⁸ Again, the devil took him to an exceedingly high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ He said to him, "I will give you all of these things, if you will fall down and worship me."¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, "Get behind me, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and you shall serve him only.'" ¹¹ Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and served him.

Hence, the Bible presents the evidence needed to identify what is Christian and what is not, which is why a Biblical-evidence based or informed practice is a necessity to the Christian faith. This is because once heresy is introduced i.e. the proclamation of non-Christian practices as Christian, it renders the salvation of the soul (receiving the Holy Spirit) impossible because it is no longer the Truth. It is even written that believing the Truth is a necessity of salvation under the New Covenant -therefore, if there is no Truth, then salvation becomes impossible, but with the Truth comes the possibility of salvation:

- John 4:23—But the hour comes, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such to be his worshipers.
- John 4:24—God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."
- 2 Thessalonians 2:13—¹³ But we are bound to always give thanks to God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because God chose you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief in the truth,

There are three forms of heresy, two of which can be committed in ignorance (1) lies (2) poor Biblical literacy and (3) the rituals or practices of other gods. The direct consequence of heresy is that what is meant to be Christian is no longer classified as Christian, therefore: are those who partake in corrupted forms of the Christian faith worshipping or praying to Jesus Christ or other gods? In honesty, the truth lies with intent, as God is all knowing and forgiving of ignorance or the lack of complete truth when the sincere pray to Him, whether He is called Christ, Jesus, Yeshua, Yehoshua, the Lord, Father, Father in Heaven, Heavenly Father, Yahweh, Jehovah, Elohim, Adonai or Chukwuokikeabiamá – and this is because past generations failed to uphold the integrity of the Christian faith, and so, this generation has to make do with the knowledge of God and His Word (The Holy Bible) that is available until the time comes when more of the Truth is (1) accessible and (2) known. However, such things also brings up the question, why do people

willingly follow, believe or accept corrupted Christian doctrine or teachings, especially when it is known that certain practices are not Christian? And the answer seems to be because people are ok with it because (1) they willingly worship other gods or (2) they lack genuine belief that doesn't extend beyond praying for wants (material blessings), rather than looking to more profound things that are essential to Christianity such as personal growth i.e. character development:

James 4:2-3 — ² You lust, and don't have. You murder and covet, and can't obtain. You fight
and make war. You don't have, because you don't ask. ³ You ask, and don't receive, because
you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures.

Thus, also leading to the question, do those who call themselves Christian really know "their" God and His Word? Or do they simply want the blessings of God, but care nothing for Him and His ways? Based on the state of Christianity and the world in general, the answer seems to be that people simply do not care for the Lord or His Word: they hate the tree, but like its fruits (blessings). However, in the Christian faith you reap what you sow, and so, there is no fruit for those who forsake the Lord i.e. those who are not genuine towards Him. Therefore, it's important that people are able to identify occultic, and therefore heretical practices, so that each and every person can make the decision to no longer partake in them, or to make the choice to continue with them. Hence, each to their own choice and each to their own god — if you know what you choose to do is incompatible with Christianity, then you should accept that you are not Christian, and are not entitled to the fruits of the Lord, the Most High God.

AN EXAMPLE OF OCCULTIC PRACTICES THAT ARE NOT CHRISTIAN, BUT ARE SAID TO BE

'The Sixth and Seventh Books of Moses' are not Christian books, they are the lies of Satan. This is identifiable through the very nature of its contents, which directly contradict God's commandments. More obviously, God gave Moses a staff/rod/ Qfo, and that was all he (or Aaron) ever used to perform miracles, but the power came from God, not the staff/rod/Qfo. In direct contrast, it was the sorcerers of Pharaoh, who served the gods of Egypt, Jannes and Jambres, who performed dark arts (sorcery) which were most likely similar to the contents of 'The Sixth and Seventh Books of Moses':

- **2 Timothy 3:8** ⁸ Even as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these also oppose the truth, men corrupted in mind, who concerning the faith are rejected.
- Exodus 7:10-12 ¹⁰ Moses and Aaron went in to Pharaoh, and they did so, as Yahweh had commanded. Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh and before his servants, and it became a serpent. ¹¹ Then Pharaoh also called for the wise men and the sorcerers. They also, the

magicians of Egypt, did the same thing with their enchantments. ¹² For they each cast down their rods, and they became serpents; but Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods.

 NOTE: The act of Moses'/Aaron's staff-serpent swallowing the staff-serpent of Jannes and Jambres conveys that God's power is of His Spirit, and is therefore, always greater then sorcery which is derived from the occult (a Satanic source).

As the abovementioned focuses of the book of Exodus, it is also worth mentioning that the most infamous religious symbol of ancient Egypt, the ankh, appears to be a variation of the cross (Webb, 2018). The ankh is an Egyptian religious symbol of life that is associated with numerous Egyptian gods. However, even though the ankh was a symbol of the Egyptian gods, it was, and by extension their gods, were unable to protect them from divine judgement - reaffirming why God calls idols worthless (Jonah 2:8, Psalm 31:6, Jeremiah 10:8). The divine judgement of ancient Egypt occurred due to the continued and relentless persecution of God's people. This indicates that the gods of Egypt were (1) not associated with the Lord, the Most High God (2) lesser gods and (3) part of Satan's kingdom, and therefore, in opposition to God and His people. Therefore, the ankh is also not associated with the Lord, the Most High God, as the cross, in all its variations, is an idol, as it was used in the historical religious practices of different peoples and nations prior to the introduction of Christianity into their society i.e. Egyptians and Caucasian Pagans (Carus, 1899a, 1899b; Webb, 2018). The cross has long been used in Christianity, but people need to accept that it's not Christian, and this is because without accepting the Truth, no one can be saved - it is without a doubt, accepting that the cross is not of Christ is probably what prevents so many people from receiving the Holy Spirit. However, this article is also written to provide more information that may lead to removing the stumbling block of idols. Therefore, it is helpful for people to realise what is considered Christian and what is not. This of course extends to sorcery, but it is without a doubt that most people already know what sorcery is. However, highlighting occultic practices is always appropriate when acts that are obviously not Christian are proclaimed to be.

For example, 'The First Table of the spirits of the Air' (next page) involves what appears to be a form of witchcraft (sorcery), which is identifiable because (1) it invokes spirits of the air, of whom the chief is Satan, and (2) there is a specific set of actions involved i.e. wearing the table. Hence, as Christians should (1) pray in the Lord's Name only (2) not invoke Satan or other spirits and (3) should have faith in the Lord, the Most High God to protect them: this is obviously a form of sorcery.

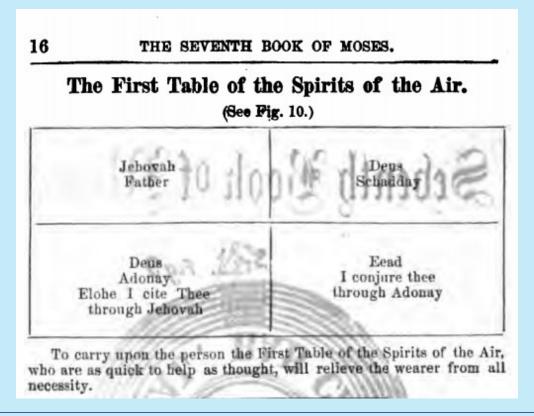


Image 1: 'The First Table of the spirits of the Air' from the 'Sixth and Seventh Books of Moses' are included for the purpose of identifying sorcery, and therefore indicate some practices that potential Christian converts, and therefore Christians SHOULD NOT DO OR USE. (Scheible et al., 1880).

A second example of sorcery is exemplified by 'The Ministering Formulas or Mysteries' (next page), but in truth, all the contents of 'The sixth and seventh books of Moses' pertain to sorcery, and therefore not Christianity. 'The Ministering Formulas or Mysteries' involves the invoking of "Moloch familiarum" and his ministering spirits. Moloch appears to be a derivation of Molech, and so, this "formula" seems to involve (1) the invoking of Satan and other demons (2) the reciting of the "spell" at a specific time i.e. an eclipse. It is well known that sorcery often takes place according to particular lunar or solar phases (3) The act requires specific actions i.e. the "table/seal" must be written on parchment and held in the right hand, but must not be read after recital. Hence, following the logic of the first example, this too is a form of sorcery, and therefore, not Christian.

THE SEVENTH BOOK OF MOSES.

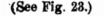
The Ministering Formulas or Mysteries

ARE THE FOLLOWING :

Astarte, Salamonis familiarum III. Eegum. Spirit of Water; Spirit of Air; Spirit of Earth. Astoreth in Palestina familiari. Schaddaij, Driffon, Agrippa, Magaripp. Azijehzm, Sinna, familiarus, IV. Buch Regum. Schijwin * Aimeh, Chanije, Cijbor. Beaherith ijud Judicum IX. XIII. *Adola, Eloheij. Umijchob Channanijah. Adramelech zu Sepharvaijm, Familiaris. Yhaij, Vvaij, Yles, Kijgij. Nisroch, Regis Serucheril Assijris familiaris. Jehuel, Sarwiel, Urikon, Thoijil. Asijma, virorum Emach familiaris. Barechel, Jomar, Ascher, Uwula.

These must be cited by the Twelfth Table at the time of an Eclipse by the Sun or Moon.

This Moloch familiarum or Ammonitarium Ministering Spirits the following Generation-Seal for all services caracteristico obedientiale.





This Seal, at the time of Citation, must be written on parchment, and be held in the right hand. But it must not be read.

Image 2 : 'The Ministering Formulas or Mysteries' from the 'Sixth and Seventh Books of Moses' are included for the purpose identifying sorcery, and therefore indicate some practices that potential Christian converts, and therefore Christians SHOULD NOT DO OR USE. (Scheible et al., 1880)

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Hence, the easy way to identify whether something is Christian or not is to check if it directly contradicts God's commandments — as the above examples make it plain and clear that such things could never have a place in Christianity. Just for final emphasis, 'The Sixth and Seventh Books of Moses' includes the image below, which is described as a magical symbol employed by the Israelites. As the use of magic or sorcery was forbidden, such claims must be (1) false or (2) made by Israelites who completely and utterly abandoned their faith and covenant with the Lord, the Most High God, for it is written in Leviticus $19:26 - \frac{26 \text{ "You shall not eat any meat with the blood still in it. You shall not use enchantments, nor practice sorcery."$

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Image 3: Image representing Satan from the 'Sixth and Seventh Books of Moses' (Scheible, Ennemoser, & Geschichte der, 1880)

The Bible equates Satan to (1) birds, with the exception of a dove, which is a white bird that is a Biblical representation of peace and love, and (2) a serpent (snake).

- Genesis 8:11 ¹¹ The dove came back to him at evening and, behold, in her mouth was a freshly plucked olive leaf. So Noah knew that the waters were abated from the earth.
 - NOTE: This Scripture signaled the end of the great flood, where God then established His covenant with Noah.
- Song of Solomon 5:12 His eyes are like doves beside the water brooks, washed with milk, mounted like jewels.
- Ruth 12:2 May Yahweh repay your work, and a full reward be given to you from Yahweh, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge."
- Psalm 17:8 Keep me as the apple of your eye. Hide me under the shadow of your wings,

• **Psalm 91:4** — He will cover you with his feathers. Under his **wings** you will take refuge. His faithfulness is your shield and rampart.

- Matthew 13:3-4, 18-19 ³ Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow. ⁴ As he sowed, some seeds fell by the roadside, and the birds came and devoured the.... ¹⁸ "Hear, then, the parable of the farmer. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the Kingdom and doesn't understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away that which has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown by the roadside. ²⁰
- **Revelation 12:9** ⁹ The great dragon was thrown down, the old serpent, he who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world.

Furthermore, a variation of the cross is also pictured next to the image of Satan. Once again making it clear that this text is not of God, but of deception and Satanic evil. Therefore, by the information conveyed by a text (including pictures or images), it is quite simple to determine what is from God, and what is not, as true Christian teachings or practices always reflect the Bible, whereas Satanic influenced teachings or practices do not. It is worth noting that it's possible that there are actually lost books of Moses that exist, as well as other Biblical texts, but what is presented by the widely available 'Sixth and Seventh Books of Moses' is nothing but Satanic garbage. Hence, it is a common Satanic MO to pretend that things which are not associated with God or Christianity are "mixed in" or "tagged on" in the attempt to lead people astray, so that they do not attain the salvation of their souls. Once again this highlights the importance of Christians knowing their own God through His Word, as it is clear that Emperor Constantine I did not.

THE LINK BETWEEN THE SOL INVICTUS CULT AND EMPEROR CONSTANTINE I'S SATANIC INSPIRED VISIONS

There is a substantial body of evidence that reveals that Emperor Constantine I of Rome worshiped the sun god of the Sol Invictus Cult, who is also known as Apollo, Mithras, Baphomet, Mastemah, Belial, Beliar and probably a multitude of many other names or gods, for example Satan is allegedly the god of the Freemasons, the well-established alleged not "secret" society that is found all over the world, particularly in the United Kingdom and British established or influenced nations (Bruun, Zilliacus, & Henriksson, 1954; Evans, 2005; Ezzy, 2015; Harland-Jacobs, 1999; Introvigne, 2016; Lewis, 1892; Odahl, 2010; Smith, 1997; Wallraff, 2001). Overall, the consensus is that Emperor Constantine I maintained a polytheist lifestyle, of which it is known that he worshipped the sun god and God, but was obviously loyal to Satan, the sun god (Bruun et

al., 1954; Flower, 2012; Kee, 2016; Odahl, 2010; Wallraff, 2001; Weiss, 2003). However, Christianity is a monotheist faith which necessitates the worship of God only. This means that Emperor Constantine I of Rome never "became" Christian, therefore, signifying that the origin of his god-inspired works, were of the sun god (Satan), and not the Lord, the Most High God. This is made clear by the fact that his actions that purported the advancement of Christianity directly contradicted the commandments of the Lord. So, although Emperor Constantine has been heralded for centuries due to his evangelistic endeavors, the investigation of his efforts reveals that his actions were inspired by Satan. Emperor Constantine's "Christian revolution" was inspired by a vision, of which he claimed was from the Lord, the Most High God. The description of Emperor Constantine's vision is that he saw a trophy and cross of light in the heavens above the sun, and his assumption was that the vision came from God (Flower, 2012; Kee, 2016; Weiss, 2003). Emperor Constantine assumed that the cross was a symbol of the Lord Jesus Christ due to its association with His death and resurrection. However, the Bible presents key information that suggests and demonstrates that Emperor Constantine's vision or foresight) was from a deceitful and lying spirit, which is synonymous with the character and nature of Satan:

- 1 Kings 22: 19-23, 35 ¹⁹ Micaiah said, "Therefore hear Yahweh's word. I saw Yahweh sitting on his throne, and all the army of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left. ²⁰ Yahweh said, 'Who will entice Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth Gilead?' One said one thing; and another said another.²¹ A spirit came out and stood before Yahweh, and said, 'I will entice him.'²² Yahweh said to him, 'How?' He said, 'I will go out and will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.' He said, 'You will entice him, and will also prevail. Go out and do so.' ²³ Now therefore, behold, Yahweh has put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these your prophets; and Yahweh has spoken evil concerning you."...³⁵ The battle increased that day. The king was propped up in his chariot facing the Syrians, and died at evening. The blood ran out of the wound into the bottom of the chariot.
 - NOTE: In this Scripture it is revealed that King Ahab was deceived by the god (lying spirit) that he chose to worship, which spoke to King Ahab through his ungodly prophet. The verse 1 Kings 22:35 reveals that based on the false prophecy from a lying spirit, King Ahab went into battle and died, just as God's prophet Micaiah said he would. Therefore, highlighting that different circumstances in life originate from other gods, but that it is God's will, and therefore His Biblical prophecy that prevails over all others because God's Word is the Truth, and He is the God of Gods: He reigns above all the gods He is not their equal, He is infinitely many times greater.

Secondly, the cross is an idol, and the Bible specifies that idolatry is not accepted or endorsed by God. Hence, it appears that the origin of Emperor Constantine's vision was Satanic. The Satanic nature of Emperor Constantine's vision parallels with Satan's mode of deception: a sun-like god of light presenting an object of idolatry. Therefore, further supporting that Apollo or the sun god that is worshipped by the Sol Invictus Cult is Satan, as it is well known that variations of the cross was actually used in the worship of the sun god (Bruun et al., 1954; Lewis, 1892). Therefore, Emperor Constantine I endorsed a Satanic idol as the hallmark of the Christian faith, which was and is a grievous error and unfortunate deception. Hence, the cause and effect of Emperor Constantine's "Christian revolution" was a legacy of falsehood and the corruption of Christianity, which demonstrates his blatant disregard for God's commandments and the Holy Bible.

EXAMPLES OF EMPEROR CONSTANTINE'S CORRUPTION OF CHRISTIANITY

There are many noted examples of Emperor Constantine's corruption of the Christian faith, which is characterized by the simultaneous introduction of Pagan worship practices of the sun god, Satan, into Christianity and the complete disregard for God's commandments, whether out of malice, ignorance or disinterest in the faith of the God that he proclaimed to be a champion of and for (Bruun et al., 1954; Carus, 1899b; Kee, 2016; Lewis, 1892).

(1) The endorsement of a Pagan idol in Christian worship

Emperor Constantine I endorsed the use and worship of idols in Christianity. An idol is any item fashioned for the purpose of worshipping a god. The cross or crucifix, as mentioned in part 1 of this investigative series, falls into this category because it is used in the worship and reverence of Pagan gods (Bruun et al., 1954; Carus, 1899b; Lewis, 1892). The Lord and His servants also forbid the use of idols throughout the Old and New Testaments of the Holy Bible:

- Acts 17:29—²⁹ Being then the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold, or silver, or stone, engraved by art and design of man.
- Exodus 20:4-6—⁴ "You shall not make for yourselves an idol, nor any image of anything that is in the heavens above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: ⁵ you shall not bow yourself down to them, nor serve them, for I, Yahweh your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and on the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ and showing loving kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

(2) Introducing elements of sun worship into Christianity

Emperor Constantine was noted to be a devotee of the Sol Invictus Cult, and as a result, he centered Christian worship around sun worship rites and practices (Lewis, 1892; Odahl, 2010). The most notable example of Constantine's disregard (disobedience) towards God and His commandments was the change of the Sabbath day from Saturday to Sunday (Lewis, 1892; Odahl, 2010). The Bible describes the Sabbath day as the last day of the week, which was meant to be kept as holy—in the Old covenant the Sabbath was a day of rest, but in the New Covenant Christians are able to honor the Lord on the Sabbath day as one sees fit.:

- Genesis 2:2-3 —² On the seventh day God finished his work which he had done; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had done. ³ God blessed the seventh day, and made it holy, because he rested in it from all his work of creation which he had done.
- Exodus 20:8—⁸ "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ You shall labor six days, and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to Yahweh your God. You shall not do any work in it, you, nor your son, nor your daughter, your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your livestock, nor your stranger who is within your gates; ¹¹ for in six days Yahweh made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day; therefore Yahweh blessed the Sabbath day, and made it holy.
- **Colossians 2:16** ¹⁶ Let no one therefore judge you in eating, or in drinking, or with respect to a feast day or a new moon or a Sabbath day,
 - NOTE: This Scripture indicates that God permits Christians to celebrate the Sabbath as they desire, but the correct day should be acknowledged. "New moons" does not indicate that God endorses the participation in sorcery that occurs during certain lunar phases. "New moons" were associated with Mosaic worship rites that are recorded in the Bible (Numbers 29:6).

Sunday is the "day of the Sun", or in old Pagan/Latin terms, *dies Solis,* and so, the day seems to be named after its god (Odahl, 2010). Sunday was and is the day used to worship the sun god of Sol Invictus, Satan (Odahl, 2010). Hence, it seems that Emperor Constantine wanted to simultaneously find favor with the Lord, the Most High God, and the god of his ancestors, Satan. However, this cannot in any manner be described as Christian because his course of action forsakes the most important commandment, which is NON-NEGOTIATBLE: Christians worship God and God alone:

- Exodus 20:1-3 ¹God spoke all these words, saying, ² "I am Yahweh your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. ³ "You shall have no other gods before me
- Mark 12:29-30 ²⁹ Jesus answered, "The greatest is, 'Hear, Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one: ³⁰ you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment.
 - NOTE: To love the Lord with your whole heart means that he must be your only God i.e. they God whose ways you have chosen to follow.
- **Matthew 6:24** ²⁴ "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You can't serve both God and Mammon.

Within the context of the Scripture Matthew 6:24, it is of note that cults and "secret" societies are known to provide monetary or material incentives (mammon) to its members to perform the will of their gods, whether it is participating in the persecution and murder of Christians, or any person for the purpose of human sacrifice, or the ritual summoning of demonic entities for nefarious purposes. However, the Bible makes it clear that the Lord greatly disapproves of mammon, which is encompassed by the concept of benefiting from evil actions at the expense of other people i.e. your neighbor, after all, the Lord Himself condemned Judas Iscariot to death, as He accepted blood money to betray Him:

- Luke 6:16 ¹⁶ Judas the son of James; and Judas Iscariot, who also became a traitor.
- Matthew 26:14-16 ¹⁴ Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵ and said, "What are you willing to give me if I deliver him to you?" They weighed out for him thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶ From that time he sought opportunity to betray him.
- Luke 22:3 ³ Satan entered into Judas, who was also called lscariot, who was counted with the twelve.
- Matthew 27:3-6 ³ Then Judas, who betrayed him, when he saw that Jesus was condemned, felt remorse, and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, ⁴ saying, "I have sinned in that I betrayed innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? You see to it."⁵ He threw down the pieces of silver in the sanctuary and

departed. Then he went away and hanged himself.⁶ The chief priests took the pieces of silver and said, "It's not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is the price of blood."

The Bible highlights that Jesus' crucifixion was caused by Satanic influence and action because (1) Judas had accepted blood money (mammon) – let it be clear, sin comes from the self, Satan can only tempt, but it is people who make the choice (James 1:13-15) and (2) Jesus' crucifixion was mediated by what appears to be an ancient church cult, as they clearly held no respect for the basic fundamentals of Mosaic Law i.e. not shedding innocent blood. However, it was the Lord's will for His, Son, Jesus Christ (His human form) to die because His death paid for the life of those who become Christian. However, Jesus' death was the one and only God "approved" human sacrifice: this is a concept made clear in the Bible. In every other sense, human sacrifice, which is an act of murder, is not part of the normal Christian lifestyle nor it is considered so by the laws of any civilized nation. Hence, such actions are not considered by God as a righteous act, but rather, an evil act – after all (1) Judas Iscariot and (2) the crowd who condemned Jesus to death were judged based on their actions:

- Hebrews 10:12-13 ¹² but he, when he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God, ¹³ from that time waiting until his enemies are made the footstool of his feet.
- John 19:11—¹¹ Jesus answered, "You would have no power at all against me, unless it were given to you from above. Therefore he who delivered me to you has greater sin."
 - NOTE: This verse conveys that the Lord was only suffering at the hands of other people because it was His (God's) will. This is reiterated by Isaiah 53:10-12 which prophesized the persecution, crucifixion, and resurrection of Christ.
- Philippians 2:5-11 ⁵ Have this in your mind, which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, existing in the form of God, didn't consider equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, yes, the death of the cross. ⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him, and gave to him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, those on earth, and those under the earth, ¹¹ and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Overall, this means that Christians do not knowingly or willingly partake in rites and practices

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associated with the worship or service of other gods. Hence, Emperor Constantine's very own polytheist approach discounted himself from the Christian faith, a faith which he purported to advance and champion. Conclusively, in Emperor Constantine's reverence of the cross, which was the symbol of the sun god that he had always known: he mistook the message conveyed by the Lord's sacrifice on the cross – and as a result its significance is still mistaken until this day.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF CHRIST'S DEATH AND RESURRECTION: THE LORD, THE MOST HIGH GOD, IS GREATER THAN THE GOD OF THE CROSS (SATAN).

The Lord Jesus Christ willingly sacrificed Himself in order to redeem some of his creation. The events that preceded and followed Christ's death and resurrection were not random because God had planned to use His death and resurrection to save the souls of Christians past, present and to come. Hence, though the Lord was persecuted by "the world" i.e. Satan and those he works with and through (those who serve and worship Satan or evil spirits). This emphasizes the fact that the Jesus' death and resurrection was not an event out of His (God, the Father's) control, but an event that He intervened in to demonstrate his power and dominion over Satan, the god of "the world", but not of all things. This concept is conveyed by a number of Scriptures:

- Acts 3:19-22—¹⁹"Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, so that there may come times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord, ²⁰and that he may send Christ Jesus, who was ordained for you before, ²¹ whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God spoke long ago by the mouth of his holy prophets. ²²For Moses indeed said to the fathers, 'The Lord God will raise up a prophet for you from among your brothers, like me. You shall listen to him in all things whatever he says to you.
 - **NOTE:** Original prophecy about Christ is mentioned in Deuteronomy 18:15, 18:19.
- Matthew 27:1-15 ¹Now when morning had come, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. ² and they bound him, led him away, and delivered him up to Pontius Pilate, the governor.³ Then Judas, who betrayed him, when he saw that Jesus was condemned, felt remorse, and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, ⁴ saying, "I have sinned in that I betrayed innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? You see to it."⁵ He threw down the pieces of silver in the sanctuary and departed. Then he went away and hanged himself.⁶ The chief priests took the pieces of silver and said, "It's not lawful to put them

into the treasury, since it is the price of blood." ⁷ They took counsel, and bought the potter's field with them to bury strangers in. ⁸ Therefore that field has been called "The Field of Blood" to this day. ⁹ Then that which was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled, saying, "They took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him upon whom a price had been set, whom some of the children of Israel priced,¹⁰ and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me." (Zechariah 11:12-13; Jeremiah 19:1-13; 32:6-9)

Luke 22:21-22 - ²¹ But behold, the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table.
 ²² The Son of Man indeed goes, as it has been determined, but woe to that man through whom he is betrayed!"

Hence, the message conveyed by Christ's sacrifice on the cross is this: the cross is a symbol of Satan, which the Lord was tortured and died upon, but for all the influence and effort that Satan used to persecute and kill the Lord, it was futile because Jesus was resurrected after three days. Furthermore, the result of the Lord's sacrifice was the New Covenant, which God uses to redeem some of His creation via the Holy Spirit. The reception of the Holy Spirit grants immortality or eternal life, a gift Satan lost because of his disobedience, which bears the consequence of eternal condemnation (sent to Hell, a.k.a. the abyss, sheol, hades or gehenna) along with his subordinate fallen angels, and those who choose to worship him without issue or remorse. This fact demonstrates that Satan could not and cannot compete with the power of the Lord, the Most High God. Therefore, the act of the Lord's resurrection following His crucifixion is a symbol of God's dominion and power over Satan (and his symbol, the cross), as the one true and almighty God:

- Colossians 2:13-15 ¹³ You were dead through your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh. He made you alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ wiping out the handwriting in ordinances which was against us. He has taken it out of the way, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ Having stripped the principalities and the powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.
 - NOTE: The "handwriting in ordinances" a.k.a. "handwriting of requirement" is the fulfillment of the entire Old Covenant (Mosaic Law) in the worship of the Lord. However, only the key ethical, moral and natural laws are relevant to the New Covenant therefore, less is required of Christians in the New Covenant.

Hence, through the death and resurrection of Christ, the Lord, the Most High God, put Satan's authority to open shame because the symbol of his power, the cross, was shown to be overcome

by the power and will of the God Almighty, who is the alpha and omega, the beginning and end, the first and the last.

AN EXPLANATION OF THE BIBLICAL TERM "THE CROSS OF CHRIST"

Provided the abovementioned explanation of the true meaning behind the Lord's crucifixion, it necessitates that the terms "the cross of Christ" or "the cross of Jesus" should also be explained because they appear contradictory — but are not, they are simply metaphors. The phrases "the cross of Christ" or "the cross of Jesus" are repeated in several Scriptures of the New testament, such as Philippians 3:18 and Galatians 6:14. The term "the cross of Christ/Jesus" is a phrase used to describe His sacrifice on the cross, which was the burden (trial) he bared to establish the New Covenant. Hence, the term "the cross of Christ/Jesus", and therefore to "take up his cross" is equated to "the trial of Christ" and "the trial of Christians". For Christians' this means to live by faith, which is demonstrated by choosing to keep (do) the Lord's commandments despite whatever circumstances may arise. By doing so, one is able to enter the New Covenant, which is what the Lord died for: the salvation of those who choose to follow Him i.e. those who truly believe in Him and His Word:

- Philippians 3:18 ¹⁸ For many walk, of whom I told you often, and now tell you even weeping, as the enemies of the cross of Christ,
 - NOTE: "enemies of the cross of Christ" are those who deny the Lord's power over Satan that was demonstrated by His death and resurrection - and therefore God's power over Satan and his symbol, the cross.
- Galatians 6:14 ¹⁴ But far be it from me to boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.
- **Matthew 16:24** —²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone desires to come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.

Conclusively, it is those who belong to Satan who persecute Christians, which actually reflects the burden of the Lord's sacrifice, and therefore the trial of Christians:

• Matthew 10:22 — You will be hated by all men for my name's sake, but he who endures to the end will be saved.

This clarifies that the cross is not of Christ, and therefore, is not of God, but that the Lord's death was only the result of His willing and undeserved temporary subjection to the power Satan, which resulted in His sacrifice on the cross. Hence, the Lord only died in an act of love for mankind, as

His death and resurrection was required to provide the path that leads to life i.e. receiving the Holy Spirit via the New Covenant, which is granted to those who faithfully believe in God and keep His commandments:

• **Romans 5:8** - ⁸ But God commends his own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Everyone is born a sinner and everyone sins, but not all people commit sins that lead to death (Christians). This makes it clear that NOT ALL people are forgiven of sins because there is set criteria for Christians that leads to receiving the Holy Spirit – and God knows who is genuine and who is not. Hence, only those who are granted entry into the New Covenant are forgiven of their sins because (1) they choose to not commit the worst of sins and (2) they do not knowingly or willingly choose to sin. Therefore, the Holy Spirit is the "gift" that God (the Father) grants to those who He has judged to have faithfully committed to living a Christian lifestyle, which demonstrates genuine belief in Jesus Christ through the Truth of His Word.

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Satan is the principality and power that was put to shame by the Lord's sacrifice on the cross, as God proved that His power was greater than Satan's. This message is not conveyed by the act of resurrection alone, but also because Christ's coming was prophesized centuries before his death and resurrection, and so, not only is God's power over life and death magnified, but His power over the course of time and the generations of mankind. This fact is a testament to the Truth of the Holy Bible, because the errors in faith made by Emperor Constantine could have and should have been avoided, as the Bible contains cautionary Scriptures about Satan, his character and how he presents himself falsely as God. More so, the Bible contains many repeated "what not to do" Scriptures that are plain in meaning in regards to living a Christian lifestyle i.e. no skill is necessary to interpret or understand them, and more so they are reflected in the laws of most nations – therefore no one is without the knowledge of sin.

Hence, the final question is whether Emperor Constantine cared to worship God at all? As it is clear that the basic information necessary to become Christian was present and always accessible to him – a Bible. Hence, it appears that Emperor Constantine's wholehearted devotion was to Satan, the sun god, whom he reverenced and worshiped under the false pre-tense of Christianity. Therefore, it is without a doubt that Emperor Constantine and his legacy was not of God, as those who are God's "hear" (accept) and do His Word because they believe it to be the Truth, which is to "see". This makes it clear that to "hear" and to "see" is not dependent on the form of a teaching

that God's Word comes in i.e. written or spoken – as God would not leave the chance of salvation up to personal preference. If such things are considered an issue, then it is more indicative of the spirit of error – as the plain and simple Truth is hard to accept when you don't actually want to do it. In direct contrast, those who are genuinely committed to change do not fall into error because they are led by the Spirit of Truth, the Holy Spirit. This means that before the Holy Spirit is officially received it "comes upon" people in the likeness of those in the times before the New Covenant i.e. Gideon (Judges 6:34):

- 1 John 4:6 ⁶ We are of God. He who knows God listens to us. He who is not of God doesn't listen to us. By this we know the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.
- Judges 6:34 But Yahweh's Spirit came on Gideon, and he blew a trumpet; and Abiezer was gathered together to follow him.

To conclude, it appears that the cause and effect of Emperor Constantine's actions propagated the normalization of church cults, whose devotion is not to the Lord, but to another god, as exemplified by the religious traditions and practices that demonstrate a complete disregard for the Lord's commandments. Furthermore, it seems like most people have accepted corrupted Christian doctrine (heresy), and the worship of other gods as the "norm", which is made clear by the long-standing apparent non-issue with the occult and its practices. This is the concluding deduction because occultic practices would not have flourished throughout the entire world or in "Christian" worship. Therefore, the question remains (1) Why do people willingly do things they know are wrong? (2) Do people know (or believe) the consequence of selling their soul to Satan? (3) if people were told the consequences of selling their soul to Satan, would it cause change across all levels of society? And (4) if given one last chance would people, whether rich, powerful, middle-class or poor act to save their souls from eternal condemnation? Whatever you would choose, repentance or rebellion, you are encouraged to read The VMFCP article, *'The Signs of the Times: the mark of the beast is a metaphor*'.

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