

Dear Pastor SDA Ken,

I read with interest your post to Sidney regarding Ellen White's efforts to "put Christ back in Christmas" (to use the lingo of our day) and help the budding Advent Movement celebrate Christmas the "right" way. We may be inclined to regard her departure from Torah truth in her comments on Christmas as excusable due to her demonstrably incomplete understanding of Yahuah's true holy days, but I would like to suggest that it is high time we moved past Ellen White's conclusions regarding Christmas (based on mistranslation of Scripture and incomplete understanding), and begin quickly to build our "house of worship" on the solid foundation of the precepts of the written Torah and the example of the living Torah, Yahushua the Messiah. Nowhere does either give the slightest countenance to any observance of appointed times of pagan origin. As we study more deeply this matter of the mass of Christ, we learn very definitely that it is not a benign institution that has emerged from the mists of antiquity and somehow earned a right to become a part of true worship, as you suggested, but rather we learn that it is Lucifer's Trojan horse in the camp of the saints, already releasing every unclean and hateful bird, and serving as the potent entering wedge for the religion and worship of Babylon. "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." Revelation 18:4. Truly, in the words of Ellen White herself, "We have many lessons to learn, and many, many, to unlearn."

While Ellen White was misguided in her efforts to utilize Christmas as feast day to the "Lord," I will concede she's in good company. In Exodus 32:1-5, we read of another early church leader, Aaron by name, who pandered to the expressed desires of Israel to be like the denominations around them and proclaimed his own "feast" to "Lord" (Yahuah - v.5), complete with pagan worship paraphernalia analogous to the Christmas tree of our day (see Jeremiah 10 — entire chapter, and Deuteronomy 12:30,31). Exodus 32:6-35 makes very clear Almighty Yahuah's attitude toward such an innovation, but just in case we still can't quite get it, Moses, in Deuteronomy 10:19,20 tells us: "Yahuah was wroth against you to destroy you . . . and Yahuah was *very* angry with Aaron to destroy him." In the words of a contemporary philosopher, "There is no right way to do a wrong thing." In the words of Scripture, "I am Yahuah, I change not." Malachi 3:6.

Our Messiah, in a significant passage we have come to call "The Gospel Commission," gave the following revealing direction: "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:20) I sorry, Pastor SDA Ken, but I am unable to find *any* instruction *anywhere* in the written Torah or living Torah that commands us to have *anything* to do with promoting or endorsing or participating in Christmas observance. I do, however, find numerous instructions to teach all or even the very least commandments of Torah, not to use profane or strange fire in the place of sacred fire, not to worship the Almighty in the way the heathen worship their deities, to buy gold tried in the fire (i.e. tested for complete purity), not to add to or take away from what is written in the Torah, not to mix the fibers in the fabrics of our garments, etc. (references available upon request).

I would like to extend to you or any on the cc list a brotherly challenge to either:

- 1) dispel my ignorance through better instruction from the scriptures (not Ellen White — by her own admission, her writings have no authority to supersede or contradict scripture, or to become the basis for a bond of union: ISM 37, 164 and 165, 416; 2T 605; Evangelism 256; Counsels to Writers and Editors 35-37), or

2) concede your error in turning Ellen White into a "paganism pasteurizer" and from henceforth commit to "give the trumpet a certain sound" regarding the devil's ongoing attack against the true faith and worship of the commonwealth of Israel.

"Thou shalt love the Lord the God (Yahuah thy Elohim) with all thy heart, mind, and soul" is the first and great commandment. That love is what we call worship, and acceptable worship is defined and regulated by statute. If you don't believe this, you might check with Cain, a pioneer in the field of worship statute modification. You will also find Josephus' discussion of Balaam's dealings with the chosen people to be insightful as you review the devil's very similar end-time strategies and tactics in the Advent and Messianic Jewish movements of today.

Noticing how Satan has desecrated the holy Sabbath of Yahuah by turning it into a day for shopping, competitive sports, drunkenness and partying, etc... I have felt we might return the favor by using December 25 as the date for meetings to expose the enemy's diabolical efforts to destroy true worship, and also to explain the Torah foundation for Yahuah's weekly and annual holy days. This I have done for several years now, and suggest you try the same for a real blessing!

Yours for unpasteurized truth, the whole unpasteurized truth, and nothing but the unpasteurized truth,

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